

MRS. GRANT RIGBY WRITES TWELFTH NIGHT HISTORY FOR GARDEN CLUB

Twelfth Night burning of Christmas trees and greens sponsored annually by the Lone Garden Club will be observed Friday, January 6 at 4 p.m. on the Omar Rietmann lot across from the city park. The community is invited to participate. Christmas trees should be placed in a convenient place for gathering by Thursday, Jan. 5, or left on the Rietmann lot.

The following information on Epiphany or Twelfth Night (Day) was contributed to the Garden Club by Mrs. Grant Rigby, formerly of Lone, but now a resident of Salem and a teacher in the State School for the Blind.

The Feast of Epiphany which comes 12 days after Christmas, or on the Festival of the Three Kings (the Magi). In the beginning the early church celebrated this day mainly as a commemoration of the baptism of Our Lord, which was supposed to have taken place exactly thirty years after his birth. This was regarded as His "birth of the Spirit" and was mentioned by Clement of Alexandria in 194. Also celebrated at this time was the first miracle, the turning of water into wine at Cana.

That January 6 was celebrated in honor of both his birth of the Virgin and of the Spirit is shown by a letter preserved by John of Nice, in which a bishop of Jerusalem writes to the bishop of Rome saying that the faithful met before dawn at Bethlehem to celebrate the birth from the Virgin in the cave; but before the hymns and lectures could be finished they had to hurry off to Jordan, 13 miles from Jerusalem, to celebrate the baptism. By consequence neither commemoration could be kept fully and reverently. Therefore the writer begs the Pope to look in the archives of the Jews brought to Rome after the destruction of Jerusalem and ascertain from them the real date of Christ's birth. The Pope found in the works of Josephus that Christ was born on December 25.

Gradually the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem came to be celebrated on December 25. In the Western church it supplanted the great pagan festival of the sun worshippers.

In Europe and England as the sun waned, the sun-worshippers built great bonfires to revive the weakened sun and give him new life. As the Church spread into these countries it supplanted the pagan beliefs and substituted the Christian festival.

Constantine had been a member of the sun cult before his conversion and some feel that it was his influence which led to the references to our Lord as the "Sun of Righteousness" and similar terms referring to Him as the true Light of the World, etc.

Later in the Western Church, the Epiphany came to be peculiarly associated with St. Matthew's story of the visit of the Magi to the infant Christ. Since the Magi were Gentiles, miracle plays much used as teaching devices in the Middle Ages emphasized at Epiphany that Christ came to Epiphany and Redeemer of all men everywhere.

Because the Church felt it wise to supplement the ancient customs, changing them gradually, many of the old customs linger.

Thus, the "beanfeast" an annual dinner given by an employer to his workpeople, connects with a feast on Twelfth Night at which a cake with a bean buried in it was a great feature.

The bean king was he who had the good fortune to have the slice of cake in which was the bean. This monarch was master of the revels, the lord of merriment, and caused much merriment. In olden times his chief duty had been to perform magical ceremonies to insure good weather for the coming year; later he announced the date of Easter (a moveable feast) on Twelfth Night.

The custom of exchanging presents also had been an old custom of the Roman Saturnalia. The Magi brought gifts to the infant Christ, and gradually the people began exchanging presents in Christ's name.

Twelfth Night (12 days after Christmas) is an ancient custom widely celebrated in England on January 6 ending the civil holidays. Legends say that the wise men visited the Christ Child 12 days after his birth on the Twelfth Night.

Paul Miller visited friends at Powers over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and Paul spent Christmas day in Stanfield with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kincaid.

On New Year's Day, 1818, the White House was thrown open for the first time since the War of 1812 for a public reception.

Lone Schools

By EVELYN JEPSEN

Now that Christmas vacation is here for us students, we'll try to let you in on all the happenings that we missed giving you for the entire month of Dec. We hope that each and every one of you have had a joyous and Merry Christmas.

The first nine weeks of the year placed seven Lone High students on the honor roll and six on the honorable mention. Honor roll students are: Seniors, Jean Martin and Kenneth Smouse; freshmen, Arleta McCabe, Tom Helmbigner, Judy Sherer, Steve Lindstrom, and Merrie Jo Morrison. To be on the honor roll, one must have a grade point average of at least 3.20. Honorable mention students are: Jack Crum, Evelyn Jepsen, Linda Halvorsen, Marvin Padberg, Bill Akers, and Barbara Bishop. Grade point average for honorable mention is 3.00-3.19.

Basketball games during December marked Lone's record as three wins and one loss. Lone traveled to Fossil on December 9, to lose their first game, but on the 10th, St. Joe traveled to

Lone to give Lone their first win. St. Joe played host for us on December 16 and Arlington became our guests on the 17th. Both of the later games were victories for the Cardinals. The league games do not begin until after the new year.

Congratulations to Mr. Joe Hausler, who became the father of another daughter on the 13th of December. She is named Rheda Deloise, and she joins four sisters and one brother. Mr. Hausler teaches geometry, biology, algebra II and trigonometry, chemistry and girls physical education. We hear, via the grapevine, that the chemistry class mixed up a few of their formulas and presented Mr. Hausler with a box of cigars! (It's okay, they weren't loaded!!)

The school Christmas program was held December 22 at 8:00. Both the grade and high school students participated in this program.

The high school Christmas party was held Friday, December 23. Evelyn Jepsen lead the group in singing Christmas carols and two special numbers were given. One by the men teachers singing half of "Deck the Halls" and all of "Joy to the World," the other number was a tenor sax-

ophone solo by Jean Martin. Marilyn Morgan was the piano accompanist. After the singing, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Marvin Padberg and Evelyn Marick, along with their helpers, the freshman class, passed out the gifts.

The Christmas dance, sponsored by the high school band was held on December 23. The dance band made their first appearance of the year and everyone really enjoyed them.

As we look on, we see that 1960 is almost gone and we are looking to a new year with hopes that it will be just as happy and

prosperous as the one which we are leaving.



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