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Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

CHRISTMAS

Another turn of the wheel, and Christmas is with us again. What a wonderful time it is. For Christmas brings a pause, a breathing spell, in the spinning gyrations of human ambition and human striving. For a brief moment the voices of kings and captains sound, somehow, less strident; the flags of nations flout, somehow, less defiantly; and men everywhere see the brother rather than the wolf in their neighbors.

The spirit of giving, which began under an ancient star still living in the hearts of men, is an expression of the conviction that Faith without Works is dead. At Christmas all worldly joys are subordinated to the one joy of kindness—including that outpouring of fellowship and sympathy in which the poorest can share as lavishly as the rich.

The pity is that the Christmas spirit, which, for a brief moment, brings so much joy and gladness into being, should not be the ever-renewing spirit of mankind throughout the whole year. Why should we so soon forget our neighbors and the joys we had in giving? How much better it would be if we could carry on through the entire year as we do at Christmas time.

Not that we mean the eternal exchanging of "presents." But to retain that spirit of kindness; of watching out for the other fellow's happiness and well-being. What a wonderful place this old world would be if we all lived up to that glorious anthem which rang across the Judean hills:

"Glory to God in the highest;
On earth Peace, and goodwill to men."

This year Christmas morning is going to seem rather strange in the writer's home. For lo, these many years we have risen long before day-break to get the fires going and the house warmed so that baby feet would not freeze when they came rushing out to see what Santa had brought. Now these babies are grown up and have homes of their own. But later in the day we hope to bring as many of the clan as possible to the old roof-tree and let the grandchildren romp and play.

And what fun it is to watch little children on Christmas morn. At no other time is one so close to the gates of the Eternal. And let us hope that this year will see no child in our community left out. Let's make it our business to see to it that each one will have something to be happy about.

There are a number of changes under way in the layout of our "Main Street." One of the old landmarks, "Damon's Corner," will soon be no more. And "Butch" Lewis has already moved his meat market into the old Copco sub-station building, which he has entirely remodeled and made into a very attractive place of business.

Mrs. Damon is preparing to move her cafe and fountain into the old Merritt building, formerly occupied by Marine's Grocery, which she purchased some time ago. She plans to remodel and renovate the entire structure and will have very comfortable quarters. The different moves will make quite a change in the appearance of our city.

Last week Bro. Hall of Ashland remarked it seemed strange that everytime he dug up one of his "Miners" from the depths, this paper also appeared. Nothing strange about that, Leonard, we have to give you something to shoot at. But you'll have to raise your sights a

MANY CHILDREN TO ENJOY XMAS PARTY THURSDAY

At least 1,000 under-privileged children of Jackson county will be guests at the Gates & Lydiard Christmas party in the Elks temple Thursday, preliminary figures indicated today.

Miss Lillian Roberts, Red Cross secretary in charge of compiling the list of guests, said arrangements had been completed for transporting the children from their homes to Medford and return. Cooperating splendidly, the schools have provided their buses for use of the youngsters Miss Roberts said.

Because of the large number of guests, two servings of dinner have been arranged for. The first serving will be at 12 noon Thursday in the Elks basement dining room. Those to be served first are children from Medford, Central Point and the Howard, Oak Grove, Lone Pine and West Side districts.

The second serving, to follow at 1:15, is for children from the outlying districts, plenty of time being allowed for their arrival here. Places will be set for 550 youngsters at each serving.

A group of high school students, under direction of Miss Floy Young will lead the singing of carols. An octette from both the girls' and boys' glee clubs of the high school will sing during serving of the dinner and the groups, under Miss Young's direction are now rehearsing special Christmas music designed to appeal to children.

Mrs. Ellen McRae, Groceries chef who will supervise the cooking of the dinner at the No. 1 store, today completed the list of food required for the banquet. Mrs. McRae, with Gates & Lydiard for 13 years, 11 of the mas chef, found the following quantities needed:

Six hundred pounds of turkey, 500 pounds of potatoes, 200 loaves of bread for dressing, 200 loaves of bread for dressing, 150 tins of asparagus, 200 bunches of celery, 16 gallons of cranberry sauce, 17 gallons of gravy, 40 pounds of butter, 2,500 half-pint bottles of milk, six gallons of olives, 70 angel cakes, 25 gallons of ice cream, 2,000 dinner rolls, 2,000 Christmas cookies, 1,100 pounds of candy and at least 1,000 oranges.

Mrs. McRae changed the menu so as to include angel cake and ice cream instead of the coconut cream pie that had been included originally.—Mail Tribune.

Don Faber Visits On Way to Ashland

Mr. and Mrs. Don Faber and the Albany college basketball team stopped here on their way to Ashland, where they were scheduled to play a series of two games with the SONS this week. Monday night they played the first game, losing by a score of 59 to 24. Owing to the fact that this paper went to press early, we are unable to give the result of the Tuesday night's game.

Mrs. Faber stayed in Central Point for a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Faber.

bit if you are going to reach our standards.

One of the worthwhile projects of the season is the annual Christmas dinner served by Gates & Lydiard of Medford for under-privileged children. From all parts of the county these youngsters are brought in to the Elks temple for the big feast. And we warrant that every one of the more than 1000 will carry away with them a warm feeling for the big-hearted business men who have so freely given this bit of cheer for their enjoyment. Would we had more men of their stripe.

At Christmas Time

Again the spirit of Christmas, bringing with it its great promise of universal joy, descends upon the world. "Merry Christmas"—wherever the inspiring words greet the ear, in whatever tongue, they change you, as they change us. Brotherhood, love, humanity's great capacity for fellowship and kindness, all spring forward with the coming of this mightiest yet most mysterious expression of man's spiritual life.

With the feeling of a year made complete through earnest effort to fulfill an adopted purpose, with a sense of welcome humility, with a sincere and heartfelt pledge that this newspaper will continue to follow its accepted principles of leadership and community service, we offer our wishes that your Christmas be a happy one.

THE PUBLISHERS

Judgment Denied By Gore Jurors

MEDFORD, Dec. 22.—William H. Gore, former banker and farmer, lost his suit against Jackson county for collection of money he claimed was due him as payment on services rendered in connection with passage of the Oregon & California land grant refund bill.

The jury, with Ralph Stephenson, foreman, returned its verdict this morning, having arrived at a decision last midnight in a sealed verdict.

At 10 o'clock last night the jury called Judge H. D. Norton to the courtroom for further instructions, asking him whether awarding a verdict to Gore on money already paid the county would give Gore a claim on money to be paid in the future. Judge Norton repeated his instructions, which were to the effect that it would.

Gore originally sued for more than \$88,000 but modified his claim to 1 per cent of the money received by Jackson county, which would amount to about \$19,000.

A move has already been started here among county officials and friends of Gore to seek a legislative act which will enable the land-grant counties to each pay part of a pension to be awarded Gore. Several of the counties have expressed willingness to help pay such a pension, officials said.

So what?--

Scene—Jones' Grocery: Mr. Bonney talking to Mrs. Bonney; Jones calling from back room. "If that man's annoying you, Mrs. Bonney, I'll throw him out."

In the space of thirty minutes six different people telling the American reporter that Jesse Richardson had moved.

Mr. Buckman reports that his wife received a card with a ten dollar bill in it, only they forgot to add the eiphers and he insisted she send it back. Mrs. Buckman refuses to do so.

Not a single Christmas card nor a greeting card with an automobile on it. Surely Santa Claus is not out of date.

Anyone wishing to teach anyone the seriousness of reading other people's letters get in touch with Israel Lewis or Bert Peck.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The regular week day Bible Classes are observing the holiday vacation and will all resume classes beginning again Jan. 5th. These classes will have charge of the Sunday evening service this week, and will at that time give a very interesting resume of the work done during the past months. Everyone is welcome to this meeting and anyone interested in this Bible Institute work is invited to join the classes.

The Churches

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor, Pohen 51. A. W. Ayers, Supt. Bible School. Sunday: 9:30 A.M. Bible School, everyone welcome.

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship. 6:30 P.M. Christian Endeavor, Junior and Senior Groups. 7:30 P.M. Evening Worship.

Tuesday: 2:00 P.M. The afternoon bible classes will next meet on January 5th.

6:00 P.M. Fishermen's Club, next meeting January 5th.

6:30 P.M. Scofield Bible Class, next meeting January 5th.

7:30 P.M. Church Evidence Class, next meeting January 5th.

Wednesday: 7:30 P.M. Family Gathering will meet as usual.

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Services last Sunday evening with the Duffs in charge were very much enjoyed by all those attending, and the music and message were truly inspirational.

The young people of the High School Classes of our Bible School enjoyed a very happy Christmas party at the home of Mrs. L. C. Grimes on last Thursday evening. There were about 32 young people present.

The Young Married peoples class met for their regular executive meeting at the home of Mrs. Maynard Putney in Medford Monday evening. A very pleasant evening was spent, at which gifts were exchanged and donations were received to make up a Christmas Box.

Don't forget the Christmas program given by the Bible School on Christmas Eve.

Car Upsets on Highway; Driver Escapes Injury

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sheehy of Los Angeles, on their way to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Victoria, Canada, had the misfortune to overturn their Chevrolet coupe on the highway half way between the Grimes' service station and the cheese factory Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Sheehy was driving at the time of the accident, her husband being asleep beside her. She turned out to miss a car which was approaching the highway from a private driveway and in turning back to her own side of the road to clear an approaching car from the north, made so abrupt a turn that her car ran off the pavement and overturned. No one was hurt.

Several people who saw the accident hurried to the spot and righted the car, which was only slightly damaged. Mrs. Sheehy's glasses flew off and struck her husband on the head, but were unbroken. A bystander had to open the car door as Mrs. Sheehy was unable to do so.

It was noticed as the young couple drove away that one front wheel was rather shaky, but they proceeded in spite of the accident.

Salvation Army, Legion Will Hold Party For Kiddies

A community Christmas tree for children, jointly sponsored by the Salvation Army and the American Legion will be held at Salvation Army headquarters, 236 North Bartlett street, on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The two organizations are providing a Christmas treat for about 300 children.

Admission to the program and tree will be by ticket only. More than 225 tickets have already been issued and it is expected that by this evening the quota will be practically filled. Persons knowing of children who they feel should be guests at the party may secure tickets by calling at the Salvation Army headquarters at Fourth and Bartlett streets today and tomorrow, or until the quota is filled.

No tickets will be issued to children more than 16 years old. Parents may accompany children if necessary but owing to the small capacity of the hall, Capt. G. R. Durham, Salvation Army head, today asked that parents not accompany children unless it is absolutely necessary.

A 45-minute program of music, readings and dialogues has been arranged and this will precede the distribution of candy and gifts by Santa Claus, Captain Durham said. Each child will receive a large bag of candy, nuts, and fruit and a new present which has been individually purchased and wrapped and which bears the name of the child, he related. The hall has been decorated especially for the occasion.

Wilbert L. Lull Taken by Death

Wilbert L. Lull passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. O. Smith at Hildebrand, Ore., Monday morning from a heart ailment. He was born at West Stafford, Conn., December 6, 1864, and had resided in Oregon for 36 years, 24 of which were spent in Jackson county. He resided north of the Jacksonville-Central Point highway. His wife, Marianna Lull passed away July 4, 1931.

Mr. Lull was a member of the Woodmen of the World in Portland, Oregon.

There are left to mourn his departure five children, four sons and one daughter: Albion L. Lull of California; Edward, R., and Lucius W. Lull of Central Point, Cedric H., of California, and Mrs. W. O. Smith of Hildebrand; also 17 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Peril funeral home Thursday at 2 p. m. Interment will take place in the Jacksonville cemetery.

AUTO CRASH ON HIGHWAY BRINGS DEATH TO ONE

A collision at six o'clock Tuesday evening on the Pacific highway near the Doty wrecking yard two miles south of this city between two cars driven by Mr. Fujii, a Japanese, of Seattle, and Clayton Glass of the Table Rock district, resulted in fatal injuries to Mr. Glass and serious injuries to his wife. Mr. Glass died shortly after being taken to a hospital. The two small Glass children, while badly bruised and scratched, were considered not seriously enough injured to be taken to the hospital and are with their grandparents.

Clayton Glass was a son of Theodore Glass who lives near the Bybee bridge and a cousin of Theodore Glass of this city, with whom he stayed for some time several years ago. He was employed at the Modoc Orchards at the time of his death.

Tuesday evening after work Mr. Glass and his family started for Medford to purchase shoes for the children and other Christmas shopping. Before reaching the city the fatal accident occurred.

At the time this is written (Wednesday morning) Mrs. Glass had not been informed of her husband's death and the extent of her injuries is unknown.

3 Girls Receive Award Pins For 4-H Club Work

Gold filled pins have been awarded Mary Esther Davis and Rebecca Hunsley of Central Point and Margaret Walter of Medford, for their outstanding 4-H club work, achievement and leadership.

Mary Esther Davis of Central Point, a club member, was chosen as the county winner in the Kerr canning contest. She carried 29 projects during this time and has won prizes totaling approximately \$50. She has been a consistent winner at both county and state fairs, placing at the state fair three different times.

Rebecca Hunsley was selected as the county winner in the Montgomery Ward contest. Rebecca has been active in club work having carried 25 projects and winning in premiums \$55. This achievement climaxed her sixth year in club work.

Margaret Walter, a three-year club member, won the Electroflux food preparation contest. She was the youngest club member in the county to win the distinction of being chosen as a county winner. Her activities in demonstration and judging work and her high rank in each of these activities justly show her to be an outstanding club girl.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR XMAS HOLIDAY, TEACHERS LEAVE

School closed Wednesday afternoon with programs for both high school and grade school students.

Teachers leaving the valley are: Miss DuRette, who will spend the vacation in Salem, and Miss Zinser, in Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert, accompanied by Miss Estes, left last evening for Albany. Miss Estes will continue on to Seattle by train.

Mr. Jewett, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Fleischner, Mrs. Richardson, Miss Gregory, Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Webb, Miss Pasterno, Miss Anderson and Mr. Amick will all remain in the valley.

Cooperation

We believe in cooperation, and with our rapid and continued growth we are making satisfactory progress along this and other progressive lines.

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