

FASHION PLAY TO SHOW IN PENDLETON NOVEMBER 19-20-21

The Black Hills Passion Play of America featuring Josef Meier, famous portrayal of the "Christus", will appear at Vert Auditorium in Pendleton under the sponsorship of First Christian Church for three days, November 19, 20 and 21, with Matinees each day.

The Passion Play is one of the oldest of dramatic entertainments and has grown from a crude beginning, with centuries of tradition and development behind it. The Passion Play was first presented, in the Old World, by the monks in the year 1242. It was during the seventeenth century that the laymen became a part of the play.

Josef Meier, who comes from a family that has long portrayed biblical roles and who portrays the most sacred of characters, that of the "Christus" in the Black Hills Passion Play of America, has succeeded in translating this age old story of the Cross into the English language and in 1932 formed his own company of American actors.

In the early part of 1939 new elaborate Passion Play grounds were constructed at a cost of several thousands of dollars and were opened with a formal dedication on June 18. The first presentation of the Black Hills Passion Play of America, in its spacious new home, took place at 8 p. m. on that date. Increasing interest of a national character, patronage that denotes the wide acclaim with which it has been received by the many thousands from all parts of the country, since that time, and with the growing knowledge of the high character of the performance and its wonderful outdoor setting, it is only natural that the seating capacity of the amphitheatre which has seats for 8000, will be taxed many times in the future.

The Black Hills Passion Play of America comes to Pendleton with all its Old World traditions and artistry. It has not lost any of its beauty and power through the translation. Mammoth scenes are created, blending one into the other, keeping the continuity of the story intact. In twenty-two scenes, vivid and colorful, the most realistic and notable technical displays of the Black Hills company is their lighting effects. Costumes are authentic color and design. A large mixed chorus will sing the many beautiful chorals.

FORDS RETURN FROM TRIP EAST

Mr. and Mrs. John Ford of Route 2, Hermiston, returned home Friday evening from a six weeks visit in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. They found Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri very much in need of rain.

On their way through Oklahoma they stopped at Claremore and visited the Will Rogers Memorial building. In the center of the building is a large life-like bronze statue of the noted humorist. A dozen or more of his saddles and guns, and many other things of interest can be found on display.

The Fords had never really appreciated the huge pine trees between Pendleton and La Grande until they compared them with dwarfed pines in the Rocky mountains. They traveled through many states but still rate Oregon very highly.

FATHER OF JOHN CLARKE HONORED

The father of J. A. Clarke of Hermiston, according to a news item in the Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, high school paper, was honored recently for public service to his school and community. The occasion was his 25th year of service.

"The easiest person to get along with and one who is always willing to do anything for others," is one of the statements made concerning Mr. Clarke. For a quarter of a century he was truant officer, transported the school nurse, mailed letters, unpacked packages, books and other articles, and performed other jobs for teachers and the school.

He started work on a bicycle and has been furnished three model T Fords and a Chevrolet since that time.

Before his school work Mr. Clarke was a life saver at the Vermillion life saving station above Whitefish point. A large birthday cake was served by the school on his 75th birthday and he was presented with a gift in honor of his many years of service and kindly acts.

SAFWAY OPENS NEW STORE HERE FRIDAY MORNING

STORE RANKS HIGH IN NORTHWEST

Last minute preparations were completed Thursday night for the grand opening of the new Hermiston Safeway store. Activities have been booming the last few days in order to complete all arrangements for this week end. H. M. Sinnott, district manager from Walla Walla, has been on hand to supervise the work.

According to Mr. Sinnott, the local store ranks high among the numerous stores of the northwest and has the latest up-to-date fixtures and equipment throughout. The meat department has the latest type of refrigeration system.

The store will feature the self-service plan now being extensively used in the larger cities. The 50x100 foot floor space provides ample room for a large stock and the vegetable stand lines the front.

Safeway Inc. feels that the future of Hermiston merited a modern location. The new building is the second in a little over a year on Main street and tends to lend a "big city" effect to passersby.

The same personnel will continue in the new location with the addition of Hal Otey of Pasco, Wn., who will handle the meat department. He is married but has no children.

Further details of the opening sale will be found on page 2 and 3 in the second section of this issue.

TELEPHONE CO. GIVES NEW SERVICE

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is announcing a new and additional information service for the customers of Echo, Hermiston and Stanfield customers. It is hoped that the new service, which is being introduced as an experiment, will make telephone service more valuable to users.

Starting immediately up-to-date information will be available concerning the following: Motion picture schedules in Echo, Hermiston and Pendleton; Road conditions in nearby localities; weather forecasts; school bus information; time and place of local athletic and social events.

To obtain this service, the user should dial "0" and ask the operator for the information desired.

FOUR HORSES KILLED BY TRAIN

Four horses were killed by a railroad train near the railroad bridge east of Westland Monday. Two of the horses belonged to Charles Sampson, who lives near there, and a race mare and colt belonging to Joe Hawkins. It is reported that the animals entered the right of way through a gap in the fence near the Umatilla river.

Sampson Car Burns Thursday.

The Charles Sampson car was completely destroyed by fire between Stanfield and Hermiston last Thursday due to a short circuit in the wires in the top of the car. Passengers in the automobile, members of the Sampson family, escaped injury.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING PLANS DISCUSSED AT MEETING OF GARDEN CLUB COMMITTEE

Plans for the Garden club's second annual lighting contest were discussed Tuesday evening at a meeting with Mrs. Julius Gimbel, committee chairman, in charge. Hermiston was the outstanding decorated community last year between Pendleton and The Dalles and the committee's slogan for the coming holiday displays will be "Bigger, Better and Brighter."

Cooperation with other civic bodies is planned and the club will decorate a large municipal tree on a downtown corner. This feature, revived last year, was popular with local people, visitors and transients. Stress will be placed this year on originality of display rather than

KEEP YOUR RED CROSS READY



THIS striking painting of a Red Cross nurse keeping the symbol of mercy flying is the keynote of the 1939 appeal for membership in the American Red Cross. Faced with the need for strengthening daily Red Cross services in 3,700 Chapters, and with its chartered obligation to aid in some measure in meeting the distress of the men, women and children refugees in war-torn countries across the sea, the Red Cross asks every man and woman in the

nation, able to do so, to join as a member this year and support America's official voluntary relief agency.

Ruskin Williams, a distinguished artist, is creator of this ideal conception of the nurse heroine.

The roll call for members will be held November 11 to 30—join through your local Chapter. Help your Red Cross help others by becoming one of the millions who will add their names to the roll of mercy.

BULLDOGS LOSE TILT TO HEPPNER ARMISTICE DAY

The Hermiston Union high Bulldogs lost their last football game at Heppner Armistice day by a score of 25-7. The game, however, was much closer than the score indicates. Heppner scored the final two touchdowns with the aid of intercepted passes when the Bulldogs opened up in a desperate attempt to score with the count reading 13-7.

Coach Ray Critchfield's men played one of their best games of the season and lost to a heavier and more experienced team. The line in particular showed up well all afternoon, bringing down the slippery Heppner backs in big league fashion. A majority of the Heppner scores came by way of long passes over the heads of the secondary defense.

A large crowd of Hermiston backers made the trip to Heppner. G. C. Humphries and his band played during the afternoon.

Dallman Returns to Pensacola.

Roy Dallman of Stanfield returned this week to Pensacola, Florida, where he is stationed with Squadron 1, at the Naval Air Station. He has spent the past few months on his farm in the Stanfield district. He is employed at Pensacola as a mechanic.

LOCAL CHURCHES PLAN SERVICES ON THANKSGIVING

A Union Thanksgiving service has been planned by the Hermiston Ministerial association to be held at the Methodist church at 10:00 a. m., November 23 (Thanksgiving Day). All business houses in Hermiston will follow the usual custom of closing for the day. Churches cooperating in the morning program include Methodist, Pentecostal, Baptist and Union.

The following program will be presented: Invocation, Rev. Stearns Cushing. Congregational hymn, "America The Beautiful."

Scriptural reading. Prayer, Rev. C. Warner. Anthem, mixed quartet. Thanksgiving sermon, "A Recipe for Happiness," Rev. Grayden Loree, minister of the Baptist church. Special music. Benediction.

TURKEY SHOOT TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The Hermiston American Legion and Rod & Gun club will sponsor a turkey shoot at the local golf club house Sunday. The two organizations will sponsor the shoot instead of the American Legion as previously announced.

Activities will start in the morning and will last until the last turkey is given away.

LOCAL MAN TO BE HONORED TUESDAY

A delegation from LaGrande lodge No. 41, A.F. & A.M. will visit Hermiston lodge No. 138, A.F. & A.M. on Tuesday evening, November 21, for the purpose of presenting a fifty year button to Samuel A. Anderson of Hermiston.

The lodges located in Umatilla, Stanfield and Echo have been invited to be present at this meeting.

Radio Broadcast Planned. Assistant County Agent M. E. Knickerbocker will present another of his regular radio broadcasts Saturday, November 18, at 1:00 p. m. over KJL, Walla Walla. He will interview Don Sherwood on matters pertaining to the Westland Grange.

EARTHQUAKE FELT IN HERMISTON

Although most Hermiston residents slept peacefully Sunday night while the rest of the northwest was experiencing a mild earthquake, Mrs. Charles Taylor was awakened by the tremor. The quake occurred approximately around 11:47.

Mrs. Taylor stated that she was first wakened by the crowing of Chinese pheasants, a sign of some earth disturbance. One rooster was located in their back yard and gave voice that something was amiss. A slight quiver was also felt.

Principal damage appeared to have been at Tacoma, Olympia and Seattle, but several smaller towns in the northwest also reported damages. Near-panic developed in motion picture theatres and hotels of Seattle when chandeliers seemingly got the jitterbug urge.

COMMERCIAL CLUB RESUMES MEETINGS

The Hermiston Commercial club held its first meeting of the winter season Tuesday evening in the IOOF hall, with the Rebeccas serving a turkey dinner to approximately 50 businessmen. President E. P. Dodd presided during the evening.

Many timely topics were discussed, including the proposed port road, housing situation, park plan and the old favorite, the Umatilla dam. Considerable enthusiasm was displayed during the evening indicating that the merchants will support further meetings by their attendance.

No definite action was taken during the evening on any matter but several motions were passed regarding the appointment of committees to study subjects discussed at the meeting.

BASKETBALL BEGINS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Basketball activities began with a boom at the Hermiston Union high school this week under the direction of Coach Ray E. Critchfield. Approximately 30 hopefuls turned out the first day indicating that a live interest will be prevalent.

Four lettermen are listed among those turning out, but only one of the four was a regular last year. More information will be available next week.

The first game of the season will be November 23 at Irrigon with the first home tilt with Heppner on December 1. The complete schedule will be printed next week.

AUTHOR PRESENTS BOOK TO LIBRARY

Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, Ore.—Catherine Cornwall DeMoss of Hermiston has presented to the Oregon College of Education library, an autographed copy of her book "Blue Bucket Nuggets." Mrs. DeMoss, then Catherine Cornwall, studied in the same library and worked in the same classrooms that are in use today until she was graduated with the class of 1906.

The book, which has been presented to the library, is no dry volume such as she might have studied there. It is, rather, the exciting story of the lost immigration wagon train which, under the leadership of Stephen Meek, set out to find a short cut to the Willamette valley through Central Oregon. Against this historical background, Mrs. DeMoss has written the invigorating story of Joe Jennings and Bertha Herron.

Reorganization Group Meets.

The committee for school district reorganization for Morrow county will hold a public meeting at the school house in the Pine City district on Saturday, November 25, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. All of the patrons of the school in this district and all others interested in the district reorganization law are urged to attend.

Walpole Receives Transfer.

Bob Walpole, who has been employed at the local Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co. for some time, left Thursday for Milton-Freewater where he will be connected with the same firm. The move is an advancement for Bob and local friends are wishing him the best of luck.

FIRST SHIPMENT OF TURKEYS LEAVES LOCAL PLANT

NEXT KILL SET AT NOVEMBER 27

The first shipment of 1939 Thanksgiving turkeys was completed Saturday at the local turkey plant after a four day run. Three carloads, consisting of 5000 birds (77,194 pounds), left that day for markets in the east. Vacationists state that Oregon birds are considered a prime treat in many of the fashionable restaurants in the eastern states.

Operations went along smoothly during the four day picking with approximately 100 people employed. Eighty pickers kept feathers flying and with the aid of the semi-scald vat, much faster progress was made. It is estimated that only a small portion of the 1939 crop has been killed with the greater portion to follow during the next month.

The next kill will commence November 27, according to John Jendrzejewski, president of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers. Killing and grading will continue as long as birds are available.

The association is still signing up new members who wish to have birds killed at the local plant. It is necessary, however, for a new member to make arrangements for his birds 10 days in advance before his delivery. This is necessary in order for the management of the plant to make the required arrangements.

Little concern is felt among local growers because of the early Thanksgiving date. Although it is thought that fewer birds will be ready for the Thanksgiving market, all birds will be sold prior to Christmas. Weather conditions have been ideal for the killing operations.

METHODIST CHURCH ENJOYS SUPPER

A very fine crowd was treated to an evening of Christian fun and fellowship at the church night supper held Tuesday night at the Methodist church. The main purpose was to afford all a better opportunity of getting acquainted. After the basket dinner, each person introduced himself.

After a game around the table, the dishes were cleared away giving a chance for some friendly visiting. Then a district school party was held which was enjoyed by all. The next church night supper will be held the first part of January.

ECHO HIGH SCHOOL HAS SKATING PARTY

Members of the Echo high school and several members of the faculty enjoyed a skating party in the Hermiston skating rink Friday night. A large and orderly crowd was present for the occasion, according to Jack Hensel, manager.

A lunch was served at the close of the evening.

Hensel Celebrates First Birthday.

Little Billy Hensel was honored on his first birthday when Mrs. Fred Hensel entertained Monday at the Ralph home. Little folks present were Carol and Tommy Hedwall, Sally Pierson, Helen Mueller, Lois Phelps and Master Billy. Ice cream and cake were served after the opening of birthday gifts. Mothers and friends present were Mrs. M. G. Hedwall, Mrs. N. R. Muller, Mrs. Morle Phelps, Mrs. W. J. Warner, Mrs. R. W. Armstrong and Mrs. Hensel.

Old Timer Visits Here.

Tom Haddox of Linden, Wn., an old timer on the Stanfield project, visited in Hermiston one day the forepart of the week. He was en route east to spend the winter and stopped here to look up old friends.

Dawson Bicycle Is Returned.

A stolen bicycle belonging to David Dawson has been returned with the aid of the local police. The bicycle was taken two months ago while parked near the Oasis theatre.

House Warming Party Enjoyed

A surprise house warming in the form of a kitchen shower was given to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson Thursday evening of last week. Present were close friends and neighbors.