

Christmas Eve Service Planned

Christmas observances at Trinity Episcopal church will be highlighted tomorrow night by the traditional Christmas eve midnight Eucharist commencing at 11:30 p. m. The service will feature the Trinity choir, directed by C. Dale Robbins, singing Stainer's "Holy Communion" in a setting of well known yuletide hymns and including the anthems, "Veni Jesu," by Cherubini, and "Angels O'er the Fields," an old French carol. The Christmas message will be delivered by the rector who will be assisted in the service by Rev. Edward H. Cook of Prineville.

The church has been beautified with Christmas decorations for the festive season and a special point of interest is the illuminated model of the hillside and stable at Bethlehem. Those attending are asked to be in their places in good time, and for the benefit of early comers there will be a 15-minute program of music from 11:15 p. m. by Mrs. Kenneth E. Sawyer on the Prince memorial organ.

On Christmas day a celebration of holy communion will be held at 10:00 a. m.

PRICE OF POLITICS
Portland, Me. (AP)—When he decided to enter politics, Maine's Gov. elect Horace Hildreth shaved his mustache so voters could distinguish him from his twin brother Charles.

War Briefs - - -

(By United Press)
Western Front—Panzer columns, stabbing through 40-mile breach in American first army center, strike within 29 miles of Sedan gateway to France.
Eastern Front—Russian troops beat down German resistance at both ends of long eastern front in Latvia and Hungary and German spokesman warns that red army is about to strike in Poland and East Prussia in bid to end war this winter.
Air War—RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes support hard-pressed American troops on western front with heavy raids on rail yards at Koblenz and Bingen from which enemy has been supplying counter-offensive.
Pacific—Tokyo reports Superfortress dropped fire and demolition bombs on Tokyo in nuisance raid while another roared in reconnaissance over Hong Kong, largest naval base on China coast.
Italy—Canadian troops swarm to banks of Senio river on six mile front northwest of Bagnacavallo.

TRACKS ORDERED CLOSED
New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—Col. Matt Winn, president of Churchill Downs race track and promoter of the Kentucky derby, said today that "our first thoughts and duties are to the war," when informed of war mobilization director James Byrnes' request that all race tracks shut down by Jan. 3.

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Report Made On Red Cross Home Nursing

The American Red Cross nursing activities committee for 1944 submitted a report of its project today. Fifty women in five communities of the county have had the short course, "Six Lessons in Care of the Sick." The classes were taught by Mrs. Rachael Sawyer, R. N., itinerant nurse allocated to the local chapter of the Red Cross by the Pacific area office in San Francisco. Mrs. James Chamberlin is chairman of the committee which also sponsored the classes conducted here last spring, during which time 52 army wives and local women registered for the 12 lesson course in home nursing taught by Mrs. L. L. Schlenker, R. N., a volunteer teacher.

Other members of the committee are: Mrs. F. S. Besson, who left Bend after the inactivation of Camp Abbot; Sister M. Blanche, superintendent of St. Charles hospital; Dr. Wayne S. Ramsey, county health physician; Mrs. Harry Hamilton, Mrs. George Euston and Judge C. L. Allen. The same group has completed the project for women in the more isolated communities and for Bend and Redmond just reported.

Class Members
The following women have been registered in Mrs. Sawyer's classes:

Bend: Mrs. Viola Mae Benson, Mrs. Joseph Boudreau, Mrs. Mary Ferguson, Miss Olive Jameson, Mrs. A. W. Westfall.
Redmond: Mrs. Frances E. Beechey, Mrs. Blanche Brown, Mrs. Clea Clark, Mrs. C. M. Dale, Mrs. Dorothy Franks, Miss Mildred Hunnell, Mrs. Martha Hutchins, Mrs. Irma Henderson, Mrs. Agnes Jensen, Mrs. Edythe R. Larson, Mrs. Phyllis Larson, Mrs. Geneva Lewis, Mrs. Betty Jane Parkinson, Mrs. Vera Rice, Mrs. Florence Radtke, Mrs. Mary Strickland, Mrs. Lucille Titus, Mrs. Lucille Titus, Mrs. Ella Van Arsdale.

Sisters: Mrs. Nellie Bembrey, Mrs. Helen Campbell, Mrs. Melvin Crawford, Mrs. Marion Dill, Mrs. Lewis Luckenbill, Mrs. Richard McKenzie, Mrs. Velma Miller, Mrs. Theo Noel.
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It is expected that nearly all will qualify for certificates which will be issued soon from Pacific area office.

Mrs. Sawyer has left Bend for her vacation but will return January 2 to start more classes in Bend and Redmond and to assist with the plans for the 1945 project.

Contributors Listed
Organizations and individuals making substantial contributions to the success of the 1944 program have been the Odd Fellows of Bend, who donated the use of their hall for the spring classes; Odd Fellows lodge of Sisters, which has furnished the hall and janitor service for the Sisters class; J. F. Roberts of Redmond, who donated rooms for Redmond classes; Tumalo grange which gave the use of their building, light, heat and janitor service; the St. Charles hospital, which gave room for a series of conferences conducted by Miss Mary Gray, Red Cross nursing consultant for Oregon; and Mrs. Mercedith Bailey of Sisters who lent necessary furniture.

Canucks, Yanks Achieve Gains

Rome, Dec. 23 (AP)—Canadian troops of the eighth army have swarmed to the banks of the Senio river along a six-mile front north-west of recently captured Bagnacavallo following their breakthrough from the bridgehead over the Naviglio canal west of Ravenna, headquarters announced today.

The Canadians, tackling their fifth water obstacle in the last week, were reported meeting strong fire from the west bank of the river.

North of Faenza other Eighth army units continued to progress in their drive between the Lamone and Senio rivers.

In the Fifth army sector below Bologna American troops improved their positions in the Mount Belmonte area, advancing some 500 yards north, but in other sectors action was limited to patrols.

Fighters and fighter bombers of the tactical air force struck in great strength yesterday against Po valley communications and in support of objectives on the battle front.

Medium bombers attacked bridges in northern Italy while coastal fighters bombed a bridge and strafed German troop concentrations in northwest Italy.

Yuletide Parties Planned By USO

Bend's USO, opened in Trinity parish hall over the holidays for the convenience of Redmond air field and other visiting service men, is to be the scene of several social parties over the Christmas week end, it was announced today by Mrs. W. C. Coyner, director.

Tonight there will be a dress up dance arranged by the junior hostesses to which all service men are being invited. College girls home on vacation will be issued guests cards.

There will be a formal dance on Christmas night. Also, on Christmas afternoon a party, with popcorn balls and caramel apples to be prepared, has been arranged.

All service men open for Christmas dinner engagements have been asked to register at the USO.

Bend Youth Club To Use Quarters

The Bend Youth club's new center, on Oregon avenue, will be informally opened tonight following the Bend-Eugene basketball game, but formal opening of the new club will not take place until a later date, Don McCauley, club president, announced today.

For the convenience of members, the club will be opened over the Christmas holidays. A curtailed schedule will be adopted after school reopens on Jan. 2. Renovation of the new quarters is now nearing completion, following a month's work.

Bang's Disease Incidence Low

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23 (AP)—Oregon has the fourth lowest incidence of Bang's disease in the nation, Samuel B. Foster, inspector in charge of the U. S. bureau of animal husbandry, Portland, said today.

Tests of 179,709 head of Oregon dairy cattle during the fiscal year 1944 revealed 2,891 reactors to the disease, which is known as undulant fever in human beings, Foster related. Oregon's average is 1.6 per cent, compared with the 1 per cent rate of North Carolina, lowest in the U. S., he said. The cattle were chosen from 18,912 Oregon herds.

Conclusions Presented
Conclusions reached by Oregon and Portland authorities at the height of the recent undulant fever epidemic were that there must be 100 per cent pasteurization of milk, plus compulsory examination of all dairy cattle.

In response to a request by City Commissioner Fred L. Peterson, a proposed Portland ordinance is being studied that would prohibit the sale of raw milk products in the city. Ways and means of making it easier for all dairies sending raw milk in bottles or cans to Portland to apply for pasteurization permits are also under investigation.

Twenty-two new cases of undulant fever in Portland were reported recently, bringing to 213 the total number of city residents stricken with the disease this year. According to investigations made by the city health department, the majority of 150 patients checked had used raw milk.

Program Outlined
A four-point program is proposed by the state department of agriculture, as follows:

1. Revision of the existing Bang's control law to require compulsory testing of all herds.
2. Compulsory pasteurization of all dairy products: milk, cream, cheese and ice cream.
3. Compulsory inspection of herds by inspectors accountable to the state veterinarian.
4. Amendment of present sanitary laws on dairying.

Cradle to Cross Is Church Theme


Sunday will be replete with activities at the Missionary Baptist church in Bend, including the unveiling of a surprise gift for the auditorium, it was announced today by Rev. L. H. Boswell, pastor. The general theme for all three services will be "From the cradle to the cross," the pastor said.

The 11 o'clock service will be evangelistic in nature, and will feature a musicale by the BTC group. The 1:30 message will be broadcast over radio station KBND, and the evening service at 7:45 o'clock will be marked by the unveiling of the gift, with special singing by the quartette. Following will be Christmas baptism in the newly completed baptistry.

Creator of Gibson Girl Dead, at 77

New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—Charles Dana Gibson, 77, artist and creator of the famous Gibson girl of the gay 90's, died of heart disease today in his home here.

Dr. Alvin R. Harnes, his physician, said the artist had left his home only twice since mid-September following a previous heart




LET'S TAKE STOCK

The Christmas season should be an important time for all of us. It gives us a splendid opportunity to check up on our individual shortcomings and to make new resolutions which we will endeavor to maintain, the opportunity of a great American Christmas the remembrance of which will remain with us throughout the coming year.

This year, it is doubly important that we be tolerant in our thinking and make an honest effort to be considerate of other people. It is essential to the morale of American people during these times. Where ever you may turn you will find people in need of a kind word, a courteous gesture or a pat on the back. From such thoughtfulness comes extra strength to meet the routine problems of everyday life.

It is our definite purpose to maintain this attitude, to keep the spirit of Christmas not only on December 25, but from now on. It is our obligation and we expect to fulfill it to the best of our ability.

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We know you are busy at this, the Happiest Season of the year, but we just want to drop in a minute or two and say "MERRY CHRISTMAS!" May you enjoy the most thrilling Christmas of them all, and may its cheery spirit remain with you all through the New Year. This message comes with genuine appreciation for all the nice things you have done for us in the past and with the hope that we may continue to be in your favor in the future.

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