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Christmas Traditions Significant

Many of the most beautiful customs and traditions that are inheritances of early Christian, and even pagan, ancestors are those connected with the Christmas season. The significance of the mistletoe, the lighting of the Yule-log, and even the Christmas tree itself, are picturesque vestiges whose historical backgrounds are often overlooked. Though few may remember that the mistletoe first became of primary importance to the early Druids who considered it possessed with magical qualities and of special use during their winter festivities, and that the Yule-log was lighted each year in the halls of the princesses and barons of northern Europe even before Christianity had reached them, yet even the smallest member of every family instantly connects mistletoe and the Yule-log with Christmas and happiness and Santa Claus and a host of wonderful new gifts.

This is the time for secrets and half whispered plans and knowing looks that drive small children nearly to distraction. It is a time when mothers and big sisters and grandmothers are too busy for the round of luncheons and teas and dinners and afternoons of bridge that keep them busy during the rest of the year. Christmas dinners, plans for Christmas parties, and family reunions are of such importance during the coming week that all other affairs are completely eclipsed. The few events of the past week have been entirely in keeping with the holiday season. With the influx of college and university students home for the holidays there is the promise of a series of brilliant affairs immediately after Christmas.

Miss Hilmar Kilbert will leave tonight for Nelson, British Columbia to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. A. E. Kilbert.

The Christmas pageant to be presented at the First Methodist church, Sunday evening at 7:30, is entitled "Followers of the Star." The pageant, directed by Mrs. Mary E. Findley, assisted by Mrs. Donald W. Riddle as director of the junior choir and by Miss Minnie Miller at the organ, opens with a prophecy from Isaiah. The approach of the wise men, who assemble—as though in the desert—where they complete their plans to go in search of the Christ child, foretold to be born in Bethlehem of Judea. Scene II reveals a night scene, where shepherds are heard talking earnestly together and wondering at the strangeness of the night. Suddenly they are aware of glad tidings and they decide to hasten to Bethlehem.

Following the manger scene, which follows, the audience is immediately invited to recall the blessings that are ours today because of that night. Scene IV, "The spirit of the church challenges the youth of today and he accepts the challenge," whereupon the church eager to know more concerning the blessings shed upon us in the light of that star. The spirit of the church summons: spirit of education, the spirit of healing, the spirit of democracy and the spirit of missions, each gives her response to the summons. Finally youth kneels in adoration and consecration at the manger. Opportunity is then given to the audience to share in the bringing of gifts, which this year are to go into the "world service" fund of the Methodist church.

The program closes with the junior church benediction by the choir. Throughout the pageant the junior choir contributes choice Christmas carols and special numbers, examples of which are "Sleep My Little One," a Dutch carol; "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," an ancient Noel, etc. Those taking leading parts in the pageant are: Isahar, Dr. Hammond; Magi, Amos Hiff, Manning Broes and Arnold Taylor; shepherds, Hal Lehman, Alex Allen, Kenneth Johnston and Theodore Lang; attendants, Beatrice and Josephine Evans; spirit of the church, Mrs. Curry; spirit of healing, Hope Crowther; spirit of education, Evelyn Hartung; spirit of democracy, Mildred Judson; spirit of missions, Pauline Findley; youth, Ivan White; Mary, Mrs. Emmett Welling; Joseph, Harry Swafford.

Of interest in Salem is the word which comes from Washington, D. C., that Miss Barbara Stanfield, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Robert N. Stanfield, will announce her engagement to Henry Dunn, member of an old family in Jacksonville, Florida. Miss Stanfield has often been the guest in Salem of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Lytle. Mrs. Stanfield and Mrs. Lytle are sisters.

At the present time Miss Stanfield is studying music at the Damrosch Conservatory of Music in New York city. She made her debut in Washington last year and is considered one of the most beautiful girls in the nation's capital. She is an accomplished musician.

Mr. Dunn was connected with a Washington, D. C., bond house for several years but is in Jacksonville at the present time. It is said that the wedding will take place in January.

Members of the Degree of Honor entertained at an attractive dance in their lodge rooms last night. Christmas decorations were lovely about the rooms.

Welcomed



Mrs. Philip Plant

Constance Bennett, of the stage and screen, saw the perfect climax to her elopement with Philip Plant, of New York, heir to \$11,000,000, when she learned that his mother approved of the young couple's marriage.

Mrs. Irwin Entertains Bridge Club

Mrs. Clifton Irwin entertained her bridge club at an attractive luncheon in her home on north Summer street yesterday which was followed by an afternoon of cards. Additional guests were Mrs. Harold Grady, Mrs. Curtis Cross and Miss Margaret Rodgers. Baskets of berry laden holly, clusters of mistletoe and other Christmas greenery were arranged about the rooms and red candles in silver holders were used on the luncheon table, on the mantle, and about the living and dining rooms.

Covers at the luncheon table were placed for Mrs. Grady, Mrs. Cross, Miss Rodgers, Mrs. Paul Hendricks, Mrs. John H. Carson, Mrs. Hollie Huntington, Mrs. Alan Carson, Mrs. Don Young, Mrs. Orris P. Fry, Mrs. Clifford Farmer, Mrs. Carl Nelson and the hostess, Mrs. Irwin.

Honors for the afternoon were won by Mrs. Grady.

Mrs. Orris Fry will entertain the club in her home after the holidays.

A Christmas tree with lovely gifts for all, Christmas carols, a scripture reading appropriate to the Christmas season, and other program numbers made the Christmas party of the Past Matrons association at the home of Mrs. James Godfrey on north Liberty street last night, one of the most interesting meetings of the entire year.

Masses of mistletoe, holly and Oregon grape, holly wreaths and tall red candles were arranged about the living rooms of the Godfrey home. Twenty six members of the past matrons association were present and additional guests were Mrs. Rose Babcock, Mrs. Jones of Gervais and Mrs. Roenert. During the evening Mrs. A. M. Reeves, who formerly made her home in Jefferson, was initiated into the local association. Mrs. Monnie Hauser gave a reading from the scriptures. Mrs. Godfrey was presented with a lovely sewing cabinet as a Christmas gift from members of the association.

A late supper was served in the dining room at two long tables. The tables were centered with baskets of holly and mistletoe and red streamers fell softly from the lights above.

Miss Helen Beverly Roberts, freshman at the University of Oregon, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Roberts. The younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Miss Mildred, who is attending St. Helen's hall in Portland this year, is also home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Fry Sr. were hosts at dinner in their home last night. A basket of holly and red candles in silver holders centered the table with covers placed for Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steusloff, Rev. J. J. Evans, Mrs. Alice H. Dodd, Mrs. M. M. Chapman, Miss Oda Chapman, Mrs. Kitty Graver, Miss Priscilla Fry and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Fry.

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Seal Sale Will Close Wednesday

Because of the success of the booth sale of Christmas seals which has been conducted by members of the Salem Woman's club under the direction of Mrs. John E. Brophy at leading business houses and offices during the week it is planned to carry the sale on for three days of the coming week. Booths at Miller's store, Kafoury's, the Bank of Commerce, Stiff's Furniture store and the post office will be open on Monday and Tuesday, and on Wednesday seals will be sold at Miller's and at the post office. The only place where they may be obtained on Thursday will be at the book stores of the city.

Mrs. Brophy has asked the following club women to assist at the booths the coming week: Mrs. W. J. Busiek, Mrs. Daryl Proctor, Mrs. Kenneth Thompson, Mrs. U. G. Boyer, Mrs. F. M. Erickson, Mrs. Harry G. Rice, Mrs. C. K. Spaulding, Mrs. Moffitt Bell, Mrs. Joe Baumgartner, Mrs. C. S. Hamilton, Mrs. Clifton Irwin, Miss Martha Rainier, Miss Ada Rankin, Miss Myrtle Lawrence, Mrs. E. M. Hulden, Miss Zoe Stockton, Mrs. John Albert, Mrs. Fred Powell, Mrs. F. K. Barrett, Mrs. Walter Keyes, Mrs. Ben Vick, Mrs. John Caughill, Mrs. H. J. Walte, Mrs. Bill Holman, Mrs. Edwin Baker, and Mrs. Ed Gillingham.

When the total of the sales during the week was added yesterday it was found that \$152.41 of seals were sold at the booths during the five days that they had been opened. Woman's club members are eager to have the booth sale total \$200 before the close of the season.

The Christmas vesper musicale will be given at the First Presbyterian church at 5:00 P. M. tomorrow. The complete program follows:

Organ prelude, "Fantasia on Old Christmas Carols," Faulkes; chorus, "Christmas Bells," Fitzgerald; scripture reading and prayer; men's chorus, "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem," Nevin; alto solo, "No Candle Light Was There," Lehman; Margaret Hodge Rosecrans; violin solo, "Romance," Beethoven; Miss Helen Selig; chorus "Jesu Bambino," on incidental solo by Mr. Barton; hymn, 123, (1-4) offertory, "Christmas in Sicily," Von; carols, "The Babe of Bethlehem," Old English; "Companions All Sing Loudly," Baque; baritone solo, "O Holy Night," Adams; Mr. Leon Jenkinson; women's chorus, "The New Moon of Christmas," Marsh; chorus, "Brightest and Best," Coombs, incidental solo by Mrs. Robertson; organ postlude, "Hallelujah chorus," ("The Messiah"), Handel. The personnel of the chorus includes: sopranos, Louise Benson Robertson, Mrs. Jan Fitzgerald, Mrs. G. B. Webb, Mrs. Ralph Scott, Mrs. C. B. Bonnell, and Miss Gussie Niles; Altos, Mrs. Merle Rosecrans, Mrs. Tom Galloway, Mrs. Jean Rahn, Mrs. Guy Rathbun, Miss Josephine Albert, and Miss Thelma Davis; Tenors, R. H. Robertson, Newell Williams, E. H. Leach, G. M. Yeager, Ralph Scott, and R. C. Davis; Bass, F. S. Barton, Dr. L. E. Barrick, James Smart, J. P. Bates, E. A. Kenney, and C. T. Witter. Director, R. H. Robertson; Miss Lucille Ross at the organ; Miss Dorothy Pearce at the piano and Miss Helen Selig with violin.

The intermediate department of the Presbyterian Sunday school held a party in the church parlors last night. About one hundred children were in attendance. Santa Claus put in an appearance and distributed gifts which the children brought. After playing several games, refreshments were served, after which a one reel movie "When Winter Comes," was shown.

Miss Priscilla Fry, freshman at the University of Oregon, arrived on Thursday evening to spend the two weeks of vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan J. Fry Sr.

Mrs. E. H. Kennedy, recently elected president of the Salem Daughters of the Nile club, is making plans for another active year for the club. Mrs. John R. Stice was president last year succeeding Mrs. William McGilchrist Jr. the first president.

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The seventy ninth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Marcy Bileu who has been an invalid for several years was celebrated on Thursday when a group of women who are members of the Court street Christian church gave an embroidery thread shower for her. Twenty nine of her friends called during the afternoon. A birthday cake, the gift of her daughter, Mrs. Robinson and a neighbor, Mrs. T. Brown, was a feature of the afternoon. Another daughter of the honor guest, Mrs. Ivy Williams, was unable to be present because of illness.

During the afternoon the pastor of the Court street church, Rev. R. L. Putnam, and the evangelist, Rev. John L. Stivers, and his son Lorane Stivers, accompanied a group of the women to Mrs. Bileu's home. Mr. Putnam and Mrs. Stivers each gave a short talk as a compliment to the honor guest.

Mrs. Bileu has been a member of the Christian church for sixty nine years. She was a charter member of the Old Mill Creek church, now known as the Aumville church, which was one of the first churches in this part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Slade had as their guests on Thursday Dr. and Mrs. Nat Roberts of Olympia, Wash., who are motoring to California.

Mrs. C. D. Gabrielson and her son, Carl Gabrielson, spent Thursday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Carlton of Jerome, Idaho, are the guests for several days of Mrs. F. A. Thompson. Mrs. Carlton is a sister of Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. James Gibson. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Carlton will leave by motor for Los Angeles. Mrs. Thompson will accompany them south.

Tillicum Club Active Group

With several dances already given during the past few months and a number of other affairs planned for the remaining winter and early spring seasons, the Tillicum club has become one of the most active of the larger organizations in Salem social circles. The annual Christmas dance was given last Tuesday in Derby hall and was an affair of rare beauty. The next dance will be given by the club on the third Tuesday in January.

The complete membership of the club this year is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barnes, Judge and Mrs. Harry Belt, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Carper, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deiano, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dase, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Doan, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Flesher, Mr. and Mrs. W. Follis, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Fullerton, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gabriel, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gabriel, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Iman, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kappahn, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Kuhn, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Looney of Jefferson, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Mcaney, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Miesler, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. McElvain, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maden, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Needham, Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Olson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. U.

S. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Plasecky of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Romana, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Raffety, Dr. and Mrs. Starbuck of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sumple, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Vibbert, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. White, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wiper, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Willett.

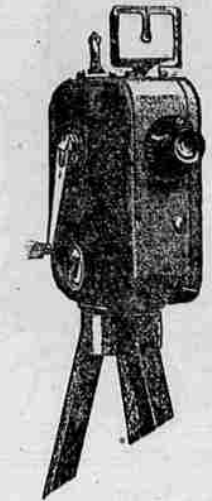
A Christmas musical program will be given at the First Baptist church on Sunday evening. Prelude, March, Moter, Mrs. W. F. Foster; processional, Hark, the herald angels, choir; hymn, As With Gladness; response, Silent Night, Gruber, choir; anthem, There Were Shepherds, Marzo, choir; soprano solo, There's a Song in the Air, Speaks, Mrs. Ernest H. Shanks; anthem, Calm on the Listening Ear of Night, Manney, Mrs. Dale Taylor, Mrs. Harry Harms and choir; contralto solo, Nazareth, Gounod, Miss Grace Fawc; offertory, Come Unto Him, Handel, piano, Mrs. Foster, organ, Mrs. J. M. Ringo, violin, Miss Helen Selig; anthem, The New Born King, Harker, choir; soprano solo, Christmas Song, Carrie Adams, Mrs. Harms; anthem, Arise, Shine, Maker, Mr. H. S. Gile and choir; traditional carols; Silent Night, God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen, The First Noel What Child Is This?; contralto solo, Mrs. McAllister, O Come All Ye Faithful.

In a four o'clock vesper service tomorrow at the First Congregational church at the corner of Liberty and Center streets, a double quartette choir will sing the sacred cantata, "Prince of Peace," J. Truman Wolcott. The regular quartette choir—Mrs. Harry Harms, soprano; Mrs. John J. Roberts, contralto; Wm. McGilchrist, Sr., tenor, and Albert Gille, bass—will be assisted by Miss Josephine Broes, soprano; Mrs. John Lau, contralto; Ronald Brass, tenor, and H. W. Broes, bass. Viola Vercler Holman will render a violin solo and assist in accompaniments for the solo numbers of the cantata. Wendell Helm, pianist, will play in duet with Mrs. Frank Zinn, who prefaces at the pipe organ.

The program follows: Prelude, "Alleluia," Minor; processional; invocation; hymn, "Joy to the World," 112; scripture reading; prayer and choir response; cantata (part 1) "The Prince of Peace," Wolcott; offertory "Andante Cantabile," Tschalkowsky; violin solo, "Cacatina," J. Raff, Mrs. Frank Zinn and Wendell.

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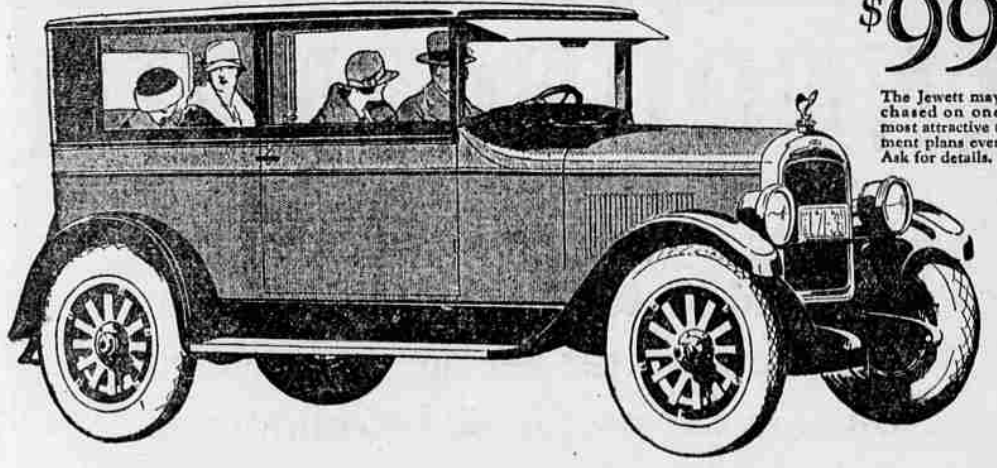
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