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XMAS SPIRIT CLAIMS ALL IN MEDFORD

Churches Center of Observance of Sacred Day—Children and Grown-Ups Anticipate Arrival Santa Claus, Bearing Gifts.

By Eva Nealon
The Yuletide season is here again and in three more days Christmas bells will be ringing, recalling for people of all casts and color, in many lands of the globe, the beautiful story of the Christ child.

In cities adorned with holiday festoons, in villages, buried in snow, the glad tidings of "Peace on Earth" will be carried through the frosty air by the swishing of many bells. And the world will forget business depression, work, crime and unpleasantness, as well as ambition, for a day, as the people surrender to the Christmas spirit which has conquered the home with the hanging of fragrant greens for centuries.

Shoppers Busy

During the few days which still precede the joyful holiday the city of Medford along with those of the nation will be crowded with Christmas shoppers, hurrying from store to store in search of gifts for friends and relatives. Santa Claus might forget.

Children will hurry about the streets in merry throngs, taking advantage of the Christmas vacation, which opened with the closing of school Friday evening.

Bundles wrapped in holly paper will be jostled from arm to arm while teddy bears, dolls, toy airplanes and scooters peek from the torn covers. Christmas shopping has already enjoyed an increase greater than anticipated at the opening of the season and this week is expected to see the last great expression of an effort to fill the Christmas stockings.

Churches Mark Day

Observance of the sacred holiday will begin in the churches today. Many parties and Christmas trees have already been held in the schools and by various lodges and other organizations. The churches, however, will hold their first Christmas programs today.

A program of special music will be presented at the regular services.

TIMBER SIGNS DESTROYED BY FRISKY BEARS

Bruin, Out of Winter's Hibernation, Feels Like Destroying Something, and Road and Forest Signs Prove Lure.

ROSEBURG, Dec. 20.—(P)—Hundreds of road and trail signs in the national forests of Oregon and Washington are destroyed each year by bears, said Vernon Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest, who is putting in a requisition to the district office at Portland for more than a score of signs to replace those animals have torn down or defaced during the year.

The greatest damage, Mr. Harpham says, occurs in the early spring, following the hibernation period. The bears emerge from their winter sleep in a playful mood and in need of exercise. The bright, freshly painted signs offer an exceptional plaything, and the bear, while sharpening his claws and teeth finds great amusement in ripping the signs off the trees and chewing them into bits.

The forest service, he states, has considered and experimented with several types of devices to halt these depredations, but so far nothing has been found to be entirely successful.

Bears, however, do far less damage to signs than humans, Mr. Harpham reports. Many signs erected in the early part of the season are found to be badly defaced by the end of the year as a result of bullet holes, stone marks, or pencilled names, pictures or other types of defacement.

Approximately 500 signs are being requested through the district office for the Umpqua national forest for next year to replace damaged and obsolete signs and to mark new roads, trails and points of interest.

Wife Is Right

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(P)—A wife has the right to "tidy up" her husband's desk, and an English judge backs her up. When a man complained that his wife had destroyed papers in his desk, the judge approved, ruling "You must make allowance for that."

Button Trade Dying

PARIS, Dec. 20.—(P)—The button industry of France is feared dying. Italy and Japan have ceased to buy French-made buttons and manufacturers are seeking to bolster trade.

NEW PLANS ERADICATE LOBBYISTS

Oregon Legislature May Adopt Washington System, Which Keeps Solons Away From Those Seeking Legislation, Favors.

By Clayton V. Bernhard
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

SALEM, Dec. 20.—Lobbyists and friends of legislators who desire special attention to their favored measures, may find it more difficult to approach representatives and senators during the coming state session at Salem, if working plans and suggestions received by the state interim committee on efficiency and working conditions at Olympia recently are put into effect. Committee members visited Washington's new capitol building with a view of studying the system used in the northern state, and to apply some of the ideas to the revised procedure anticipated in Oregon.

The arrangement worked out by the Washington legislature since the completion of its seven million dollar capitol building, has greatly increased the efficiency of both houses by eliminating spectators from the floor and by reducing confusion, the committee was told. A similar plan at Salem would call for some remodeling in the two chambers, upon which W. C. Knighton, state architect, is reported to have already done some preliminary work.

Several members of the committee stated revised plans would call for the placing of galleries on the two sides of the legislative halls, and the creation of added committee room spaces from that now taken up by seats for spectators. Unnecessary confusion and annoyance to legislators, they said, is caused by lobbyists under the present plan by which they may invade the halls and stand in wait for members as they pass to and from their desks.

The Washington system, which impressed the committee, does away with interference to such an extent that the work of lobbyists during the meetings is made almost negligible. Admission to the house and senate chambers is made by card only, and only attaches, high officials and members of the press are issued these cards.

"Oh, and George, he could put a new washer on the bathroom faucet!"

The following evening a young man left the home of George and Natalie with a \$5 bill in his pocket, courage in his heart, and a warm affection for two young people who had made a world problem a personal matter.

A day or so later, after reading through his mail at the office, George called a stenographer to take dictation. One letter was from the editor of a business magazine who had asked him for a series of articles on a subject with which he was very familiar. George read it and looked wistful, for it meant an extra \$200 for him if he could have done it, but his time was so fully occupied that it seemed useless to attempt the task.

"I'll have to pass it up," he said aloud, the dictation of "Dear Sir—Thank you for your kind invitation to contribute a series of articles, but . . ." Suddenly he stopped; his eyes brightened. His stenographer looked up inquiringly. "By George! there's an idea!" he exclaimed enthusiastically.

Turning to the telephone, he called his house number. "Nan! Can you get that girl you were telling me about, and invite her to supper tonight?" "Yes, that's the one . . ." the stenographer; she hasn't a job yet, I suppose?" "Great, we'll put her on our pay roll!" "Not our pay roll . . . your pay roll, if you like. You'll understand when I get home this evening; don't worry, little girl; it's a great idea—you'll fall for it as hard as I have." Then returning to his dictation, he asked: "Ever been out of work, Betty?"

"Don't mention it," answered the girl, with a shudder at the recollection.

"Well, I'm going to make one girl happy tonight. She's been out of a job three months. Fired, when they cut the staff. She can type these articles for me. I haven't time to do them myself, but I can find time to dictate them to someone else."

"If everyone thought of little things like that, I guess things wouldn't be so tough for so many," was Betty's comment.

"Say, that looks like a new ear, George," said his next-door neighbor shortly after it had been polished up by the young man employed for a day by George and Natalie.

"Well, yours can look as good if you want it to," replied George.

"That's all very well for you, but I haven't the time . . . or the energy," answered the neighbor with a shrug.

"Then give a fellow a chance to do it for you. He needs a

"The Amateur Employer"

(Christian Science Monitor)

"Faith in the future is demonstrated not by what we save, but by what we spend," observed George, after several minutes of silence, during which he contemptuously toyed with his fish.

"Appropos of what?" inquired Natalie, his young wife.

"Unemployment," was the laconic reply.

"But we are not cutting our expenses, dear; though I will admit it's an awful temptation when things are so uncertain."

"And nobly you have conquered, my love," said he, looking with gleaming anticipation toward the delectable fudge cake that waited its turn at the family board. "But it has occurred to me today that we might do something more . . ."

"If there's anything we can do, George, I will agree to whatever you suggest, but I'm sure we can never afford to spend more."

"Perhaps we can't, Nan, dear, but let's do it just the same. If we all did only what we could afford to do, a lot of good things would be left undone, and a lot of good people would be out of work today who are being kept on the pay roll by employers who can't afford to keep them there."

"Well, what do you suggest, George?" asked his wife, anxious to hear a definite proposition.

"That we make jobs for the jobless," Natalie stared at him with astonishment.

"George! What are you talking about?"

"Oh, that's not half so difficult as it seems. Today a young fellow comes to the office and asks if he might clean our windows, and I told him this was done by the building management. I wish you could have seen the crestfallen look he gave me. Who cleans our windows?"

"Hannah."

"But if Hannah didn't clean our windows next Tuesday, or whenever she comes here, she would be doing something else for you, wouldn't she?"

"Yes, there are lots of things Hannah could do round the house, which she hasn't time for when she does the windows."

"Exactly—and that's why I have asked the young man to come here tomorrow morning and clean our windows. I had to take a change, but the fellow needs a job badly."

Natalie was silent for a few seconds, then said: "I'm glad you asked him to come, George; and why couldn't he clean the car, too, while he is here? It certainly needs it."

"Why, bless your heart, Nan, you're really quite constructive in your ideas! That's a great scheme! I'll tell you what, he might polish it as well . . ."

"And drain the radiator, and put in that anti-freezing solution you bought the other day . . ."

"And take the squeak out of the left-door hinge," added her husband.

M'KENZIE'S FISH PLANT ELABORATE

Oregon Game Commission Plans to Make Hatchery One of Finest in Land—Cutthroat Culture to Be Featured.

EUGENE, Dec. 20.—(P)—Plans to make the trout hatchery on the McKenzie river above Leaburg one of the finest in the United States by spending \$2000 to \$5000 a year in new construction are included in the development program of the Oregon game commission.

Plans for the improvement have been brought about largely through the efforts of Game Commissioner David B. Evans of Eugene and Matt Iyckman, superintendent of hatcheries for the commission, and are a goal toward which the Lane county Game Protective association has long been working.

The real turning point in the improvement of the hatchery has been the utilization of the cold water of the McKenzie to feed the fish ponds. Heretofore Little Finn creek on the north side of the pond water. In the summer months it was too warm for the number of fish that have to be kept in the ponds.

Across from the fish hatchery 15 or 20 new ponds will be constructed, fed from the McKenzie. Plans for the completed project have already been drafted by the game commission, Mr. Evans said.

In addition to the new pond stocked with a half million fish the commission has built three new ponds on the old site at the hatchery. One pond has 15,000 cutthroat brood trout, and this year a half million more were hatched.

The hatching of the cutthroat trout is a new venture in Oregon. All of it is being done on the McKenzie. Cutthroat has proved superior as a swift river fish to the eastern brook trout and have been sought for the streams. The cutthroat have been secured from Montana in the past, being purchased or traded for roadside eggs.

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PORTLAND WANTS LEGION IN 1932

BOISE, Dec. 20.—(P)—Idaho and the northwest will put up a solid front to bring the 1932 convention of the American Legion to Portland, Lester F. Albert, state adjutant, declared here following a conference with northwest Legionnaires in Portland. Mr. Albert attended the conference of department commanders in Indianapolis and later went to Detroit to study the housing situation for the 1932 convention.

Considerable progress has been made by the national organization in support of a 100-bed addition to the veterans hospital in Boise, he said, and pointed to negotiations with the war department for removal of the present national guard buildings to the eastern part of the military reservation to make way for expansion of the hospital.

New Auto Accessory

TURIN, Italy, Dec. 20.—(P)—Makers of automobile accessories here have found a new profitable item. It's a wicker basket that carries a sabre. The baskets fashion on the running board.

COOS THROG AT CHURCH EVENT

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 20.—(P)—St. Monica's new \$30,000 Catholic church was dedicated Sunday when the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland, was in Marshfield for the ceremonies which was attended by more than 800 persons.

The construction of the church was started last spring and the cornerstone laid by Archbishop Howard in September. The church is of Gothic type, cruciform in shape and of red faced brick exterior. Rev. Father John M. Sheridan, priest of St. Monica's parish, supervised all details of the building, and was highly commended by the archbishop. Francis B. Jacobberger, Portland, drew the plans.

The old church of wooden structure, which has stood for 40 years, will be torn down.

CROP OUTLOOK IN COLUMBIA BASIN BRIGHT

Wheat, Sheep and Fruit Raisers Agree Early Warm Rains Have Put Soil in Best Condition of Many Years.

THE DALLES, Dec. 20.—(P)—Wheat ranchers, sheepmen and orchardists of the mid-Columbia and eastern Oregon country are agreed that weather and soil conditions now are better and give promise of better crop production the coming season than for many years.

Early warm rains, sheepmen say, have made home ranges such that sheep are getting fine grazing since coming down from the highland range pastures in the national forest. It has not been necessary to feed any hay to sheep this season. The animals are in excellent condition.

Orchards and grain fields, are also reported in fine condition and the set of fruit buds is one of the best in years. With normal winter weather orchards of every variety here should produce record yields the coming spring and summer. The stand of winter wheat is reported good in all sections and the wheat is growing rapidly.

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YULE MUSIC TO FEATURE BROADCAST

Coast Radio Stations to Present Appropriate Seasonal Programs Christmas Eve, With Song and Story.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(P)—Religious ceremonies at midnight Christmas Eve will usher in a series of radio presentations in celebration of the nativity on December 25. Stations up and down the coast have completed arrangements to broadcast the midnight services from various churches.

The celebration at the Nation's Christmas tree in Sequoia national park will be duplicated in the studio of KFRC and released through five other stations from Seattle to Los Angeles. Stations participating in this early afternoon program include KOIN, Portland; KOL, Seattle; KFPY, Spokane; KML, Fresno; KFRC, San Francisco; and KJL, Los Angeles. A message from President Hoover is a featured part of the presentation.

"Silent Night, Holy Night" is the theme of other programs to be produced by the coast stations.

Two versions of the same immortal story will be broadcast on the Pacific coast network of the N. B. C. Grace Sanderson Mitchell's story will be presented Wednesday night during the "Miniature Biographies" program while the story of the birth of the Christ Child by Helen Norris, gifted young Oregon playwright, will be presented Christmas night during a half hour program over the same chain beginning at 9:00 p. m.

A special program, to be broadcast from a theater stage in San Francisco by KPO and other stations of NBC, will be given Christmas morning for "shut-ins."

Inspirational and "holly" music will make up musical programs arranged by stations not affiliated with chain systems. The presentations will be heard during the hours of the day. Morning religious services will also be broadcast.

Christmas carols, Christmas stories and the jolly voice of Old St. Nicholas will bring the holiday spirit winging through the air with special programs on the preceding Saturday and Sunday. Children's stories which have been running serially will conclude Saturday with the arrival of Santa Claus in the studios.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic orchestra will present Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Christmas Suite," Tchaikowsky's "Nutcracker Suite," and the dream-pantomime scene from "Hansel and Gretel" in a Christmas night chain hook-up.

As a prelude to the special holiday programs a number of stations have presented Christmas stories serially for the few weeks preceding December 21.

Cuban Boys To Farm

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—(P)—The 4-H club idea has spread to Cuba. The island's back-to-the-farm movement among other things includes an extensive crop diversification plan, and provides for organization of boys' clubs similar to those in the United States.

Stayton.—Gravel hauled preparatory to construction of service station on First and Ida streets.

DRY SPELL INTO EAST OREGON SKIRTS RECORD

Tree Rings Reveal Present Drouth of 13 Years, Equalled in 1848 and 44 'Good Years' Followed.

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(P)—The record told by tree rings reveals that the dry spell in eastern Oregon, 13 years in length, is the longest since 1848 and equals all such spells except one in the last 300 years.

Similar climatic conditions exist in central and eastern Washington. A study of the tree rings of a tree 347 years old was made by Walt J. Perry of the Deschutes national forest in eastern Oregon. The tree grew to a diameter of 14 inches during the first 35 years, but the growth has not been equalled since because of a drier climate, he says.

In the year 1824 growth practically ceased during the long dry spell that lasted for 13 years. A period of 44 "good" years followed. "Every indication would seem to show," he says, "that two and a half or three centuries ago these dry lake beds were cool, shimmering bodies of water, surrounded by lush vegetation."

A dry spell of 13 years, comparable to the present period, took place between 1836 and 1848.

Columbia Studies English

BOTOGA, Dec. 20.—(P)—The study of English is assuming importance in Colombia. As the nation is becoming more interested in commerce, the ministry of education is undertaking to make English more popular in schools.



Have You Forgotten Someone?

Think a minute! Surely, you have remembered your wife, sweetheart, sister, brother, mother, dad. But how about the little kid next door? How about the newsboy, the little orphan girl?

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