

## PRIZES AWARDED FOR WOOD ESSAYS

Louelle Williams Wins Grand Prize; Doris Chase, Hazel Wilson, Wayne Kendall, Helen Davis and Barbara Barnell are Division Winners.

Prizes in six divisions have been awarded in high and grade schools of the city in an essay contest on "Why Lane County Homes Should Be Built of Wood." The cash prizes were offered by the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and the Booth-Kelly Lumber company. A grand prize was given the best essay of the 400 submitted and it went to Louelle Williams, a junior in the high school, who was also winner of the first division. The prizes were presented Tuesday evening at the high school by Ralph Martin, sales manager of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company.

The grand prize was \$3 in cash and the division prizes were each first \$3, second prizes \$3, third \$1 and fourth 50 cents. Out of 400 essays written 155 were submitted to the judges, Mrs. L. K. Page, W. P. Tyson and H. E. Maxey. The judges found the essays all showed a good understanding of the subject and it was with difficulty that the best ones were selected.

The grand prize essay is published in full in other columns of this newspaper.

The prize winners of the six divisions were as follows:

First Division (Junior and Senior H. S.)—First, Louelle Williams; second, Audrey Daniels; third, Frank Mersdorf; fourth, Luverne Walker; honorable mention, Nadine McMurray.

Second Division (Freshmen and Sophomores)—First, Doris Chase; second, Mary Hadley; third, Gilbert Ernsting; fourth, Winston Bacus; honorable mention, Ruth Carlton.

Third Division (Eighth Grade)—First, Hazel Wilson; second, Margaret Dyer; third, Marcelen Seavey; fourth, Bertha Keenan; honorable mention, Marjorie Prochnow.

Fourth Division (Seventh Grade)—First, Wayne Kendall; second, Robert McLagan; third, Marie Coffelt; fourth, Beatrice Carson; honorable mention, Alys Thatcher.

Fifth Division (Sixth and Fifth "A" Grades)—First, Helen Davis; second, Lela Peterson; third, Harlan Duncan; fourth, Margaret Jarrett; honorable mention, Mary Smitson.

Sixth Division (Fourth and Fifth "B" Grades)—First, Barbara Barnell; second, Roscoe Cole; third, Roland Farnsworth; fourth, Donald Kendal; honorable mention, Eugene Phillips.

## "Why Lane County Homes Should Be Built of Wood"

Miss Louelle Williams, a junior in the high school, won the grand prize in the Loyal Legion wood promotion committee essay contest just closed. Following is the grand prize essay:

### "Why Lane County Homes Should Be Made of Wood"

Lumbering is the only pioneer industry we have. We can hardly turn a page in the early chapters of our Histories that we cannot see a picture of wood in some form or other. The stout walls of logs held the early settlers where they shared their joys and sorrows with each other.

We still have nearly half as much timber as when the pilgrims chopped their first tree. The United States Forest service tells us that almost a quarter of the entire land area of the country is still forest; actually more land for growing trees than the amount people have cleared for homes and industries.

A large portion of this timber is in Lane county, as it has more standing timber than any other county in the whole United States.

Lumbering is the only industry that will never be exhausted. You can dig out a mine and all you have left is the empty hole, while if we cut a tree, another will spring up to take its place for we have forest service men who are constantly planting new trees.

The Forest Industry is practically Lane county's support for sixty-three percent of all the industries of Lane county is lumbering. It is also a great support to the rest of the United States. About one tenth of our population in the United States is depending on the lumbering industry and sixty-five percent of all money invested in Lane county is in lumbering. In

## Local Christmas To be Quit Event

Families Will Hold Reunions; Schools and Churches Plan Programs

Christmas carols echoing all around, children playing merrily with Santa's gifts, families gathered around friends for reunions, and general expressing of Christmas cheer—such will be the mode of Christmas celebration by Springfield folks this coming Monday evening and all day Tuesday.

A rather quiet holiday is expected here with several local people leaving town to celebrate the holidays in other cities while folks from other points come to Springfield to join with local citizens in observing of the annual Christmas holiday.

Friday afternoon at the high school, a play, "The Necktie Hero," will be presented by the Dramatics club as the annual Christmas play. This form of Christmas entertainment will begin at 1 p. m.

Various clubs and church organizations will hold Christmas programs Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The public is welcome to attend these various affairs.

Expressions of Christmas cheer will be sent out Friday morning by members of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Springfield post no. 40 of the American Legion. They will send boxes to men at veterans' hospitals in Portland and at American Lake, Washington.

Special church services will be held the Sunday before Christmas day by practically all local places of worship.

When schools are dismissed here Friday afternoon, the school children will begin their annual holiday vacation which this year will last till January 2.

Springfield students at schools in other cities are returning home this week-end to celebrate the holidays with their folks here.

Banks, the postoffice, and stores in general will be closed all day Tuesday to celebrate the annual holiday. Announcement has been made that no regular delivery of mail will be made on Tuesday.

## SCOUTS PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY AT M. E. CHURCH

Troop no. 11 of the Springfield Boy Scouts will have a large Christmas party at the Methodist church Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

Each scout will bring a present for the person whose name he has drawn in the Christmas gift exchange. A program of entertainment will be provided for the boys.

Doughnuts and cider will be served as refreshments. The affair will be under the direction of C. L. Aldrich, scoutmaster.

## AUXILIARY WILL SEND BOXES TO VETERANS

Springfield members at veteran hospitals and Oregon veterans in general will be recipients of Christmas cheer boxes from the local auxiliary of the American Legion, post no. 40.

All past week members of the auxiliary assisted by members of the Girls' League at the high school have been busy preparing six boxes to be sent away as gifts of the local organization. Four of them have been assigned to the local division by the national headquarters of the legion auxiliary.

Four Oregon boys at the veterans' hospital at American Lake, Washington, will receive symbols of Christmas cheer from the local auxiliary group. Two members of the Springfield post who are at the veterans' hospital no. 77 in Portland will also receive packages from the women in Springfield.

The boxes will be sent away Friday morning, so that they may be assured of arriving at their destination in time for the men to celebrate Christmas on the designated day.

## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR JESSE LEE LORAH

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Walker-Poole chapel here for Jesse Lee Lorah, who passed away last Saturday afternoon at his home at 322 B street. He was 51 years of age, and was born at Lorah, Iowa on October 9, 1877.

The funeral was in charge of Rev. E. V. Stivers with interment at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mr. Lorah had been working for some time on the construction of the Lowell road.

Mr. Lorah married Alice Kester on June 14, 1921. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Lorah; his mother, Mrs. Emma Lorah of Greeley, Colorado; a brother, John S., and a sister, Mrs. L. E. Stone both of Springfield; four other sisters, Mrs. J. E. Coleman, of Long Beach, California, Mrs. Rose B. Whitney of Fresno, California, Mrs. J. L. Beagle of Greeley, Colorado, Mrs. Lillie Feela of Ault, Colorado; a son, Archie of Fort Collins, Colorado; and a daughter, Helen, of Los Angeles, California.

## Toys Wanted! Who Will Gladden The Hearts of Needy Children?

For Springfield children who might not otherwise be remembered on Christmas day with gifts of toys and other things the boy scouts of troop No. 11 are making collections this week. There are 15 or 20 children in Springfield who will not know what Christmas means this year if it were not for this gift campaign of the boy scouts.

The scouts ask that used toys which children have outgrown be left at the News office by people who wish to donate this year. These they will repair, repair and distribute them on Christmas eve.

Toys for ages 4 to 10 years are desired. And it is believed that once the people of Springfield understand how the scouts are trying to bring gladness into homes where gloom might reign on Christmas day there will be plenty of toys donated. In the attic and other places around Springfield homes there are no doubt scores of toys which have been outgrown by the children of the family and yet are still good.

Remember folks if you want to help the scouts bring Christmas cheer to the little folks and keep up the traditions of Santa Claus bring these used toys to the News office Friday and Saturday.

## MAYOR-ELECT RETURNS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

C. O. Wilson, who will take office in January as mayor of Springfield, returned Sunday night from a business trip to San Francisco. He went to the California city in the interests of his business here.

Nearly all conversation with Mr. Wilson during the past week has concerned plans of his administration as director of the city's business, but the jolly mayor-elect consistently refuses to give out any definite data concerning what he will do when he takes office. He claims that he does not know just exactly what can and what will be done until he officially takes office in January.

He has not yet announced any new appointments to city offices or the like, and is withholding any such information until he assumes the position.

## HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON FRIDAY

Five high school dramatists have been practicing for sometime in preparation for their parts in "The Necktie Hero," the play to be presented by the Dramatics club of the Springfield high school as part of the school's annual Christmas program to be presented at the school Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Following the presentation of the program school will be dismissed for the annual Christmas vacation. School will resume classes on January 2.

Playing the various roles in the play are Nadine McMurray, Audrey Moskop, Lucille Richmond, Everett Squires, and John Lynch. Miss Maurine Lombard is coaching the play.

On the remainder of the program for the day will be: Orval McPherson, Frances Frizell; the boys quartet consisting of Gerald Morrison, Paul Potter, Everett Squires and Joseph Crandell; the harmonica band, Faye Parsons, and the faculty quartet with the following as members: Miss Frances Hodges, Miss Maurine Lombard, Oscar Gladdish and Glenn Cole.

The school has invited the public to attend the program.

## N. O. W. Plan Program

A Christmas tree and program will be presented at a meeting of the Neighbors of Woodcraft to be held in the Woodmen of the World hall here Wednesday evening, December 26.

Mrs. Marion Adams is in charge of the program to be presented at the meeting. Refreshments will be served at the session, it was announced.

## CHURCHES PREPARE CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Program at Christian and Baptist Churches to Commemorate Christmas; Music and Recitations in Spirit of Yuletide Given; Orphans Helped.

Long, elaborate programs have been arranged for the special service to be held by the Springfield Christian church on the Sunday before Christmas, December 23.

The morning service which opens at 9:45 o'clock, the usual Sunday school hour, will be opened by Superintendent S. G. Moshier. A short program by the congregation will follow. After this short period of church entertainment, members will go to their classrooms for 20-minute sessions.

The large program for the morning service will begin when all return from their classes. The beginners class will start off the program with a song, "Shining Stars Are We."

Roscoe Cole appears next with a recitation entitled, "True Christmas Spirit." Following him will be a song by the Primary department entitled, "Gifts from the King." Charles Cole will give the next recitation, "The Best Gift of All."

The Sunbeam class will then be presented in a Star drill. The Murphy-Moshier quartet will sing a selection, "We Three Kings" is the title of the song to be rendered by Donald Childers, Daniel Read, and James Hemenway.

Presentation of gifts for the Orphans home will be made by each class of the Sunday school. The congregation will then sing, with Sunday offering and church announcements following. Communion service will also be held at this time.

The choir will sing the Christmas anthem, "Oh, Sing Unto the Lord." Rev. S. E. Childers will deliver a short sermon, "The Heart of Christmas." Benediction will conclude the morning service.

The evening service which starts promptly at 7:30 will have as its opening attraction, "Love and Roses," a special selection by the orchestra. S. G. Moshier will give a prayer after the congregation sings the Christmas Carols. "The Song of the Star," a Christmas anthem, will be rendered by the choir with May Etta Moon following with a recitation, "The Birthday of a King."

Lawrence Sunkler will sing a solo, "Holy City." Velma Pettycoord will give a reading, "Lord of All," and the orchestra will come next on the program with a selection, "Melody of Love."

The Christmas offering for the Orphans' home will then be taken. A double number by the double male quartet will follow the offering. These numbers are: "O Holy Night, Silent Night," and "Bethlehem Bells." Benediction by Rev. Childers will close the evening service.

The Christian Endeavor society will meet at 6:30 p. m.

## BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Plays and special programs will be features of the services to be held this Sunday by the Springfield Baptist church.

The primary and junior departments will present a Christmas program at the usual Sunday school hour.

At the morning service, Rev. C. H. Blom will preach on "The Significance of Christmas." The choir will render special selections as follow: "Hark, What Mean the Holy Voices," by John A. West, and "Prices of Nations."

A dramatic pageant portraying the birth of Christ will be presented at the evening service under the direction of Mrs. Truman Chase. Characters in this play will be: Mrs. Roy Carlton; Miriam, Ina Hubbard; Titus, Harry Chase; Dan, Wilford Cook; Pharisees—Oscar Gladdish, Roy Carlton, and Fred Freese; Shepherds—P. H. Emery, Truman Chase, Loyd Freese, Marvin Chase, and C. H. Blom; Wise men—M. N. Pengra, Wilford Cook, and Paul Freese; Mary, Myrtle Harvey; Joseph, Homer Chase; a pilgrim, Chester Chase; and several pilgrims and a group of angels.

Many Christmas hymns will be sung by the choir and the orchestra will play several selections.

Chamber of Commerce to Meet  
The Springfield chamber of commerce will hold its next regular meeting Friday evening, December 23, in the chamber of commerce room.

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