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PROGRAMS TO TELL CHRISTMAS STORY

Churches of City Plan Yuletide Services; Methodists First Next Sunday; Others to be Held During Week and on Christmas Day.

By song, pageant and recitation, the story of Christmas is to be told in Christmas programs planned by Springfield churches, to be held at various times beginning next Sunday morning. Children and young people of the churches are to give the programs, while sermons will center around the Christmas theme.

Elaborate plan for the programs are being shaped, although complete schedules of each event are not yet available. Christmas trees will be erected this week in all the churches, and the yuletide decorations will be put up.

The Methodist Episcopal church will hold the first Christmas services on next Sunday, when, in the morning, the choir will present special music appropriate to the occasion and Rev. Gabriel Sykes will preach on "The Humble Origin of Christianity; the Only Hope of Humanity." In the evening, services will be also of a Christmas nature, with the Epworth League in charge. Miss Mary Findley, director of young people's work of the Eugene Methodist church, who visited Palestine last year, will speak of Bethlehem in a Christmas message to the congregation.

On Friday night of next week, December 23, the Methodist church Sunday school will give its Christmas entertainment, with Mrs. Gants in charge. The Christmas tree will be held at that time, and treats distributed to the children.

Special music and appropriate sermon subjects will be the only observance of the day on Christmas day, Sunday, at the Methodist church.

Baptist Plan Pageant

The beautiful pageant, "Nativity," is to be presented by young people of the Springfield Baptist church on Thursday night, December 22, at the church. Myrtle Harvey and Oscar Gladish have charge of this presentation. On the same evening, children of the primary and intermediate departments will give recitations and music. A Christmas tree will form the chief interest of part of the program, when treats are given out to the children.

"White Gift Christmas"

This is to be a "white gift" Christmas to the Springfield Christian church, and at the program on Sunday evening, December 25, children will bring gift offerings, wrapped in white, to be distributed later among the poor or given to missions. This is one of the most impressive parts of the Christmas services planned by the church.

On the same evening, a pageant, and program of recitation and songs will be presented by the church school. C. H. Hemple has charge of this.

Candy and nuts will be given out to the children on Christmas morning. At that time, Rev. S. E. Childers will preach on "The Star of Bethlehem."

Catholics Make Plans

The Catholic church is being appropriately decorated for the impressive Christmas services Sunday morning. A manger in which a child is lying is to form an important part of the decoration.

A Christmas tree, special music, and distribution of treats to the children will take place on Christmas morning at the Catholic church. Midnight mass will be celebrated at the Eugene church.

Cars Collide—Cars driven by Art Clough of Rainbow and Theodore Johnson of Wendling collided at the corner of 5th and Main streets Saturday as Mr. Clough drove from the service station there. Slippery streets caused another minor accident Wednesday when Ivan Nestle of Eugene, driving a truck, and Leo Willis of Cottage Grove, driving a Buick touring car, ran together at 5th and Main streets.

Sunday School Workers Meet—Sunday school workers of the Baptist church met at the church for their monthly conference last evening.

Miss Nelson Ill—Miss Pearl Nelson is ill at her home here.

ORCHESTRA AND GLEE NUMBERS, PLAY, TO BE ON S. H. S. PROGRAM

Announcement of the entire program of a Christmas entertainment to be given at the Springfield high school on Friday afternoon, December 23, at 1 o'clock, was made today. Parents and others interested have been urged to attend the program, which will include numbers by the high school orchestra and glee clubs, and a play. The public is cordially invited.

The program follows:
"Poet and Peasant," by S. H. S. orchestra, Miss Grace Potter directing.

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," boys and girls glee clubs.

"Holy City," Tenor solo by Paul Potter, assisted by the following chorus: Melba Mellon, Dorene Larimer, Julie Pollard, Evelyn Manley, Ofa Luce and Roy Streamer.

"Silent Night," sung by same group.

"Joy to the World," by glee clubs.

Play is Next

A one-act play, "The Stocking's Revolt," will follow, directed by Miss Francis Hodge. The entire cast:
Ernestine Mary Hadley
Neil Audrey Schultz
Jack Lloyd Mattison
Mother Arnold Julie Pollard
Father Arnold Richard Harpole
Grandmother Arnold Gladys House
Baby Arnold Dondelle Williams
Grandmother Stocking Maude Brattain

Mother Stocking Margaret Swarts
Father Stocking Jack Danner
Brother Stocking Gordon Houk
Sister Stocking Vernice Hawke
Baby Stocking Jesse Beals
Darned Stocking Ennis Yarnell

STOP STREET MEASURE THREATENING TO DIE

Without friends, the proposed Springfield stop street ordinance is threatening to die.

The measure, which would require traffic to stop upon entering Main or Fifth streets from side streets within the city limits, came up for further consideration of the council Monday night.

Although at previous meetings it had been looked upon favorably, the councilmen intimated that they had discovered little favor among the people to such a ruling. They discreetly put the matter on the table, and it is likely to be there permanently.

SURVEY COMMITTEE TO HAVE MEETING SHORTLY

Further plans for the general church survey to be made cooperatively by Springfield churches will be shaped at a meeting to be called shortly by Rev. Gabriel Sykes, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

For various reasons, the church survey was not started this week, as planned, and this give time for more elaborate plans. Whether the canvass will be made before or after the holidays has not been decided, but the meeting will be held within the next few days to perfect final details.

WOODCRAFT LODGE IS TO HAVE XMAS PARTY

Plans for a Christmas party to be conducted on the night of December 23 were shaped at a meeting of the Woodcraft lodge last night.

A Christmas tree party will be held, and each member of the lodge is to bring a present for exchange. A program and refreshments are planned. The men of the lodge entertained at last night's meeting. Initiation was held and several new members voted on.

Kensington Club to Have Party

The annual Christmas party of the Kensington Club will be held Saturday evening, December 17, according to announcement today. The affair will be at the home of Mrs. John Henderer and is to begin at 8 o'clock.

Children Molest House—Mrs. Ida Holland, living at 2nd and J streets, reported several children to the police Tuesday for having broken some windows in her house. One youngster was turned over to Juvenile Officer John Marsh.

Visit Springfield—Wednesday visitors from neighboring towns included W. E. Boggs of Marcola, H. Z. Cook of Wendling, C. R. Sylvester of Waltherville, Mrs. A. E. Stearns of Oakridge and Mrs. Nellie Forum of Jasper.

SPRINGFIELD PEOPLE SEND CHRISTMAS MAIL EARLIER THAN USUAL

The oft-repeated early mailing plea of the postal department at Christmas time is being heeded by Springfield people.

Postmaster F. B. Hamlin said this morning that Christmas mail is getting out earlier this year than ever before, with the result that he anticipated no congestion at all when the final rush comes just before the holiday.

Additional help is joining the postal staff as it is needed, and deliveries are getting out in good time at present. Wednesday, 19 sacks of mail were shipped out, twice the usual amount.

The postoffice will be closed all day Sunday, December 25. On the following day, the windows will be open for general delivery until noon. Special delivery matter will be dispatched to the addresses as soon as it arrives, regardless of the day.

MERCURY DORPS TO 30° DURING NIGHT

Springfield residents shivered again this morning in winter weather.

During the night the temperature dropped to 30 degrees. This record, while two degrees higher than the night previous, is two degrees below freezing and unusually cold for this district. Snow still lies in spots on surrounding hills, and ice formed during the night on ponds of still water.

ONE ACT PLAY GIVEN AT HIGH SCHOOL FRIDAY

A one act play, "The Stocking's Revolt" will be given at the Christmas program at the high school next Friday afternoon. The remainder of the program will consist of Christmas music by the glee club and orchestra.

Immediately after the program, school will be closed for the Christmas holidays, the reopening date being January 3. Because the University of Oregon students are having examinations this week, there will be no more gymnasium or swimming classes for the high school girls until after vacation.

UPPER CAMP CREEK TO HAVE XMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program will be given Friday, December 23, at the Upper Camp Creek school, which is taught by Mrs. Glenn Middle. The program will start at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Twenty-eight numbers will be given by children of the school. A Christmas tree and treats for the children will be special features.

Safety Meeting Held—Practice in resuscitation and other first aid work was given employees of the Mountain States Power company at a Safety meeting Wednesday afternoon.

"HIS UNCLE'S NIECE"

Cast of Characters
(In Order of Appearance)

RICHARD TATE, Esq., A Rising Young Lawyer, Dr. Carl Phetteplace.
FRANCIS FELTON, The Cause of the Trouble, Elmer Maxey.
DORA HALE, Very Much Attached to the "Cause" Eula Halleck.
ALICE MALCOLM, A Close Chum of Dora's Emmagene Travis.
MRS. SARAH ANN MULLEN, A Woman of few Words: from Happy Valley, Catherine Hemenway.
SIMON F. FELTON, Frank's Uncle, who never makes a Mistake, Ira M. Peterson.
PHILANDER FILMORE, "Humble but Wise," Harold Halleck
TIMOTHY HAYE, Colored Gardner at Happy Valley Junction, Donald McKinnon.
SILAS SICKLEMORE, The Constable of Happy Valley, Tom Swarts.

SCENES:

ACT I. Interior of Francis Felton's and Richard Tate's bachelor establishment at Boston.

ACT II. Same as Act I. Afternoon of same day.

ACT III. Exterior of Uncle Simon's newly acquired cottage at Happy Valley Junction. Evening, three days later.

TIME: Midsummer.

PETERSON ELECTED HEAD OF LOCAL MASONIC LODGE

Ira Peterson was elected Worshipful Master of Springfield Masonic lodge number 171 at the I. O. O. F. hall Tuesday evening. Sidney V. Ward was elected Senior Warden; Roscoe Perkins, Junior Warden; C. E. Wheaton, secretary; C. F. Egglmann, treasurer; and O. H. Jarrett was re-elected trustee for three years. The other two trustees are Oswald Olson and D. W. Critchee.

These officers will be installed at a joint meeting of the lodge with the Eastern Star members December 27. At that time the Master will announce the selection of appointive officers.

MRS. MARY E. MULLIN DIED HERE TUESDAY

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mullin died at her home at 1285 E. Main street at 12:20 o'clock Tuesday morning. The body was shipped Tuesday evening to Baker, where funeral services will be held.

Mrs. Mullin is survived by the following children: Mrs. C. G. Williams of Springfield, Mrs. W. P. Drum, Mrs. C. K. Komp, and V. W. Mullin; and by one grandson.

PAGEANT AT CHRISTAIN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Women of the Christian church will present a pageant "Perfect Love" Sunday evening, December 18. The cast follows:

Pilgrim Mrs. Lombard
Spirit of Christianity, Frances Travis
Spirit of Education, Mrs. Cliff Abrams
Spirit of Evangelism, Mrs. Elsie Pollard
Spirit of Missions, Mrs. Dallas Murphy
Spirit of Womanhood, Mrs. Mabel Tyson
Angel of Mercy, Wilma Hack
Recording Angel, Louisa McDowell
Voices of Promise, Agatha Beals,
Gladys House, Emmagene Travis,
Audrey Danner.
Imps of Selfishness, Lloyd Harris,
Jean Phillips, Jimmie Phillips,
Charles Cole, Roscoe Cole, Irving Davis.
Fruits of the Spirit, Mrs. H. T. Mitchell, Mrs. William Vashy, Altie Manning, Nellie Luce, Audrey Daniels, Jewel Hilterbrand, Elsie Beals.
Winifrid Tyson will play the piano accompaniment, and a girls' quartet will sing.

LEGION PLAY WILL BE SEASON EVENT

"His Uncle's Niece" will be Show at Bell Theatre Friday Night; Local People to Portray Funny Characters in Three Act Comedy.

"His Uncle's Niece," something different in the comedy line than heretofore offered in Springfield, will be played at the Bell Theatre Friday evening by local amateur actors. A cast has been trained under the auspices of the local post of the American Legion and under the direction of Mrs. Ora Read Hemenway. Practices have been going on for the last six weeks and a finished production is promised by the cast.

The play is being offered as a benefit performance for the post debt and also for playground equipment for the Brattain school. The cast has given much time in preparing the play and hope that it will be well attended.

The play is a three act comedy that has scores of funny situations and is sure to create side splitting laughter all the way through. Dual characters with one man wearing a dress and posing as a woman, another wearing a barrel and a woman in his attire all to fool an old wealthy uncle, creates a tense but comical condition that runs throughout the play. Finally "His Uncle's Niece" turns out to be a nephew as the curtain falls.

The Christian church orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion instead of the high school orchestra as was first planned and published on posters. The orchestra will give a musical recital between acts so something will be doing every minute for two and a half hours.

The full cast is given in other columns.

POWER PEOPLE HAVE ENTERTAINMENT HERE

Employees of the Mountain States Power company's Willamette division met Wednesday evening at the Midway pavilion in West Springfield for a dance and entertainment program. This was a regular get-together meeting of employees that are held periodically to get acquainted. A Christmas tree and other season features added to the merriment of the evening.

Invitations were sent to the Coos Bay and Tillamook divisions to participate. There were a large number from towns in the Willamette valley from Dales to Cottage Grove.

SECOND HAND STORE IS NOW OWNED BY WILTSE

Charles Wiltse is the new proprietor of the second hand store on 5th street between Main and A streets, having traded a ten acre improved tract in West Springfield to William Lubke for the stock of the store and a house and lot on 3rd street between Wall and Broadway.

Faculty Women Hosts

Women of the Springfield high school faculty will be hostesses to parents of students at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Pollard Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. The purpose of the program is to bring teachers and parents into closer contact, and to promote friendly relations between the high school faculty and the community.

Marriage Licenses for Week

During the past week marriage licenses have been granted by the county clerk to the following: Carl Morris and Betty Hart, both of Wilbur; Lawrence Moxley and Annie Hogan, both of Wilbur; Virgil Gowdy, Cottage Grove, and Lucille Land, Creswell; Harold Fawver and Margaret Mahany, both of Creswell; Paul Froelich Morrison, both of Myrtle Creek; Linn Buley, Springfield, and Lorens Wallace, Eugene.

New Mail Ruling

A new ruling affecting the delivery of perishable goods from the postoffice has been announced by Postmaster F. B. Hamlin. Hereafter, when perishable goods arrive at the postoffice too late for regular delivery, or on Sunday or holidays, they will be treated as special delivery matter and rushed immediately to the addressee. A special delivery collection is then made from the addressee.

Visits Daughter Here—Mrs. S. Schiewe of Mullino arrived today to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Montgomery, who recently underwent an operation.

Let's Hope For A Good Brood — By Albert T. Reid

