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**Hubbard Women Hold Christmas Party Wednesday**  
 HUBBARD — Mrs. Lester Will was hostess to the Hubbard Women's club Wednesday afternoon when the club staged its annual Christmas party.

Mrs. A. J. Smith, vice president, presided in the absence of Mrs. Elmer Nelson, club president. The program included recitations by Carol Courter, Jeanie Fisher, Margo McCutcheon, Jane Vanlieu and Keith Miller, all first and second graders; two poems were read by Mrs. Elmer Stauffer.

fer, one a composition of her own; Mrs. A. F. deLespinasse read a story from the "Wild Swan" by Ben Hur Lampman. The program closed with more group singing arranged by Mrs. George Grimps and Mrs. Elmer Stauffer. An exchange of gifts was then held and refreshments were served by the assistant hostesses, Mrs. Julius Stauffer and Mrs. Elsie Epperly.

**Groups to Ask Unemployment Compensation Law Revisions**

Legislators who convene here in January probably will face demands for changes in the Workmen's Compensation law rivaling those made at the 1939, 1941 and 1947 legislative sessions, the State Unemployment Compensation commission said Saturday. Although few administrative proposals will be offered, dealing mainly with remedial and must legislation, both employer and employee groups were reported to be working on basic amendments affecting tax rates.

**Tax Rates Fall**  
 Average tax rates have fallen from 1.81 per cent in 1947 to 1.65 for 1948, but employers, pointing to the \$18,000,000 added to the trust fund in the last two years, will ask for another general reduction in reserve requirements for the lower experience rating divisions, officials said.

With the unemployment fund expected to be between \$87,000,000 and \$88,000,000 by the time the legislators settle down to business, employing groups are declared to believe collections should be lowered to balance ordinary benefit payments and the surplus used to tide the state over temporary depressions.

**Extended Coverage Backed**  
 Employe groups, noting that the average weekly compensation in 1948, is lower than in 1946, will press for a decided liberalization of Oregon's benefit schedule that will bring it into line with neighboring states, they state. Extension of coverage to small employing units (one to three employees) and other exempt groups also will be backed by the workers. They are expected to oppose lower tax rates and further disqualifications.

Appointment of a state advisory council to conform with federal requests will be sought by the commission.

**Salem Heights Scouts Hold Awards Meeting**

SALEM HEIGHTS — Cub pack meeting, troop 19, was held Friday at the hall with cubmaster Leo Olson in charge. Inspection followed the opening ceremony. Prize for parents attendance was won by den 3, and also the monthly den project award.

Bobcat pins were given Dick Bandy, and Delmer Lee Frahm. Larry Battles received his bear award, Lauren Franke received his silver arrow, wolk rank.

Motion pictures were shown the cubs, and together with their parents they sang Christmas carols.

**Monroe Avenue Club Entertained**

AUBURN — Mrs. Wilfred Wilier entertained for the annual members Christmas party of the Monroe Avenue sewing club Wednesday at Mrs. Stuart Johns.

Members received gifts from their secret pals of the year. Guest rooms were decorated in Christmas greens and a Christmas tree. Guests were Mrs. Hugh Williams and granddaughter, Sharon, Mrs. R. J. Becker, Mrs. Glen Moody, Mrs. Roy Fowler, Mrs. Loran Richey, Mrs. Warren Shrake, Mrs. Arthur Stowell, Mrs. Henry Hansen, Mrs. Arlo McClain, Mrs. Johns, Glenda Lee Moody, Gregg and Warren Shrake, Fredie Wilier.

has informed employers they should file deferment requests for but stressed that the precaution employes with the local board before the employees' questionnaires are received.

Colonel Mason explained that registrants deferred because of civilian occupations (except agriculture) will be placed in class II-A.



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