

## Dallas Christmas Spirit Reflected in Many Events

Dallas, Dec. 15.—The spirit of Christmas has begun to pervade the atmosphere in Dallas with plans being laid by schools, churches and lodges for special observances in addition to the traditional festival celebrations in homes.

All three schools are planning special programs, and five churches will have Christmas services during the coming week. Others will be given later.

Santa Claus will make his last pre-Vent visit to the business session Saturday afternoon, making the rounds of stores to greet children and pass out candy. Camp Fire Girls under the leadership of Mrs. George Owens will sing carols around the Christmas tree on the court-house lawn Saturday at 3 p.m. Mrs. Erla Rhodes, elementary school music instructor, will lead the singing.

Stores are planning to remain open every night next week until 9 p.m. for the benefit of late shoppers.

Christmas cheer, sponsored jointly by the Itemizer, Observer and Marmion lodge, Knights of Pythias, continues to grow and \$94 has been given to help needy families enjoy the holiday. However, this amount is some \$50 less than that contributed last year. The fund is being supplemented by donations of toys, clothing, meat and poultry.

A Christmas show of the Dallas Garden club is being staged Thursday, December 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce room. Mantel decorations, wreaths, swags and other decorations will be displayed.

Children's party of the American Legion will be Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Knights of Pythias hall and gifts will be exchanged.

will be composed of seventh and eighth grade students.

Dallas high school's music department will present a free Christmas concert Monday evening, December 19, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium under the direction of J. Maurice Adams. Girls' chorus and the mixed chorus will present numbers, as well as smaller groups of boys and girls. Some instrumental music will be included. Soloists will be Keith Holdorf and Helen Orr.

Four churches will have Christmas programs on Sunday, December 18. The Methodist church will give a vesper service of Christmas music under the direction of Mrs. Wesley Sherman at 4 p.m. in the church. A musical program will be presented by the Mennonite Brethren choir in the evening at 7:45. Choir concert of the Evangelical United Brethren church will be at the same time with Mrs. Howard Fleming directing. A Christmas play will be given by the Sunday school in connection with the choir concert. It is titled "One Christmas Eve" and is directed by Mrs. James Foster.

The Presbyterian Sunday school program of four units, starting with the beginners' department, will be Sunday evening at 7:30 with Mrs. Max McGlasson, S. E. Whitworth, Mrs. John Cerny and Ben Dodge in charge.

Apostolic Faith's musical program will be Wednesday night at 8 o'clock under the direction of Norman Allen, guest conductor, of Portland.

Erecting Machine Shed Pleasantdale—A machine shed 30 by 80 feet size is being built at the Nichols Brothers farm. It is lumber with aluminum roof. Contractor Robertson of Dayton is in charge of the work.

## Gambling Raid Nets 15 Players

McMinnville, Dec. 15 (P)—A gambling raid by city, county and state police netted three Portlanders and 12 players at an elaborately equipped room north of the city.

State Police Sgt. William Roach said two men and the wife of one were free on \$500 bail each. Ten of the 12 players were later released.

Charged with operating a gambling game were George Henry Carr, 50, and his wife, Louise, 35. Charged with operating a gambling establishment was Frank Caldwell, 40, whose address was listed as Milwaukie.

Bail was set by Justice of the Peace Frank Holmes. No hearing date on the charges was set immediately.

Sgt. Roach said two plainclothes officers entered the room and played in the games prior to the 3 a.m. raid yesterday. County officers hauled away a dice table, poker table, two black jack tables, cards, chips and cash in the games. Ten other officers entered the room.

The state officer said the games were in a building adjoining and accessible through the Eastside cafe just north of the city. It is owned by Harold White, who denied the cafe and the gambling room were associated. Sgt. Roach said there was a covered passageway linking the cafe and the game room.

### Fire District Elects

Woodburn—David I. St. John of Gervais was re-elected to a five-year term as director of the Woodburn rural fire protection district at the annual election held this week at the Woodburn grange hall.

## East Salem Benefit Will Be Held at Middle Grove

East Salem, Dec. 15.—The only benefit program that will be held in East Salem communities this holiday season will be that of the county fair planned by the different clubs of Middle Grove district who are members of the Associated clubs, by affiliation.

It will open at 7:30 o'clock Friday night in the Middle Grove school house. There will be booths with fancy work, hand made, and contributed by each club which will be suitable for Christmas gifts. The Boy Scouts will sell candy and pop; there will be a fish pond; the 4-H club girls will have a booth, and the club group will have the pie and coffee table. There will be movies for the small children and a program. Serving on the program committee will be Mrs. Gordon Fromm, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grum and Gil Blankenship. All proceeds from the sales will go into the fund for the new community hall.

Members of the Birthday group of Middle Grove community met at the Mayflower hall in Salem Thursday night for the December meeting. A covered dish supper was served with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anglin hosts.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Anglin, Mr. and Mrs. James Shardin, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kunze, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feurer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Scharf, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Scharf, Mr. and Mrs. John Van Laanen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bassett; Mr. and Mrs. John Cage; Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Keppinger; Mr. and Mrs. William Massey and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kuenze, Sr.

Central Howell—The Farmers Union auxiliary will meet Friday for an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. Frank Way.

Auburn—The regular Mothers club meeting will not be held this week on Friday. Members of the committee who are to prepare the treats for the school children will meet Tuesday morning to fill the sacks. Serving on this committee are Mrs. Charles Barney, Mrs. Robert Mallie and Mrs. Enoch Merrell.

The Christmas party for members of the Merry-go-Round club will be held Thursday night in the home of Miss Florence Kleeman on Hollywood drive.

Dandelion and bacon salad is a favorite in the province of Champagne, France.

## Court Voids Clause in W. C. Field's Will

Los Angeles, Dec. 15 (AP)—A judge's rule voided a clause in W. C. Field's will on grounds the late comedian was asking the state to practice racial discrimination.

Superior Judge William R. McKay said yesterday that the residue of Fields' estate could not be used to set up a "W. C. Fields" college for white orphans where "no religion of any sort is to be preached."

"Mr. Fields in his lifetime could have discriminated against all races except the white," Judge McKay said, "but he cannot in death call upon the state to administer his affairs and supervise a corporation which overrides the constitutionality of equality of rights common to all races."

Bridge Club Invited Dayton—The Kroweldeen Dayton club met with Mrs. Ernest Budke for a potluck dinner, served at 7 o'clock. There were four tables of bridge at play with Mrs. Clare Heider as the only guest. Mrs. Oscar Dowler held the high score for the evening, and Mrs. Floyd Willert was second high. There was a Christmas gift exchange later in the evening.

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