

West Stayton Plans School Party Tonight

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WEST STAYTON—The annual Christmas party at West Stayton School will be held Friday night. Students will present a program, while the Community Club is in charge of a visit by Santa Claus. Christmas vacation will start Wednesday, Dec. 24, and end Jan. 5. Children are to bring a sack lunch Wednesday with milk to be served. They will be dismissed early following room parties and a gift exchange. A Christmas dinner will be served to them on Tuesday. The primary room has used cany canes, popcorn and "snow" to decorate a tall tree donated by Bryon Ruggles.

Four new pupils, one in each room, enrolled Monday. They are the Wright children who transferred from Mari-Linn School at Lyons, bringing enrollment here to approximately 100.

Four pupils received honorable mention in the KOAC art contest this week. They are Joyce Wilson, Rose Ann Henrickson, Susan Fowler and Jimmy Thomas.

Mrs. Gertrude Hennies, third and fourth grade teacher, is planning a motor trip to California with her husband and son during the holidays.

A school party recently celebrated the seventh birthday of Joyce Wilson. Her mother, Mrs. Harlan Wilson, and Mrs. Robert Shepherd served refreshments to 30 children.

Gates Womans Club Elects New Treasurer

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GATES—A special meeting of the Gates Woman's Club was called by the president, Mrs. W. S. Hudson, Monday evening at the Parker-Hutchinson furniture store. The group elected Mrs. Lewis Brown treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Arthur Findley, who is now residing in Richland, Wash. Mrs. Albert Milsap, who heads the fireplace fund drive for the Gates Community Center, accepted a resolution presented by the building committee for disposition of the fund.

National Forest Employees Slate Christmas Party

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DETROIT—Willamette National forest employees will gather at Santa Clara Grange Hall Saturday with their families for a Christmas dinner party. Following the dinner, which will be served by members of the Grange, Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the children and games will be organized.

Detroit forest service personnel who plan to attend include Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dean and children, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Steers and Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Starr Reed and children, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford White and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Moore and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moore entertained forest service friends Monday evening with a Christmas coffee party at which they served a variety of Swedish cookies and pastry. Invited for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Steers, Mr. and Mrs. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Moore and Richard Swartzlander and Loyd Bransford from Eugene.

Valley Obituaries

Mrs. Helen Dilts

PEDEE—Graveside services for Mrs. Helen Dilts, 49 former Pedee-area resident, will be held at Salem Saturday under direction of the W. T. Rigdon Mortuary following funeral services on Friday at Seattle.

Mrs. Dilts died Tuesday at her home in Seattle. She had been ill about two years. Death was attributed to heart disease. She grew up in this district, later moving to California, and had lived in Seattle about 15 years.

Survivors include her husband, George Dilts, Seattle; mother, Mrs. William James, Salem; grandmother Mrs. M. Stock of Salem; sisters, Mrs. Ethel Osborne and Mrs. Bernadene Edwards, Peede; Joan Brown of Sisters, Ruth Downing, Burnt Woods, and Jean Jones, Salem; four brothers, Harrison and Glen Jones, Salem, Ted Jones, Harlan, and Harold Jones, Tacoma.

Civic Players To Appear at Roberts Sat.

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ROBERTS—Salem Civic Players will present the play "Dust of the Road" at the Roberts Grange Hall, Saturday at 9 p.m., following the Grange business meeting which will be held at 8. The Christmas play is under the direction of Miss Beulah Graham and includes a cast of four, Eleonore Roberts, Frank J. Hutchinson, Arthur L. Davis and R. J. (Dick) Schmidt.

Group singing of Christmas carols and a gift exchange will be part of the program, followed by no-host refreshments. The Community is invited to attend the program at 9 o'clock which will be free.

The Home Economic Club of Roberts Grange met at the home of Mrs. Chet Nelson on Croisan Creek Road Tuesday evening with 17 members present. Plans for 1953 year book activities were discussed and regular meeting night changed from Wednesdays to second Thursday of each month.

Mrs. Charlotte Jones was awarded a prize for a Christmas story contest. Gifts were exchanged and a basket filled for a needy family. January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lee Eyerly.

Store Opens At Hayesville

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HAYESVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lentsch are proprietors of Hayesville's newest store which handles building supplies, sporting goods and gift items.

Lentsch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Math Lentsch, 4090 Portland Rd., and the new firm is located next to his father's blacksmith shop, just north of Hollywood Bowl. It is housed in a new building constructed of concrete block with a 25 by 50 foot basement.

The Lentschs were in the hardware business at Corpus Christi, Texas, before coming here. Mrs. Lentsch is a native Texan. They plan to move to this district from east Salem where their sons, Billy and Jackie, attend Washington School.

White Christmas Said Possible for Upper Canyon City

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IDANHA—Santa Claus will be in Idanha Saturday at the Davis clothing store to visit with his many young friends between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Whether or not the weatherman has snow scheduled for his trip is problematical. High fleecy clouds and temperatures between 30 and 40 have kept canyon residents guessing as to the possibility of a white Christmas. With the exception of Santa's reindeer everyone is satisfied with present weather conditions.

Polk Draft Office Closing for Week

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DALLAS—Polk County Service Board will close its office all next week, it was announced Thursday by Mrs. Nona Ford, board clerk.

She said no calls to military service are pending before January. The office will reopen Dec. 29, but will close that week later for New Year's Day.

Gates Girl Scouts Fete Miss Joaquin

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GATES—A surprise party honoring Darlene Joaquin on her eleventh birthday was a feature of the Christmas meeting of the Gates Girl Scout troop in the Gates High School recreation rooms Tuesday evening.

After participating in games, songs and a gift exchange the 16 girls and their leader, Mrs. Walter Thomas, were served refreshments by the hostesses, Juanity Thomas and Darlene Joaquin.

Silver Crest Baptist Church Incorporates

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SILVERTON—The First Baptist Church in the Silverton Hills voted incorporation at a special business meeting held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church parsonage at Silverton. The new group has taken the name, "The Silver Crest Baptist

Valley Briefs

Aumville—The Aumville Post-office is remaining open during noon hours until Christmas and will be open Saturday afternoon to accommodate persons who want to mail packages, reported Postmaster Harry Way.

Cloverdale—Students of Cloverdale Grade School will present their Christmas program at 8 p.m. Friday at the school. Parents and friends are invited, reports M. Meunier, principal.

Spring Valley—Members of Spring Valley Community Club hold a Christmas party at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the school.

Detroit—Detroit school children will hold their annual classroom Christmas parties Wednesday morning, and school will be dismissed at 1:30 p.m. for the holidays. Jan. 5 will be the date for re-opening of school, according to O. J. White, superintendent.

Aumville—Aumville Grade School will present a Christmas program at the P-TA meeting at 8 p.m. Monday. There will not be a business session, but Santa Claus will be there, courtesy of the P-TA and Legion Auxiliary. Refreshments will be served.

Pratum—The Christmas program at Pratum School will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

HUBBARD—The FFA inter-district parliamentary contest will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at North Marion High School. Team from Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Oregon City and North Marion will compete.

Pratum—New residents here are Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dague who purchased property from Everett Branch.

Hubbard—The Hubbard grade school basketball team will play its first game of the season at Aurora Friday at 2:15 p.m. Members of the team will be wearing new suits.

Church," and work is underway to establish a temporary meeting place near Drake's Crossing.

During the past year the congregation met for services in Silver Crest School, but the school board denied the privilege this winter.

Santa Due at Independence

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INDEPENDENCE—Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in Independence at 2 p.m. Friday. He will be carrying a pack on his back

with a treat for every child he meets. The Independence Chamber of Commerce has made his visit possible, and in honor of his arrival the Isis Theater will give a free show Friday afternoon for all children. Santa will return to Independence Saturday from 2 p.m. until 8.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS NOTED
UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. (AP)—The U. N. Social Committee Wednesday approved the text of a proposed pact which would bind all countries regarding it to give women political rights equal to those of men. The text as approved - 0, with 11 countries abstaining.

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