

# CHRISTMAS BUYING AT HIGHEST POINT SINCE 1929 BOOM

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Initial payments of bonuses and dividends gave consumer buying power a boost the past week resulting in an expansion of trade in nearly all lines, Dun & Bradstreet reported today.

"The surging tide of Christmas shipping," the agency said, "which has had no parallel to its proportions since 1929, moved the retail branch to the foreground.

"Volume with wholesalers started to contract, as merchandise was unavailable for many of the reorderers received.

"Contrary to the year-end trend, industrial operations were undiminished, producers of durable goods leading in schedule advances."

Retail distribution in all leading centers was estimated at from 5 to 15 per cent ahead of the preceding week, despite adverse weather at some centers, and from 15 to 30 per cent larger than in the same week in 1935.

Percentage increases in the major geographical areas included: Pacific coast 16 to 22.

The increasing number of standard lines coming into the "shortage" class forced merchants to resort to promotions of piece goods to satisfy demand. Linens of all types, particularly handkerchiefs, moved out rapidly.

# CHRISTMAS TRAVEL SETS HIGH FIGURES

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A mass movement of homeward-bound college students today started a Christmas travel rush gauged as the heaviest since 1929.

Many railroad passenger traffic managers estimated the carriers would enjoy the greatest Yuletide business since before the depression. Major airlines prepared for what they expected to be the best holiday season patronage in their history.

Railroads were running principal trains with extra sections tonight and said the rush would continue until New Year's.

G. A. Kelly, vice president of the Pullman company, said the railroads' demand for extra sleepers and coaches was so great "there might be" a shortage of some types such as room cars.

Officials of railroads running between Chicago and New York, Washington, Detroit, St. Paul-Minneapolis, Seattle-Portland, San Francisco-Los Angeles, Denver, St. Louis, New Orleans and Florida estimated passenger business was from 15 to 30 per cent ahead of last year and "fully as good" or "pretty close to" that of 1929.

These included the New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, Pennsylvania, Chicago and North-western, Milwaukee Road, Santa Fe; Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific; Burlington, Wabash and Illinois Central railroads.

They agreed that bonuses and wage boosts accounted largely for the booming business in travel and said mail and express increases proved Santa Claus' pack would be extra heavy this year.

# Four Oaks Grange Presents Program

FOUR OAKS, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The Christmas program will be held in the Four Oaks grange hall Wednesday evening, December 23, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

The Bailey Hill school will close Wednesday, December 23, for the holidays and will open again Monday, January 4.

The P. T. A. will not meet this month.

The Bailey Hill mothers' study club will hold its third meeting Wednesday, January 6, at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harold Carpenter. Those interested in this and in neighboring communities are invited to attend.

December 11, Mrs. Carl Pfeiffer, Mrs. E. A. Pryor and Mrs. John Griener attended the study club leaders' meeting at the Skinner Butte cottage.

Mrs. Anna Petrie of Cottage Grove spent last week at the Tom Beeddo home.

The 4-H Sewing club girls had a Christmas party Friday afternoon after school. The girls who were not members were invited. They had an exchange of gifts, played games, and later were served lunch by their leader, Miss Gertrude McTavish.

# Society

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Westall, Alice Berreman, Celia Hoffman, Millard Adams, Gertrude Wein, Charles Walter, Bobby Vernon, Frances Spencer, Betty Huzar, Edith Hyland, Myra Hyland, Lila Hughes, Warren Vail, Melba Harris, John Green, Edith Hand, Luree Pickert and Lucille Pickert.

# Spanish War Groups To Have Party

General Lawton camp and auxiliary, U. S. W. V., will have a Christmas party Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the armory.

A Christmas tree and exchange of inexpensive gifts is planned by the groups.

Mrs. Theodore Forcier will be the general chairman and she will be assisted by Mrs. R. C. Faust, Mrs. Belle Lammers, Mrs. Mamie Stauffer and Mrs. Grace Hall. All members of the camp and auxiliary are invited.

# Reproduction of Our Christmas Window

Designed by Dale Currin Cooley, Display Manager, Washburne's



" . . . they saw the child with Mary his mother"

MATTHEW 2:11

Through this window two hundred and thirty-three of us express to all of you, our best wishes for

# A Very Merry Christmas

"On earth peace, good will toward men"

## Eugene's Own Store WASHBURNE'S

MORRAN & WASHBURNE

# HALSEY NEWS NOTES OF WEEK REPORTED

HALSEY, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The "Go-Getters" Home Economics clubs held its business meeting during the activity period of the high school. Margaret Smith read a test on manners which each girl answered individually and checked for her own information. Interesting reports were as follows: Frances Danner on "School Loyalty"; Margaret Davis on "Greetings"; Geraldine Straley on "Admitting a Caller"; and Doris Falk on "Sharing Responsibilities in the Home." The remainder of the time was put in learning the Oregon state home economic club song.

**Mail Job Given**  
John Boughton was awarded the mail service job between the Southern Pacific depot and postoffice Saturday. He will begin his new duties Jan. 1. Elmer E. Gormley has been temporary mail messenger since the death of W. T. Starr. Others bidding for the job were A. F. Richter, Russel Norton, Elmer E. Gormley, Frank Maxwell.

The B. M. Bond family are grieving over the loss of their little black cocker spaniel dog, playmate of the children who met his death Friday afternoon when struck by a car on the Pacific highway.

The Golda Wells circle of the local Church of Christ held a party Thursday evening at the rural home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kirk when candy was made for the old people's home and other articles packed for Christmas for needy families.

### Noble Grand Club

Purity Past Noble Grand club was entertained at its annual Christmas party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alma Hamer with Mrs. Elias Robins as assistant hostess. Mrs. Nora Coleman, president, presided over the business session during which new officers for 1937 were elected and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Belle Gormley; vice president, Sadie Gansle; secretary, Hattie Peterson; and treasurer, Marjorie Robinson. Two new members, Mrs. Hattie Peterson and Mrs. Gertrude Schukie were voted into the club. The club voted to send \$2 to Estella Weed for her furnishing for the elderly brothers' lounge room at the I. O. O. F. home in Portland. The incoming president appointed Mrs. Nelle Frum and Mrs. Nora Coleman as a committee to make the new year's books and Louise Taylor and Grace Sickle were appointed a committee to initiate the two new members at the next meeting to be held the last Friday of January. Esther Bond then took charge of a candle relay race, Christmas gift guessing game and other games and the delivery of the Christmas gifts from the gaily decorated Christmas tree.

The hostesses served a two-course luncheon. Those present were Mrs. Nora Coleman, Mrs. Louise Taylor, Mrs. Ruth Holloway, Mrs. Grace Sickle, Mrs. Nellie Isom, Mrs. Melissa McMahan, Mrs. Clara LaFollette, Mrs. Belle Gormley, Mrs. Hattie Peterson, Mrs. Mae Miller, Mrs. Nelle Frum, Mrs. Esther Bond and the hostesses.

Many Lake Creek residents motored to Harrisburg Saturday evening to attend a celebration at the town hall there, which opened with a seven o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Cook's silver wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Esther F. Bond accompanied Eugene friends to Salem Sunday afternoon to attend a two-day regional sales conference of the Salem district representatives of Oregon Mutual Life Insurance company. The trip, with all expenses paid, is a reward for a given quota of business written during the month of December. Representatives from Eugene attending were Howard H. Pickett, unit sales supervisor, Mark Deller and A. M. Wilson.

### P. T. A. to Meet

The community P. T. A. will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday evening at 7:45 at the schoolhouse. Mrs. Floyd Barrett, president, announces, and as important business is to be transacted she asks all to make an effort to attend.

"The Christmas Bazaar" the grade school operetta, will be staged Wednesday evening with all children taking part. The children and parents and teachers have given hours of time, and labor and money to costume the children for the operetta and it should be an excellent entertainment. A small admission is being charged at the door to be used for further grade school activities. Principal Vernon Meyers and several of his older eighth grade boys worked almost all day Saturday preparing the stage and paraphernalia.

### O. E. S. Install

Several local members of Willamette chapter Order of Eastern Star drove to Shedd Friday night for a practice of the installation ceremonies which will be held Dec. 26 at the Shedd Masonic hall. It will be a joint installation of the Masonic brothers and the Eastern Star. George Shoemate will be inducted into the office of worshipful master of the blue lodge, Pearce Jenks of Tangent will be installed senior warden and Dana C. Rossman of Halsey Junior warden. Appointive officers have not been made public yet.

Miss Catherine Pugh will be installed worthy matron of the chapter; Mrs. Laura Thompson, associate matron; Carl Hill of Halsey, worthy patron; Pearce Jenks, associate patron; Lydia Githens, conductress; Mrs. Cleona Hill of Halsey, associate conductress; Miss Lucille Shedd, secretary; Mrs. Mary Porter, treasurer; Mrs. Nellie Satchwell, chaplain; Mrs. Esther Bond, marshal; Mrs. Faye Githens, organist; Mrs. Elida Jenks, Adah; Miss Helen LaMar of Peoria; Ruth; Mrs. Vivian Abraham, Eschert; Mrs. Gertrude Shoemate of Halsey; Martha; Mrs. Melba Muller of Halsey; Mrs. Emma Gregory, warden; Mrs. Gertrude Shoemate as sentinel. Mrs. Gertrude Shoemate is the retiring worthy matron and B. M. Bond is the retiring worthy patron and will act as installing officer assisted by Mrs. Ida Brossfield as installing chaplain and Esther Bond installing marshal.

Alexandria, at the mouth of the Nile, was the intellectual center of the ancient world for 200 years.