



# S O U T H E R N O R E G O N N E W S R E V I E W



## First Church of Christ Program to be Sunday

The First Church of Christ Bible school and church will have their Christmas program Sunday, December 24, 7 p.m. The program will consist of numbers from the classes of the school and a worship service, "The Christ of Christmas." Treats will be distributed to those present and white gifts will be received for benevolence. Christmas music and a sermon on "Gifts for Good Will," will be given at 11 a.m.

## Auxiliary Holds Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner and tree for American Legion and Auxiliary members and their families and invited guests was held last Monday at the Legion hall.

Upon the arrival of Santa Claus, an exchange of gifts was held. This is the custom of the group that has been carried for many years. Following the exchange, Christmas carols were sung by all with Mrs. Roy Hartley and Mrs. Harold Jordan providing the music.

The committee in charge of getting the tree was Roy Hartley and Carl Berninghausen. It was decorated by Mrs. Stella Corthell, Mrs. Ruth Cushing, and V. G. Barnhouse. The kitchen and cleanup committee was Mrs. Celia Berninghausen, Mrs. Harold Jordan, and Mrs. Margaret Wolff. Santa Claus was Irving Nelson.

The tables were decorated with a seasonal theme, and the tree was gaily lighted and decorated in the Christmas spirit. The regular meeting for the Auxiliary scheduled for January 1 has been postponed with no definite date set for the meeting. Members are asked to watch the club notices for time and place.

Officials and legislators from five counties met this week at the Jackson county court house for a pre-legislative session of district four of the Association of Oregon counties.

## Fortnightly Study Club Meet Has Christmas Theme

Mrs. H. H. Elhart reviewed a series of articles published last summer in the Christian Science Monitor under the title, "The Bible in the News," when the Fortnightly Study club met last Monday at the home of Mrs. C. E. Pratt for a tray desert and the annual Christmas party.

According to Mrs. Ruth E. King, Mrs. Elhart stated in her talk that these articles revealed the work accomplished and the methods used by archaeologists in locating, digging, and recording the discovery of many ancient cities in the Holy Land.

Such discoveries, she said, add interest and authority in the interpretation of many passages in the Bible, and Mrs. Elhart's review was of special interest for a Christmas program.

The short story reviewed by Mrs. Allen McGee was entitled "Legend of the Christmas Rose," by Selma Lagerlof. It is described as being a "beautiful tale of the appearance of the flowers of spring in a forest on Christmas eve. The lack of faith in one who beheld the wonder destroyed the vision, leaving only one flower, the Christmas rose."

The musical part of the program was rendered by Miss Margaret White who sang, "Jesu Bambino" and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," accompanied by Mrs. Frank Davis at the piano.

The gift exchange was in charge of Mrs. Oscar Silver who played Santa Claus. Mrs. Silver and Mrs. Earl Fraley were the club's guests.

The next meeting of the club will be on January 8 at the home of Mrs. S. J. Bailey.

## Book Reviewed For Study Club

Mrs. Leon G. Sharyon reviewed the book, "The Plymouth Adventure," by Ernest Gebler at the Ashland Study club's meeting which was held at Mrs. Harold Merrill's home on December 18, at 2 p.m.

The author, Gebler, after five years of research on letters, journals, diaries, and ship's log, which was written by the Mayflower's captain and its passengers, completed his book on the early pilgrims.

Mrs. Sharyon related that the book is "delightfully written and filled with absorbing detail." She describes it as a story of the Mayflower and the people who came to the Plymouth harbor in the new world from Southampton, England.

"Twice they turned back," she said, "to repair the sister ship Speedwell, and the third time when they started on the voyage from Plymouth, England, the Mayflower was alone. They left on Sept. 5, 1620, and established their settlement at Plymouth Harbor, New England, on Dec. 10, 1620.

"From then on, the story is of sickness, suffering, nursing, work and building; of cold and short rations; and, most of all, courage. When the Mayflower left to return to England in March of 1621, there were only 56 of the original 102 passengers left.

"All the others had died of the sickness (a combination of scurvy, pneumonia, and tuberculosis). Of the 56 that survived, 25 were children. Only six of the married women survived. They were people of courage and vision, and placed the roots in the New England soil that were to grow into a mighty nation."

Besides Mrs. Sharyon's book review, there was a 30-minute selected subject given by Mrs. James Edgar. She spoke on "The Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. Mrs. Edgar gave the interesting background prior to the writing of Dicken's masterpiece of the Christmas spirit. She then related the delightful tale in a "charming and dramatic manner."

## Educational Group Holds Annual Party

Epsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, national educational honorary, held its annual Christmas party at the Girls' Community club house in Medford on December 16.

The Christmas story entitled "The Littlest Angel," was read by Mrs. Florence Hansen of Grants Pass. Miss Norma Elder led the intermediate grades of Eagle Point school in Christmas music. The gift exchange was in charge of Miss Neva West.

Hostess chairman was Mrs. Alice Willits. She was assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Barker, Mrs. Maye Wells, the Misses Jeanette Smith, Gladys Owen, Edith Bork, and Bertha Stephens.

The meeting room was decorated with a Christmas theme.

## Jobs Daughters Plan Queens Ball

The annual Queen's ball for the Job's Daughters Bethel, No. 22, will be held this Tuesday, December 26, from 8 to 12 p.m. in the Ashland Masonic temple. Over 100 couples are expected.

This year the ball is in honor of the outgoing queen, Miss Chloe Stevens, and incoming queen, Miss Kay Dudley. The dance arrangements are in charge of Miss Barbara Bugbee, senior princess. Committee chairmen will be the Misses Barbara Hiji, program; Sandra Clary, refreshments; Mildred Zittercobb, decorations; and Collette Perrine, cleanup.

## BOYS' CLUB SUSPENDS CLASSES FOR HOLIDAYS

Last Friday's session of the Kiwanis-sponsored boys athletic club was the last meeting of the group this month, according to G. Byron Backes, chairman of the program. Classes will start again January 9 and will be held each Tuesday and Friday evening.

Fifty boys are now participating in the athletic classes which are supervised by Southern Oregon college students and members of the Kiwanis club.

## Briscoe School to Present Program Thursday Evening

"The Birds' Christmas Carol," by Kate Douglas Wiggin will be presented this evening at the Briscoe school at 8 p.m.

The presentation will be an adaptation from the well-known classic by Kate Douglas Wiggin. It concerns a little girl, Carol Bird, born on Christmas day, and the story of her gentle generous life until she "flies back to Heaven" on Christmas day, 10 years later.

The subject chosen by the players will be the merry Christmas party given in honor of the very poor Ruggles family that lived in back of the Birds' home. It will be divided into four scenes. The cast will be selected from the fifth and sixth grades.

Tableaus, life-like picture scenes, will be presented depicting Biblical scenes. The "Joseph and Mary scene" will be done by the fourth grade; the "Shepherd's scene" by the second grade; "Three Kings' scene" by the third grade; and the "Manger scene" by the first grade and members of the fifth and sixth grades.

The program will be concluded with a number by the Briscoe school chorus.

## Intermediate Girl Scouts Hold Christmas Party

The Intermediate Girl scouts held their Christmas party December 15, at the Lincoln school from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

About 45 girls attended the party which found the Talent groups unable to attend because of the chicken pox epidemic. Square dancing was featured and the girls gathered around the large Christmas tree and sang carols.

Refreshments were served to all attending.

## EASTERN STAR ELECTS

Officers elected recently for the 1934 year of Alpha chapter, No. 1, O.E.S., are Winifred Caton, worthy matron and Clyde Caton, worthy patron.

Emmett Whitham, associate patron; Muriel Kramer, associate matron; Hazel Redford, secretary; Susie Maust, conductress and Dorothy Murphy, associate conductress.

## Martha Gillette Guild Installs New Officers

New officers for the Martha Gillette guild of the First Presbyterian church were installed at the guild's monthly meeting last Friday.

The new officers are Miss Gladys Owen, president; Miss Edith Bork, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Newton, program chairman; and Mrs. Nellie Wick, secretary-treasurer.

A covered dish dinner preceded the regular meeting with Mrs. Roscoe Owens, president, in charge of the Christmas program. The singing of Christmas songs was featured.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Margaret Whittle, Miss Ninabel Emery, and Mrs. F. L. Ahlstrom.

## Annual Elks Ladies Night Benefits Children's Fund

The annual ladies smoker for Elks and their wives was held last Saturday night.

With 600 Elks and their wives present, the benefit raised \$500 for the BPOE blind children's fund for Oregon.

Members in charge of the various parts of the program were Sid Reed, floor show; Andy Andres, turkeys; Larkin Grubb and Jim Harker, games.

A feast of ham, crab, beef, and turkey was enjoyed with entertainment following.

## Officers Named By Relief Corps

New officers for the 1934 year of the Women's Relief Corps, Burnside No. 24, were elected last Saturday.

They are Celia A. Berninghausen, president; Marie Best, senior vice-president; Orpha Larder, junior vice-president; Nellie Peters, secretary; Cecil Shaw, treasurer; Hattie Moore, conductor; Ida Tucker, assistant conductor; Nellie Sloggy, guard; Minnie Cantrill, Zetta Bosler, Minnie Hassler, and Della Splawn, color-bearers No. 1 through No. 4, respectively; and Mabel Roberts, musician.

The installation of the new officers will be at the regular January meeting.

A covered dish dinner and exchange of gifts was held on the same day. The Relief Corps members' husbands attended and joined in the holiday festivities. The dinner featured many of the holiday dishes. The room was decorated with Santa Clauses, tree and winter greens.

## Trinity Guild Meets Today

The Trinity guild of the Episcopal church will meet this afternoon, December 21, at 2 p.m. for their monthly social and study program.

Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mrs. John Daugherty and Mrs. James Gowland.

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