

# Church, School Programs Call Attention to Religious Holiday

SILVERTON—War must not dim the Christmas spirit more than necessary, Silvertown churches and other groups decided as the holiday week approaches.

A number of churches plan simple programs for today. Included in these are the

4:30 o'clock vesper services at Trinity church with the choir singing Christmas music under the direction of Mrs. Tom Anderson; the more elaborate cantata to be given by the Methodists, under the direction of Fred Baker, at 8 o'clock, and the Immanuel Sunday school and choir program at 7:30. On Tuesday night the Christian church will hold its Christmas program.

The huge Community Christmas tree, erected by the millmen, is already up and lighted.

School programs include the grade school arrangement at 1 o'clock Tuesday and the home-coming of the high school including an 11 o'clock assembly, afternoon basketball game and dance.

Caroling by various church choirs at the homes of their ill members will also be featured as in former years. Public caroling is directed by the Silvertown Songmen, made up of 30 voices directed by Floyd Ellefson. They will make three appearance Monday night: The hospital at 8 o'clock; East Hill, 8:15, and the Community Christmas tree, 8:30.

HAZEL GREEN—The Japanese church will have a special

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### Fire Reserve Unit Meets

#### Organization Session Of Wardens Called For Monday Night

WEST SALEM—Donald Kuhn, chairman of the fire reserve unit of civilian defense, is calling a special meeting Monday at 8 o'clock at the city hall of all men of the community who registered for fire wardens in civilian defense and all members of the old volunteer Salem fire department.

This meeting is called for the purpose of organizing the group and it is important that all be present.

New recruits will also be welcomed.

The regular Townsend meeting scheduled for Tuesday, has been postponed until January 13, because of the holidays.

Doris King was honored on her birthday anniversary when her mother, Mrs. Otha King, entertained with a dinner Thursday.

Invited were Mr. and Mrs. John Haller and Bobby, Dorothy Kessel, Rita Kessel, Alene Axelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moore, Monmouth; Merrill King, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Otha King and Don, Dwight and Ronald King.

The Builders class will meet in the recreation room of the Methodist church Monday at 7:30, for a Christmas party.

Robert Pattison is the general chairman and the men will be the hosts for the party. The no-host supper which is a part of the regular meetings will be omitted.

### Jefferson Man Feted on 90th Anniversary

JEFFERSON—Samuel Thomas was guest of honor at a turkey dinner Sunday at his farm home three miles northeast of Jefferson when his daughters, the Misses Laura and Flora Thomas, entertained on his 90th birthday anniversary.

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas, Independence; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Groat and Sharon Irene and Mrs. Veva Thomas, Albany, Mrs. Frank Thomas, Mrs. W. E. Thomas and Mrs. Martha Thomas, Corvallis, Lorraine Baker and Ross Baker, Brownsville. Thomas was born at Utica, N.Y., moving to Illinois when 18 years of age, and pioneering near Kearney, Neb., when 26 years old.

Here he was married to Sara Whitsell, who died in July, 1933. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, four of whom are now living. In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas moved with their family from Nebraska to Jefferson, where Mr. Thomas has engaged in farming.

Thomas is in good health for a person of his age and takes an active part in affairs of the day.

### Nite Hawks Play Cards

OAK POINT—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bigelow were hosts to Nite Hawks Card club Wednesday.

Three tables were in play with Mrs. Orley Brown and Grove Peterson winning high, Mrs. Joe Rogers and Walter Brown low, and Mrs. C. C. Comstock the traveling prize.

Enjoying the party were Mr. and Mrs. Orley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. Graber, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Comstock, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Grove Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow. The annual Christmas party will be at the Comstock home.

### Valley Events

January 3—Marion county quarterly Farmers' Union convention, VFW hall, 640 Hood, Salem, 10 a. m.  
January 13—State Grange Conference.  
January 17—Oregon Loganberry and Blackberry Control board, Woodburn.

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### Saying It With Flowers at Christmas Time



Left, corsage of gardenias with poinsettia petals, gilded leaves; right, gardenia corsage and plant; below, corsage of sweetheart roses, carnations and bouvardia.

Whether you spend Christmas at home or far away from those you love, one of the best solutions of the gift problem is a present of fresh flowers or a plant. If you are away you can ask your florist to telegraph your selection. The girl in the white wool coat, left, wears in her hair a corsage of fragrant gardenias surrounded with poinsettia petals and gilded leaves. A shower of tiny Christmas bells attached to the blossoms is a new idea, and a matching corsage is pinned on her evening bag. For the smart young hostess, you might select a flowering plant, like the gardenia plant back of the model below, with a corsage for her to wear—see right—while receiving her guests. Below is a charming and romantic corsage of sweetheart roses, carnations and bouvardia with a frill of fragrant geranium leaves—the perfect gift for the lady of your choice.

### Gift Exchange Featured by Lyons Group

LYONS—The Womens Society of Christian Service held their meeting at the community club house Tuesday in the form of a Christmas party.

The business meeting was omitted and Mrs. Paul Smith read the Scriptures preceding the gift exchange.

Those enjoying the afternoon were Mrs. Roy Huber, Mrs. Omstead, Miss Fannie Wilson, Mrs. Marvin Tolland, Mrs. Oral Tolland, Mrs. Hugh Gavette, Mrs. Para Fetherston, Mrs. Robert Fetherston, Mrs. Jim Smith, Mrs. Paul Smith, Mrs. Lyle Kinzer, Mrs. Rev. Hamilton, Mrs. Alex Kuiken, Mrs. Carl Reid, Mrs. Ray Nye, Joe Hart, Markie Wayne and Janice Gavette. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ray Nye, Mrs. Alex Kuiken and Mrs. Carl Reid.

A group of Faith Rebekah lodge members visited Eva Rebekah lodge in Stayton Monday night, when the president of the Rebekah assembly came to pay the Stayton lodge her official visit.

Mrs. Joe Weitman and son Harvey and Mrs. Paul Johnston were Salem visitors and shoppers Wednesday.

Relatives and friends from Lyons attended funeral services for Frank Berry in Salem Thursday. Interment was in the Fox Valley cemetery at Lyons. Berry was a pioneer at Lyons this community.

Cyril Lyons who is stationed at Pendleton visited one day last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Lyons, and with his sister, Mrs. Wayne Ransom.

### Stayton Garden and Lions Clubs Tell Rules for Lighting Tilt

STAYTON—A lighting contest sponsored by the Lions club with the cooperation of the garden club is being held in Stayton again this year.

Two things are necessary to enter the contest: first, registering your name and street address with R. P. Grady; second, light in effect each night throughout the holiday season for at least a few hours, perhaps from 7 to 9 o'clock.

There will be individual classes of decorated doorways, designed windows, indoor Christmas trees and mantles. The indoor trees should be placed so that they are visible from the outside.

Cash and merchandise prizes are to be awarded to winners in the various classifications.

Wendel E. Weddle, local politician, was elected vice-president of the Central Willamette Valley funeral directors at the meeting held in Salem this week.

The installation of officers will take place at the next monthly meeting.

Association members are registering their auto equipment with the civil reserves for national defense emergencies.

STAYTON—J. Leonard Jordan, a harbor patrolman at Astoria, has sold his meat market and cold storage lockers, to J. L. Siegmund, to be effective December 31. Included in this transaction is

the one-story brick and tile building housing the business on Third street, as well as a 35-foot lot adjoining on the north.

Siegmund owned and operated the Bon Ton confectionery and restaurant until about a year ago, and has been recently employed at Tuel's Food market.

Jordan, who has operated his business for about 15 years, will still keep his home in Stayton.

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# Beginners' First Aid Class and Women's Ambulance Corps Due

WEST SALEM—A first aid class for beginners is being organized, and the first meeting will be held during the week of January 4. Dr. A. F. Goffrier has volunteered his services as instructor.

People of the community who are interested in taking the course are asked to register with Robert Pattison, recorder, at the city hall. Pattison will give instructions concerning the text book and classes.

Mrs. Warren Baker was hostess to members of the Laurel Social Hour club with an all day meeting and Christmas party at her home Tuesday. The Christmas theme was attractively carried out in the decorations about the guest rooms.

Following the no-host dinner a program was presented. Gifts were exchanged by the members and the president, Mrs. Albert Beckman, presented a corsage to each one present.

Mrs. Robert Forster was appointed to distribute the white food gifts and clothing to needy families.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Forster January 6. Mrs. H. J. Clements will serve as co-hostess.

Attending were Mrs. Eugene Krebs, Mrs. Everett Lisle and Marianne, Mrs. J. M. Six, Mrs. Robert Forster, Mrs. Phillip Peterson, Mrs. Lillian Williams, Mrs. G. E. Vosburgh, Mrs. Ludwig Peterson, Mrs. Albert Beckman, Mrs. C. J. Jackson, Mrs. H. J. Clements, Mrs. E. W. Emmet, Mrs. Carrie Jennings, Mrs. Virgil White, Mrs. Clara Smith, Mrs. David Friesen and Sharon and DeLoss, Mrs. Arnold Coffel and Janice, Mrs. William Zimmerman and Curtis, Mrs. Bernard Benson, Mrs. W. F. Willis, and Mrs. Warren Baker and

Ronnie and Barbara Jane. Announcement was made by Leighton Dashiell that the school board had voted to let the local schools have a sixteen day vacation beginning December 20. The schools will open January 5. There will be no spring vacation.

A women ambulance drivers corps will be organized in this community if ten women are interested and will register at the home of Mrs. Pearl McVey or telephone her at 8082.

Men will be given instructions in this course. The instructor will be furnished through the Red Cross organization.

Francis Peterson, who is stationed at Pearl Harbor, sent the first communication concerning his safety to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Peterson, Wednesday. He sent a form card with a check after "I am well." Francis holds the rank of aviation ordnance petty officer, third class.

Roy Douglas returned Wednesday after spending several days at the Portland Veterans hospital where he was under observation.

Recent arrivals in the community are a girl born to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fitzgerald Saturday, named Edwina Lawrence, and a daughter born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reinwald.

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### Land Leased For Dump

LEBANON—A problem that has been worrying the city fathers for the last 10 years has been solved, for a time at least. The Crown-Willamette has agreed to allow the city to use a tract of land belonging to the company just outside of the city limits north of town on the west side of the river, for use as a city dump.

This tract of about 50 acres is off the highway and is not near enough the river to pollute the streams, as the old dump has been doing.

This solution of the problem is not final as the company is giving only a year's lease for the consideration of one dollar. It is said there is a growing sentiment expressed in favor of an incinerator but the council agrees that the cost would be too much.

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