

BELIEVES STAR OF BETHLEHEM DONATI'S COMET

Seattle, Dec. 21. (P)—William G. Hale, president of the Seattle astronomical society, told interviewers today he believes the Star of Bethlehem was Donati's comet blazing over the skies of Palestine.

Hale, addressing the St. Clement's Episcopal church parishioners last night, said astronomers do not believe the star which led the magi to the manger was mythical but that they have rationalized it with modern theories and have suggested that when the three wise men cried "where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east," they saw:

A comet, a collision of stars, a new star (a Nova) or the conjunction of several planets.

Hale leans toward the comet theory, and said when Donati's comet raced past the earth in 1858, astronomers calculated it would be another 1,800 years before it reappeared. Counting backward 1,800 years, and allowing for errors in time calculations, the changes in calendars and the diverse theories of what year Christ was born, Hale said Donati's comet would have appeared about the time of the nativity.

Some astronomers, however, have suggested astrologers were well acquainted with the phenomena of comets and "the three wise men" would not have mistaken a comet for a mystic star.

Hale said they have found the planets Saturn, Jupiter and Mars close together about every 700 years and that they were in conjunction, creating an unusual brilliance, in the spring of what modern calendars term the year 5 B. C.

He said the creation of a Nova, waxing in brilliance and then dying out in what is termed "sky lights" is a known phenomena and that it, or the collision of heavenly bodies might have created the mystery which occurred when "lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them till it came and stood over where the young child was."

Governor Wins A.A.A. Award



The first Golden Beaver emblem issued by the Oregon State Motor association as an award for enrollment of new members went to Governor Charles H. Martin (left). Oregon's chief executive won the emblem by presenting Dr. Bruce R. Baxter, president of Willamette university, for membership in the motorists' organization.

Shirley Temple, Most Popular of Screen Stars, Begins Her Fourth Year

Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 19. (P)—Shirley Temple, the million-dollar baby they found in a five-cent picture, begins her fourth year as a contract actress. She is not yet eight years old.

Three years ago, December 19, 1933, she was an unknown little girl, working on a week-to-week basis in a series of one-reel baby pictures. On that day, she came with some 149 other children—most of whom also had dimples and curls—to try out for a brief song-and-dance bit in the musical film, "Stand Up and Cheer." Today, she is the No. 1 box office attraction of the motion picture world.

Her box office stature is twice that of Garbo. Executives of 20th Century-Fox studios estimate that 240,000,000 people—a number twice the size of the population of the United States—have paid to see her on the screen.

And, they claim, the scope of her popularity is still growing. They cite the lukewarm reception she used to receive in Paris, and compare it to a very recent situation in the French capital, when her pictures were playing in five different theatres the same day, and all to capacity audiences.

The superlatives go even further. American theatre men voted her the leading box office attraction for 1936, the second consecutive year she has won that honor. She is the only player of either sex of any nation, to get it twice in a row.

In England, she out-ranked even the reigning native favorite, Gracie Fields, in the opinion of British theatre men. She is the only American ever to receive this rating.

Financial statistics relating to her reach astronomical proportions.

She has made 12 feature pictures. Studio heads declined to state exact figures, but estimated each film cost an average \$500,000—cheap as features go—and grossed \$3,000,000 each.

Her original contract stipulated a \$150-a-week salary. It has been revised and tilted steeply three

MONEY CLUB FORMED HERE

Organization of the first money club of Salem was completed at Salem Library Saturday night by the election of Luther J. Chapin president and R. A. Harris secretary.

The club marks the arrival in Salem of a movement which is taking form in other sections of the country and emanates from a group of self-styled "new economists" centering in New York City, which includes among its now fast-rising membership such names as Major Charles H. Douglas, high priest of social credit, and such other students of economics and finance as Arthur Klitson, Professor Frederick Soddy, Congressman Goldsborough, ex-Senator Bronson Cutting, Howard Scott, noted technocrat, Samuel Bottomly, Adolph Gang, Owen Gandy, J. Grate Larkin and others whose late writings in criticism of modern finance are commanding increasing attention throughout the country.

The Salem club is organized for study and cooperation toward improving the country's money system and other advance movements.

One of the local club's early activities will also be toward listing and uniting consumers for such benefits as may come from cooperative buying and production.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. January 2, at the city library unless otherwise announced later. All interested are welcome.

JUNIOR CIRCLE HAS PARTY AT COOTE'S

Silverton — Mrs. Al Coote was home hostess to the members of the junior circle of the Methodist Episcopal church Friday afternoon. Exchange of gifts was a feature.

Mrs. Charles Davis gave a reading and Mrs. J. O. Russell led in devotionals. Mrs. J. Werle is circle president.

Guests were Rev. and Mrs. D. Lester Fields, Mrs. Charles Fryar, Mrs. L. Devericks, Mrs. E. J. Day, Mrs. W. P. Scarth and Mrs. J. J. Lewis. Members present were Mrs. Charles Davis, Mrs. J. O. Russell, Mrs. Al Coote, Mrs. J. Werle, Mrs. Fred Baker, Mrs. A. Peck, Mrs. George Jaeschke, Mrs. Harold Davis, Mrs. Harry Ritchie, Mrs. Norman Naegell and Mrs. William Swift.

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SUNBEAM CIRCLE HAS XMAS PARTY

Monmouth—A chicken supper for members and their families opened a Christmas party for Sunbeam circle Tuesday evening with 54 participating around the tables decorated with holly.

Mrs. C. Price was in charge of the supper arrangement. The business session was short and gas followed by a program arranged by Mrs. R. B. Pollan. Christmas carols were sung by the group and Mrs. D. R. Elliott presented a musical reading. Vocal solos were given by Betty Lou Elliott, Mrs. Carl Iverson and Betty Winegar who also gave a tap dance. Phileas Homer presented a reading and presents from the tree were distributed. Mrs. Sheldon Cody was in charge of the treats and Mrs. L. Waller the gifts. Installation of officers will be held January 5.

Prison Term Faced

Dallas—Luther Clark, wanted by Polk county authorities for forgery, was returned here Saturday morning from Kelo, Wn., by Sheriff T. B. Hooker and Deputy Sheriff Williams. According to Hooker, Clark faces somewhat similar charges in Kelo and was given a 20-year suspended sentence.

West Stayton — Leonard Walker spent the week end along the coast from Taft to Astoria.

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