

Columbia Heights Section Featured in Story By Observant Writer

(By Mrs. P. Andersen.)

1926 is fast and surely slipping by, leaving behind just memories. To some it may have brought success and happiness and no doubt to others disappointment and sorrow. In this respect it has been no different than previous years, and whatever has come into our lives has had a purpose, though we cannot fathom the meaning. The past year has brought many changes. Many new people have come to make their homes here and some have moved away.

In spite of over production and low prices, this vicinity has seen much progress during the past year. Many new homes have been erected which are a credit to the community. No doubt the progress is due to our good schools, fertile land, good roads and beautiful climatic conditions, the beauty of this eastern part of Multnomah county and the pure mountain air. Taking these things all into consideration, this vicinity has a bright future, and the little city now called Corbett will be a suburb of Portland. Every year brings Portland people eastward toward the Sandy river. Portland has a great future, and as there is no limit to the building space toward the east, and with the splendid means of transportation, it is possible for men to work in Portland and live in the country. This is practiced right now to a certain extent. Rent is much too high for people of meagre means to live in the city, hence the hunting up of small tracts in this direction.

Two of Portland's influential business men, Edward Ehrman and Julius Meier, have located at Corbett and have built beautiful homes. Mr. Meier has converted his ranch on the Columbia river into a beautiful park. A large force of men has been employed clearing out dead trees and snags and planting new trees in their stead. Local people have been largely employed in the work. The old log house has disappeared and a large and modern mansion is now under construction, which will be the permanent home for the Meier family.

The nursery business is a new and successful industry. It has given employment to many workmen and has increased in acreage. It has proven an attraction to tourists, who marvel at the beautiful roses and gladioli and the imported tulips and daffodils from Holland.

New and attractive business

houses have been built during the year. L. Aronson has made extensive improvements here. H. Rickert has built a nice looking store and enlarged his garage. The store has been leased to O. K. Patterson. E. Miller of Hurlburt has charge of the barber shop in the same building. Mr. Van Hee has one of the prettiest homes built here during the year.

The fishing season this year was the poorest in many years, and the men engaged in the industry barely made expenses.

The last year was a great fruit year but there was no market on account of over production. A large tonnage of fruit rotted on the ground. Logan and raspberry growers have made money during the past two years.

Two of the large summer resorts here are now closed for the winter. Mrs. M. E. Henderson of Crown Point chalet has personal charge of food and service at the grill in the Sovereign hotel in Portland. The beautiful resort built during the summer by Mrs. Perrillius Palmer has changed hands and will reopen in the spring.

Mr. Faught's blacksmith shop and a small storage building belonging to the county were destroyed by fire last Tuesday night. Mr. Faught lost all of his tools, which were partly covered by insurance. The county lost a lot of oils and part of a truck.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morgan attended a birthday party in Portland on Wednesday evening of last week in honor of Mr. Morgan's father. Their little son Dick, who has been seriously ill for many months, is recovering.

L. Shoultz has gone to Pendleton where he has a position as hotel clerk.

R. P. Rasmussen left for The Dalles on Friday after spending some time attending to work on his place here.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Andersen enjoyed the Portland Symphony concert last Monday evening through the courtesy of Mrs. Holmes Lawrence and Mrs. Jasper Crane.

Mrs. Geo. Wilcox Sr., of Latourcell, served on the jury in Portland during November.

As we are approaching 1927 we ask and hope for a better market for our products and lower taxes.

With this issue we send Christmas greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all readers of the Outlook.

cupied by the R. I. Anderson family. It is a commodious 5-room house, plastered interior, and the outside finished with log-cabin rustic.

The property adjoining the Baptist church, which was purchased by Mrs. Rieman, is being improved by remodeling and will soon be ready for occupancy.

New buildings are being erected on what was formerly the Calvin property. This place was sold last year to Mr. Fisher and Mr. Kellogg, who have divided the property, each putting new buildings on his share.

We find each year brings new people to our community and each year removes some of the old friends. Perhaps the only one of the old pioneer settlers left in this community is Mrs. Harvey Waybill, who resides on her old home place where she has lived since 1865. She is now 86 years of age and is still active and able to be about the house and yard most of the time. "Grandma" Waybill attended the last county fair at Gresham every day, which is a pretty good stunt for those a good many years younger.

Another organization of this community which should not be overlooked is the grange. Multnomah Grange is the second oldest grange in this county, having been organized about 37 years ago. After the churches and schools, the grange is the one organization which stands for most in the rural community. It stands for all that is best educationally and is the only organization which tries by legislation to benefit the farmer and rural communities. Every farmer should be a member and work for the betterment of his community, state and country.

Belief In Virgin Birth Held Essential.

A season is drawing nigh in which the Christians, with adoration and praise will once again worship the Saviour who, some nineteen centuries ago, came as a babe, born of a virgin. The virgin birth is too great a subject to be discussed within a limited Christmas greeting, but still a few words on this subject might serve as food for thought.

First, I would venture to say that if one does not believe in the virgin birth, it leads off into rationalism and death, and on the other hand if one does believe in the virgin birth it leads into a new birth and life. The scripture has given us the right to prove this. I John 4:1-3.

God, by a direct statement quoted in the above passage of scripture, says that the virgin birth is a pivotal point in the saving faith. If Joseph was the father of Jesus, then he is not the Son of God. It is believing that he is the Son of God—the One that was, the One that is, and the One is to come, who took upon himself our flesh and died in our stead, rose again triumphantly, to be seated on the right hand of God,—which saves us. What this Son of God has done for fallen man is of value only because he is the spotless and sinless Son of God and because he is the spotless and sinless child of Mary. It is the pivotal point because if he is ranked as a man, he has no salvation for man; if he is ranked as the Son of God then what he has done will save men.

Secondly, if we want to believe and enjoy the fact that Jesus fed five thousand with two fishes and five barley loaves, told the palsied man to arise and walk, said to Lazarus, "Awake from the dead," told Nathaniel that he had seen him a distance of miles away, we will have to believe in the virgin birth. When he stilled the waves and spoke to the winds he manifested that it was not natural birth when he came into the world.

So much more could and should be said but perhaps even these few remarks will cause deeper thought at Christmas time.

Wishing all Christians and

friends a Jesus present Christmas and a God blessed New Year, I am at your service,

REV. DON P. SHOGREN,
Pastor Powell Valley and Damascus Swedish Mission churches.

Yuletide Greetings Given by Pastor.

As December is the last month in the year, all thorough-going people will review the year now closing and take account of stock in order to find out just where they stand, not only financially, but intellectually, morally and spiritually. In general 1926 has been a hard year for the farmers and, doubtless, to many others. But all can stand this if they have not suffered moral deterioration. What has become of our ideals, our hopes, our faith, our aims? Have we the incentive of life by which we may face the coming new year with a reasonable expectation of success? While we are thinking of these things, let us remember that we are privileged to plant and cultivate, but it is "God that giveth the increase."

Christmas is at hand again and the very thought of it brings joy to a great many people, young and old. But there are some to whom the approach of this joyous festival only adds weariness and burden. Friends must be remembered and gifts made. They feel that they ought to pay back gifts they have received from their friends generously, and they have neither the means nor the strength for the task. To another class this beautiful festival has become paganzized. Santa Claus takes the place of the Child Jesus, and once more there is no room for him even in the festival which bears his name. As Susan Coolidge once put into verse:

We ring the bells and we raise the strain,
We hang up garlands everywhere
And bid the tapers twinkle fair,
And feast and frolic—and then we go
Back to the same old lives again."

Santa Claus is a fine fiction, but we must not let it crowd out our celebration of the birth of Jesus. Santa Claus has no power beyond a pleasant fiction that may yield a

temporary happiness. But in the celebration of Christ we are drawn once more nearer to the feet of our Savior. In our adoration we give him another opportunity to manifest his love, his grace and his saving power. It brings an inspiration to our hearts that we need. Our hearts need to be warmed and strengthened by the spirit and personality of Jesus. Any fiction, however pleasing, veils the Saviour of men and does not bring him near. Let us all join in singing the beautiful hymn, "Joy to the world, the Lord has come."

ENOCH SANDEEN, Pastor
Saron Lutheran Church, Gresham and Powell Valley.

His Message Needed Today.

We take this means of wishing all our friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As we come to this season our thoughts always go back to the little babe born in



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Pleasant Home What Name Implies; Activities in Many Lines Recorded

(By Mrs. Louise Nelson)

This community is situated six miles east of Gresham, and is the "garden spot" of Multnomah county. Among the leading industries is raspberry growing which industry has been recently developed in this part of the county.

Two years ago a cannery was started at Scenic station, and it proved so successful that last year a new building was erected and the work carried on in a much larger capacity. Strawberries also do exceptionally well—and many large fields have been planted.

Dairying and potato growing, too, are industries of this section. The educational center of this community is the Orient school, Dist. No. 6 Jt. This district was established many years ago and at that time comprised most of the Powell Valley and Cottrell districts, all of Lusted, a part of Borning and Victory. As these other schools were organized, sections were taken from the Orient school until it now has a radius of 2 or 2½ miles from the schoolhouse.

The first schoolhouse was a log building, erected on the Archon Kelley property a mile east of the present location. In 1875 the present school site was donated to the district by the late W. H. Maxwell, and a new building erected. This was a one-room school and served the community in an educational and religious capacity, until the Methodist church was built, when its use was for school and social purposes. Later it was remodeled into a 2-room school and served the district until 1897 when a 4-room building was erected and this served the community until 1922 when the present brick building was built. It contains six class rooms and an assembly room. At present four teachers are employed. The principal, F. D. Ohlman is serving his second year. The grade teacher, Miss Euphemia Fairweather, 5th and 4th, and Marian Robertson, 3d and 4th, and Miss Laura Jakway, 1st and 2d are each teaching their first year in this school.

There are two churches in this community, the Pleasant Home Methodist and Pleasant Home Baptist. The Rev. E. W. Withnell is

pastor of the former and the Rev. Wm. Fairweather of the latter.

The Methodist church was built many years ago by Archon Kelley, an early settler of this section, and a member of the pioneer Kelley family. It has been remodeled to some extent, but the original building still remains the main auditorium. A year ago the building was raised and a full basement added, which was a much needed improvement, and adds much to the usefulness of the building.

The Baptist church was built more recently—the congregation formerly worshipping in the building which was erected at Cottrell in 1902, later sold and now used as the community church.

Two grocery stores supply the necessities of life to the people. W. E. Markell & Company has had an established business for some 30 years. W. A. Proctor Jr., is proprietor of the second store. He first occupied a building near Pleasant Home station, but during the last summer moved to a commodious new building opposite the Orient school, and on the Mt. Hood highway.

W. A. Proctor Sr., owns the property where the store stands, and is now having a new residence erected near the store which will be oc-

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