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Christmas Spirit

Thousands of words have been written about Christmas Spirit, but a printed page will never be able to give, no matter how eloquently done, an adequate portrayal of this intangible something that seems to encircle the world with a golden band of friendship and good will towards fellowmen and that overpowers the petty jealousies, the selfish interests, and the puny graspings with which mortals complicate their lives.

This beautiful spirit still exists because a certain star that shown over a manger in a Judean hamlet once long ago has gleamed steadily through the ages over the rise and fall of mighty empires, shedding its warmth on great and small alike, with no respect for imperial pomp or conquering sword.

For this doctrine, founded in love and unselfishness, has no heed of might or power to perpetuate it in history. Atheist and unbelievers, alike, bow to the magic power of this Spirit emanating from the infinite at Christmas time. It seems to shove into the background and lighten the cares and worries that beset the world; and, suddenly, dictators, and war, and disaster, and oppression are forgotten as all Christendom pauses in the pursuit of gain and dedicates itself to know that giving is more blessed than receiving.

And so again comes "round the time foretold" to a modern world of upheaval and complexity, but the Christmas story remains as beautiful and as untarnished by the wash of time as it was when the shepherds first heard the singing of angels on the plain of Bethlehem. It is this persistent return each year of man's thoughts to the events surrounding the lowly birth of a Galilean which promises that no darkness or uncertainty can snuff the light of Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Concert to be Presented

The Christmas concert to be presented Thursday evening will consist of the following selections:

Band: "Yuletide Echoes"—a selection of favorite Christmas songs, "Mantilla"—overture Espagnole, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "Southern Cross"—overture, "While Shepherds Watched," "Characteristic"—overture, "Joy to the World." Lower grade chorus: "Silent Night," "Christmas," "Christmas Carol," "Father Christmas," "First Noel," and "Cradle Song."

Upper grade chorus: "Wassail Song," "Good King Wenceslas," "Deck the Halls," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Carol of the Shepherds," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Silent Night" and "Lullaby, While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

OPERETTA

The operetta was a great success, even though very little money was taken in. The dances went off smoothly; the acting was good.

The make-up artists deserve a round of applause for the appearance of the characters on the stage. Bud Blakely's sun tan was especially realistic.

Heppner Defeats Lexington

Heppner high school took the long end of a 28-19 rough and tumble basketball game from Lexington high last Tuesday on the latter's court. Heppner looped a couple of long shots near the end of the second quarter to make the score at half time 13-8 in their favor.

Padberg for Lexington was high scorer with 10 points. Osborne, Snow and Crawford starred for Heppner; Padberg, Jackson and Johnson, for the Jackrabbits.

In the preliminary game Heppner's second team beat Lexington's seconds, 28-10.

Wins OSC Scholarship

Guy Moore, local president of the FFA, won a hundred dollar scholarship given by the Union Pacific railroad. The U. P. offers a scholarship in an agricultural course in the state college of agriculture to the senior or junior boy residing in each of the counties served by it who is enrolled in or who has completed satisfactorily a high school vocational agriculture course and who has the highest average ranking in scholarship, supervised practice work, and leadership ability.

A \$100 scholarship will be awarded, provided the boy selected elects to enroll for a full four-year course in agriculture in the state college of agriculture, or a full two year term in the short courses offered.

The outstanding boy from each school in this county is chosen by the instructor for his work in agriculture. The winner from this county is chosen by the teachers from Pendleton and Helix, while the instructors from this county pick the winners from Umatilla county.

Guy also won a 4-H scholarship to Oregon State last year for outstanding work in the 4-H club.

Hither and Thither

Joe Aiken, who is attending college at Ellensburg, was at the high school student body assembly Friday.

Dean Sprinkel, accompanied by a group of friends, was at Echo, Stanfield and Hermiston Sunday where he visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Blahm.

Paul Brown, student at OSC, is home for the Christmas season.

Friends will regret to hear that Irma Scott of Lexington is ill in a hospital at The Dalles with pneumonia.

Mary Kirk, a junior, has withdrawn from school.

Those absent last week were the following: Paul Doolittle, Don Jones, Jack Merrill, Dorothy Huit, Norma Prock, Bud Blakely, Dean Gilman, Pat Dooley, Frances Wilkinson, Donna Orwick and James Barratt.

Student Body Has Speaker

Edgar Spickerman from The Dalles spoke on FFA before the student body last Friday. Mr. Spickerman is fourth vice-president of national Future Farmers association. The purpose of his talk was to explain FFA organizations and benefits.

Following the speech a student body meeting decided that students draw names for Christmas.

A white elephant sale will be given to raise money for the local charity organization.

A committee will be appointed to investigate the possibility of making changes in the school organization. Several suggestions were given by the delegates who attended the student body convention at La Grande.

Leland Edmondson was appointed chairman of the advertising committee, formerly headed by Bud Blakely, who recently resigned.

An assembly will be held this Friday at which the Pep club will present a program.

Do You Want an Operetta?

Do you want an operetta? This question is raised as a result of the financial outcome of the operetta, "And It Rained," presented last Friday. Last year's receipts amounted to more than \$100 as compared to this year's bare \$50. This year's expenses amounted to \$49. What's wrong? The production group and student body is essentially the same as last year. Last year there were almost twice as many pre-production sales as this year's entire receipts.

Last year the junior class sold \$40 worth of tickets alone.

Does this school want an operetta? It seems hardly right that two months should be expended in the production with not enough cooperation from the high school students to fully pay for those efforts.

Coach Ill

As Coach Knox is ill, the basketball team is being coached by Mr. Blankenship with the aid of Mr. Bennett and Mr. McKenzie.

Hugh Crawford, a junior, was

last week chosen captain of the basketball team for the remainder of this year and for 1940.

OSC Prepares Another Men's Co-Op House

Oregon State College.—More low-cost housing facilities for men will be available for the winter term, starting January 3, as a result of the remodeling of the old infirmary building for use as a men's cooperative house. This large structure has not been used by the college since the completion of the new health service building.

The plan is to have a building which will house about 30 boys who will share the work of operating the house and in this way obtain board and room at a cost not to exceed \$20 a month.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness during the long sickness and death of our beloved wife, mother and sister, both in services rendered and offered in caring for her and for the sympathy and assistance given at the time of her passing and funeral, for the floral contributions and for the gifts to her beloved missionary cause.

These evidences of love and sympathy do ease our sorrows and we shall ever remember them with gratitude.

Leon W. Briggs,
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