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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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JOY TO THE WORLD... The famous boys' choir of St. Vincent Ferrer Church raises its collective voice in song during rehearsal of hymns which will be sung at Christmas Eve midnight mass. Boys are from eight to 14 years of age.

Christmas Scene: St. Francis Set The Stage

Did you ever wonder about the origin of the custom of displaying the Christ Child in the crib at Christmas time? These displays have become increasingly popular, so that this Christmas we find manger scenes in churches, store windows, even in outdoor locations. Credited with the idea of the first display is St. Francis of Assisi, who is reported to have said to one of his followers: 'I wish to celebrate Holy Christmas night with you. In the woods near the cloister you will find a cave where we shall arrange a manger filled with hay. We shall have an ox and an ass just as at Bethlehem. I wish to see how poor and miserable the Infant Saviour became for us.' This was in the small village of Garcia, in Italy, in the year 1200. St. Francis and his followers celebrated mass at the cave and sang hymns in honor of the Christ Child.

Mistletoe Once Symbol Of Evil

The mistletoe, once a weapon of death, later became to be considered as a magical medicine, is now a universal symbol of love and peace.

It was with a mistletoe arrow (according to Norse mythology) that Loki killed Balder, the sun god, after Balder's mother had obtained a promise from all living things, other than the mistletoe, that they would not harm him. Balder was restored to life and it was ruled by the gods that the mistletoe would never again be used to do harm.

Ancient Europeans considered the mistletoe a magical medicine. They carried it about with them for health and luck, and believed it a cure for ulcers and epilepsy as well as a charm promoting fertility.

The present day custom of giving a kiss of love or peace beneath the mistletoe, although a relatively modern one, is derived from the fact that down through the centuries the mistletoe has been recognized throughout the whole world as a symbol of lasting peace.

Gift-Giving Custom In Ancient England

One of the most plausible versions of the origin of the custom of giving gifts at Christmas time is the one saying it began in England.

In the days of the knights, it was custom to hang kissing rings in the great halls. These rings were decorated with mistletoe and beneath them would meet the young knights and ladies, each bringing Christmas roses to their secret love.

As times changed, so did customs, and roses gave way for other personal gifts at Christmas time.

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Rebekahs, IOOF Hold Christmas Party

About forty members of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge and Odd Fellows held their annual Christmas party Monday night at the I. O. O. F. hall.

Entertainment was provided by Oliver Creswick who sang two Christmas songs and a group of girls, Bonnie Hannan, Rose Marie Nash, Shirley Gaines and Marie Elena and Jo Ann Robinson, accompanied by Shirley May Nash, who sang "Silent Night" and "White Christmas."

Refreshments of hamburgers and potato chips were served.

Following the party, the Triple Link club held a business meeting and elected the following officers: Mrs. Delbert Wright, president and Mrs. Don Munkers, secretary-treasurer.

Soroptimists Hear About Girls' State

The Soroptimist club has voted to sponsor a girl to Girls' State and Mrs. Riley Munkers of the American Legion auxiliary was a guest of the club Thursday noon to tell of the qualifications needed to attend Girls' State and Meredith Thomson, who attended last year, told about the things they learned and how Girls' State is organized.

The high school is having a different senior girl attend the club meetings each week and Shirley Kononen was the girl chosen to be a guest at the Thursday meeting.

Final plans were made for the Christmas party and all members brought gifts to be sent to Fairview Home.

Ione News

Mr. and Mrs. John Loudon of Baltimore, Maryland are the parents of a daughter, Cecilia Marie, born Dec. 11. Weight 7 lbs. and 5 ozs. Mrs. Loudon is the former Elsie Jepsen. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jepsen of Ione are the grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burns of Lurcene, Calif. are the great-grandparents.

Harold Holtz, student at Multnomah College in Portland, is spending the holiday at his home.

The town has taken on a holiday look with lighted outside and inside trees and other decorations.

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Open House Held Saturday Night

About 50 guests called between the hours of 7 and 10 o'clock on Saturday evening at the L. E. Dick home when Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Dick were hosts for an open house. The rooms were lovely with Christmas decorations and Erin Dick greeted the guests at the door.

Rainbow Girls Go Caroling

About twenty five Rainbow girls gathered at the James Thomson home Tuesday evening before going to the hospital to sing carols to the old people and then about town to entertain other shut-ins.

Following the caroling, the girls returned to the Thomson's for refreshments.

Mrs. Meador Holds High Score At Bridge

Mrs. Ned Sweek was hostess at a dessert bridge at her home Friday night.

Mrs. Richard Meador had high score. Miss Joyce Buschke, second and Mrs. Kemp Dick was low.

Other guests were Mrs. Don Bellenbroek, Mrs. Riley Munkers, Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter and Mrs. Creston Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Marvey Miller of Portland were overnight guests Friday at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Barratt.

Lyle Jensen, student at Pacific University, is here for the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash.

Carl Spaulding, Earling Storro and Winn Crist were in Seattle over the weekend, returning on Monday evening.

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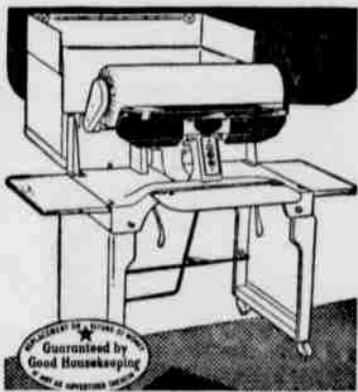


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