

# SHEPARD CASE GOES TO JURY

Kansas Jury Retires for Night After Seven Hours Deliberation

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Dec. 20. (AP)—The jury in the case of Major Charles A. Shepard, accused of the poison murder of his wife, retired for the night at 10:03.

The fate of Major Charles A. Shepard, army medical officer charged with the poison murder of his second wife, rested with a federal court jury late today.

The jurors retired to deliberate at 2:58 p. m., after being charged by Judge Richard J. Hopkins.

They were instructed that three verdicts could be returned—acquittal; conviction of first degree murder without recommendation, which means death, and conviction "without capital punishment."

District Attorney Sardinus M. Brewster in making the prosecution's final plea, declared Shepard had "put away" his wife with bichloride of mercury because she stood in the way of his love for Miss Grave Brandon, blond stenographer of San Antonio who was a government witness in the trial. Brewster did not directly demand the death penalty.

Harry S. Class of Denver, chief of defense counsel, told the jury Shepard had been "crucified" by the government in what he termed a trumped up case of circumstantial evidence. He asked the jurors not to "guess away a man's life," but to set Shepard free to "finish his days in restoring the wrecks of the war."

# SCHOOL PROGRAM AT BRUSH COLLEGE

BRUSH COLLEGE, Dec. 20.—One of the outstanding programs of the season was given by the Brush College school when they gave a delightful Christmas program before a large assemblage Thursday night.

A graceful decorated Christmas tree and season decorations about the rooms lent a festive air to the occasion. A. E. Utley, president of the Brush College Community club which sponsored the program, presided.

The opening number was a play, "The Spirit of Christmas." A big old-fashioned fireplace formed an artistic background for the scene when Santa Claus seated at a table rang a bell for his servant who upon appearing was told to bring in his helpers who were all in costume. Santa told each one what he wished him to do to help distribute gifts to deserving girls and boys. The cast included Alvin Ewing as Santa; Lyle Whitney, cowboy; Loretta Folk, sewing woman; Warren Bonney, clown; Willard Glaze, servant; Alameda Working, spirit of Christmas; Melvin Fuel, Indian boy; Margaret Ewing, cook; Willard Glaze, messenger boy.

The next number was a humorous play, "Christmas in Mother Goose Land," which was full of fun, each small actor having a few lines to quote in answer to Santa's question asking what he wished for Christmas. Santa granting each wish with a gift from his huge bag of presents. The characters included, Warren Bonney as Santa; Pauline Johnson, Mother Goose; Ralph Ewing, son Jack; Clementina Folk, Mother Hubbard; Charlotte Rock, Old woman who lived in a shoe; Gertrude Folk, Bopsey; Myrtle Meier, Miss Muffet; Darleen Wilkinson, Mistress Mary; Otis Rock, Jack Horner; Tommy Fisher, Tommy Tucker; Margaret May Dixon, Little Boy Blue; Willard Glaze, Jack Spratt, and Margaret Ewing, his wife. Each part was well taken, the little folk looking like the pictured characters out of a Mother Goose book in their quaint costumes.

As a grand finale, "The Christmas pageant of the Holy Grail" in four parts was given with fine expression and splendid acting, worthy of older players. The first scene was Christmas eve in King Arthur's Court. Scene two was twelve days later at Epiphany in the king's court. Seven knights appear before King Arthur who sends them upon a quest to find the sacred cup. Scene 3. Christmas eve in King Arthur's court a year later. The

# SOLOISTS IN "MESSIAH" TONIGHT



READING from the left is Ronald Craven, Miss Josephine Albert, Wendell Robinson, and lover right, Miss Aldene Smith, soloists in the "Messiah" which will be presented at the First Christian church tonight. Other soloists will be Miss Lillian Scott and Everett Craven, the latter of whom is singing the bass solo part with the Portland Symphony production of the "Messiah" a week from this Sunday night in Portland.

This magnificent Christmas offering has been prepared by Prof. E. W. Hobson, the director of the First Christian church choir. The music is a beautiful tribute to the spirit of the Christmas time, and will be an attractive offering to the public at this Yuletide.

fourth and last scene was very impressive. This was Christmas morn in King Arthur's court.

The six knights return bringing gifts to place before the altar but there is no music nor shining of the grail. Launcelot leads Galahad in presenting him, saying, 'Lo, here is the virgin valor of the pure in heart.' Two angels bringing the Holy Grail which they hold over the seat to which Galahad is conducted. As the knights leave the court Galahad's voice comes to King Arthur singing "My strength is as the seraphim of ten, because my heart is pure." Billy Utley was reader of the program which was silent. Mrs. A. E. Utley accompanied the singing which was off stage.

A contribution for charity was taken at the close of the program and pop corn balls and apples were passed to all present.

# Officers Bring in Two Men, 2 Stills

A \$5-gallon still, the second taken in this county in as many days, was seized Saturday afternoon by state prohibition officers and Marion county deputies. The still was taken from near Roberts station, and was operated by E. F. Fank, who was arrested in the county jail. Along with the still and operator, 10 gallons of whiskey were brought in.

A 15-gallon still was taken Friday afternoon by state and county prohibition officers from the C. E. Nell farm in the Liberty district. Nell was at home when the officers arrived, and genially showed them to the attic, where his product was manufactured. He had been drinking heavily of his own output.

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# LOCAL AIR MAIL SERVICE WANTED

Start Agitation to get Air-mail Started to Oregon Cities, Recent act

Several local men said yesterday that they would urge the introduction in the coming legislative assembly of a joint memorial, asking the postmaster-general to have airplane mail service extended to intermediate airports at Salem, Eugene, Medford and Roseburg.

While the postoffice department at Washington has already provided through congressional action, the establishment of intermediate routes for local air mail service, it has not provided that airplanes going to and from Portland and San Francisco stop at valley and southern Oregon cities.

The proponents of the resolution, which has already been drawn, hold there is a field both for local air mail service carrying mail to and from Oregon cities alone as well as for interstate service not alone from Portland to San Francisco, but from the principal cities direct to Portland or to San Francisco.

Under the authority heretofore granted the postoffice department, contracts for intermediate handling of airmail may only be let to lines which have conducted a regular schedule of the territory for at least six months. To date no such contracts have been let.

# SPECIAL MASS TO BE HELD, MIDNIGHT

Christmas or "Christ-mass," celebrated in honor of the Lord's birth, will be observed as faithfully as possible at St. Joseph's church, announces Rev. J. R. Buck, pastor. The observance will commence with a solemn high mass at midnight Christmas eve, with three priests assisting, as well as a large number of acolytes of the Sanctuary society.

If weather permits, the entrance to this mass will be made solemnly from the front of the church accompanied by the organ strains of glorious Christmas music. The regular choir, augmented by many new voices, will sing this mass and the pastor will say a few words of greeting.

A special mass for the friends of the pastor will be said at 7 o'clock and a mass will be said at the Sacred Heart academy at Franklin Press.

7:30. At 8 o'clock, the boys of St. Joseph's Sanctuary society will sing, and another low mass will follow at 8:30. At the 9 o'clock mass, the girls of the congregation will sing and this mass will be followed by benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is cordially invited to all masses. Communion will be distributed to all Catholics at all the masses.

# DORCAS LADIES AT BETHEL MEET

BETHEL, Dec. 20.—One of the most delightful meetings of the year for the members of the Bethel Dorcas club was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Boles on the Pen Road Thursday afternoon.

The guest rooms were beautifully festive with Christmas tree, glittering tinsel, festoons and bells.

The president, Mrs. John Hain presided at the business meeting. Plans were made for a chicken supper early in the new year.

Officers elected for next year are Mrs. J. N. Nichols, president; Mrs. M. H. Utter, vice president; Mrs. Harry Young, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J. G. Lauderback, reporter.

A gay hour was then spent socially. Mrs. Boles was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. George Hain, and Christmas gifts were presented.

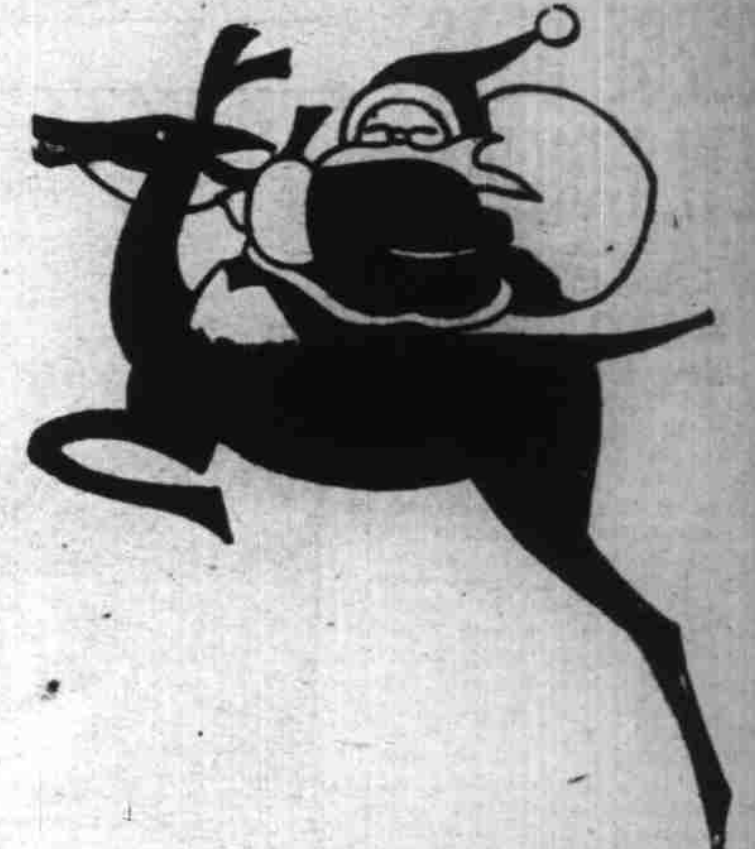
Mrs. George Hain of Turner was the guest of the afternoon. Members present were Mrs. J. M. Nichols, Mrs. W. T. Brinkley, Mrs. Harry Young, Mrs. Ed Kitchen, Mrs. John Hain, Mrs. A. H. Fuestman, Mrs. John Spranger, Mrs. M. H. Utter, Mrs. J. G. Lauderback, Mrs. Harry Boles and Mrs. J. R. Carruthers.

# Plan New Paper For Astoria

A. Nikula of Astoria was in Salem Saturday. Mr. Nikula who has been in the printing business in Astoria for many years is expanding his enterprise and will publish a morning daily in Astoria under the name of the Daily Messenger. The new publication will appear shortly after the first of the year.

Astoria has had only one daily since the consolidation of the Budget and Astorian some months ago and Mr. Nikula reports the people as eager for another paper and for a morning issue. His paper will carry the Associated Press dispatches. He filed corporation papers for the

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