

There is No Land Like Oregon and Only One Willamette Valley

## Christmas Doings and Holiday Visitors

The annual Christmas concert given by Miss Moore and the Normal Glee club and Men's quartette in the chapel last Thursday evening is highly spoken of by all who heard it. Miss Moore has proved her capacity as a leader in vocal music and the nicely blended voices of the quartettes and trios attested skill and work in rehearsals. A feature of the program was the singing of "Silent Night" by the girls' triple quartette when the room was darkened except for a single candle and the words softly sung. Young men are now sufficiently numerous in the student body to have part in such exercises and the quartette of young men on the program handled their numbers with ease and talent.

Mrs. Landers and Alice Peterson, the soloists, were rewarded by hearty applause from the audience. Miss Jennie Peterson of the Normal faculty, who played the piano accompaniments, earned high praise with her work.

A Christmas program was put on in the Baptist church last Sunday evening consisting of exercises by the Sunday School children. A short Christmas play relating the perplexities of Mrs. Santa Claus in distributing animated dolls where they would be most appreciated was the most ambitious feature of the program. This little play was written by Mrs. Jepson. There was a scripture recitation by Pauline Moran and Winifred Ebbert. Justa Johnson appeared with a long story which she told with a fine exhibition of memory and fidelity of expression. With the distribution of candy and presents the program closed.

Jack Leask proved himself the man for the emergency by engineer-

### Evangelical Church "The Homelike Church"

The subject Sunday morning will be, "A View of God's Glory".  
Sunday evening: "Love's Commendation".  
The Junior C. E. will meet in the church Sunday at 6:30 P. M.  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening 7:30 P. M. Subject, "The New Year".  
The Homelike Society will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Winegar. Come and be one of the number.

ing a belated Christmas program at the Christian church last Monday evening. Special numbers on the program were a piano solo by Miss Mabel Johnson, a vocal solo by Ira Cave of Corvallis, a vocal duet by Christa Wemger of Salem and Mr. Cave, a violin solo by Treval Powers, a song and a piano duet by the Frizell twins, a vocal solo by Laura Parker, and last but not least, two vocal solos by Mr. Leask.

A community sing followed in which many of the old favorites were sung, after which sacks of candy were handed out to the children and spectators.

Ninety out of a possible one hundred and twenty was the record of this year's Christmas reunion of the J. B. V. Butler family. The celebration as usual was held at the old home place at the west end of Main street on Saturday evening. J. B. V. Butler opened the program with an address of welcome extending the greetings of the season and felicitating all upon the apparent health and prosperity prevalent. The program that followed was mostly by children whose enterprising efforts were duly appreciated. Santa Claus entered with various remembrances for the children. The presents were then distributed with Varnum Kuhn of Salem as caller. The presents were considerably more numerous than last year.

Refreshments were then served to which all did justice and when disposed of the tree was taken out, the floor cleared and dancing indulged in until an early hour of the following morning.

Among the many out of town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fenton of McMinnville, Mr. and Mrs. David Foulks and Mr. and Mrs. Ora Ford of the Oregonian force, Mrs. Grounds of Portland and Mrs. Zieber of the same city.

Following their usual custom, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Boothby served Christmas dinner with turkey as the central figure of the menu, to members of their immediate family. Present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McCreadie and family of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Derby and family and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Boothby and Clarence Grund of Monmouth.

The J. J. Russell home was the scene of a Merry Christmas since the day was chosen for a family reunion. Members of the family began to arrive as early as Saturday morning before Christmas Day. Each of the sons and daughters prepared or supplied a special part of the choice menu before arrival leaving only the finishing touches to be made in the Russell home.

The house was made more cheer-

ful by a pretty Christmas tree and other evergreens. While father and mother Russell were the principal guests of honor, they shared a special place of honor to Mrs. Elizabeth Percival at the main table, there being sixteen to enjoy the mid day festivities.

All the children were present except one son, W. J. Russell of Oakland, California, who could not be granted a vacation long enough by the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company on account of extra service needed, due to recent storms in the south.

Those present were as follows: J. O. Russell, wife and son, James Elmo, who reside at Wasco, Oregon. Mr. J. O. Russell is superintendent of Wasco Schools and his wife an instructor of piano and dramatic art.

B. R. Russell, wife and son Burt Jr. Mr. B. R. Russell is with the Portland Gas and Coke Company of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Ada McCann and daughter Vera. Ada Russell McCann is cashier for the McMinnville, Ore. Laundry Company.

Mr. and Mrs. James Glover of Whiteson, Oregon. Mr. Glover is the husband of Claire Russell Glover and besides being a popular Democratic Commissioner of Yamhill county is a farmer of the first class. Mrs. Glover's daughter, Bernice, accompanied them.

G. R. Russell and Blanche Russell of Monmouth who are at home with the parents, Mrs. R. C. Percival and Mrs. and Mr. J. J. Russell.

Miss Alice Bufton, a teacher in the schools of Spokane, is spending the vacation week visiting with her sister, Mrs. R. B. Swenson and family in this city.

H. C. Stewart and wife of Chehalis, Wash., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Stewart and two children in this city.

Earl White and family of Shelburn and Lee Griner and Tom Ellis and families of Yamhill ate Christmas dinner at F. E. Murdock's and visited at J. L. Murdock's during the day.

John X. Webber and family spent Christmas with relatives in Portland and while there attended the wedding of Mrs. Webber's sister, Miss Noma Fultz to Bayard B. Buchanan, a civil engineer of Astoria.

A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools of La Grande, spent Christmas with his parents in this city, leaving Wednesday for Portland to attend the state teachers' meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Olds of Camas, Wash. spent Christmas at L. W. Waller's. Mrs. Olds remained over for a longer visit with her parents.

The Misses Butler entertained W. E. Smith and family and Ira C. Powell and family at Christmas dinner.

## Willamette River Rise Causes Inconvenience

Arthur Jepson of this city mourns the loss of five cords of wood which he had cut on the river bottom on the Marion county side from Independence. When the river raised this week the wood raised with it and floated off toward Portland. Replacing the loss with dry wood Mr. Jepson finds quite a problem this time of the year. The only dry wood he was able to find was in Independence at \$5 per rick or delivered \$6.50, which he figures is about \$1 per wheelbarrow load.

The Willamette has been on a rampage all the week due to the warm rain falling on the accumulated mountain snows. The ferry at Independence has been put temporarily out of commission and at times the water has been twelve feet above low water mark.

Mrs. Dick Alderson and daughter left Saturday to make a Christmas visit with her mother in Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Bevins of Corvallis spent the day here last Friday. They came to attend the exercises at the Normal, their daughter being among the graduates. She is to teach at Roseburg. They called on several of their friends while here.

Creed Allen of Yoncalla is spending the holidays with his sister, Mrs. E. N. Keeney and family.

Although their reconstructed church edifice is still in the hands of the builders, the Evangelical Sunday School held successful Christmas tree exercises in the auditorium of the building Sunday evening. The program consisted of songs from the different departments, duets and quartettes, piano music by Miss Hope MacDonald, a vocal solo by Mrs. Dorothy Winegar and last but not least a number by "Chaddie" Comstock which was enjoyed by old and young. The exercises closed with a Christmas treat.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pace spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Trevor R. Lewis and family in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Swope spent Christmas with their daughter in Vancouver.

Miss Paradine Doughty who bakes pies and cakes for the student patrons of Friendly Hall in Eugene, spent Christmas with her home folks in this city.

Miss Grace Williams of Portland is visiting with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Skeen and with other relatives in this city.

Glenn Work of Portland stopped off in Monmouth Tuesday on his way from Corvallis to renew acquaintances here.

Mrs. and Mr. W. E. Smith and daughter Barbara Jean of Vancouver spent Christmas with the Misses Butler and with other friends in this city.

Burton Arant of the Eugene Bible University, Lucien Arant of the Oregonian force, Rev. Francis Arant of Amity, Manley Arant of Eugene and Mrs. E. Emerson of Fernvale were all visitors under the parental roof during the Christmas vacation.

The singing of Christmas carols on the streets Christmas eve is an old custom which is being revived in many places at present. In keeping with the idea groups of Normal girls sang in this manner Friday evening and despite the rain had a good time out of it.

Mrs. F. M. Parrish of Dallas and husband and two step-sons left Saturday to spend their Christmas vacation in Southern California. Mrs. Parrish, who for several years was a popular member of the Normal faculty, has found it difficult to break the teaching habit and now has a group of students in vocal music in her home city.

### Only Six

Six people showed up at the school examinations which were held in the circuit court room in the court house, the examinations closing Thursday afternoon. According to Josiah Willis, county superintendent of schools, the number would have been larger but on account of the normal school closing for the holidays, many of the students left for their respective homes intending to take their examinations in the county in which their homes are located. Out of the six taking the examination, five had been teaching in the Polk county schools. These examinations must be taken by the teachers every two years unless they are graduates from the normal school or have taken examination for a five year or life certificate. Those taking the examinations during the week were as follows: Elizabeth Wagner of Oak Grove, Gertrude Watling of West Salem, Frank J. Hostitler of Monmouth, Jewel Oxley of Bethel, Mrs. H. L. McMurphy of Falls City.

### Christian Church

All services at the regular hours. You are welcome.

### Baptist Church

Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.  
11:00 Morning worship.  
7:30 Evening worship. New Year's Eve service of special interest and helpfulness to all. It is expected that during the winter months the regular church service will be held every Sunday night at 7:30, following the Endeavor, instead of a joint service as during summer and fall.

## Refund is Headed Toward Taxpayers

The tax collecting force in the office of Sheriff John W. Orr has completed compiling the list for the purpose of refunding the taxes paid on the 1920 tax roll in excess of the 6 per cent limitation which will amount in the neighborhood of about \$7600.

By order of the county court the county clerk and his deputies will at once begin the writing of about 5000 warrants for the various amounts, ranging from 3 cents upwards, and will mail the warrants to the individuals to whom the refund is due. This work will require from six weeks to two months of steady grind owing to the necessity of making duplicates.

When the time came to hold the program around the community Christmas tree in Corvallis, the city lights went out. The city fire marshal got out the big fire truck and focused its light upon the tree. Automobiles were also ranged around so that 50 spot lights centered on the tree. Thus with light brighter than day the program went on. About 1450 sacks of candy were distributed.

Married—At the residence of Mrs. Adeline Close, the bride's mother, in Corvallis on Monday afternoon, December 25, Miss Friede Close and Mr. Harry McCoy, Pastor E. B. Pace officiating. The bride graduated from the Normal School in 1918, and also since from Reed college where she specialized in physical education. She is now instructor in the Corvallis schools. The groom was raised near Independence, graduating from the Monmouth High and Reed college.

Edward Pace, Junior, who since his discharge from the Navy has been taking vocational training at the Mass. Polytechnic, has been forced temporarily to give up school and has recently been transferred to U. S. Vets. Hospital, Camp Kearney, San Diego, California. He expects to resume his school work at Troop Polytechnic, Pasadena in the spring.

The Dallas saw mill closed down this week to open again January 2nd. Work in the logging camps near Black Rock has been stopped because of snow which at one time was three feet deep. Mild weather has reduced the snow so logging can be resumed.

### Christian Science

Sunday School at 10 a. m.  
Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.  
Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock.  
Subject for Sunday, December 31, "Christian Science".



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Mercantile Company Will Open Their

## Grocery Department

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