

FOUR DIE WHEN SLIDE CRUSHES

Avalanche Bears Down Upon Home; Woman and Two Of Sons Rescued

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Almost before the two had reached a margin of safety, the flood was roaring across the highway.

Kidney said he saw a little boy with a dog in his arms run from the back door of the house just seconds before the 12-foot wall of debris smashed down upon it. The house seemed to rise, tipped hesitantly, then was borne down with the flood. The youngster with the dog, later identified as Donald, was swallowed in the roaring mass. Searchers wading laboriously through the dangerous silt, found the body of the dog. They had not found the boy's body at a late hour.

Kidney said he heard children scream as the house began to move. Their cries of terror lifted momentarily above the crashing of the slide, then weakened and subsided utterly into the increasing roar of the flood, and the booming snap of heavy timbers.

As the house began to settle in the lake the flood had created, one of the children was seen at an upstairs window, crying for help. This was Clifford, who had been thrust up through the smashed timbers by rising water. Citizens who had gathered quickly at the scene hurried to rescue him.

Mrs. Allen was found a short distance from the house, half-submerged in the cold ooze. She was hurried to a neighboring house and medical aid summoned. Eildon was helped out of the debris and taken to safety.

When the first fury of the slide had subsided, and the father and three sons were found still missing, volunteer workers waded thigh-deep into the muck, and searched for the bodies.

One by one the bodies were recovered, lifted onto a door that had been ripped from the smashed house and that served as a sort of raft, and taken to firm ground. Only the youngest son's body remained missing.

Leonard Allen, 26, of Ryderwood, Wash., was not at home when the disaster occurred. He came from Ryderwood within a few hours. His sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bozart of Clatskanie, also was absent at the time.

The slide reached to within a few inches of the top of a dike protecting the Marshland drainage district. Residents of the community were working feverishly tonight to fortify the dike against the terrific pressure they feared might crumble it.

The Allens moved to this district about four years ago from Woodland, Wash.

CHRISTMAS ALSO HAS SAD ASPECTS

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mud, however, and the kidnapers started afoot for town, leaving their victims to do the same.

SCARBORO, N. Y., Dec. 25. (AP)—Dorothy Jane Long, age 8, wanted to remain awake all night so she could speak to Santa Claus. Finally she dropped asleep after asking her mother to awaken her if Santa should come.

This morning Dorothy was found dead by Mrs. Long. Doctors said she had died of excitement.

HOUSTON, Dec. 25. (AP)—L. A. Cramer, 60, a storekeeper, shot himself to death today. He said his daughter, Mrs. Grace Talarfero, "He had received a Christmas present from every one of his relatives and was sad because he could not give them something in return."

MEXICO, D. F., Dec. 25. (AP)—Two children were burned to death today and 30 others injured during Christmas celebrations in Mexico. All business houses and government offices were closed.

PAGEANT ENJOYED ON CHRISTMAS EVE

An appreciative congregation at the Temple Baptist church Sunday night viewed the staging of the 3-act pageant "O Worship the King," presented by the young people's class of the Sunday school.

A Bethlehem scene in which two old men, eagerly awaiting the coming of the Messiah, are shown joyfully learning of his birth, the first act, included in its cast Ed Linberg and Harvey Finn as the two main characters assisted by Roland Tucker, Alvin Finn and Chester Page.

Portraying the second scene in which the three wise men are anxious to find the baby Jesus to offer gifts were Don Chapel, Arthur Howett, Dick Smith, Helen Page and Helen Nathan.

Prison Blazing in Foiled Break



A night scene showing the State prison at Charlestown, Mass., in flames after it was fired by five desperate convicts attempting a jail break. The blaze was started in the tailor and blanket shop as a smoke screen to aide the felons. Below, Boston and Charlestown police lined up at the prison gate with riot guns.

Christmas is Honored In Schools, Churches

PIONEER.—The school children gave their annual Christmas program at the clubhouse Friday night with the following program: Song, "Silver Bells," four girls; play, "Christmas Detectives," Vincent Thiess, Eugene Inman, Bob Thiess, Alice Robbins and Fay Keller; recitation, "I'm Not Too Little to Help," Frankie Inman; recitation, "Brown's Memory," Truman Robbins; song, "Star of the East," boys; drill, "The Old Dolls," Margie Inman, Fay Keller, Virginia McCarter, Eugene Inman, reader; song, "Glory to God," girls; play, "It is Better to Give Than to Receive," Elmo Black, Virginia McCarter, Chesley Ginley and Margie Inman; recitation, "Santa's Defender," Donald Kinton; play, "Father's Joke," Russell Richter, Fay Keller, Alice and Virginia McCarter and Raymond Richter; song, "A Christmas Prayer," school.

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HAYESVILLE.—In spite of torrential rains, a fair crowd was present to enjoy the program presented by the children of the Hayesville school Friday afternoon.

Although the original program was abandoned when the teachers were notified through the Health Center that it would be unwise to present a program at the community club, as planned, due to the current epidemic of whooping cough, the substitute program was very good.

The Harmonica club, which is composed of about 40 members, did very good work.

The following program was presented: Song, "Up on the House Top," primary grade; dramatization, "The Kitchen Who Wanted to Become a Christmas Present," primary grade; violin solo, Bernice Robertson; "Silent Night," harmonica band; violin solo, Daniel Verhagen; pageant, "Holy Night," advanced grades.

At the close of the program, Santa and his helpers delivered candy to the children as a treat from the community club.

ORCHARD HEIGHTS.—Uniquely beautiful lighting effects and decorations featured the Christmas meeting of the Popcorn P. T. A. Thursday night. An excellent program of playlets, recitations and musical numbers was given by the pupils of the school under the direction of their teacher, Miss Josephine Smith. Santa Claus, impersonated by George Wilson, dispensed gifts to the children and a treat of apples, candy and popcorn balls was served to all present.

AUBURN.—An interesting and varied program was presented at the schoolhouse Thursday night. The entertainment was presented as follows: Play, "A Visit to Santa Claus"; recitation, "My Christmas Dolly"; play, "Christmas Sympathy"; song, "Oh, You Christmas Candy"; recitation, "A Christmas Eve Thought"; number by the Auburn orchestra; "Rose Petals Romance"; recitation, "To Santa"; play, "Grandma Brady's Christmas"; recitation, "My New Christmas Dolly"; recitation, "Presents for Christmas"; play, "Christmas Spirit"; "Blue Bells and Violets," Auburn orchestra; play, "Love Lights the Tree"; song, "Santa's Coming."

The school children all took their parts very well, and the program was very much enjoyed. Ben H. Hawkins, impersonating Santa Claus, gave bags of candy and nuts to the children present.

WEST STAYTON.—The students of the grade school here gave a nice program at the schoolhouse Friday night. Most of the program was put on by students of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The program: Reading, Maxine Wilson; song, five upper grades; reading, Lois Clark; reading, Clarence Haines; reading, Gladys Thomas; reading, Joe Lewis; play, "Christmas Detectives," Vincent Thiess, Eugene Inman, Bob Thiess, Alice Robbins and Fay Keller; recitation, "I'm Not Too Little to Help," Frankie Inman; recitation, "Brown's Memory," Truman Robbins; song, "Star of the East," boys; drill, "The Old Dolls," Margie Inman, Fay Keller, Virginia McCarter, Eugene Inman, reader; song, "Glory to God," girls; play, "It is Better to Give Than to Receive," Elmo Black, Virginia McCarter, Chesley Ginley and Margie Inman; recitation, "Santa's Defender," Donald Kinton; play, "Father's Joke," Russell Richter, Fay Keller, Alice and Virginia McCarter and Raymond Richter; song, "A Christmas Prayer," school.

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BETHEL.—A beautiful stage setting and a fine Christmas tree added beauty to the program given at Bethel Thursday night by the pupils and teacher, Mrs. Weddie. The main feature of the program was a three-act play with a large group of characters and unusually pleasing effects. There were dialogues, drills and exercises with pretty properties. Songs by Leisia Darr, Lois Hamrick, Coralee Nichols and Frena McCure; piano selections by Evelyn Boles, Helen Schulz and Coralee Nichols. The Brownies were Ila Mae Creech. Accordion solo by Hilda Bahnsen. Recitations by Luella Nichols, Minalee Spranger, Bobby Chevally, Norma June Boles, Dorothea Froehlich, Lorraine Kirscher, Charlotte Hain, Junior Cherrally, Wandie Froehlich, Alfred Bahnsen and Marcella Wolfe. Songs by the school. The marches and accompaniments were played by Evelyn Boles, Helen Schulz and Mrs. Weddie.

DAYTON.—More than 180 people attended the Christmas program at the school house Friday evening. The school house under the direction of the teachers were beautifully decorated, an electrically lighted tree being a prominent portion of the scheme. The program was carried out as follows: Santa's helper, John Noble; daddy's girl, Jeanne Westfall, songs—"The Toboggan Slide," "Welcome New Year," boy's glee club; Almost, Harlan Noble; A Letter to Santa, Clifford Turner; songs—"From Every Spire on Christmas Eve," "Deck the Hall," girl's glee club; The Christmas Flower, Adaline Barker; Getting Some Christmas Money, Melvin Turner. Songs—"Away in a Manger," "To Santa Claus," primary room; The Proof, Buddy Powers; trimming the Christmas Tree, primary room; Billy's Christmas Present, Donald Maxwell; Secrets, Velma Hewitt. Songs—"We Three Kings of Orient Are," "December," girl's trio. The Christmas Tree, Ella Hewitt; A Long Ago Night, Ella Hewitt and Wallace Bartruff; Christmas Sugar Plums, primary girls; play, "Christmas on Pine Ridge," upper room.

Three members of the dramatic department of Linfield college of McMinnville assisted in the Christmas program at the Pleasantdale school house Friday evening by giving two skits. Mrs. Ivan Guber gave a reading and the school gave a lengthy mixed program.

DAYTON.—The Dayton Methodist church and Sunday school Christmas program and tree was held Friday evening at the church attended by a full house. The

GRACIOUS—WYACOLS and GAY

AMITY—Friday afternoon the Amity Union high school students held their annual exchange of gifts. A short impromptu program was given after which the letterman of Amity Union high school handed out the presents.

Many Amity high school graduates were back to visit school and to enjoy the program yesterday afternoon. The alumni were: Barge Rogers; Club at Vichery, Chet Stephens, Viola and Elsie Pumala, Carl Wood, Maurice Versteeg and Dobe Wood.

PERRYDALE.—A large crowd attended the Christmas program in the auditorium last night. A musical opera "Christmas with the old woman in the shoe" by the grade students was well presented and much credit goes to Kenneth Ramey and Helen McMillan for their coaching the children.

Christmas carols were sung by the high school glee club and the high school students also put on a short play after which Santa Claus took charge. There were 281 bags of candy handed out with a large number left to be distributed later.

RICKEY.—A large crowd was in attendance at the old fashioned Christmas program and tree put on by the community club Friday.

The program included: Song by school children; recitation, Mavis Beck; vocal solo, Alene Beard; recitation, Patricia Kenny; vocal duet, Nita and Roy Taylor; recitation, Beverly Jean Pattison; vocal duet, Inez and Iota Miller, and a group of numbers with Hobart Smith as master of ceremonies which included guitar numbers by a trio composed of W. O. Storch, W. F. W. Corsey, yodeling songs, Joe Chambers, impersonations, Roy Gibbon.

FALLS CITY.—A capacity house attended the Christmas program and benefit presented by the grade school assisted by the girls' high school glee club at Victory hall Thursday night for the grade school hot lunches. The following donations were received: Twenty-nine pounds red beans, 24 pounds white beans, 11 pounds macaroni, 15 pounds sugar, 10 pounds onions, sack potatoes, sack carrots, two pounds cocoa, four quarts tomatoes, sack cabbage, three quarts peas, three cans milk, four pounds salt, three pounds rice.

The evening's program was composed of the following numbers: Reading, Delmer Ferguson; play, first, second, third and fourth grades; reading, Eugene Ross; selections by the first and second grades; rhythm band; song, upper grades; selections, girls high school glee club; selections, school orchestra; Christmas drama, upper grades; arrival of Santa Claus and distribution of Christmas treats.

LEWIS P. ALDRICH CALLED BY DEATH

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Mr. Aldrich was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Silverton and of the Elks lodge here.

Besides his widow, Mr. Aldrich is survived by his mother, Mrs. Nellie A. Waite of Alameda, Cal.; his sister, Mrs. Evelyn Knoff of San Francisco, and a half-sister, Mrs. Grace Myers of San Diego, Cal. The former two are now in Salem.

The Call Board

- ELGINORE
 - Today—Louisa M. Alcott's "Little Women" with Katharine Hepburn.
 - Friday—Max Baer in "The Prizefighter and the Lady."
- GRAND
 - Today—Lillian Harvey in "My Lips Betray."
 - Thursday—El Brendel in "Olsen's Big Moment."
- CAPITOL
 - Today—Ed Wynn in "The Chief."
 - Thursday—Frankie Darro in "Wild Boys of the Road."
- STATE
 - Today—"The Silent Enemy," epic of the American Indian.
 - Wednesday—Douglas Fairbanks in "Mr. Robinson Crusoe."
 - Saturday—Ralph Forbes in "The Phantom Broadcast."
- HOLLYWOOD
 - Today—Leo Carrillo in "Racetrack."
 - Wednesday—Ann Harding and William Powell in "Double Harness."
 - Friday—Key Maynard in "Drum Taps."

book, the scenes are authentic and the dialogue leaps out with startling authenticity; but more than that, the well-chosen cast enters into the spirit of the story and of the characters in a manner to cause a cessation of much head-shaking over Hollywood's shortcomings.

"RACETRACK" FILM IS AT HOLLYWOOD

Thrilling race track scenes are the features of the new World Wide Pictures—James Cruze feature, "Racetrack," showing for the last time at the Hollywood theatre today.

Leo Carrillo, noted star of stage and screen, will be seen in the stellar role, with a supporting cast that includes Junior Coghlan, Kay Hammond and Leo Moran.

Arrest Four in Fatal Stabbing Of Archbishop

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP)—Four men were held in jail on charges of homicide tonight as police curbed Armenian neighborhoods for witnesses to the murder of Archbishop Leon Tourian, the presiding prelate of the Armenian National Apostolic church.

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Anniversary Is Observed By Warners

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The celebration will be done in gala fashion and as an anniversary present to theatre-goers of Salem and the Willamette valley they are offering at the Elsinore Christmas week, "Little Women" with Katharine Hepburn and at the Capitol Jackie Cooper in "The Lone Cowboy."

FLOODS SUBSIDING IN N. W. DISTRICT

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water reaches the lowlands. The Columbia was only slightly lower at Longview.

The Richland district in Benton county, Washington, suffered seriously yesterday when the Yakima river went out of its banks, flooding thousands of acres embracing nearly 60 farms.

Tillamook, Ore., conditions were nearly normal after one of the most critical flood and storm experiences in many years. Astoria reported some relief from flooded areas around Brownsmead and Younger river.

Most railroad lines were usable but slow orders and constant threat of slides made schedules uncertain. Highway officials were making every effort to keep motor traffic moving, but travel information as to condition of roads was good but a few minutes.

WANTS MORE MARINES WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. (AP)—An appeal for greater strength in the fighting force of the marine corps was made tonight by Major General Ben H. Fuller.

Too Late to Classify Parties seen taking a suitcase from packed car at 155 S. 19th St. known. Return—no questions asked.

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