

Mrs. Santa On the Job; Gets Letters

No one is suggesting for a minute that Santa Claus is working in a war industry. Absolutely not; he's on the job and will make the rounds Christmas Eve; Donner and Blitzen are not handicapped by shortages either of rubber or of gasoline.

Yet it's strictly in the spirit of these times, in which women are doing much of the work men did before, that Mrs. Santa Claus is appearing at Ward's, talking notes on what young folk want to receive—and attending to some of their letters. Here are a few of the many:

To Mrs. Santa Claus: I do not want anything this year; I would rather you would give them to children in other lands or poor people.

Is there any snow up in the North Pole?

Did you have a hard time making a trip?

How are the reindeers getting along?

I will see you in the store some time.

John S. Bone,
Rt. 4, Box 367, Salem, Ore.

Dear Santa: I would like to have my daddy home. He is in the army. I want a blackboard, doll house with furniture, cover for doll bed, dishes, house slippers, ring, doll and dress.

I am in the second grade.
Barbara Owens,
671 N. Capitol, Salem, Ore.

Dear Mrs. Santa: I don't want much for Christmas this year. My brother's name is Larry. He is four years old. We would like books and airplanes and candy.

Our address is 1548 Mill street.
I am 8 years old.

Harlan Friesen.

P.S.: My cousin lives at our place. Her name is Charlotte. She is 6 years old.

Dear Santa: How are you this year? I have been a good girl and would like a pair of roller skates for Christmas, but if you can't bring me a pair until after the war is over it will be all right.

I would also like a doll and a dollie's buggy if you have one left for me. That's what I want most of all, but anything else you bring me will be fine.

My mommie said I could hang my stocking on the fireplace and in one we will have a piece of our fruit cake for you.

Thank you, Santa, with love,
Bevy M. Downing,
1580 Center St., Salem, Ore.

Day Nursery Planned Here To Aid Parents

Plans for a day nursery to aid working mothers, shopping mothers and women of Salem who for various other reasons must leave their children in the care of others were announced Saturday by Mrs. E. M. Bankston and Mrs. Verne R. Jones.

Equipment for the "Child-Craft" nursery, which is to open sometime this week at 213 North Liberty street, above the Paramount Shoe store, is already in place and includes 25 canvas cots for napping children, 25 small chairs, little tables, dishes decorated with nursery characters, and an isolation room.

Both a doctor and a nurse are to be on call and all employees, including both owners and the cook are to have regular physical examinations. Children brought to the nursery must have undergone examinations and those coming in for a few hours while parents are otherwise engaged must also have had the examination or be kept in the isolation room, Mrs. Bankston said Saturday night.

The nursery is already licensed by the state and is to care for children 1½ to 4 years of age. Both Mrs. Bankston and Mrs. Jones have in recent years operated state-licensed boarding homes for children.

40 et 8 to Be Host at Party

Marion county voiture 153 of 40 et 8 plays host December 18 at 6:30 p.m. to visiting officials of the state grand voiture and to voyageurs from over the state at the organization's annual Christmas party, to be held this year at the Marion hotel.

General chairman is Ralph Campbell, with Brazier Small, Eugene Eckler, L. V. Benson, Tom Hill, Jesse George and Frank Grimm on the committee.

Benson and Eckler are in charge of the cuisine.

Rex Kimmell is to be responsible for the entertainment.

Small, E. E. "Kelly" Owens and Arthur Johnson are to "preside at the games," according to the official announcement of Chef de Gare Ira O. Pilcher.

James Lewis, Grimm and Sephus Starr are to handle the "placecards," and Pilcher will be official host to grand officers.

Mrs. Santa Presides Over Ward's Toyland



Yes, women are filling in wherever they can, and Mrs. Santa is no exception. From left, F. G. Leserer, manager of the Montgomery Ward store in Salem; B. Dixon, operating manager; D. Henry, merchandise manager; Mrs. Santa, and Miss G. Freeman, advertising manager. Ward's Toyland is on the third floor.

Brittain Fatally Hurt

ALBANY, Nov. 27—(P)—A

logging truck overturned after striking into soft shoulders on the Albany-Crabtree road, fa-

tally injuring William Brittain, about 35, Lebanon, last night nine miles east of here.

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Woodburn Women Plan for Party

WOODBURN — The annual Christmas party of the Woodburn Woman's club is scheduled for the December 1 meeting at the library club rooms. The women of the junior club are invited to be guests for the afternoon. A program of Christmas music is in preparation by the committee. Mrs. J. Melvin Ringo, chairman, Mrs. H. C. Beaman and Mrs. Carl Huber. A Christmas tree and exchange of gifts will be features. Each person coming is asked to bring a gift valued at 25 cents.

Mrs. George K. Morehead of Salem, president of the State Federation of Women's clubs, will be present as guest speaker. The hostesses for the afternoon are Mrs. H. F. Butterfield, Mrs. E. J. Allen, Mrs. Carl Huber and Mrs. M. E. Gralop.

Community Dinner Held

ROBERTS — A fine dinner and a pleasant time were enjoyed by those attending the community dinner at the grange hall, Thanksgiving day. Those attending were: Mrs. Francis Bressler, Mrs. Alice Coolidge, Mr. Dolphus Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. George Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice.

The Lee Eyerlys entertained with a family dinner at their home, the Flying E ranch, Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sollenburger of Scio, formerly of Roberts, are moving back into the neighborhood. Mr. Sollenburger will work on the Lee Eyerly ranch.

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Appeals Filed On Pinball Tax

Appeals were filed Saturday in the state supreme court in the cases involving the 1943 legislative session's pinball and "juke box" tax law, in each of which the Multnomah county circuit court ruled contrary to the state tax commission's contention.

held unconstitutional with respect to taxation of both pinball machines and mechanical phonographs. In the third case it was ruled that the tax, if constitutional, was collectible beginning July, 1943, instead of June 9 as the tax commission had contended. The appeals have been filed on behalf of the tax commission.

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