

SOCIETY

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Miss Ruth Bedford Meets With Continued Success in Music
A great many Salem friends of Miss Ruth Bedford are following with interest her gratifying progress in the field of music which she has chosen. Miss Bedford is studying in Chicago for her second consecutive winter. Her piano work is with Edgar Nelson, president of the Bush conservatory.

Miss Bedford was recently pledged to Sigma Alpha Iota, the oldest national musical sorority in America. In addition to studying intensively, Miss Bedford is spending considerable time as a student teacher in the conservatory.

Not many days ago Miss Bedford composed a mazurka which was received with much enthusiasm on the part of her associates. Permission was asked to buy it.

Probably Miss Bedford is becoming best known through her work as an accompanist. She meets with continued favor wherever she goes. Earlier in the season Miss Bedford was given the privilege of substituting for Clarence Eddy, the world famous organist who played at the Elsinore theater only last summer.

Miss Marian Emmons, talented violinist, who went to Chicago from Salem a number of years ago, asked Miss Bedford to play her accompaniments at an outstanding program given at the American conservatory. Miss Emmons is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Emmons, while Miss Bedford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bedford.

Annual House Party at YWCA Thursday Night

A group of eighteen residents of the city YWCA assembled on Thursday evening for the annual Christmas party which was a delightfully informal affair. A decorated Christmas tree held gifts for each guest. Christmas carols were sung and refreshments served.

Holiday Guests at Churchill Home

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Churchill are entertaining as their house guests over the Christmas week-end Mrs. Julia M. Goodwin, Mrs. Alice Hart and G. N. Hart, all of Portland.

"Made in Oregon" Sale Planned for Next Month
The women of the First Congregational church will sponsor an extensive "Made in Oregon" program.

The Commercial Book Store has everything you need in books and stationery and supplies for the school, office or home at the lowest possible prices.

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ducts sale next month as one of the leading enterprises of a new season. The committee in charge includes Mrs. F. E. Neer, Mrs. G. L. Newton, Mrs. W. I. Staley, Mrs. John Orr, Mrs. W. E. Hansen and Mrs. Harold Brown.

Miss Levy in Philadelphia
Miss Elizabeth Levy has wired of her arrival in Philadelphia where she will spend the holidays visiting her uncle. She reports a pleasant trip in spite of much cold weather. Miss Levy will return to Salem on January 8.

Christmas at Tualatin
Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Logan left yesterday noon for Tualatin to spend Christmas with Mr. Logan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Logan. They invited to accompany them Dr. and Mrs. Fred W. Lange and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hughes.

Ever-Ready Birthday Club
Members of the Ever Ready Birthday club will be entertained on Tuesday, December 28, at the home of Mrs. Mary Briggs, 344 South 19th Street. The honor guests will be Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Louisa Loveland.

Moore in Portland
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Moore and daughter, Miss Ruth Moore, are guests in Portland of Mr. and Mrs. Diller. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Diller are sisters.

Shipleys Have Guests
Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Shipley are entertaining Mrs. F. H. Fleming and Mrs. Harry Young, both of Portland, in their home today.

Miss Buren Is Home
Miss Maxine Buren reached home on Thursday evening to spend the holidays in Salem and Portland. Miss Buren has been in Seattle since early last fall.

Guests From Vancouver
Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Steeves have as their guests for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morse and daughter, Josephine, of Vancouver, Wash.

Guests at W. D. Clarke Home
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clarke will have as their guests until after Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey of Forest Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are Mrs. Clarke's parents.

Visitors at Babcock Home
Mrs. Ida Babcock is entertaining as her house guests for the holidays her daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Maulding of Portland.

The Prince of Wales speaks French so fluently that he makes a point of reading French books and newspapers regularly.

Halik & Eoff Electric Shop, 337 Court St. Everything electric, from motors and fixtures and supplies to wiring. Get prices and look at complete stock. (*)

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G. W. Day, tires, tubes and accessories; has the Goodyear tires, the standard of the world. Mr. Day can give you more mileage. Corner Com'l and Chemeketa. (*)

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THREE KINGS TRAVELED FROM FAR COUNTRY

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ing there to worship. Every one who passed them, turned to look at them. None one spoke to them. When they reached the outer court of the Temple, they inquired of the attendant at the temple gate where the king lived. The house of Herod the King was pointed out to them, and they went immediately to the palace of the king.

As they approached the king's house, or palace, a Roman guard halted them and inquired their business. When told that they would see the king, the guard called one of the soldiers standing near and asked him to show the three strangers into the king's audience room. On entering the court, they met King Herod himself. The king was surprised for the visitors were of evident high rank and appeared to be ambassadors from some great kingdom. No announcement had been given him of the coming of such visitors. He asked them to come into the audience chamber and he would hear of their business. One of the three men addressed the king:

"Long live the king! We three are from a far distant land. We have come to find and worship the King of the Jews. We have been told that such a king has been born. We saw His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

Herod was astonished. "A king of the Jews, born?" said he. "Where? When?" Then the Wise men from the East explained about the star, and the vision God had given them and the holy errand on which they had come. Herod called them into his own private room, and treated them with every courtesy and great kindness. He made them his welcome guests. But secretly he called together the rulers and leaders of the Jews and inquired of them about the prophecies concerning the promised king. He gathered all the information he could get about the place where the Messiah was to be born. When he had this information, he called the Wise Men and told them to go on to Bethlehem and to seek out the young child and to let him know when they had found Him, so that he might come too and worship Him.

Adah and Ezra were waiting without in the open space near the King's palace. The Wise Men came from Herod's house in great haste and evident joy. They were saying, "And thou Bethlehem of Judah, art not the least of the princes of Judah, for out of thee shall come a governor which shall rule my people Israel." Quickly they went out through the Sheep Gate and down to where their camels were resting. Adah and Ezra followed them. By this time others were also following, for the news of the visitors had spread.

When they came to their camels, the men turned, and one of them spake to the people who gathered around. He said: "Ye people of Israel, there is good news for you this day. Unto you there is born a King. We are told that in Bethlehem is the place where he should make his appearance according to prophecy. We believe that this King has now been born, for we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship Him."

They mounted their camels, and the great stately white dromedaries rose easily and quietly and without even a word from the riders, turned toward the West to pass out the valley gate and take the road to Bethlehem. As soon as they started, a bright star, brighter than the light of day, appeared and moved before them. The three men gave a joyous shout of sight of the star. Those who were watching were filled with awe at the wondrous sight.

GIRLS OF MANY NATIONS FIND DOLLS A PLEASURE

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They are celebrated by children in the United States, no traditional doll customs have developed as in most other countries. What promised to be the beginning of a very beautiful custom took place about twenty years ago in one of the large cities. An appeal was made to children to give their old dolls to orphans on Thanksgiving Day. Thousands of dolls of all kinds were collected and the message of thanksgiving was extended to the unfortunate motherless children who received the discarded dolls. Unfortunately, although this appeal for old dolls met with generous response, the event was not repeated. Thus was a beautiful charitable celebration allowed to die out.

Recently, however, a number of prominent women's organizations have become interested in reviving this Thanksgiving doll offering and plans are afoot to celebrate this custom on a wide scale at the coming Thanksgiving Day. So it would appear that the United States may soon have a distinctly novel and worthy doll custom that will both bring happiness to thousands of orphans and stimulate the altruistic spirit in girls who donate their dolls to the less fortunate.

Many other curious doll customs are seen throughout the world. If a child in China is ill, a doll is hung before the door of the house. The diseased spirit is supposed to enter the doll, which is then taken down and burned. When a maiden in Syria is old enough to marry and has the desire to do so, she hangs a doll in the window. The sultans of Turkey used to keep dolls dressed like their enemies, ranting over

them and beating them, in this way finding satisfaction for their malice.

Dolls occupy an important place in the life of the Japanese. Each family has a collection of dolls, called the Hina, which is often the family's most treasured possession. The customs surrounding dolls in Japan are very beautiful, and might well be emulated by other nations of the world.

When a girl is born in Japan she is given a small collection of dolls that are effigies of the emperor and empress, and five court musicians. The child is never allowed to play with these dolls except on holidays, the chief of which is the Hina Matsuri, the feast of the dolls, which falls on March 3. Special shelves are often made to exhibit the family's collection of dolls on this day, and frequently visitors come from long distances. The dolls are arranged according to rank, the historical members of the royal family occupying the exalted position.

The Japanese girls naturally go wild with delight at the Feast of the Dolls. The festival is equally enjoyed by the mothers, who adorn the house with peach blossoms and wear their holiday attire. When the girl is old enough to hold her own party, she sends tiny invitations to all her friends.

When a Japanese girl marries she takes her Hina with her, keeping the collection of dolls until her eldest son marries, at which time they are presented to him. In this way some families possess a number of Hinas, some of which are hundreds of years old.

In addition to the special dolls that are used only on festive occasions, the Japanese girl has many other dolls made of various materials. At every temple festival in Japan there is a sale of dolls. Although most of these are not

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expensive, they are attractive. The Japanese regard all their dolls as almost sacred. A pretty belief of Japanese maidens is that if they love their dolls enough, they will become living beings.

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