

CHRISTMAS STORY TOLD IN PROGRAM

Christian Church Service Tonight, Methodist's Friday Night; Many Attend Yuletide Exercises of Baptist Sunday School; Catholic Mass Sat.

The story of Christmas is told in song, pageant and recitation in the Yuletide programs arranged by the Baptist, Christian and Methodist churches of this city. Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the Christian church Sunday school will present its program, while that of the Methodist church will occur at the same hour tomorrow evening. A large audience last night heard the first of the three programs, that presented by the Sunday school of the Baptist church.

Other observance of Christmas in the city will include mass at 10 o'clock at the Catholic church. Programs have been conducted by the various rooms of the public schools, as well as local clubs.

To accommodate those who plan to attend the services tonight, the Christian program will be given first; Selection by choir.

Trio, Mrs. Anah Hoyt Rae, Mrs. Dallas Murphy, Mrs. R. E. Moshler. Selection by choir.

Tableau directed by Mrs. Herbert Moon. This begins with a professional, "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful," Tableau No. 1, Judea Mourning; No. 2, Prophets Bring Hope; No. 3, The Star; No. 4, The Search of the Magi; No. 5, Angels appear to the Shepherds; No. 6, Bethlehem; No. 7, The Manger; No. 8, Judea Rejoice.

Characters, Judea, Audrey Daniels; Mary, Beulah Richardson, Star, Eunice McFarland; Angel, Jewel Helbrand; Shepherds, Charles Cole, Eugene Phillips, Irvin House; Magi, James Hemenway, Danny Wayne Read, Jack Pederson; Prophets, Jimmy Phillips, Earl House, Lloyd Harris; music by young people's chorus and junior choir.

At Methodist Church
"Christmas in Finnegans Flat" is the title of a Christmas play to be presented as a part of the Methodist program. Mrs. W. W. Walker coached the play, while Mrs. Gantz, Sunday school superintendent has general charge of the program.

In the cast of the play are the following: Patrick Finnigan, William Pollard; Biddy Finnigan, his wife, Margaret Oederkirk; Professor Bratton, a German musician, Charles Nadvonik; Miss Neversmile, a cross old maid, Elizabeth Hughes; Dan Dooley, a policeman, Frank Bartholomew; Mary Bright, Faye Parsons; Little Tom, Harold Foss; Miss Goodheart, Julie Pollard; chauffeur, Arthur Potter; slum children, Ennis Yarnell, Eldred Mustoe, Muri Carr, Kenneth Walker, Elma Lansberry, Edith Lansberry, Velma Moskop and Emma Trinks.

Baptist Program
Mrs. H. Blom and Mrs. A. Pengra had general charge of the Baptist program, given successfully last night. The program as given follows:

"Joy To The World," by congregation.
"Hail Him," by intermediates.
Prayer, Rev. H. Blom.
Primary selections, with recitations by Billy Pengra and Lois Chase.
Song, "Where Is He," by intermediates.

Song, "Merry Christmas," by Junior girls' class.
Recitation, Lorna Chase.
Solo, Dorothy Frese.
Duet, "Bright Star of Hope," Mrs. A. Pengra and Wilford Cook.
Scripture reading by Rev. Blom.
Pageant, "The Christmas Story."

Scene I, "The Shepherds and the Angels," Dorothy Frese, Violet Oaks, Marjorie Johnson, Shirley Smith, Faye Johnson; shepherds, Lloyd Frese, Roy Smith, Harlan Litherland, Donald Hawk, and Edwin Weber. Scene II, "The Shepherds and Mary," Mary, Faye Johnson. Solo, Zelma Litherland. Recitation, Jessie Simonson. Scene III, "Mary and the Wise Men," Wise men, James Montgomery, John Montgomery and Arthur Pengra.

Pageant, "Silent Night, Holy Night," by intermediate girls, Ruth Carlton, Dorothy Oaks, Virginia Chase, Bessie Hyde, Vernice Hawks, Esther Frost, Nettie Webber.
"Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," by congregation.
A stereopticon story of the Christmas will be given by the pastor of the Christian church next Sunday evening.

Many Come and Go at Yuletide

Springfield Residences Scene Of Happy Gatherings For Christmas

With the Christmas season at hand, few buses arrive without bringing in visitors to remain over the holidays, and few leave without carrying Springfield residents who will spend the season at distant points.

School closed last night, and was followed by a general exodus of teachers living out of the city. Classes will resume on January 2.

Springfield homes will be the scenes of many happy reunions Saturday. One of these will be at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Blom of the Baptist church, who will welcome home their daughter, Mrs. Ruel Marsh, and husband, of Portland, and their son, Howard Blom, also of Portland.

Freda and May Lyons are expected from Portland to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lyons of Mill street.

Julius Pulop and family plan to spend Christmas day in Portland. Miss Chole Woolley and brother, Glenn, are going to Modesto, California, to spend the holidays with their parents, and brother, Warren, who are wintering at that place. Miss Woolley will leave at noon today on the Southern Pacific.

A. C. Travis and family will spend Christmas at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. Will Morrow of Tillamook. Fenner Travis and Hubert Travis, sons of Seattle and Marshfield, respectively, also will visit the Morrow home at Christmas time. Following the holiday, all will come to Springfield and remain for a week on the Travis farm. Mr. Morrow is pastor of the Methodist church of Marcola.

All of their children with the exception of one will be home for a reunion at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Collins Christmas day. Those who will sit down to Christmas dinner are Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Collins of Marshfield, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parrish of Notti, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Griffin of Lax Push, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Collins of East Main street, Mrs. Clara Fawver, of Springfield, Gordon Burgess, of Notti, a nephew, and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Collins. The son who will not be home is Harvey Collins of Olympia, Washington.

Mrs. N. W. Emery will leave tomorrow for Portland, where she will spend Christmas visiting her two sisters, Misses Emma and Abbie Masee. She will return Tuesday. Dr. Emery will be a Christmas guest at the John Rossman home on Camp Creek road.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Montgomery of Notti will be Christmas guests at the Fred Frese home, as will Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schiews of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wheaton will visit Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vincent of Eugene Christmas day.

Edgar Trotter and family will go to Waltherville to visit at the D. C. Trotter residence over Christmas.

Ferrole Perkins left yesterday for Medford to be with Mrs. Perkins over the holidays.

Theda Perkins arrived from Seattle to be a guest of her brother, George Perkins of this city, over the holidays.

Lenabell Harper is home from Monmouth Normal for Christmas.

Power Lines Down

Power lines of the California-Oregon power company, feeding the Mountain States lines from the south, were out of order yesterday and juice was being taken from the Portland end, it was reported at the local plant. On Tuesday, also, wire trouble reported by the Mountain States Power company employes, who blamed the trouble on some person who cut a potential Christmas tree down over the line.

Girl Scouts Meet

Two girls passed tests at the Girl Scout meeting conducted at the Chamber of Commerce last Saturday. Elizabeth Hemenway passed the table setting and history of the flag tests, while Maluta Read was given awards in table setting, six trees, six flowers, six birds, six animals and cooking and baking.

The next meeting will take place January 8 at the Chamber quarters.

Mrs. Blenis Hers—Mrs. Ed. Blenis of Waltherville was a local visitor Tuesday.



MERIT BADGES GIVEN SCOUTS AT CEREMONY

Merit Badges, awards for advanced work in Scouting, were presented to three members of the Lions club troop at the Springfield Court of Honor conducted Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce. Evan Hughes and Thayer McMurray won their badges in pioneering and Evan Hughes won badges in swimming.

Mayor G. G. Bushman acted in his capacity as chairman of the Court of Honor. Assisting Lane County Executive C. R. Clark in giving tests to the award aspirants were Dr. W. C. Rehban, V. D. Bain, H. E. Maxey, while Mayor Bushman and Executive Clark gave short talks to the Scouts commending them on honors attained and outlining the advantage of Scout training.

Bill Cox, member of Troop 2, won a second class rating at the honor court. Members of Troop 1, similarly honored were Clinton Sidwell, Billy Wheeler and Franklin Drury. The Court of Honor was the second to be conducted in Springfield, and the first since the organization of Troop 2.

PAST STATE OFFICER INSTALLED AT MEETING

Newly elected and appointed officers of the Cascade Chapter of the Eastern Star, were installed at ceremonies conducted Tuesday night, Mrs. Alberta McMurray, of Eugene, past worthy grand matron of Oregon, acted as installing officer. Installing marshal was Mrs. Clark Wheaton, and installing Chaplin was Mrs. R. B. Oldham.

Preceding the ceremonies a covered dish supper was enjoyed. Solos were sung by Miss Marguerite Hurd and Mrs. Ida Swarts.

Needlecraft Has Party

Husbands of members of the Needlecraft club were entertained at a delightful party at the attractive Eugene residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Crites last Thursday evening. The event was in the nature of a Christmas party, with tree and other decorations adding to the spirit of the occasion.

The men were asked to give a recipe for their favorite Christmas pudding. Floyd Flanery was awarded first prize.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. Mortensen, Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Dippel, Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gossler, Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Olson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ketels, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. May, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Flanery, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Westerfield, Mr. Robert Drury, Mrs. O. H. Jarrett, Mrs. W. N. Long, and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Crites.

The next meeting will be conducted on January 6 at the W. M. Dawson residence in Springfield.

Woodcraft Initiates Three

Three were initiated into the Neighbors of Woodcraft at last night's meeting at the W. O. W. hall. The new members are Mrs. Robert Cowden, Rachael Thatcher and Miss Lucille Richmond.

Fifty-two were present at the meeting. A Christmas tree was enjoyed, and useful gifts exchanged by the members.
Practice was conducted for the installation of new officers, to take place on January 12. All outlying circles in this jurisdiction have accepted an invitation to attend this event, which will be open to the public.

FIRE DOES DAMAGE TO AUTO PARK BUILDING

Fire damaged the store building of the Eugene-Springfield auto park this morning to the extent of at least \$1500, and required the services of the Springfield and Eugene fire departments before it was extinguished.

The blaze broke out behind a stove in which a hot fire was burning. Clothes hanging behind the stove first caught fire, and the flames quickly spread to the building. Greatest damage was in the roof.

The camp was bought recently by W. H. Jones of Chico, California, from Melvin Hansen.

POLICE STATION NEAR, BUT AUTO DISAPPEARS

From the city hall front yard, as it were, automobile thieves pilfered a machine of light and popular make belonging to John Bryan.

The episode occurred Sunday night. Cliff Bryan, brother of the owner of the automobile, parked it opposite the city hall on Main street, believing that the proximity of the center of municipal government and peace enforcement would insure its safety while he attended a Sunday night show.

But he underestimated the boldness of automobile thieves. And now John Bryan, Police Chief Jess Smitson and Traffic Officer A. S. Currie are looking for a car of light and popular make.

TEMPERATURE DROPS TO SEASON'S RECORD

Springfield skidded about on icy pavements this morning following a night during which the temperature dropped to 27 degrees, five below freezing.

Plumbing troubles were reported from various parts of the city, and automobile driving on the pavements is dangerous. A clear day gives promise of another cold night Thursday.

Hopes for a white Christmas faded yesterday when a light blanket of snow which covered the district in the morning melted with rising temperature at noon.

LONG & CROSS MOVE INTO OWN BUILDING

Removal of their plumbing shop to the old creamery building, between Fifth and Sixth on Main, from the quarters between Fourth and Fifth, was started this week by Long & Cross. It will be several days before the move will be complete, and the plumbing concern is doing business in both places at present.

Long & Cross own the building into which they are now moving.

Wedding Date Set

Miss Edna Kirscher, former resident of this city, will be married in a few days to John Williams of Springfield, the ceremony to take place in Alberta, Canada, where Miss Kirscher has been living for some time. Mr. Williams left for Alberta Sunday morning.

The couple will reside at Cottage Grove.

Have Christmas Party

A Christmas party was held by the Rebekah lodge Monday night. A Christmas tree for the children was followed by a Yuletide program.

Mrs. W. F. Walker, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass and Mrs. R. P. Mortensen were in general charge of the affair.

Open New Streets To Factory Sites

Property Owners Give Right-of-Way; Tannery Lease Confirmed by Council

A new street in the 1200 block on east Main leading into the free industrial site tract will be opened by the city council as a result of land having been donated by C. E. Colcord and M. C. Bressler. The property owners are each giving half the right of way on their line.

The new street will open into the east end of the tract and will serve the new tannery to be located on a 10-acre lease held by Dr. S. R. Jaynes. It will also serve other industries which may locate on this end of the industrial tract. The city expects to improve the street early in the Spring.

Under the present conditions there is no street opening into the tract this side of 19th street. At least two more streets are desired by the industrial committee. It is hoped other property owners may be public spirited in the same degree as Mr. Colcord and Mr. Bressler and offer right-of-ways. Improvements on the industrial tract will enhance the value of the property bordering on it. The accessibility of the tract from the McKinzie highway has much to do with its desirability for industrial sites.

Tannery Lease Ratified

The council met in special session at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening and approved the lease for Dr. Jaynes' tannery as drawn by the industrial committee. Dr. Jaynes expects to build in the spring.

POLICE MATRON IS HEARD BY CHURCHMEN

The average age of delinquents has been reduced from 16 to 18 years to work from 12 to 14 years since she began work among the wayward youth, Mrs. J. M. Ady, police matron of Eugene, told members of the Methodist church brotherhood at Monday night's meeting. Mrs. Ady gave a general review of her work, both charity and among delinquents.

Reports of the recent Methodist Men's Council held in Portland were heard. The Methodist choir fund was boosted materially with receipts from a waffle sale held by the brotherhood.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS GO TO NEEDY ON FRIDAY

Christmas baskets will be sent to nine Springfield and six West Springfield families tomorrow by the Salvation Army, according to Mrs. Paul Brattain, police matron, who has cooperated with the Army in collecting contributions for the needy and destitute.

Mrs. Brattain today expressed her thanks to all Springfield residents who have contributed and cooperated in the work. The response has been hearty and gratifying, she said.

FOUR-L MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED ON MONDAY

Twenty books of stickers bearing the words, "this order must be shipped in wood boxes," were distributed this week to Springfield merchants by the local unit of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. The 4-L organization is engaged in a campaign boosting the lumber industry and urges the use of wooden boxes. Other features of the campaign will be announced shortly after the first of the year.

The unit will conduct a meeting Monday night at the W. O. W. hall.

MRS. J. P. KING IS DEAD AT AGE OF 26

Mrs. Nettie Pardee King, wife of J. P. King, an employe of the Springfield office of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, died at the Pacific Christian hospital Sunday morning. She was 26 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at the Walker chapel Tuesday afternoon, with Rev. F. L. Hornshub of the Lighthouse Temple, Eugene, in charge. Interment was in Laurel Hill cemetery.

The husband and three small daughters, Dorothy, Margaret and Jeanne survive, as well as her father and mother, Mrs. E. E. Pardee of Hawthorne, California.

NEW BRIDGE TO BE FOOT OF MAIN ST.

Highway Commission Selects Lower Route Provided Property Owners will Revise Demands; Cost \$179,000 Without Right-of-Way.

The new Willamette river bridge will be built at the foot of Main street with a revetment as planned by the engineers, according to a telephone message received by The Springfield News from Al Perkins, local committee-man, who appeared yesterday afternoon before the highway commission. The bridge by the Main street route will cost \$19,000 more than via the \$150,000 structure on the old street car piers.

The highway commission seemed the requests of the property owners on cost of right-of-way unreasonable, according to Mr. Perkins. Postponement of the bridge was at first proposed by the commission until better terms could be made with the property owners but upon the promise of the county court and Mr. Perkins that they would go back to the property owners and get the right-of-way reduced the Main street route was decided upon, said Mr. Perkins.

The total cost of the right-of-way by the Main street route was over \$18,000 of which \$12,000 was for the Springfield side. The cost via the old piers and through the block diagonal to Second and Main totaled \$14,000. The commission feels that both these estimates are much too high.

The decision to route the highway down Main street with the bridge on the lower location is received here with general satisfaction. Even with the saving made with the old piers the straight route is conceded to be the best.

Building of the new bridge is expected to start as soon as the water goes down in the Spring without it is held up through condemnation proceedings on right-of-way.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO HAVE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Springfield Christian church will be conducted on Saturday, New Years day, at the church building, beginning with a lunch at 6 o'clock. The lunch will be served by the women of the church.

In the business session following a social hour, plans for the next year's activities will be shaped. A budget committee has been at work for some time and will submit the 1927 financial schedule for consideration of the church membership. Officers will be chosen at the meeting.

Last Sunday at the church Mrs. Bailey, representing the state missionary unit, told of the international missionary convention recently held at Memphis, Tenn.

Ball Teams Entertained

Members of the sophomore girls basketball team, champions of the Springfield High school, entertained the sophomore boys team at a party at the Paul Brattain residence last night. Games and music combined to make a delightful evening.

Members of the girls team present were Maxine Snodgrass, Evelyn Jacobson, Esther McPherson, Lena Frizzell, Hilda Wagner, Margaret Swarts, and Maude Brattain. Dora Wagner was a guest. Boys present were Jack Danner, Bob Archambeau, L. Roof, Coy Lansberry, Coy Lethers, Keith Kendall and LaVern Lawson.

Trees Given Away

Christmas trees that form the street decorations will be given away by the merchants Friday evening. On Christmas eve everyone may have a tree. There are 120 of the little trees and nearly every one of them is suitable for a family tree. No one needs to be without a tree this Christmas.

Chrysanthemum Meeting

A social afternoon was enjoyed yesterday by the Chrysanthemum club at the residence of Mrs. Leland Eubank. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Correction Made—In the account of the death of Louis H. Smith in last week's News, the names of two sons, L. R. Smith of Cottage Grove and Otto Smith of Springfield, were inadvertently omitted. Mr. Smith was 66 year of age.