

Y-Teens Set Candle-light Ceremony

Roosevelt Y-Teen Club will present a Christmas candle-lighting ceremony over KORE on Christmas Eve, and ask listeners to join them in lighting white candles in their windows at home. Y-Teens are presenting the program under sponsorship of YWCA.

The radio program tells the story of the first Christmas and the story of Christmas today with the contributions of many lands described. At the close of the program, the girls will light their candle and ask that all listeners do the same, while they offer a prayer for peace and fellowship.

Celebrate Holiday Hunt Club Juniors

Junior Riding Club celebrated its first Yuletide season Sunday by inviting parents to a potluck dinner in the Eugene Hunt Club room at the Lane County fairgrounds. After dinner Christmas carols were sung and Santa paid a visit.

The club, newly organized, is composed of younger members of the riding set. Their leader is Miss Faye Thompson, member of the local Hunt Club.

Officers are: president, Steve Hill; vice-president, Harry Chapman; secretary, Marlene Martin, and treasurer, Geraldine Nordlund. Other members include: Linda Beal, Gail Hankins, Leah Nordlund, Brad Reed, Jean Ross, Audrey Smith, Gary Warren, Tony Chapman, Lee Irish, Steven McCulloch, Jo Eggeston, Joyce Cook, Lefroy McKay, Gail Malloy, Barbara Lee, Bill Hill, Bob Glaspey, Sally Bangs, Sally Plummer and Sharon McElhaney.

The young people meet every Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. in the indoor arena at the fairgrounds where they drill and play games on horseback, and later meet in the Hunt Club room.

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Try stringing your cards on shiny satin ribbons and suspended them from ceiling or drape them across the buffet or mantel. Frame your windows with them. Don't stack your cards in a forlorn heap in some corner! Use them and enjoy them... let them add to the joyful spirit of the holidays.

Dolls of Primitive Peoples Long Antedate Christmas

On Christmas morning, 1951, there'll be millions of dolls under the Christmas trees. But the custom of giving dolls is thousands of years older than Christmas, and will last as long as there are children.

Little Aztec and Inca children carried their dolls when they went out to greet the Spanish conquerors. Montezuma, their emperor, treasured a fabulous collection of dolls of his own.

Dolls in 4000 B.C.
The Egyptian paddle doll of 4000 B.C., one of the earliest known, was a crude wooden puppet whitened in the shape of a canoe paddle. It had stubby arms but no legs — so it couldn't run away. The hair of these dolls was fashioned of thick strings of beads — an ancient counterpart of today's ultra-real doll whose silky long coiffure includes her own separate matching chignon.

Egyptians buried dolls in tombs so the dead would not be lonely. Greek girls offered their dolls in the temple of Diana the night before their weddings. In England, a black doll hung outside a store denoted a "dolly shop," where the poor could pawn their meagre possessions for a few pennies.

On the prairies of America, Indian girls played with homemade dolls of rawhide and carved bone with buffalo tail hair. Sir Walter Raleigh brought the first commercially-made doll to America in 1583—300 years after the first doll factory opened in Germany.

America Makes Dolls
Although ships carrying a cargo of dolls were traditionally spared by the pirates infesting the seas,

imported dolls were far too expensive for most American children. Yankee ingenuity turned out its own dolls in the centuries between Raleigh's visit and the development of today's great doll factories. Hepzibah Pyncheon sold the popular "Penny Wooden" in her cent shop in the House of the Seven Gables, made famous by the Salem witchcraft trials. Dolls with hands and feet of cast iron, dolls with cornhusk and walrus skin bodies; dolls stuffed with bran and shavings; their heads whittled from Vermont maple, were typical.

Child Doll is New
Only during the past half-century have dolls been made to look like children. Previously they were called "little ladies" (the word "doll" came into general use in 1899) and were miniature grownups. Each year Paris sent out collections of dolls dressed in the latest fashions. These were exhibited at gala receptions and a steep admission charged.

The "mama" doll was invented in 1825. About 100 years later, the world's first all-rubber doll, "Toodles," was introduced in New York. "Toodles" inventor, Jacob Brock, estimates that the first dozen cost him more than \$50,000 to make. Brock's other pioneering ventures in the doll field have included the doll that cries real wet tears just like a real baby.

In our own day dolls have increased in popularity as modern production methods have made them cheaper. The poet Eugene Field, Queen Marie of Roumania and Queen Victoria were noted collectors. Queen Wilhelmina owns a magnificent collection presented by her subjects.

Billiken, a doll imp designed in 1908 by a Chicago art student, was the first best-seller in American dollhood. An echo of Billiken, who graced from a corner of almost every home in the United States, is found in a boy doll okehed by psychiatrists for little guys.

Always a Big Business
The doll business has been a major industry since time began. But since 1914 when hostilities cut off the European supply, America has devoted its know-how to making dolls available to all children rather than to the lucky few. Doll sales this Christmas will, manufacturers estimate, reach the multi-million dollar mark and help make about 37 million children happy when they come downstairs on Christmas morning.

New Officers Take Over Groups

New officers elected at the December meeting of Eugene Mineral Club are as follows: Don Adams, president; F. R. McCabe, vice-president; M. G. Woodward, treasurer, and Mrs. Don Adams, secretary.

Installation of officers will be followed by a formal Queen's Ball for members of Springfield Job's Daughters on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, Springfield.

Ceremonies are open to the public and tickets for the ball may be purchased from any officer of the organization. Miss Arlene Lestic is in charge of decorations and Miss Carolyn Pollard will head the refreshment committee.

New appointive officers of Bethel 30 are: chaplain, Joan Rorer; recorder, Marlene Rorer; treasurer, Sharie Parnell; librarian,

Carol Hollister; musician, Janet Robinson; senior custodian, Marilyn Rinta; junior custodian, Patty Squires; the five messengers, Rosemary Brendel, Jean Peterson, Joan Passmore, Celeste Gibbens and Gwen Fried; outer guard, Patry Bowman; inner guard, Ina Puustinen; lady of the lights, Jan Hill; first page, Ronnie Wright; second page, Marilyn Kurtz, and historian, Nancy Bowman.

Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen installed new officers at a meeting Wednesday evening following the annual Christmas party and dinner.

Those installed were: Mrs. L. D. Bryan, past president; Mrs. H. L. Gibson, president; Mrs. Lawrence Harrington, vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Brown, secretary; Mrs. Ira Lynds, conductress; Mrs. Ray Muhr, warden; Mrs. J. T. Nicholson, chaplain; Mrs. S. S. Douglass, inner guard; Mrs. S. L. Hebard, outer guard; Mrs. F. J. Drury, pianist; Mrs. N. L. Thomason, delegate; Mrs. Corbett Skelly, legislative representative and Mrs. Lynds, alternate.

Around the Town

SPRINGFIELD WCTU
Meeting and Christmas party of Springfield WCTU will be Friday at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. W. A. Taylor, 637 E. A St. There will be an exchange of 50 cent gifts. Members are asked to bring food, clothing and toys for the box for Children's Farm Home, the organization's project.

SPRINGFIELD JOB'S DAUGHTERS
Installation of officers for Springfield Job's Daughters will be at a public meeting at Springfield Masonic Temple Saturday at 8 p.m. The formal Queen's Ball will follow.

Jacobsons Plan Open House for Anniversary

Friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Jacobson are invited to their country home near Junction City Sunday afternoon for an open house in honor of the couple's twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Hours are from 2 to 5 o'clock.

BIRTHS AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL

BEST—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford L. Best, 3821 E. 14th Ave., Eugene, a daughter, Dec. 19, 1951.
DEFFENBACHER—Mr. and Mrs. Lyle L. Deffenbacher, 4206 Smith Dr., Springfield, a son, Dec. 19, 1951.
DURFEE—Mr. and Mrs. Junior E. Durfee, 1307 L St., Springfield, a daughter, Dec. 19, 1951.
HILL—Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hill, 659 W. 19th Ave., Eugene, a daughter, Dec. 19, 1951.

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ANN CONNELL, Society Editor

A Christmas Tree To Make at Home

Christmas need not be a time of great expense when you wish to decorate your home to fit the holiday spirit. With some 1/4-inch galvanized wire mesh and clip-pers from the hardware store or your own workbench, a small supply of ornaments and some greens, you can easily turn out original decorations, plus traditional wreaths and bows. Sally Robb has given some of these in McCall's magazine for December.

Then when you have your green tree all prepared, trim with miniature colored balls, or, for an unusual touch, tie various colored scraps of ribbon in little bows on the twigs. You can frost the whole thing with soap-sud-snow.

For some socks to trim your mantle (though they won't hold anything) cut sock shapes from the wire mesh. Weave ribbons or colored cellophane drinking straws through the toe and heel. For an added touch to make them tinkle, fasten tiny Christmas bells as a fringe across the top.

Club Mends for Home

River View Community met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Will Bauer, spending the evening in mending garments. The Skipworth Juvenile Detention Home. Nine women were present. Kenneth Bales supervised the mending program for the evening. Winners were Mrs. Jans and Mrs. Bauer.

A short business meeting called by the president, Mrs. Spies. Names of secretaries for the coming year were drawn. The hostess served refreshments, including the Christmas cookies for which the is famous.



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