

### Wishes for True Joy and Peace

Our hearts go out in thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for his dear son as his great Christmas gift. He loved so much that he gave, so we love and give. May the blessings of our Father wait upon us and the Son of His Glory shine around our heads. May the gates of plenty, honor and happiness be always open to us, so far as will not rob us of eternal joys.

Time's richest blessings are of little value when compared with life eternal and the glory that shall be, when time shall be no more. May the coming year, therefore, ever be remembered by us, not so much because of the temporal blessings that it brought, but rather because of the joy and peace experienced in the Master's service and the higher spiritual life attained.

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Pastor Roekwood, Fairview and Troutdale Churches

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### BEST WISHES TO ALL MY FRIENDS

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## A Merry Christmas

and

## A Happy New Year

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### UNION HIGH STUDENT BODY IS ENTERPRISING

By CURTIS C. HENDRICKS  
Enterprise and pep characterizes the student body of union high school in their various activities. Scholarship of a high character and the social and athletic organizations have a spirit which is refreshing. Faculty and students are working together harmoniously for a better school and the accomplishment of definite objects. Here are some of the things which have been brought about since the opening of the school year.

**Cafeteria a Success.**  
A cafeteria that serves more than a hundred students with a hot lunch every noon; a five-number lyceum course, costing \$540; a complete student body organization with officers, a student body council and a finance committee; improved facilities for handling spectators in the gymnasium, due to the construction of swinging balconies; a semi-monthly school paper; evening gymnasium classes for men and women, and an enlarged assembly hall, with a corresponding increase in the progress of Union High School No. 2 this year. Nor is this all. The football team, under the direction of A. C. Shagren, has improved greatly and while handicapped because of difficulties in arranging a schedule and school starting two weeks late, has made a fine showing. Classes have been carried on with very little friction and the general scholarship promises to be even better than heretofore.

The cafeteria idea was not a new one, as the matter had been discussed by the students and faculty before. It was new, though, to try and put such a thing over for the difficulties were great. There was a lack of space, the greatest drawback, the question of who would take charge and whether or not the students would support it. A leader was found in Miss Minnie Schrepel, domestic science teacher, and being given free rein she had the cafeteria running smoothly a few weeks after school opened. It has proven a success in every way and has been the subject of favorable comment from everyone who has visited school during the noon hour.

**School Back Lyceum Course.**  
The credit for the lyceum course goes to Principal Cannon who began to agitate it among the students soon after the term started. Upon investigation it was found that a course had already been contracted for by some local people. The guarantors, however, were willing to turn it over to the student body, pay any deficit they might incur and if there was any profit let the school have it. It was a big undertaking, the course costing \$540, but thanks to the leadership of Mr. Cannon and the cooperation of the student body, it was a complete success.

When it was finally decided by the student body to put over the course an extensive campaign was outlined by Mr. Cannon for the sale of tickets. Practically every district within ten miles of Gresham was mapped out for a house to house canvass. The results were even better than had been anticipated and it was not long before the financial success of the undertaking was assured. At the present time, more than the necessary amount has been raised through the sale of tickets, and what door receipts come in from now on will be clear profit.

While the school has had a student body organization before it was not until this year that a student body council was inaugurated. This council, consisting of the student body president, the principal, the class advisors and two representatives from each of the four classes, meets when anything pertaining to the good of the school is to be decided. Their recommendations are then put before the student body for approval. A finance committee passes on all bills against the student body and directs the expenditures of the various activities.

**Swinging Balconies Built.**  
Some time ago, when the football season was about over, the question of adequate facilities for handling crowds in the gymnasium was once brought to the fore. This has been a much mooted question in the high school and one that seemed without a satisfactory solution. Mr. Cannon again came to the rescue when he

proposed the construction of swinging balconies. His idea was to have the board furnish the material and the students do the work. It was explained that the work would cost as much as the material if the board was to construct them. The directors agreed and the balconies went up.

In 1917 the Argus, then a monthly paper, came into being. During the war publication was suspended and interest soon waned. This year the Argus has been brought to life, made into a snappy little paper, published semi-monthly and sells for five cents instead of the former price of fifteen. All of the work is done by the students and faculty. The copy is mimeographed and the cover stenciled. Miss Gardner, teacher of stenography and typewriting, has been active in putting out a creditable paper and much thanks is due her.

Another thing which was put over this year and has proven very popular has been the issuing of student body tickets. The same idea has been carried out in most of the colleges and was proposed here by Mr. Cannon. The ticket, which sells for \$1.50, admit the bearer to all athletic games and debates and, in addition, pays his or her athletic fee for the year.

Knowing that many people would welcome an opportunity of using the gymnasium in the evening, Mr. Cannon has brought about the organization of two classes, one for men and one for women. The women, under the direction of Miss Hurd, meet on Wednesday night. The men, under A. C. Shagren, on Monday night. The two classes number about 30 each although there is room for more. Anyone living in the district may join and both of the classes are under trained physical directors.

Because of the fact that the east end of the assembly hall was being moved back to provide more room, school was late in starting and the football team suffered accordingly. A large number were out for practice though, and more interest was evidenced than ever before. It was difficult to arrange a game with any school of the same size as most of them had their season schedule made out. The result was that the team played whoever they could get a game with. The first game was with Tillamook and while the local boys made a good showing they were defeated by a much heavier team. Astoria came next and the boys did better, although here they were outweighed. Then followed the Hood River game which was played too soon after the opening of the season, the Estacada game in which Gresham won, the game with Washougal on Armistice day which resulted in a tie, the one in which Woodburn won by a fluke and finally the game with the Alumni.

Altogether this has the promise of being a very successful year.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS PLANNED BY M. E. CHOR.

The choir of the Methodist church is practicing for a Christmas cantata "The Adoration" to be given Christmas evening at the church. There are a score or more voices in the choir and under the direction of Hal B. Bishop they are making splendid progress. The cantata promises to be one of the finest that has ever been put on in this town.

Solo numbers by H. W. Strong, Guy D. Jones, Mrs. Minnie Aylworth, Miss Gertrude Alexander and Miss Katherine Honey are beautiful and effective and the full chorus numbers will prove an inspiration. The accompanists will be Miss Florence Honey pianist and Miss Edith Lyman, organist.

The cantata is divided into three parts. The Prophecy, The Advent and The Adoration and those who have heard it agree upon the beauty and inspiration of the music and words.

### MEETINGS WILL CLOSE SUNDAY AT M. E. CHURCH

The revival meetings that have been in progress at the Methodist church for the past three weeks will close next Sunday evening. The services of Mr. Isaacs and Mrs. Kennison have been very efficient. Their fine Christian spirit, their earnestness, and their ability in the musical part of the meetings have proven to be of very great help.

Preparatory members will be enrolled and the sacrament of baptism observed at the morning service Sunday.

The subject of the morning sermon by the pastor, the Rev. A. S. Hisey, will be "The Heart of Gresham." Topic for the evening sermon, "First Things."

The Sunday school "went over the top" last Sunday with an attendance of 206. With a 100 per cent attendance this high record can be still further increased.

Loresna R. hshawe rCt\*  
The Epworth League topic for the devotional meeting Sunday evening will be "The Ten Commandments in the Life of Today." Mildred Metzger will be the leader.

### GIRLS GIVE READINGS TO ILLUSTRATE PAPERS

The Tuesday Evening Study club held a most delightful session last Tuesday. Miss Grace Ogilbee gave a talk on Eugene Field which was cleverly illustrated by selections from his poems given by Catherine Metzger and Helen Exley.

Mrs. Maxwell Schneider gave a paper on James Whitcomb Riley and she was assisted by Winfred Bechill who gave some selections from Riley's writings.

Since the next meeting was scheduled for December 27, during the holidays, it was decided to miss this meeting but to meet again on January 9.

### A Pastor's Christmas Wishes

To Corbett Community Church, Greetings:  
It is a good old custom and a very fitting one to consecrate the kindly wishes at Christmas and New Years time.

Memory seems very near us then "touching us with unfelt hands."

My thoughts go to you, my friends this happy Christmas time, wishing you joy in all your good deeds and days, wishing you time for the task, wisdom for the work, peace for the pathway, and love for friends and home.

Above all may you recognize and rejoice in the blessed fact which Christmas celebrates—the coming of our Lord to earth.

May he who was born in Bethlehem be born anew in you and fill you with the consciousness and joy of his presence and grace.

EDW. MURPHEY,  
Pastor Corbett Community Church.

### CHRISTMAS SPIRIT MOVES NEAR EAST ORPHANS

Greetings from J. J. Handsaker, Portland, Ore., Dec. 10, 1921.

Editor Gresham Outlook:—I think I have a real treat for you in the two enclosed articles from Miss Reid. If they effect your readers like they do me, I think they will add much to the Christmas message which you are sending out in your special edition.

When Miss Reid writes so feelingly of the sacrifice which the children made, I wish you would make it clear to your readers that she herself knows the meaning of the word sacrifice. She might have told you that the children mentioned in the following stories would have had no Christmas except for her, and Miss McIntyre. At the risk of their own lives and against the orders of the British government, they remained at their posts guarding these children. Had they not stayed, the children not only would have had no Christmas, but even life itself would have been denied them.

I wish for you and your readers the Merriest of Christmases and the Happiest of New Years because of what you are doing to send Christmas into all lands, including the Near East, from whence came the first Christmas day.

Cordially yours,  
J. J. HANDSAKER,  
State Director.

### A REAL CHRISTMAS.

"Last Christmas", says Miss Margaret Reid, who was with the Near East workers in Armenia last year, "we planned a simple Christmas for the 1500 children in the orphanages at Marash; out in the city we had some 2000 children to whom we were giving a meal a day. We longed to give them something extra for Christmas but knew it was impossible. Some of the children in the orphanage heard us talking about it and asked if they couldn't help to give a Christmas to the children in the city. We looked at those boys and wondered what on earth they could do for they were all orphans and had nothing on earth except the simple food and clothes and shelter that we gave them. However, we told them it was a splendid idea and asked them to think out some plan and tell us. They came to us in a day or two and said that this was their plan, that once a week for supper, besides their piece of bread and cup of cold water we were giving them eight or ten walnuts. In that community walnuts are a food and not a luxury. They said that they would like on that night to save their walnuts for the other children. We agreed that it was a very good idea and from that time until Christmas every Wednesday night all those boys had a supper of a piece of bread and a cup of cold water and then walked out of the dining room and dropped their little handful of walnuts into a big sack. By Christmas time the sack was full and the boys carried it down to the city, and when the children came through the line for their regular dish of soup

each one was given a handful of walnuts, the gift of the orphan boys of Armenia."

### BUT IT WAS A CHRISTMAS TREE

By MISS MARGARET REID.

It was the day before Christmas 1920, just a year ago, in a Near East Relief orphanage in Syria. An epidemic of a throat disease was raging all through the orphanage. The city was cut off from communication with the outside world because of war, supplies in the orphanage were low and things looked blue for Christmas. Miss McIntyre and I were feeling sad because we could not give the children a better, happier time, and we remarked that we wished we had a Christmas tree. Some of our older boys who knew some English heard us, and one of them cried out, "We can get you a Christmas tree." Now Syria is a thirsty and barren country. You can drive for hours at a time and scarcely be able to find a single tree, so we could not imagine where those boys could get a Christmas tree. However, we said, "That's fine, go and get it." Off they went in the pouring rain, and some two hours later we heard a great cheering down stairs, and knew that the Christmas tree had arrived. We rushed down, and in the lower hall were our hundreds of children clapping, dancing, cheering around the older boys who stood there triumphantly holding the Christmas tree above their heads. As we looked at it our hearts sank. It was only a branch of an old dead willow tree which they had probably gotten down around a muddy little canal that ran about a mile from the orphanage. I looked at Miss McIntyre and she looked at me, "Shall we laugh or cry?" we said, then when we saw the happiness of those children, we decided to laugh. We escorted our pitiful little tree into the school room, put it in a tin can, fastened it down with rocks, and then began to search for decorations. Some of the girls insisted they had seen some Christmas bells in the attic of their school, and we sent them off to find them. Sure enough they came back with three or four faded, torn dilapidated, but real Christmas bells, left there long before the war by the missionary who had been stationed in this city. For Christmas presents for the children we had secured enough oranges so that every child might have one. These the children strung on heavy thread, and with the Christmas bells they made the only decorations on the tree. The Christmas program was all extemporaneous, but such a wealth of material was found in the way of songs and recitations that we had to have two programs, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

What is Christmas without a big Christmas dinner? Even an orphanage in the desolate Near East must have a Christmas feast, and so for breakfast every child had a wee cup of milk, for dinner a small handful of raisins, and for supper, six dried figs in addition to the regular simple meals. It was the happiest Christmas I ever experienced.

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