

"For Christ the Lord is Born!"

By MARTHA B. THOMAS

Star of Bethlehem Outshone All at Conference of the Heavenly Bodies

IT WAS Christmas Eve, and the stars were holding a conference. They could not leave their places in the sky, because it was against the law of night, so they managed to talk by ray-dio! That is, each star sent a ray toward a certain spot, where all the other rays were shining, and this made the conference!

"Star talk!" Words of light! It was a very bright and busy time.

The largest stars did the most talking; they had a good deal to say about the way they shone when the moon was away. "We are not only beautiful to look at," they declared, "but we help folks to get about on dark nights. The earth folks like to look at us, and wonder about us. We are very important!" If stars could swell with pride, these stars would have burst. When they had talked very hard for about an hour, a small, slender shaft of light twinkled into their midst.

"Who are you?" came a chorus of shining voices.

"I am the Star of Bethlehem," was the answer.

The other stars had never heard of her. They were inclined to hush her up. But there was something so sweet, so penetrating, so beautiful in her light that they were constrained to give heed.

"What is your history?" then demanded the largest and oldest star.

The Star of Bethlehem quivered with a clear radiance which seemed to have all the colors of the rainbow.

"An angel with a torch came and lighted me the very first Christmas Eve. I shone with a special luster and told many people to the manger in Bethlehem, where the Christ Child lay with his Mother Mary. Shepherds saw me while they were watching their sheep on the hillside. And other angels of blinding beauty sang near me. They played on golden harps. The sky shone with a heavenly glory. There has never been a night so wonderful."

The other stars listened with awe. Before this sweet, compelling light they felt silent and humble.

Then, for an instant, there came an incomparable brilliance. The Star of Bethlehem blazed in indescribable beauty. And faint and far came the music of harps and singing.

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BARTON.

Harvey and H. F. Gibson went to Oregon City, Friday to attend the county budget meeting.

Capt. J. L. Hall came Saturday evening, holding services Sunday in the school house, returning to Portland the same afternoon to attend the 99 male voices at the Arleta Baptist church.

Gus. Whitehead came home Monday evening.

Ray and Victor Forman are absent from school owing to the illness of their father who is slowly recovering from pneumonia.

O that everyone tried as hard to please the public doing acts of kindness, meeting his customers with a smile, as Harvey Gibson does, his latest act of kindness, is building a bridge to and from the station for the public use.

Mrs. George Forman wishes to publicly thank Franklyn Gibson for his thoughtful kindness in assisting her with the work during Mr. Forman's illness.

Wm. Norris had some valuable furs stolen.

A bridge crew has nearly completed the redecking and repairing the Barton bridge across the Clackamas river.

Susie Lounsbury spent the week end with friends in Portland.

Mrs. John Walczak and daughter Wanda of North L. gan spent Monday evening at the George W. Turner home.

Mrs. A. Werner made a business trip to Boring, Friray.

Harvey Brown, a Gresham high school student, has been at home this week, ill with the measles.

Elva Gofnett and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stassius spent Tuesday in Portland.

FARM REMINDERS

O. A. C. EXP. STATION

Two vegetable crops a season and use of cover crops to maintain soils in physical and fertility conditions, are advantages of irrigating the vegetable garden. Quality and size are improved by water at the right time. It will enable the growing of one crop at least not in competition with general growers, insuring a good market. Irrigation crops hit the market both earlier and later than unwatered crops.

Egg shape and size are inherited. Gradual selection of those birds which in addition to a large number also lay "selects" will in time eliminate the birds laying the lower grade eggs.

Three types of insect and disease pest remedies are often hawked about Oregon farms endangering real control. One type of these fake panaceas is merely harmless, having power neither for good nor bad, one is actually dangerous to the crops it is said to protect, and the third is largely ineffective because the remedy is not in suitable form for the designed use, and is high priced.

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FOR SALE—Mandalee 400 egg incubator, good as new. R. H. MILLARD, Estacada, Ore., Rt. 2. 11-13-27

HONEY FOR SALE—Comb and strained. K. C. HOYGAARD, 5-15-24 Faraday, Oregon.

FOR SALE—Jersey-Guernsey cow, will be fresh soon, good milk; also Holstein bull 7 mo. old. P. W. DOUGLASS, 12-20-27 Currinsville, Ore.

FOR SALE—Cedar posts. STILL BROS. 12-13, 20, 27. Eagle Creek, Ore.

LOST—Child's grey kid glove. Finder please leave at the NEWS office. 1t

FOR RENT—40 acres at Elwood, 8 in cultivation, good five room house, chicken house, barn, family orchard; nearly all fenced. 5 tons hay in barn will sell reasonable. \$50 a year rent. T. G. MUNSEN, 563 Jefferson St., 12-13-1-3 Portland, Oregon.

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PLAIN SEWING—Dressmaking and hemstitching. see Mrs. Gus Wilcox. 12-6tf

NOTICE OF BOND SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until the hour of 8 o'clock P. M., the 27th day of December, 1923, and immediately thereafter publically opened by the Council of the City of Estacada, Oregon, for an issue

of City of Estacada Improvement bonds in the sum of \$7,196,75, said bonds being in denominations of \$500 each, with the exception of one odd bond in the sum of \$196.75, said bonds bearing date September 1, 1923, maturing ten years from date; optional, however, at the pleasure of said city at any semi-annual coupon period on and after one year from date, said bonds bearing interest six per cent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually, principal and interest payable at the Fiscal Agency of the State of Oregon in New York City, which said bonds are issued under the provisions of the so-called "Bancroft Act."

All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$750.00, and must be unconditional.

The approving legal opinion of Messrs. Teal, Winfree, Johnson & McCulloch will be furnished the successful bidder.

The Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
J. K. ELY, Recorder.