

Jerusalem's YMCA Is Focal Point of Protestant Rites

Jerusalem — (U.P.) — The focal point of Protestant Yuletide celebrations in the Israeli New City of Jerusalem is the YMCA's annual united choral service on Christmas Eve.

'Robber' Talked Out of Notion

Portland — (U.P.) — A man about 30-years-old entered a hardware store here last night. He had both hands in his pockets and stood around for several minutes.

Finally he asked Elmer E. Silberg, 64, owner, if Silberg knew why he was in the store. The proprietor said he had a good idea.

The man told Silberg it was a holdup; that he had to take care of the needs of a wife and five children. Silberg told detectives he pointed out to the man that such a crime would only lead to jail.

A woman customer entered the store about that time and the man said, "well, you changed my mind. You can call the cops now."

Silberg told the man no crime had been committed and he was not going to call the police.

Then man then pulled his hands from his pockets. The pockets went flat, indicating there was no weapon. He grasped Silberg's hand in a friendly shake, sighed deeply and then left the store.

Neighborhood Carol Party, Ride, Planned

An "old fashioned hayride" and Christmas carol gathering for all grade school children in the neighborhood of White Oak and Black Oak drives and East Main st. will start at 6:30 o'clock this evening at 139 White Oak drive.

Those who plan to make the caroling tour should be at the vacant lot next to Bob Shott's house at the White Oak drive address, where there will be a bonfire. The truck will return to the bonfire at 8 p.m., for a final carol. Food, soft drinks and coffee will be served for the children and their parents.

Todd Tibbitt will lead the singing and an accordion player will furnish accompaniment. The truck will be decorated with large printed cards bearing words to the carols which will be sung.

Pope Receives Blood; Takes Walk in Garden

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Pope Pius XII received a blood transfusion today and took another walk in the Vatican gardens. The Pope has insisted on working despite his illness, and was reported tired.

Vatican sources said the Pope had a restless night but a press office announcement and one of his doctors disagreed. "The holy Father has spent a fairly tranquil night," the press office said.

The Pope left his apartment for an outing in the garden which lasted 25 minutes altogether. It was his fifth straight day of going outdoors.

Daily Weather Report

FORECASTS
Medford and vicinity: Valley fog to night and Thursday until noon. Otherwise fair through Thursday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 26-28. High Thursday 48.
Western Oregon: Mostly cloudy to night. Considerable fog tonight and early Thursday. Fairly cloudy late Thursday. Little temperature change. Low tonight 30-40. High Thursday 42-52.

LOCAL DATA
Temperature a year ago today: Highest 42; Lowest 31.
Deficiency for the month 30 inch.
Total precipitation since September 1, 1954, 3.72 inches.
Deficiency for the season 3.70 inches.

Relative humidity 4:30 p.m. yesterday 57%; 4:30 a.m. today 93%.
Observations Taken At 4:30 A.M., 120 Meridian Time

	High	Low	Prec.
Boise	31	12	
Boston	40	39	.39
Chicago	27	23	
Denver	57	25	
Eureka	58	44	
Grants Pass	45	31	
Havre	57	47	
Klamath Falls	44	21	
Los Angeles	49	33	
Medford	31	28	
New York	45	20	.02
Omaha	31	24	
Phoenix	69	38	
Portland	40	37	.17
Reno	43	18	
Eugene	50	44	.02
Salt Lake	36	18	
San Francisco	49	40	
Seattle	49	41	.27
Spokane	39	27	
Washington, D.C.	30	19	
Yakima	27	28	

Sunrise 7:38 a.m. Sunset 4:43 p.m.

The speaker at this service will be the Rev. G. N. Hall, pastor of the Anglican Church of St. Andrews which stands opposite Mt. Zion and the walls of Jerusalem's walled Old City in Jordan. The service, held in the auditorium of the "Y" will be presided over by its director, J. Leslie Putnam of Milwaukee, Wis.

Between four and five hundred persons are expected to attend. The grounds before the white stone building erected in 1933 have been festooned with holiday decorations fluttering down from the 100-foot tower. Floodlights illuminate the entire area at night. The tower can be seen for miles around, and its chimes on Christmas will carry the messages of the birth of the Prince of Peace to villages beyond Bethany to the east.

Each of the city's Protestant ministers takes a leading part in the service. A Baptist minister, Dr. Robert Lindsey of Norman, Okla., leads the choral singing.

Christmas Trees

The Rev. J. W. Foster of the Assembly of God Church, a British denomination, and the Anglican Church's Canon H.R.A. Jones will read from the Scriptures along with the Rev. M. G. Griebow, Minnesota pastor of the American Church sponsored by the Christian and Missionary Alliance. There will be eight Scripture readings in all, alternating with carol singing. In addition to the Scripture readings in English, for the first time, passages from the Holy Writ will be read in Hebrew and Arabic.

Inside the YMCA building are three Christmas trees. The auditorium has chandeliers with shades cut out so that when the lights are on, silhouettes of the symbols of Christian, Jewish and Moslem denominations are thrown on the walls. The trees were decorated by the 50 permanent residents of the "Y."

The Protestant churches have no organized pilgrimage to Bethlehem as does the Roman Catholic Church for Christmas. A number of Protestants have gone as individuals—mostly visitors and members of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization. Children's Party.

Each of the Protestant Churches will conduct its own service Christmas morning. A Baptist conference for the spiritual uplifting of Israeli members of the church will be held in Dr. Lindsey's church the week ending with Christmas. About 60 persons will make the pilgrimage to the Holy City from other parts of the country.

On Christmas Day, the YMCA is conducting a party for about 400 children, with gifts to be distributed by Santa Claus.

Catholics unable to make the pilgrimage to Bethlehem will attend mass at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

After sunset Dec. 24 and throughout the morning of Christmas Day, the old traditional road followed by the Three Wise Men from Jerusalem to Bethlehem will be open for United Nations officials and foreign diplomats and consular officials. This road starts in Israel territory and enters Jordan near the Tomb of Rachel—Jacob's wife in the Scriptures. Except for Christmas, it is closed by barbed wire barriers and tank traps and guarded by Israeli troops and soldiers of the Jordanian Arab Legion—a sign of the times in the Holy Land.

Births

TUNGATE—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert, 203 Laurel st., Dec. 21, 1954, a boy, weight 6½ pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

McNEMAR—To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, 405 Earhart st., Dec. 21, 1954, a boy, weight 6½ pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

ROBERTSON—To Mr. and Mrs. George, 868 Gilman rd., Dec. 21, 1954, a boy, weight 10 pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

HACHENBERG—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe, 1020 West 12th st., Dec. 22, 1954, a boy, weight 5½ pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

BARRETT—To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry, P.O. Box 762, Central Point, Dec. 22, 1954, a boy, weight 8¼ pounds, at Sacred Heart hospital.

WHITE—To Mr. and Mrs. Carroll, Central Point, Dec. 21, 1954, a girl, 6¼ pounds, at Community hospital.

STEVENS—To Mr. and Mrs. Jim, 522 South Holly st., Dec. 21, 1954, a boy, 7½ pounds, at Community hospital.

Three Reckless Drivers Fined in District Court

Drivers in three reckless driving cases were fined in district court yesterday, after pleading guilty, according to court records.

The drivers, and their fines, included Ralph Marion Guehes, 22, Applegate, \$30 and \$5 costs, involving a violation on Dec. 4; Joy M. Shuler, 20, Yreka, Calif., \$25 and \$5 costs, violation Dec. 18, for running a red light and passing on the right side; and Ray Seward Moore, 60, Camp White, \$25 and \$5 costs, for traveling north in a southbound lane and forcing five cars off the road near Camp White on Highway 62 on Dec. 18, according to records.

2 Criminal Charges Reduced by Court

Criminal charges in two separate cases were reduced this week at hearings in district court, according to records.

Two Trail youths, Wayne Cooper, 18, and a 17-year-old, were charged with petty larceny, instead of burglary not in a dwelling, of the Shady Cove Variety store on Dec. 5. Both received six month's suspended sentences. Wendel Franklin Holder, 18, Box 23, Shady Cove, was also charged with the two on the store burglary, which involved theft of whisky.

A charge of grand larceny against Ronald Arthur Nelson, 20, Butte Falls Star route, Box 49A, was reduced to petty larceny. He was given a three month's suspended sentence, pending good behavior. The charge involved theft of batteries from Medford Irrigation district on Nov. 26. Two teenagers, 16 and 17 years, were also involved in the theft and were turned over to the county juvenile court.

Charges in both cases were reduced on motion of the district attorney.

Ruth Gilbert Wins Return To Program

New York — (U.P.) — Ruth Gilbert, fired from the Milton Berle television show when her pregnancy became apparent in November, will return to the program after she has her baby in February.

Under terms of an agreement signed yesterday, Miss Gilbert, in private life the wife of business executive Emanuel Feinberg, will resume playing Berle's lovelorn secretary "Max" one month after the baby is born.

She will receive her old contract rate of \$1800 a week. Miss Gilbert was retired from the program in November against her wishes.

RUN OUT OF NAMES

Spokane, Wash. — (U.P.) — Mr. and Mrs. Ray B. Barnes, Spokane, were having trouble today selecting names for their newborn twins. Mrs. Barnes, 36, said "we've about run out of names" for their 17th and 18th children.

Three Prisoners Begin Sentences

Three prisoners from Jackson county were taken north to Salem and Portland today by Sheriff Howard Gault.

They were Samuel Gene Bell, 22, of 1001 Tolman Creek rd., Ashland; Raymond Briggs Coleman, 21, Doris, Calif., and a 17-year-old Medford boy.

Bell was sentenced to three years in the Oregon state penitentiary on a revocation of court probation. The revocation was based on a knife attack on Bell's former wife in Ashland on Nov. 29.

Briggs, who was charged with possession of a weapon capable of being concealed, will serve one year in the state penitentiary. The 17-year-old will be returned to Rocky Butte county jail at Portland to serve out the balance of a six month's jail sentence on a petty larceny charge. About four months remain of the sentence, the sheriff's office said. The youth had been temporarily released due to death in the family. During his release, he was charged with reckless driving and possession of intoxicating liquor by local authorities.

Six Face Charges On White Slave Act

Seattle — (U.P.) — Charges were filed against six men in U.S. District Court here yesterday, accusing them of conspiring to violate white-slave traffic laws.

It is the biggest case of its kind to be filed in Seattle in many years. The 46-count indictment was made public by Federal Judge John C. Bowen. The men composed the largest ring of suspected white-slave operators known in this area, U.S. Attorney Charles P. Moriarty said. He said they have operated in Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho.

The indictment charged the six men with transporting 17 women across state lines for immoral purposes.

Named in the indictment were Richard Allen Lafferty 31; Robert Roy Van Vleet, 36; and Donald Ramond Anderson, 35, all of whom have been arrested. Three others, James M. Cunningham, Ernest W. Roberts and Eugene F. Benson are still at large.

Decision Awaited On Bus Application

Portland — (U.P.) — A two-day hearing into the application by Intercity Buses to operate between Portland, Oswego and Oregon City ended yesterday afternoon.

Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel is to decide on the application. Opposition to the Intercity proposal was voiced by representatives of the Oaks Amusement Park, the Streetcarmen's union and supporters of Ardenwald Stages, Inc., which operates in part of the territory to be served by the larger Intercity company.

The proposal was supported by the city of Oswego and the Motor Coach Employees' union.

Ducks Halt Traffic

Portland — (U.P.) — Large flocks of ducks hampered traffic at Portland International airport yesterday when the wildfowl settled on ponds of water created by excavations for airport expansion.

Airport officials said the roar of planes frightened swarms of ducks into the air where they got in the way of incoming aircraft.

Sheriff's officers were summoned to place flares and noisemakers around the water to encourage the ducks to migrate elsewhere.

Auto Wreck Victims May Not Walk Again

Portland — (U.P.) — Mr. and Mrs. Curley Massey, Portland couple whose car plunged off the Northwest Thurman street viaduct last Thursday, may never walk again, their physicians said today.

The Massey car skidded on slick pavement while Massey was driving his wife to work before going on to his own job. Their car dropped 58 feet off the viaduct and landed right-side up in Macleay park below. As a result of the injuries, Massey will lose the use of both legs and his wife may recover partial use of only her right leg. Massey returned to work full time at a Portland machine company on Dec. 2, just two days too late to benefit from the firm's hospitalization plan.

Deadline Extended On Railroad Dispute

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower today extended to Feb. 1 the deadline for a special emergency board to report on a wage dispute between the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen and most of the nation's railroads.

The board was set up Nov. 23 and its report would have been due Dec. 22 except for the extension which was requested by both parties in the dispute.

The board, headed by Edward M. Sharpe, chief justice of the Michigan Supreme court, has been conducting negotiations in Chicago and will resume after a recess for the Christmas holidays.

Award Presented To Green Guard

Salem — (U.P.) — Ralph Malloy, a member of Albert Weisendanger's corp of Oregon green guards, today received a service-under-fire award for his alertness in spotting and reporting a lightning fire last September.

Ralph, who lives at Butte Falls, found a fire in a tree and reported it to district warden Ted Maul of Medford, who dispatched crews to the scene and had the blaze out before it could spread to valuable timber.

The young Green guard reported the smoke before any of the lookouts in the area had detected fire. In addition to the award, the Keep Oregon Green association also presented Ralph with a keep green knife and badge.

Former Medford Minister Passes

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. at Foster, Ore., for the Rev. C. H. Fredenburg, Th.D., who died Monday at Caldwell, Ida. Interment will be in the Brownville cemetery near Foster.

He was a former Medford resident and pastor of the Wagner Creek Baptist church at Talent. Survivors here include several nieces and nephews.

He was born Apr. 17, 1866 at Walla Walla, Wash., and was the son of Andrew Jackson Fredenburg and Susannah Pertle Fredenburg, natives of Kentucky who crossed the plains by covered wagon and settled first in Marion county, Oregon. Later they moved to Harrisburg in Linn county and then to Medford where they lived until their deaths. The old Fredenburg brick home still stands at the corner of 10th and Holly sts.

The Rev. Mr. Fredenburg studied early in life for ministry in the Baptist church. He was never married.

PRESENT BALKY

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