

Faces in the News . . .

Representative Men and Women Who Figured in the Headlines Of Activities the Past Week



Santa Claus, anyone's nomination for a face in the news this week, already has been busy in a round of downtown and other appearances.



R. V. Carleson will serve as master of Ainsworth lodge 201, a Masonic chapter, which installs new officers this Wednesday.



Dorothy Swigart, vice president of the Leslie Junior high student body, headed plans for class Christmas parties at school.



Homer G. Lyon, state forestry department employe and lieutenant, a colonel in army reserve, heads Marion county Reserve Officers' association.



Elizabeth Lord, Salem landscape architect who will leave early in January for Manila, P. I. to visit her brother, Montague Lord, for the first time since his wartime imprisonment by the Japanese.



Raymond G. Warren, Salem jeweler and amateur gardener, was elected president of the Salem Men's Garden club for the coming year.

Overuse of Bug-Killers Poisons Earth

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Poisoning of the ground by using too much of four wonder bug-killers has been reported to the American Association of Economic Entomologists, writes Howard W. Blakeslee, associated press science editor, in a recent release.

The four insect killers are DDT, BHC, Chlordane and Toxaphene. This soil poisoning the scientist says is bad for many plants, good for a few and of no known human risk.

The discovery does not stop the use of the new insecticides, but opens a new science for farmers and gardeners to "call their shots" by choosing the right bug-killer for the right environment. In one kind of soil the poisons are harmless. In another they retard plants and interfere with root growth. They will harm one plant in the same soil where another kind of plant is untouched. They act like hormones to make a few plants grow better; they kill some seeds in the ground, but improve others by killing the fungi that eat them.

The government has been studying for four years what becomes of the poisons when they are sprayed to protect crops. The report was made this week by Dr. Frank P. Cullinan, assistant chief bureau of plant industry, soils and agricultural engineering, Washington, D.C.

"The poisons," said Dr. Cullinan in his report, "sink into the ground. And they stay there. Even after four years in the ground they are harmful to some plants."

Dr. Cullinan said that in spraying, anywhere from six to eighty pounds of insect killer are used per acre. Most of that sinks into the ground. He adds that these insecticides have raised yields of fruits, vegetables and field crops, and reduced expenses of production, so their use will continue. Now the government is looking for the safe limits and the antidotes.

Mrs. Kellis Visits At Scotts Mills

SCOTTS MILLS, Dec. 17—Mrs. John Kellis visited with her son, Raymond Kellis and family, here this week on a return trip from Seattle where she had gone to observe her 80th birthday anniversary with her twin brother, Emerson Hammer.

She made the trip to Portland by stage where she was joined by another brother, Raleigh Hammer of Stayton. Both Mrs. Kellis, whose maiden name was Emma Hammer, and her twin brother are enjoying good health. Mrs. Kellis and her husband once lived at Scotts Mills.

Zena School To Stage Xmas Party

ZENA—Mrs. Lloyd Allen, instructor at Zena school has arranged a Christmas program to be given Thursday at 8 p.m. in the school house.

A decorated Christmas tree, Santa treats are to be featured. Program numbers will include: greetings, by Leonard Sundvall; carols, "Silent Night" and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by the group; playlet, "Paging Santa" by Jimmie Kerns and Phil Brandt; poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Hal Washburn; vocal duet, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," by Jimmie Kerns and Lyle Dickenson; play, "Uncle Grouch," by William Higley, Joyce Banner, Lynn Sundvall and Lyle Dickenson; reading, "Smiles to Give Away," by Karen Childers; reading, "Old Presents for New People," by Dorothy Dickenson; songs, "Jingle Bells," and "Deck the Halls," by the group; reading, "A Little Boy's Dream," by Roger Kerns; drill, "Shopping We Will Go," by the entire school; poem, "Between Acts," by Lark Brandt; nativity scene, reader, Hal Washburn; poem, "In Closing," by Jeanie Dickenson.

The first well-advertised, organized rodeo—a cowboy contest of skill—was held in Denver in 1896.

Spring Valley Women Hold Yule Party

SPRING VALLEY—Mrs. George Hammond and her sister, Mrs. Alice Updegraff were hostesses for a Christmas party and Tree of Sunshine club, at their Spring Valley home Wednesday.

A beautifully decorated tree was the center of attraction. A business meeting, conducted by Mrs. George Hammond, president, and gift exchange preceded a dessert lunch served to Mrs. M. H. Bernard, Mrs. R. V. Carlson, Mrs. Harvey McLaughlin, Mrs. Tom Matthews, Mrs. J. S. Mischel, Mrs. Vesta Goodfellow, Mrs. Ben McKinney, Mrs. Myrtle Chard, Mrs. Frank Susmitch and Mrs. S. B. Dodge.

Silverton Schools Set Yule Plans

SILVERTON, Dec. 17—Schools in the Silverton area are preparing for the Christmas holidays with programs and other events before the holiday close.

Silverton schools will close Thursday, December 23, and reopen Monday, January 3.

The annual Christmas program at McLaughlin will be held December 21 at 8 p.m.

At Evergreen school the Christmas program will be given the evening of December 22, as will the program and Christmas party at Evans Valley.

Mrs. John Isaacson, teacher at Brush Creek has announced the school program for 1 p.m., December 23, with the Booster club program that night at 8 o'clock.

Scotts Mills Troop Has Renewal Meet

SCOTTS MILLS—M. B. Ford, district commissioner and I. B. Alfred, district advancement chairman met with the local committee of Boy Scout troop and Cub pack No. 67 for renewal of the charter. During the evening, Ray Moles was elected chairman; Louis Vet-

ter, advancement chairman, J. M. V. E. Glass, scoutmaster, Bert Martin, camping chairman; How- Blattner, cubmaster. The troop and ard Swartout, public relations; pack are sponsored by the Parent-H. E. Ballard, secretary-treasurer; Teachers association.

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Church Set Entertained At Dallas

DALLAS—The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. C. L. Crider for the annual Christmas party, Tuesday afternoon.

The Christmas motif was used about the rooms where Mrs. Earl W. Benbow, chairman of the program committee, presented the following numbers: Dr. Earl Benbow led the devotions, reading the Christmas story as recorded by Luke and also two Christmas poems; Mrs. R. I. Van Den Bosch and Mrs. Claude Beebe, accompanied by Mrs. Albert Burelbach, sang, "Oh, Holy Night" and "Silent Night"; Mrs. Hollis Smith read "The Littlest Angel" by Charles Tazewell. Mrs. Benbow closed with a few remarks regarding the missionaries and children of missionaries of the Presbyterian church, who are being returned to the United States because of the war situation in China.

At the close of the afternoon, Mrs. Crider, assisted by Mrs. Jack Crider, served lunch to: Mrs. Roy Woodman, Mrs. Roy Donahue, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. Sydney Hanson, Mrs. A. H. Davis, Mrs. D. G. Grant, Mrs. Emily Warrick, Mrs. Milton Miller, Mrs. L. W. Plummer, Mrs. Conrad Stafrin, Mrs.

Van Den Bosch, Mrs. H. I. Maschal, Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. Burelbach, Dr. and Mrs. Benbow, Mrs. C. J. Enstad, Mrs. Edward J. Himes, Mrs. Cora McBee, Mrs. Roy Blanchard, Mrs. E. L. McCleary, Mrs. Paul Morgan, Mrs. John Cerny and Mrs. Smith.

Silverton VFW Has Yule Party

SILVERTON, Dec. 17—Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary sponsored a family Christmas party Wednesday night with a program by the children of veterans.

Following the program there was an exchange of gifts and treats for the children were distributed. Committees in charge were general, Mrs. Olaf Tokstad, Mrs. L. F. Tucker, Mrs. H. Maden; candy, Mrs. Arthur Bollinger, Mrs. Emil Grant; gift exchange, Mrs. Theodore Gracer, Mrs. L. M. Elliott, Mrs. Mathilda Pierce.

During the brief business session announcement was made that the auxiliary members had brought treats to the girl scout troop sponsored by them with Mrs. Frank Porter serving as Santa Claus. The auxiliary will serve at the New Year's dance to be given by the Veterans post and the Guards, and homecoming will be observed January 19.

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