

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT TONIGHT

Sunday school of the First Christian church will present the pageant, "The First Christmas," this evening at 7:30. A White Gift offering will be taken for boys and girls of the White Swan Indian Mission of Yakima, Wash., which is partially supported by the First Christian church. Dried or canned fruits or vegetables, toys, articles of clothing for boys or girls 6 to 16 years, and such other materials as can be used in a boarding school will be acceptable. If money is given it will go toward the support of a matron in the school.

The pageant has been developed and directed by Georgia Rich, Mrs. Wm. Foley, and R. W. Coleman. A number of the young people and adults of the Sunday school will be used in the pageant and musical accompaniments.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

When Better than at CHRISTMAS?

YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST may seem complete. But it is sadly lacking, sir or madam, unless it includes a gift for the Red Cross. At this 1942 Christmastide, the Red Cross needs fifty million dollars. Not for Europe. For home. For our boys. For us.

Fifty million dollars is a vast amount — a tremendous gift. Yet it is only a yardstick to measure the job. It is only a framework for a greater gift in time, in sacrifice, in personal effort, that American men and women will make, one for the other, through the agency of the Red Cross this coming year.

It is completely appropriate that the call for giving should sound at Christmas time — a season dedicated to loving-kindness, to goodness, and to mercy. Surely have goodness and mercy followed the Red Cross — all the days of its life. All its days has it lived in the spirit born on earth that first Noel.

Here it has fed multitudes. There it has lifted up the halt. Yonder it has comforted whole peoples gone down to their Gethsemane. Now, at home, it faces a bigger task than ever before. Help hold high its banner. Remember, too, that the first Christmas gift of gold came from a certain three who were not alone good men, or kindly men, but wise men.

THURSDAY, 8-9 P. M. 74th WEEKLY STANDARD SYMPHONY Henry Svedofsky, Conducting Mutual-Dan Lee Network

Standard Oil Company of California

Society and Clubs

by Betty Shoemaker

State President Visits Local Medical Auxiliary

Mrs. Charles E. Hunt, state president of the auxiliary to the Oregon Medical society, addressed members of the Jackson County Medical society auxiliary at their December meeting Thursday. Luncheon was served at Hotel Medford followed by a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. E. R. Durmo.

Mrs. Hunt of Eugene, outlined the work for the auxiliary for the year and discussed the activities of the state and national auxiliaries. The local unit will take up the preparedness program and plans to organize a class in home nursing and other work.

Eighteen attended the meeting. Christmas gifts were presented each member from the Christmas tree. Mrs. A. J. Loeffler is president of the Medford group.

While here Mrs. Hunt was a house guest of Mrs. C. W. Lemery. Attending from Ashland were Mrs. E. A. Woods and Mrs. Gordon MacCracken.

Christmas Social Held At Clubhouse

Business and Professional Women's club members enjoyed a Christmas social at the Girls' Community clubhouse Thursday evening. The room was decorated with the Yule motif with a Christmas tree, greenery on the mantel, and other seasonal themes.

Miss June Erickson was general chairman, assisted by Mrs. Zola Sims and Mrs. Eve Prentice. The theme of the party was a Christmas broadcast from "the little red schoolhouse." Members participated in the program and later refreshments were served from individual lunch pails. Toys were distributed from the Christmas tree and at the close of the evening the toys were turned over to the Lady Lions for their Christmas project. Members reported the Yule party one of the outstanding social events of the club calendar.

Southern Oregon Couples Wed

Among southern Oregon couples licensed to wed at Reno, Nev., yesterday according to Associated Press wire reports were Victor E. Perkins of Grants Pass and Carol L. Richardson of Provo; John Bolton and Alta Holland, both of Ashland; John P. Burch of Hamilton field, Cal., and Alice Mae Arnold of this city; Frank Strahan of Diamond Lake and Anna Hazlewood of Burns, Ore.

Navy Mothers' Club Meet At Cuffie Home

Members of the Navy Mothers' club met at the home of Florence Cuffie 909 North Central avenue Friday evening with 20 in attendance. Music was enjoyed during the evening with special numbers by Ida Santo and Billy Ferns. A gift exchange followed. The next meeting will be an all-day session to be held January 7. Detailed plans will be announced later.

Home From Junior College

Hugh Scovell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Scovell, 336 South Riverside avenue, is spending Christmas holidays with his parents. He is a student at Pasadena Junior college.

Thursday Club Holds Annual Yule Party

Phoenix, Dec. 23.—(Sp.)—The Thursday club of Phoenix gave their annual Christmas party Saturday evening at the Old Stage House. Dancing and cards were enjoyed after the dinner.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stancliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Madden, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Furry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Furry, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Catterwood, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hallgren, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Fairweather, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Woodford Turpin, Mr. and Mrs. John Heckert, Mr. and Mrs. George Bourne, Mrs. Mona Ferns, Mrs. Bertha Cobleigh, Mrs. Cornelia Barnes and Mr. Andrew Hearn.

Methodist Choir Entertained At Pierce Home

Members of the choir of the First Methodist church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pierce, Pierce heights, Sunday evening at the close of the Christmas program at the church. About 30 attended. Colored motion pictures of the Pierce's trip down the Rogue river last summer were shown followed by singing.

The Pierce home was decorated in the Yule motif. A miniature madonna and cherubs were arranged on the mantel before low burning candles. A large white candle centered the dining room table and at either end were clusters of colored Christmas balls with streamers to the candle. Another Christmas scene decorated the buffet. The decorations carried out a blue, red, silver and gold theme.

Nevita Chapter To Meet Tonight

Nevita chapter, No. 93, O. E. S., Central Point, will hold a Christmas party at the Masonic hall tonight at 8 o'clock. A Christmas tree, treats and a program has been arranged. Mrs. Merritt Swing, worthy matron, is in charge of arrangements for the program; Mrs. Edwin Andren, refreshments; Mrs. Ed Vincent and Mrs. Everett Faber, decorations. Those attending are asked to bring a quarter for a gift and write a jingle or rhyme to accompany the quarter.

Visitors At Dunn Home

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dunn and daughter, Miss Betty and son Wallace of Olympia, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mr. Dunn's mother, Mrs. Katie Dunn, 35 Myrtle street. They motored south and plan to remain until Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn and daughter, Delora and son, David of Crescent City, Cal., will arrive here tomorrow to spend Christmas at the Dunn home.

Hunt Home From University

Cecil Hunt, Jr., student at University of Oregon is spending Christmas vacation in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hunt. He is a sophomore at Eugene, majoring in business administration.

CALENDAR

Tuesday 8:00 p. m.—Jackson county chapter, No. 8, D. A. V. and auxiliary, Armory. Thursday Christmas day. Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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GUARD COMPANIES DRILL TONIGHT IN MEDFORD ARMORY

Company A and headquarters detachment of the new Oregon state guard will drill in the Medford armory at 8 tonight. Those who did not complete their physical examinations last week will complete them tonight, said Maj. Carl Y. Tengwald, battalion commander for Medford, Marshfield and Klamath Falls.

Company A, commanded by Capt. James W. Grigsby, will be composed of three officers and 60 men, with a permissible reserve of 28 men, Major Tengwald said. Headquarters detachment will be composed of one officer and ten men, with a reserve of 18 men. This makes a combined total of 116 men, which will just about take care of all eligibles enrolled, the major stated. A larger number than this enrolled for the state guard units but not all were able to pass the required medical examination.

Remaining two officers of Company A and the commander of headquarters detachment have been recommended to state headquarters at Salem but confirmation of the nominations has not yet been received, Tengwald said.

Uniforms and rifles for the two units are expected to arrive momentarily, he stated.

FAMILY IN NEED OF BED, STOVE

A family trying to keep going without asking for outside assistance is badly in need of a mattress, bed frame, bed spring, heating stove and a couple of chairs, Adjutant Charles K. Cox of the Salvation Army said today.

The Salvation Army, coming in contact with the family through its Christmas activities, has provided better shelter and sufficient bedding but other help is urgently needed, Adjutant Cox stated.

Anyone having something to donate may telephone the Salvation Army, 4230, and the article will be called for.

GOOD NEWS FOR G. PASS MOTHER

Grants Pass, Dec. 23.—(P)—"I'm happy that my son is alive, but someone else is sad," said Mrs. Lula Griffith today as she wiped away tears that persisted even after correction of the false report that her son had been killed in military action.

The navy sent its regrets late Monday for the report which told her that her son, Sgt. John A. Wright, of the marine corps, had been "killed in action." It was a case of wrong identification explained the navy.

TIRE RATIONING PLANS DISCUSSED

Salem, Dec. 23.—(P)—Governor Charles A. Sprague said he would meet in Portland at 3 p. m. today with representatives of the tire industry for a preliminary discussion of plans to ration automobile tires.

Sale of tires is prohibited by federal order until January 5, when the rationing plan will begin. The governor said he would set up rationing boards throughout the state to see that pur-

New Year's Day Proclaimed As Day of Prayer

Washington, Dec. 23.—(P)—President Roosevelt today proclaimed New Year's day as a day of prayer.

"We are confident in our devotion to country, in our love of freedom, in our inheritance of courage," he said. "But our strength, as the strength of all men everywhere, is of greater avail as God upholds us."

Therefore, he said, he was setting aside the first day of 1942 "as a day of prayer, of asking forgiveness for our shortcomings of the past, of consecration to the tasks of the present, of asking God's help in days to come."

chase of new tires is restricted to essential vehicles, such as commercial, public and defense vehicles, as well as for buses. It will be virtually impossible for a private car owner to buy a tire unless his car is absolutely essential to his business.

JAPANESE PLANES IN RANGOON RAID

Tokyo, Dec. 23.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Japanese planes made a mass raid on Rangoon this afternoon, bombing the airfield, hangars, wharves, railway station, government offices and barracks, it was announced here today.

Several British combat planes were reported shot down and a number of planes destroyed on the ground.

The Japanese planes all "returned unscathed after witnessing the destruction of part of the city," the announcement said.

Rangoon, Burma, Dec. 23.—(P)—Nine Japanese bombers and one fighter were destroyed and several others seriously damaged in an air battle this morning over Rangoon, a communique said.

Three British fighters were lost in battling a large Japanese force raiding this British stronghold.

POSTMASTER NAMED

Washington, Dec. 23.—(P)—President Roosevelt has sent to the senate for confirmation the nomination of Odden L. Dickens to be postmaster at John Day, Ore.

PARCEL DELIVERY FINISHED BY DARK WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Medford postoffice expects to have all Christmas parcels on hand delivered before dark tomorrow so that it will not be necessary for residents expecting packages to keep porch lights burning, it was announced today by Postmaster Frank DeSouza.

Parcels arriving on delayed trains too late for delivery tomorrow will be delivered Christmas morning, Mr. DeSouza said. The postoffice will be closed Christmas day and there will be no mail delivery excepting parcels and special delivery mail, he stated. The postoffice will close at 6 p. m. tomorrow, Christmas eve.

Yesterday the postoffice cleared 61,633 pieces of outgoing letter mail, Mr. DeSouza said, explaining that this was exclusive of parcels. On the biggest day in the Christmas season last year the office handled 47,370

OREGON PENSIONS EXCEED LAST YEAR

Salem, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Old age pension costs in Oregon during the first 11 months of 1941 totaled \$5,071,932, compared with \$4,776,988 during the similar period of 1940. State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott said today.

General assistance payments during the same period were \$2,195,285, a drop of \$300,000. Scott said the trend of pension and public relief costs is downward, while unemployment compensation costs are showing sharp increases.

GOEBBELS ON AIR

Berlin, Dec. 23.—(Andi Agency to AP)—Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels is to broadcast his traditional Christmas Eve address to Germans throughout the world at 9 p. m. (11 a. m. PST) Wednesday.

QUIBBLE ON LAW FAILS GRANDMA

Salem, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A 59-year-old Curry county grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle Garner, was ordered by the state supreme court today to be returned to the state penitentiary to serve the balance of her four-year sentence on a charge of cattle theft.

Mrs. Garner had served three months of the sentence, being released last June on a writ of habeas corpus by Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan of Marion county. The grounds for her release was that there were no women accepted for jury duty in Curry county, since the county has no accommodations for women jurors.

ADMIRAL TO DUTY

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Russell Willson, naval academy superintendent, was ordered to duty today as chief of staff to Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the United States fleet.

This year ENJOY WINE with your holiday dinners. This year, why don't you try it? Golden California Sauterne or deep red Burgundy—brought to table with the main course. See how good wine increases your enjoyment of good food! Wine Advisory Board, 85 Second Street, San Francisco.

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