East Salem Parent Teacher Membership Hits New High

East Salem, Dec. 21—The Christmas holiday vacation will be for 10 days in East Salem schools with schools closing Friday and opening January 2. Another East Salem club holding its annual Christmas party was the Auburn Woman's club which met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Stuart Johns on Monroe avenue. A covered dish dinner was served to 26 guests and members and after the short business meeting gifts were exchanged. The remainder of the afternoon was spent sewing on the new stage curtains for the schoolhouse. Mrs. Glenn Meisner will be hostess for the January meeting.

A birthday party was that of Lorraine Harms when her mother, Mrs. Leonard Harms, entertained for her daughter on Tuesday in honor of her seventh birthday. Her teacher, Mrs. Irene Castle and her school girl friends were the guests. Mrs. Harms served a large birthday cake decorated with birds and candles with ice cream. Lorraine received some nice gifts.

The December meeting of Swegle school PTA was held at the schoolhouse Tuesday afternoon. The executive committee met at 1:15 o'clock and the report of the membership chairman, Mrs. Carroll Runner, was the outstanding report as the organization now has 84 members, the largest number of any year.

School children from the different rooms helped in the membership drive as a reward was given to the room getting the most members. The children of the primary room won the reward which was $5 that they could use as they cared to. With the help of their teacher, Mrs. Irene Castle, they chose to spend the money for play equipment for their room consisting of games, color books, balls and jumping ropes.

The chairman of the program committee was asked to prepare a special program for founders day in February, a play if possible, and the ways and means committee a dinner for the purpose of raising funds. At the program hour about 20 mothers and friends visited the primary room and observed the teacher teach three reading classes, after which tea was served by Mrs. Carroll Runner, Mrs. George Quinn and Mrs. Charles Norton, the president.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall of Swegle district received a message Tuesday of the death of their son-in-law, Frank McCullum, at Lewiston, Mont. Their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ray Marshall of Salem also received word of the death of her mother in Seattle the same day.

Priorities to Valley Project

The Willamette valley project is one of the highest on the priorities list, and probably will be pushed towards early completion soon after the war ends, Congressman James W. Mott told the Oregon reclamation congress Wednesday afternoon. Mt. Mott was a surprise visitor at the closing session of the congress.

Ed Lage of Hood River was elected president of the congress, succeeding Frank T. Morgan of Nyssa. George Cochran of LaGrande was elected vice president, and Art King of Corvallis was re-elected secretary.

Directors elected were:

First district—W. L. Powers, Corvallis; Frank Doerfler, Salem; Chester Cummings, Salem; Dean Walker, Independence; U. Alderman, Dayton.

Second district — John N. Mohr, Hood River; Howard W. Turner, Madras; Olaf Anderson, Redmond; Frank T. Morgan, Nyssa; F. A. Baker, Umatilla.

Third district—Kenneth Miller, Lewis A. McArthur, Marshall N. Dana, A. S. Serismeier, Arthur Farmer, all of Portland.

Fourth district—Victor Boehl, Grants Pass; Charles Edwards, Eugene; Niel Allen, Grants Pass; William Tugman, Eugene; Red Carter, Grants Pass.

Farmers of the Willamette valley had their innings, expressing their views on the Willamette valley project. Speaking for them were V. H. Davis of Eugene, George Potts of Jefferson and Ed Friedenthal of Washington county. Speaking of the project from the cooperative angle were Charles Edwards of Eugene, and C. T. Darley of Stayton.

Mac Nelson of the United States engineers said that of the seven dams in the project the Detroit dam, for which surveys have been completed, was next slated for construction. Two have been completed. Basin studies being made in the Willamette valley were reported on by C. C. Fischer, engineer for the federal bureau of reclamation. Art King, director of the round table discussion, said the farm security administration has given important help in reclamation projects.

Fairview Home to Present Cantata

The school children of the Oregon Fairview home will present a cantata, "A Topsy-Turvy Christmas," Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

For many years it has been customary for the children who attend school at Fairview home to present some kind of an entertainment especially for the public. The purpose of this is to give the children a chance to show what they are able to accomplish under instruction. All persons who are interested in the achievements of these children are cordially invited to attend.

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200 Haulers Back at Work

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Yielding to pleas of lumbermen, 200 striking log haulers in the Eugene area today were returning to work after a day's strike in protest against the dumping of overweight logs by weighers at state weighing stations.

But feeling still ran high among the haulers, who long have resented state laws that empower police to roll logs off trucks or cut off a log until the load conforms with the legal limit.

Outcome of the dispute rests upon action taken at a meeting in Salem, called for this afternoon by Governor Snell to discuss the grievances.

The truckers started going back to work after lumber operators made special pleas to the men, in order that lumber production for vital war purposes might not be halted. Several of the smaller mills in this area were forced to close because of lack of logs.

Principal objections of the log haulers were that no crane or lo[illegible] were provided at weighing stations for reloading of logs and that they were forced to accompany officers to justice courts, while their trucks were left to stand idle.

Program Arranged By Presbyterians

Woodburn — The following program has been arranged for the Presbyterian Sunday school concert which will be given Friday evening at 8:15:

Prelude, "Chansonette" duet for organ and piano, Mrs. J. W. Richards and Mrs. Howard Magnuson; invocation, "Joy to the World," youth choir; Archie Morrow, director, Miss Ellen Dwyer accompanist; "Silent Night," primary [illegible]ment; recitation, Shirley Anderson; [illegible] Christmas Story, scripture reading, intermediate and high school classes, Richard Anderson leader; "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," youth choir; reading, Miss Marie Morrison; reading, Samuel Anderson, special solo, Faith Templeton, Mrs. Magnuson accompanist; "The Sweetest Song of All," youth choir; "O Come All Ye Faithful," congregation; recitation, Olela Murphy; reading, Corinne Glass; special numbers by Bethel Sunday school orchestra; "Star of the East," Miss Julia Newman; free will offering to be used in helping the youth of many lands; "Hallelujah!" from the Messiah, youth choir; benediction.

Alliance Program Thursday Night

The Alliance Sunday school, corner Fifth and Gaines, will present its annual Christmas program on Thursday evening at 7:30. A beautiful musical tableau has been prepared. The public is invited.

Fairview — The Fairview Community club Christmas program will be held Friday evening. A play by the school. Special music and recitations by Community club and movies by Russell Lehman will be numbers on the program.

Presbyterians' Candle Service

A service of carols and candles will be presented at the First Presbyterian church on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The congregation will join in singing a number of favorite old carols, the Tri-Y chorus, directed by Virginia Ward Elliott, will lead the congregation in these numbers. The pastor, Chester W. Hamblin, will give a Christmas message on the theme, "The Trail of a Tree."

The highlight of the service will come with a candle lighting ceremony. Candles that have been given to each worshipper will be lighted in the already darkened church so that the only light in the church will be that given by the candles held by those in the congregation.

During the service the choir will sing special numbers, and the consecration prayer will be given by the minister.

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