Churches Unite in Solemn Observance of Christmas Season

Christmas will have a special meaning this year as men and women in Salem and surrunding communities join in the services dedicated to a simple faith in God and in "our country, right or wrong—"

With so many men in the service, civic clubs and women's organizations have been engaged in a pre-Christmas round of activities designed to cheer the soldier through the holidays. The same thought is uppermost as the churches prepare special services — caroling, dramatization of the Christmas story, programs for the children, communion.

Whatever faith or creed, all churches have extended a welcome to all comers. The moment of peace, hope and prayer which comes to everyone at Christmas is waiting this year—at church.

St. Benedict's Pupils Buying Bonds, Stamps

WOODBURN — After four weeks St. Benedict's school is still working wholeheartedly toward the "schools at war" program.

The pupils are preparing a Christmas program for mothers and funds collected from it are going for purchasing defense stamps. The fifth and sixth grades have completed much of their junior Red Cross work and have sent boxes to the soldiers. The stamp-buying organization has proved a success in every classroom in the school. Many of the children have been buying stamps regularly and some have even purchased bonds.

Yule Vespers, Worship Set

Presbyterian Choirs Prepare Christmas Choralogue Sunday

The annual Christmas worship service of First Presbyterian church will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. Irvin Williams, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. The sermon theme is "Incredible Christmas"; the text, "When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Rev. Williams will repeat this Christmas message before the Kiwanis club in the Hotel Marion on Tuesday, and the Woodburn Rotary club on Thursday.

The choir under the direction of Virginia Ward Elliott will sing a special Christmas anthem, "The Shepherd's Story" (Dickerson). By special request, Mrs. Elliott will sing Lehmann's "No Candle Was There and No Fire." The choir and congregation will join in singing the two most loved Christmas carols, Adeste Fideles and Joy to the World. The sanctuary of the church has been beautifully decorated for this with a tree and a star, candles and wreathes in every window.

A Christmas vesper program will be presented at 5 o'clock. The program was prepared by Miss Gertrude L. Hynes, director of Christian education, assisted by Virginia Ward Elliott, director of music, and the department heads of the Sunday school.

On the program are: Christmas Pastorale (Harker); welcome and songs by Marilyn Spong and Yvonne Pool; "The Spirit of Christmas, Rosemary Gilbert, Jerry Berg, Terry Emmons, Sue Syring, Kathleen Spong and Edwin Keech; "The First Christmas Eve," Donald Blankenship, Beverly Graber, Beverly Johns, Billy French; carols by vester primary choir.

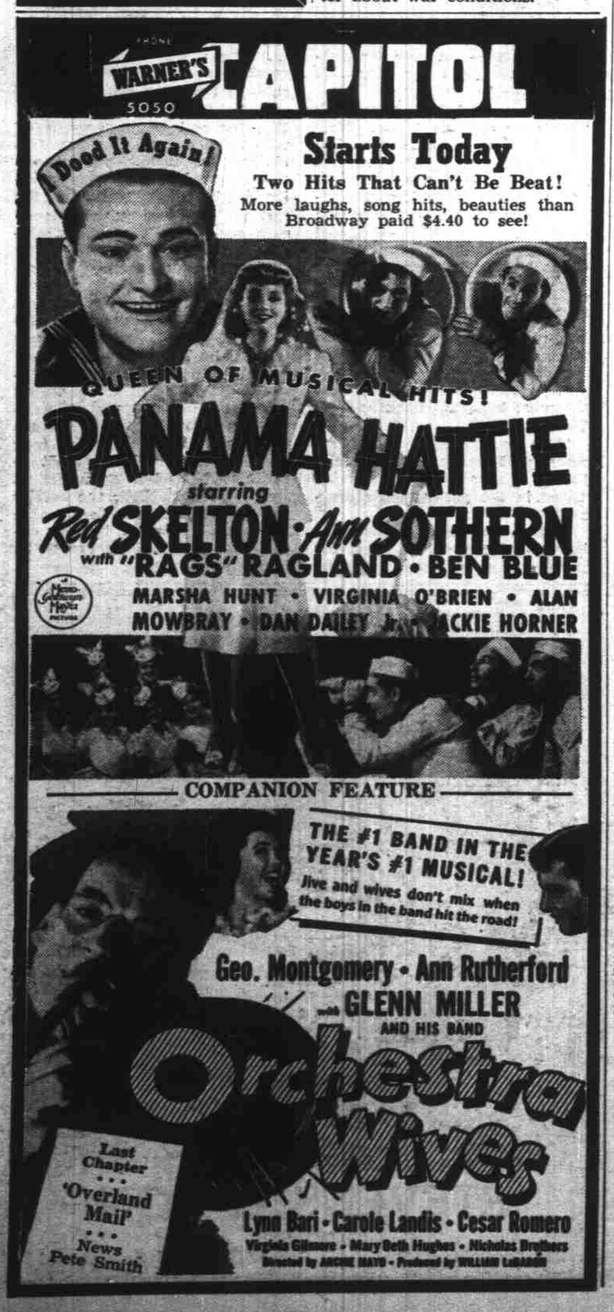
"The Christmas Candles," a play, Robert Gordon, Patsy Elfstrom, Lynn Jensen, Alcetta Gilbert, Jack Anunsen, Whitney Benson, Harvey Wolcott.

Christmas choralogue, senior and youth choirs, Ray Loter, Jean Sechrist, Dale Bates, Frank McGee, John Caplan, Rex Schofield, Jean McLean, Raymond Boucher, David Frees, Keith Nash, Leo Reed and Cameron McDonald.

In order that all in the sanctuary may hear the program, arrangements have been made for a public address system. The Christmas choralogue, with the story of the nativity set to music and enacted against a carefully prepared scenic background, will provide a worshipful Christmas climax.

Holiday Drama Slated

A Christmas drama, The Miracle of Christmas, will be presented Sunday night at the Foursquare Gospel church. It will center about war conditions.



Church Services in Salem

BETHEL BAPTIST
North Cottage at D street, J. F. Olthoff, DD, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Arnold Frey, Supt. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Truly Wise Men." Evening service 7:30 o'clock. The senior BYPU will present a Christmas program. Prayer and praise service Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Christmas festival Friday at 7:30 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST
South Liberty and East Miller streets. Edward L. Allen, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 am. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject by Rev. Loyal Vickers, guest speaker, 6:30 p.m., young people. 7:15 p. m. adult prayer meeting. Evening service 7:30. Christmas music by the church choir. Sermon subject, "The Christmas Story." 7:30 Wednesday, the church in fellowship of prayer followed by choir rehearsal.

FIRST BAPTIST
Corner Marion and Liberty streets, Irving A. Fox, DD, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Spiritual Significance of Christmas." Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Sermon subject, "A Seven-Fold Attitude Toward the Coming of the Savior." Girls' chorus will hold their fourth annual musical program, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday school Christmas program.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST
Corner of Hazel and Academy street. Warren C. Hale, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday school will present a Christmas program at 10:45 a.m. Sermon subject, "The Gift Refused." Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Message We Proclaim." Midweek service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST UNITED BRETHREN
Mission between 12th and University streets. A. S. Henderson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Glories of Christmas." Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Our Judge, Lawgiver and King."

COURT STREET CHRISTIAN
17th and Court streets, W. H. Lyman, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 10:50 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Unto Us a Child Is Born." Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Sermon subject, Bible school Christmas program. Midweek service Thursday, 7:30. Candlelight carol singing.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Center and High streets, Dudley Strain, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Christmas by Contrast." Children's church message: "The Light That Shines at Christmas." Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Nativity pageant, "A Child Is Born." CE 6 p.m

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Cottage and Shipping streets, H. R. Thornhill, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Young people's meeting 6:45 p.m. Evening service 7:30 o'clock.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST
Chemeketa and Liberty streets. Sunday school 11 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Evening service at 8:

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
Marion and Cottage street. Dr. Walter C. Gierbach, guest speaker. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Christmas exercises. Morning service 11 o'clock.

KNIGHT MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL
19th and Ferry streets, Howard C. Stover, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The House of Christmas." Young People at 7 p.m.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
Capitol and Marion streets, E. A. Kielsmeier, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "A Prophet's View." Christmas program at 2 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
Church and Chemeketa streets, Rev. George Herbert Swift, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Service in the church followed by Christmas party in the parish house. Morning service at 11. Junior and senior choir service. Evening service 7:30 o'clock in chapel.

FIRST EVANGELICAL
Corner Marion and Summer streets, Rev. J. Kenneth Wishart, pastor. Sunday school program 10:15 a.m. Baptismal service, 11:30 a.m., sermon subject, "The Mission of the Christ in a World of War." Evening service 7:45 o'clock. Choir cantata, "Carols of Christmas." No midweek service this week.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
1090 Highland avenue. Clarence E. Coffman, pastor. Sabbath school 1 p.m. Service at 2 p.m. Prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday.

HIGHLAND FRIENDS
Highland avenue at Church street. Herman H. Macy, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "They Returned Another Way." Youth groups meet at 6:30 p.m Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Significance of the Star." Sunday school cantata, "The Glory of Christmas," Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

SOUTH SALEM FRIENDS
South Commercial at Washington streets, Dillon W. Mills, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 10:45 o'clock. Christmas program and message. Sermon subject, "The Coming Christ." Evening service 6:30 o'clock. Christian Endeavor and vespers.

GRACE GOSPEL
695 North High street. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. 'The Lord's Supper." Saturday, 7:30 p.m., film, "Biblical Cities of Greece," by Prof Carl Henry.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN
343 North Church street. Rev. M. A. Getzendaner, DD, pastor. Sunday school 9:45. Morning service at 11. Sermon subject, "The Heavenly Father Revealed the Birth of His Son." Evening servcie 7:30 p.m. Sunday school will present a Christmas program.

CHRIST LUTHERAN (ALC)
State and 18th streets, F. H. Theuer, BD, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Confession of the Advent Witness." Christmas program on Thursday at 7 p.m. Services Christmas day, 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
16th and A streets, H. W. Gross, pastor. Sunday school and Bible classes, 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock.

FIRST METHODIST
Church and State streets, Dr. J. C. Harrison, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 10:50 o'clock. Sermon subject, "That Possible You in the Light of Bethlehem." Intermediate fellowship 5 p.m. Youth fellowship 7 p.m. Evening service at 7:45. Youth fellowship, chorus, Christmas program. University vespers will not meet this week.

JASON LEE METHODIST
North Winter and Jefferson streets, S. Raynor Smith, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Christmas sermon, "In the Fullness of Time." Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Inn at Bethlehem." Intermediate league 5:30 p.m. Youth fellowship 6:30 p.m.

LESLIE METHODIST
South Commercial and Myers street, Joseph Knotts, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Double service beginning at 6:45 p.m. Christmas program by the Sunday school, Christmas concert by the choir. Prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

FREE METHODIST
Market and North Winter streets, J. R. Stewart, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Sermon subject, "The Meaning of Christmas." Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Sermon subject. "Three Wise Men." YP meet 6:45 p.m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Center street at 13th. Rev. Weaver W. Hess, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Children's Christmas program. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Guiding Star." 6:30 p.m. Young people's hour. Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Church choir, "Music of Christmas." Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., midweek service. Topic, "The Prophetic Hope Fulfilled."

PILGRIM HOLINESS
975 Market street, Rev. Wm. L. McGlasson, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Evening service 7:30. Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Christmas program by the Sunday school Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Orval C. Keller will relate the Christmas story.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Chemeketa and Winter streets. W. Irvin Williams, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 10:55 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Incredible Christmas." 5 p.m. Christmas vespers by the church school. 6:30, CE and youth fellowship. Monday, 7:30 p.m., Boy Scouts.

ENGLEWOOD UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST
17th and Nebraska avenue. Rev. Chester O. Goodman, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "A Growing Appreciation of Christmas." CE 6:30 p.m. Doris Bradbury, leader. Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Christmas program by the Sunday school.

FOURSQUARE GOSPEL
19th and Breyman streets, Rev. T. W. Henderson ThB, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Mary's Prayer." Evening service 7:45 o'clock, presenting the Christmas drama, "The Miracle of Christmas." Also children's program and treat. Sunday, 4 p.m., Skipper Henderson and his crew over radio KSLM. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., hour of prayer.

TRUTH CENTER
336 State street, Olive Stevens, MsD, pastor. Morning service 10:45 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Draught of Fishes."

PENTECOSTAL MISSION
315½ North Commercial street, Rev. J. C. and Daisy Wilson, pastor. Sunday school 2 p.m. Devotional service 3 p.m. Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Evangelist C. H. Krocker will speak on "Weighed in the Balances," gospel sound film. Saturday night, "The Little Lost Sheep."

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
5th and Gaines streets, C. H. Steinmann, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Christ Preeminent." Evening service 7:45 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Body of Christ."

EVANGELISTIC TABERNACLE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Ferry and 13th streets, Eric M. Johnson, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Let Us Go . . . Even to Bethlehem." Evening service 7:45 p.m. Evangelistic service. Wednesday, December 23, 7:45 p.m., Sunday school's annual Christmas program. Songs by the choir.

FIRST SPIRITUALIST
248 North Commercial street, Rev. Maxine Roberts pastor. Morning service 2:30 p.m. Christmas program. Evening service 7:30 p.m. Sermon subject, "The Spiritual Birth of Our Master."

Valley Churches

NIDAROS LUTHERAN
Monitor, Oluf Asper, pastor. Sunday school 10:30 a.m Morning service 11:30 o'clock. Christmas day concern 8 p.m.

EMMANUEL MENNONITE
Pratum. Daniel J. Unruh, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "God With Us." 7 p.m., Christian Endeavor. Evening service 8 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Second Coming of Christ."

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN
Independence, W. Irvin Williams, pastor. Sunday school 10:15 a.m. Morning service 9 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Incredible Christmas."

PRESBYTERIAN
Aurora. Rev. Withington, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Christmas recitations and music. Morning service 11 o'clock. Christmas message.

PRESBYTERIAN
Bethel. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 10:15 o'clock. Combined school hour and morning worship, Christmas program.

PRESBYTERIAN
Gervais. Morning service 11 o'clock. Christmas eve exercises 7:30 p.m.

BRUSH COLLEGE BRANCH
Brush College school. Rev. Earl L. Baker, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 10 o'clock. Sermon subject, "A Christmas Message."

EVANGELICAL
Fruitland. Robert D. Bennett, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Evening service 8 o'clock. Community Christmas program presented by young people of church.

FOUR CORNERS BRANCH
Corner E. State and Elma streets. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Monday 7:30 p.m. Sunday school will give a Christmas program.

HAYESVILLE BRANCH
Hayesville school. Sunday school 9:45 a.m.

KEIZER UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL
Non denominational, Keizer school. F. J. Lemire, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock.

Nativity Play To Be Seen

Pageant Will Feature Candlelight Service At Christian Church

A nativity pageant entitled "A Child Is Born," will be the feature of the service at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian church. The music will be furnished by the choir of the church under the direction of John Schmidt, jr. The pageantry, centering about the nativity scene, will be enacted by the young people of the church, under the direction of Miss Edith Clarke. An impressive candlelight service in which the entire congregation will participate, will conclude the evenng's program.

Characters will include: Mary, Betty Ann Swanson; Joseph, Chris Kowitz, jr.; Elizabeth, Jeanette Mack; Zacharias, Eddie Jackman; the angel, Delvon Long; shepherds, Charles Davis, jr., Wayne Tripp, Howard Wood; wise men, Bennie Lambert, Richard Hill, Eddie Jackman; interpreter, David Teeter. Costumes have been arranged by Miss Deena Hart.

At the morning service of worship, both sermon and music will be centered about the Christmas theme. The Rev. Dudley Strain, minister of the church, will preach on "Christmas by Contrast." Included in the music will be a solo, "Mary's Manger Song," by Salter, sung by Miss Betty Pugh, and the anthem, "Shout the Glad Tidings" by Hall.

"A Modern Pilgrimage to Bethlehem," will be the subject of a travelogue in native costume, given by the Rev. Dudley Strain at the annual Christmas party given by the Sunday school of the church Wednesday night, December 24. Each department of the school will participate in the program, and department heads will distribute candy and gift awards.

Silverton Churches

CALVARY
Jersey street. O. C. Olson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Witness for Jesus." Evening service 7 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Christmas." Christmas day services at 10:30 Friday.

IMMANUEL
North Church street. M. J. K. Fuhr, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "A Greater Witness Than John." Evening service 8 o'clock. Candlelight service.

METHODIST
Main and Fiske streets, O. Leonard Jones, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Christmas Story." Evening service 8 o'clock. Methodist choir, Carols of Christmas.

TRINITY
North Second and B streets, M. J. K. Fuhr, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Christmas day services at 11.

Woodburn Churches

FULL GOSPEL
First and Arthur streets, Lora Sorenson, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Children's church 7:15 p.m. Evening service 7:45 o'clock. Midweek service Tuesday, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

ST. LUKE'S CATHOLIC
Rev. V L. Moffenbeier, pastor. Sunday masses, 7, 8:30, 10 a.m. Weekday masses 7:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
Second and Garfield streets. Morning service 11 o'clock.

CHURCH OF GOD
H. S. Fulton, pastor. Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Missionary and Christmas service 2 p.m. Midweek service Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

FOURSQUARE GOSPEL
East Lincoln street. Rev. and Mrs. Max F. Gulick, pastors. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 10:45 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Celestial Glory to Terrestial Shame." 6:30 p.m., young people's service. Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Inn of the Heart." Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., children's Christmas program.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Christmas day service 10 a.m. Christmas tree program, December 26, 8 p.m.

FREE METHODIST
Young and Gatch streets, Rev. V. M. Abbott, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Midweek service Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

METHODIST
D. Lester Fields, pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Sermon subject, "The Christmas Vision." Youth fellowship service 6:30 p.m. Evening service 7:30 o'clock. Cantata "The Music of Christmas," directed by G. A. Landon.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
Sunday school 10 a.m. Morning service 11 o'clock. Christian Endeavor, 7 p.m. Evening service 7:45. Midweek service Thursday, 8 p.m. Christmas program Wednesday, 8 p.m.

The Truth About Santa

PART 1
By ZACHARY TAYLOR
AP Feature Writer

He was just about the smartest—and the best—baby ever born. When he was having his first bath, he began raising his chubby hands as if praying. And he wouldn't nurse on Wednesdays and Fridays, for they were holy fast days.

The old legend says, too, that his parents were wealthy and noble and Christian. They had a nice home by the sea in what now is southwestern Turkey, but which then was called Lycia.

The child's name was Nicholas.

This year, this very month of December, 1942, is the 1600th anniversary of Nicholas Day. It is not the day of his birth, but of his death, on December 6, about 342 (if the musty old records are correct) that is observed even now.

When Nicholas was little more than a youngster, his parents died and left him with riches. He didn't care for them at all. He went around giving gold to the needy. He did this secretly. No one ever could learn from whom the gifts came.

A Friend of the Poor

That is, until Nicholas got caught.

A nobleman had lost all his money just when his eldest daughter was ready for marriage. And in those days, if girls didn't have money for their wedding present, they usually didn't get their man. Of course, her poor old dad was grieved. It looked as if any wedding plans would have to be called off.

Then the daughter found a bag of gold right beneath a window inside the home. What a joyous bride she was!

When the nobleman's second daughter was about to marry, the same thing happened!

By this time, the old nobleman was fairly itching with curiosity. So, when his youngest daughter was preparing to wed, he turned detective. He sat up nights by the window, watching for the giver of gold.

One night he heard a rustle in the shrubs. A figure darted toward his house. Then—a soft tinkle as another bag of gold fell in the open window.

With a leap, the old nobleman grasped the clothes of the intruder. The hood fell from the man's face.

"Nicholas!" said the old man, softly.

Sworn to Secrecy

"But for you, Nicholas," the nobleman sobbed, "my daughters might have been forced to lives of toil without husbands, or, at best, as the wives of lowly shepherds or peasants. You have saved us. I shall be your slave—"

"Hold your tongue!" stormed Nicholas. "Thanks belong to God. Haven't you yet learned, old man, a gift in any other name is thrice cheapened:

"It makes the giver proud; forgetful that only God made him able to give.

"The one who receives is wretched if he cannot repay, or, unhappy, at least, until he can.

"And the gift itself is robbed of the good will of man, and the blessing of Heaven.

"Say now, old man, that you never will tell what I, Nicholas, did this night. Promise—"

(Sunday: How Saint Nicholas Started Wandering.)

Giersbach to Be Guest Speaker

Special Christmas services will be held at the First Congregational church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Dr. Walter C. Giersbach, president of Pacific university, Forest Grove, again will conduct the services. Corydon Blodgett will be guest soloist and the pilgrim choir will sing Christmas carols.

At 9:45 a.m., the entire Sunday school will join in special exercises around a large Christmas tree.

Additional Church News On Page 6

Free Showing!
TONIGHT 7:30 P. M.
See the "Biblical Cities of Greece," a film by Prof. Carl Henry of Wheaton college showing modern Athens, Mars Hill where Paul preached, the prison of Socrates, and the ruins of Philippi, etc.
Also "Highlights in the Life of Paul, the Apostle," in color film slides.
Plus chalk talk drawing.
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Holiday Greetings
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"The Bible-Centered Church,"
where
Marion Crosses Summer
J. Kenneth Wishart
Minister

Christmas Program — Dec. 20 — Cantata
10:15-12:00 "Carols of Christmas"
Sermon: 35-Voice Choir
"The Mission of Christ" 7:45 P. M.
E. Friesen, Director