

## Sez Me

By the Editor

This is the seventh time we have sat down just before Christmas to write something for this section of our paper. Now the question is—what can we say this time that we haven't said before? We have urged our readers to keep the Christmas spirit alive for the entire year. We have told tales of other years. We have quoted from other and better writers. But today we seem to have hit a stump, or something, as the feller said. Guess we shall have to dig deep into the old memory for a bit from the long ago.

Shall we tell you what Christmas was like for a Methodist preacher's son in a little prairie town in western Minnesota the year of the "Big Winter?" Some time ago the Saturday Evening Post carried a story of those days in that same section of the country which brought it all back very sharply. First let us see the picture of the town itself and the home the lad lived in. Tracy was then at the end of a branch railroad, or at least if not the end, it was the last division point and trains did not run beyond there during the winter. There was a single street of stores, saloons, restaurants, etc., with a few scattering houses here and there. The entire population was not more than two or three hundred. The railroad had built a huge coal shed near the depot and filled it with coal for the engines which hauled the one train a day which came over the division.

The preacher's home consisted of a board shack of two tiny rooms, with a small woodshed attached. The whole affair was covered with tar paper. In the living room the family, consisting of the father, mother, Jack, aged seven, and Art, five, cooked, ate, read and played. The little bed room was just large enough for a double bed for the grown-ups, and a "trundle" bed for the kids, which was slid under the big bed in the daytime. The only furniture in the house not homemade was the cookstove in the living room. But love, human and Divine, filled the humble place and with the coming of Christmas the youngsters were just as anxious to see what old Santa would have for them as any of the kids today.

There wasn't an evergreen tree within hundreds of miles from that prairie village (and mighty few of any other kind, for that matter.) And transportation wasn't the same as now, so no one ever thought of having a Christmas tree. So when Christmas Eve came the lads hunted up the "stretchiest" stockings they could find and hung them from nails driven into the clock shelf. Then they dutifully went to bed and lay awake as long as possible trying to figure out how Santa was ever going to find that house, which was so completely covered with snow that only the rusty stove pipe projected above the drifts.

Early morning found both lads awake and impatient for Father to get the fire going so they could get up and see if the gracious Saint had really arrived while they slept. And you Dads of today, with your steam heated flats, or fuel oil stoves just try that job of fire-building once in a tar-paper shack with the thermometer hovering around thirty below, if you want to know what cold means. But soon came the cheery shout, "Come on, boys, Santa's been here!" and the boys piled out in their nighties, (for pajamas hadn't been invented then), and the fun began.

Boy, Oh Boy! How those stockings had miraculously swelled up during the night. What shouting of "Ma, see what I've got!" There were home knitted woolen mittens, (blue for Jack and red for Art) wristlets of the same manufacture, perhaps a handful of assorted nuts, mostly peanuts, of course, a few meagre pieces of "store" candy. In the toe of the stocking a red-checked apple, while the top was closed with a pop-corn ball. There were a few books for the student Jack (now with a string of letters after his name like a New Deal directory) and tucked away among the nuts and candy was a tiny package for Art containing the most wonderful gift a mechanically-inclined youngster ever received—his first jack-knife!

## ARNOLD BOHNERT INSTALLED NEW GRANGE MASTER

The installation held in Central Point Grange Hall Wednesday Dec. 21 was enjoyed by about 150 people.

The installing officer Mrs. Wm. Foley and her assistants Mrs. John Blackford as Conductress, Mrs. Raphael Benson as Regalia bearer, Velma McCredie as emblem bearer and Lola Blackford as Chaplain; installed the Grange officers for 1939 in a very impressive manner. They were assisted by a chorus of 10 voices of which Mrs. Otto Bohnert was in charge.

Mrs. John Bohnert supervised the Tableaux and was assisted by five ladies of the Grange. After the installation Mrs. Foley was presented a corsage and all assisting in any way with the installation were presented American Beauty roses. The presentation was made by Arnold Bohnert, newly installed Master.

The installation was followed by a program planned by the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Henry Niedermeyer led the group in singing Xmas carols.

Mr. and Mrs. Maust and Edythe Bohnert directed several numbers of recreation after which Santa and 2 large packages of toys appeared on the scene.

Everyone present was remembered by Santa and the children seemed well pleased with the treatment they received.

The Ways and Means Committee served popcorn balls, crackerjack, apples and nuts to all present.

Those present seemed reluctant to say good night and at a late hour they were still exchanging Christmas Good wishes.

Persons from other Granges assisting with the installation and entertainment were:

Mrs. R. E. Nealon, Miss Beatrice Werth, Henry Niedermeyer and Esther Lathrop.

Miss Lathrop is spending the Christmas holidays with her father A. J. Lathrop. Ernest is also home for the holidays.

The H.E.C. club will hold their annual Christmas party December 28 and the Grange Pals are to be revealed at this meeting.

In behalf of the Grange the Correspondent wishes the entire Community a very Happy Xmas.

## H.E.C. Party to Be Held at Hall

Plans for the Home Economic Club's Christmas party have been changed from the Arnold Bohnert home to the Grange hall Wednesday afternoon December 28 at 2 o'clock. All Grange ladies are urged to attend and bring an inexpensive gift for the tree. A number of the ladies are planning to bring their pals' gift with them. At this time they will find out who their pals for the past year were. Mrs. Eudora Bohnert is hostess.

## Cards Announce Birth of Son

Cards announcing the birth of Leo Breen Obenchain Jr., on December 16, 1938 at Roseburg, were received in Central Point recently by a number of friends of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Leo B. Obenchain. Baby Obenchain was born in the Mercy Hospital at 11:07 p.m. December 16 and weighed 8 lbs. and 1 1/2 ounces. Congratulations to the new parents whose address is Circle H. Lodge, Idleyld Park, Oregon.

Forgotten now was the new mittens he had so proudly been wearing. Forgotten was every thing else. In a jiffy that boy had stuffed his cheek with a hunk of homemade taffy, grabbed a stick of kindling and started to work. "making something." And from that day to this, that boy has never been so happy as when working with tools. And we chanced to look down just now and there on our left hand was a scar still showing from a bad cut made that day, before he had learned to do his cutting away from him. Happy? Of course those boys were happy, even as we hope every child in this town will be happy on Christmas morning in this year of our Lord, 1938.



## Merry Christmas

It is Christmas time again. The time of the year when most of us are inclined to forget somewhat the urge and surge of business, and to think more seriously of the beauties of life and the things which make life more worth living.

One of the most beautiful things in life, as we see it, is the spirit of friendship and understanding which underlie our relations with our friends. Without friends life would indeed be an empty shell.

At this time we want to tell you that we have appreciated your friendship for us, your confidence in us, your loyalty to us. It has been a sincere pleasure to have had the contact with you that we have enjoyed during the year now drawing to a close.

In token of our genuine appreciation of your friendship, we extend to you our wish that you, and those who are near and dear to you may enjoy a truly Happy Christmas Season and a Most Prosperous and Successful New Year.

Cordially yours,  
THE PUBLISHERS.



## Miss Ross Leading In Faber Contest

At the close of the second voting period in Faber's Market's Sweetest Girl Contest Vivienne Ross was leading Edith Brooks by the narrow margin of three hundred votes. Two of the younger girls in the company, Norene Bohnert and Charlotte Richardson, have made unexpected gains and are going to be a serious threat to the older contestants. Margaret Dow gained a place in the finals of the Contest with a slight lead over Lorraine Davis. Tabulations for last week's voting was as follows: Vivienne Ross 3700 votes, Edith Brooks 3400 votes, Norrene Bohnert 2700 votes, Charlotte Richardson 2400 votes and Margaret Dow 1500 votes.

These five girls are in the finals, one of whom will be acclaimed Central Point's Sweetest Girl with fitting ceremonies Saturday evening at 6:30 P.M. at Faber's Market. You will want to be there for the fun. Remember it is a real Christmas party for everyone. The voting positively ends at 4 o'clock with the following awards to be made at 6:30: First prize—a fitted traveling case; Second prize—a cellophane umbrella; Third prize—three pair of pure silk, full fashioned hose.

As a fitting preliminary to the main contest, Al, the Butcher, has arranged a Christmas Party all his own. Saturday evening at 5:30 Al will give a present of a nice young turkey to some lucky person. He invites you to stop in now and get the details and then be on hand Saturday evening.

## Miscellaneous Shower Given Miss Glass

A miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Milly Glass December 8 in honor of her daughter, Lois, who received some very lovely gifts. Those attending were Mesdames Merly and Gertrude Carlton, Helen Axtell, Ethel and Zella Tullis, Alva Edler, Mrs. Curry, Flossie Mullens, Eva Segesman, Ruth and Erma Beddingfield, Mrs. Montag, Lena Alworth, Ethel Casey, Clara Maude and Violet Ditsworth, Tessie Vaughn and Gladys Robinson.

Miss Lois Glass and Lester West motored to Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 9 where they were married at the court house. Mrs. Milly Glass, mother of the bride, accompanied them as far as Vancouver. After the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. West left on a two weeks' honeymoon after which they will be at home to their many friends at the Glass home on Butte Creek.

Mr. Purkeypile received a letter from his wife in Newport saying that his daughter, Mrs. Malone, was improving rapidly.

## Pointers Lose to G. Pass 33-23

Up to the few minutes before the third period the class B Central Point Hi basketball team actually outplayed Grants Pass class A team to a standstill. It was one of the most exciting games seen in many a moon as our smaller boys matched skill for skill against Grants Pass. The score at half stood 13 to 10 in favor of the Pointers. It was just a few seconds before the 3rd quarter that Grants Pass was able to forge ahead with 21 to 20 and kept it up for the rest of the game.

It was Stinebaugh's deadly long distance shooting that spelled the defeat for our boys. Grants Pass has never been able to make a crible shot in the clear because of the fine defensive work of our boys. The final score was 33 to 23.

In an exciting overtime period Central Point second team defeated Grants Pass reserves 10 to 9.

Lineup:  
Pointers (23) G. Pass (33)  
R. Pinkham 5 F Stinebaugh 9  
Williams 7 F Grey 5  
Myers 2 C Mooers 4  
Beebe 6 G Dully 10  
Holland 3 G Lanning 5  
Subs.: Central Point—E. Pinkham; Grants Pass—Thomas.

## POINTERS DEFEAT ROGUE RIVER TEAM

In a close game, which occurred in the Rogue River gymnasium December 16, the Pointer team and the Rogue River team matched skill against skill, in which the Pointer five proved superior. Rogue River stepped into a four point lead early in the game. From then on the game was a defensive battle except when the Pointers rallied in the last minute of the first half.

At the half time period the score was 8 to 6 in favor of the Pointers. In the second half of the game the Pointers gathered nine more points while Rogue River secured eight more points to add to their score, ending the game by the score 17 to 14 with the Pointers leading.

Beebe was high point man for the Pointers with 10 points to his credit while Sexton gathered five points to lead his team-mates. In the preliminary Rogue River reserves defeated the Pointer reserves by the score of 22 to 20.

The starting lineup for the first string were as follows:

C. P. 17 R. R. 14  
R. Pinkham 2 F Martin 4  
Williams 7 F Orr  
Myers 2 C Cummings 4  
Beebe 10 G Sexton 5  
Holland 2 G Burns 1  
Subs.: Central Point—E. Pinkham; Rogue River—Horget, Jones.

F. B. Cavanaugh of Portland stopped on his way through Central Point for a visit with his cousin Mr. Al Maple Sunday evening.

## Final Service Is Held for Mrs. Payne

Funeral services for Mrs. Lena D. Payne, 61, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Webb, in Central Point Thursday, Dec. 15, were held at the Conger Funeral Parlors in Medford Saturday afternoon at 2:30, with Rev. James Hamilton officiating. Interment was in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Mrs. Payne was born in Norway and came to this country in early life. She has resided in this city for the past three years with her daughter, a teacher in the local school, and prior to that resided in Ashland.

Besides her daughter, she leaves one brother in Portland and a sister in New York. Also a grandson in Klamath Falls.

Many friends of the deceased attended the services, which were made beautiful with many lovely floral offerings. Pallbearers for the occasion were: E. C. Faber, Kenneth Hulbert, E. P. Stone, Don Patterson, H. J. Fleischer and A. E. Powell.

## Faculty Make Plans For Coming Vacation

The Christmas vacation has arrived and again the faculty are making their plans for the holidays.

Mr. Overturf is planning to spend the holidays at his home in Central Point.

Miss Eyre is going home to Salem, Oregon to celebrate Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. Ross will spend her vacation with her family at her home in Central Point.

Mr. Meyers is looking forward to using the Christmas holidays to rest at his home in Medford, Oregon. He also intends to locate some new chorus and orchestra pieces for the new year.

Miss Boshears will celebrate Christmas at her home in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert and small son Kenneth, will enjoy Christmas vacation with their parents in Albany, Oregon.

Mrs. Fleischer will spend Christmas with her family at her home in Central Point.

Mr. Jewett is looking forward to the return of his son, Richard, a student in Willamette University, who is coming home for the Christmas holidays. During this vacation Mr. Jewett will attend the State Teachers' Association in Portland.

George March will remain in Central Point during the Christmas holidays.

NOTICE  
Postoffice will be open for delivery of packages Sunday and Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Postmaster Pankey says that positively there will be no other delivery of other mail. This is so no one will miss his Christmas gift if it is late.

## So what?—

The truest and surest way in which we can serve our fellowmen is not so much to do anything for them, as to be the very truest, purest, noblest beings we know how.—Frances P. Cobbe.

Even college has not made Jim Grimes forget how to fix a tire.

Someone changed a Christmas tree with Roy Jones last night. His beautiful tree had disappeared and a ugly scrawny one stood in its place.

Erma Thompson and Viola Penland lamenting because they could not pass as school girls anymore.

Little Bobby Jantzer saying, he was going to read every word in this immense paper to see if his name was in it.

Al Bendickson having an extra turkey for someone this week end.

Memory Test—Try to remember what it was you were worrying about a year ago.

## Hang On!

To your land.  
People are showing signs of returning sanity.  
Good times are bound to come again.

FARMERS AND FRUITGROWERS  
BANK  
(Deposits Insured)

## NEW OFFICIALS ASSUME OFFICE ON JANUARY 3

William Perry of Eagle Point elected county commissioner in November on the Republican ticket, will take office January 3. He succeeds County Commissioner Otto Caster of Phoenix. It will be the only change in the official family of Jackson county. Sheriff Syd I. Brown, Justice of the Peace W. R. Coleman and Surveyor Paul B. Rynning were re-elected, the latter without opposition; no other county officials were up for election.

Under Oregon law, newly elected officials assume their office on the first Monday of the new year, or the next judicial day, thereafter. This year starts on Sunday, the following Monday is a legal holiday, making Tuesday, January 3, the first judicial day, according to County Clerk George R. Carter.

Perry, under this ruling will see his first official duty at the meeting of the county court January 4.

Officials who continue, are the district attorney, treasurer, assessor, county judge, one county commissioner, and the circuit judge. Next election for the above officials will be in 1940.

## C. P.-Alumni Group To Enjoy Banquet

The alumni association of the Central Point high school will hold its annual banquet at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 28 at Chalkers Motel, north of Gold Hill. All alumni and seniors of the high school are invited to attend this event which is anticipated to be an enjoyable affair.

Officers of the organization include: president, Lewis Hedgpeth; vice-president, Oliver Obenchain; and secretary-treasurer, Edna Shaver.

Plans for the banquet were formulated at a recent meeting of the officers.

## Copco Pays Large Quarterly Tax

California-Oregon Power company today made its fourth quarter tax payment of the year amounting to \$31,558.09, to the tax collection department of the sheriff's office.

Today is the final day for payments and nothing of a rush was underway. Clerks said they were busier last week. Most of the taxpayers made half or full year payments. It was figured the tax payments were about the same as last year.

## The Churches

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Our Christmas Program will be held on Friday 7:30 P.M. The Bible School and Church will present a combined program, consisting of Pantomimes, Reading and exercises, followed with the play sponsored by the Young Peoples' Class. All the exercises will be interspersed by numbers from the Choir.

We will combine all our Sunday Morning Services into a special one hour program opening promptly at 10:00 A.M. We will follow the ancient custom of Christmas (Christmas). Communion promptly at 10:00 A.M. The Christmas story will be read and explained. We will sing the carols and close promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelistic Service 7:30 P.M.  
Prayer and Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Study Leader Don Stanley.

Please bring all gifts for the needy on Friday evening. They will be distributed among families of our own community.

THE FEDERATED CHURCH  
Phone 51  
Stanley G. Parish, Pastor.  
REGULAR CHURCH SERVICE  
Bible School ..... Sun. 9:45 A.M.  
Worship service .... Sun. 11:00 A.M.  
C. E. .... Sun. 6:30 P.M.  
Evangelistic Service Sun. 7:30 P.M.  
Monday evening at 7:30 the men are invited to attend a men's prayer meeting beginning this week.  
Ladies Bible Study Tue. 2:30 P.M.  
Prayer meeting ..... Wed. 8:00 P.M.