

Christmas Heritage Discussed at Kiwanis

Christmas is a spontaneous drama for all the people of all the country and is the most joyous season of the year. Dr. George G. Roseberry, pastor of First Methodist church, remarked Wednesday concluding a talk to members of Medford Kiwanis club.

He discussed "The Heritage of Christmas" at the Kiwanis luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club.

Dr. Roseberry described Christmas as one of the greatest and one of the oldest stories the world has today and as a story which grows richer and deeper through the years. Discussing the ceremonies, festivities and practices of Christmas, he pointed out that the story actually began 2,000 years before Christ with a Babylonian festival.

Early Christians, who were in competition with the various celebrations of the day, consid-

ered the birth, death and resurrection of Christ, the most important events in the world and began to convince others and win out, Dr. Roseberry said.

On the fall of the Roman empire, everything died in Rome but Christianity, he pointed out. He mentioned herds of northern Europeans went to Rome and the Christian missionaries then went back to their lands. The minister told of missionary recognition of the need to set up Christian celebrations to replace pagan festivals and told how pagan practices were retained, but given Christian meaning, in the Christmas celebration.

Arbitrarily Set

Nobody knew just exactly when Jesus was born and the date of Dec. 25 was arbitrarily set to celebrate his birth, the pastor stated.

Dr. Roseberry expressed the opinion that Christianity is expressed in business better today than ever before.

Third life membership in the Kiwanis Medford foundation was received from Les DeArmond during the meeting and C. W. (Bill) Abbott, Bob Ricks, Dr. John Weisel and Richard Dempster were introduced as new Medford Kiwanians.

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Great Scientists Tell of the Need for Science

Recently I was impressed as I listened to Admiral Rickover, Dr. Edward Teller and others of our great leaders describing our need in America for more scientists — chemists, physicists, engineers and others. We must have plenty of these experts if we are to hold our own in a new world in which the most important factor in advance, and self-protection is scientific discovery.

As Dr. Teller said, so impressively, Russia has won a victory over us that is more important and dangerous than the one the Japanese won at Pearl Harbor.

Why have the Russians won out as they have done? Because, as ours didn't, their science is all-important. They saw what our leaders have refused to see, and this is that the greatest wealth of a country is to be found in its highly-gifted young people, the only ones with a brain keen enough to become expert in higher mathematics, chemistry, physics, and engineering.

We in America should long ago have seen that it is utterly stupid of us each year to let perhaps 60,000 brilliant and gifted youngsters stay out of college and go without a fine education simply because they are orphans or have poor parents who cannot find the \$15,000 or so needed for the support of the youngster during his several years of study in a graduate school.

We in America have never had enough sense to see that every so often there comes along a great inventor like Edison, Ford, Thompson, DeForest, or the Wright brothers, and in a few years, around his discovery, is built a great new industry, which gives good jobs to a million or more men and women. Even if we had just "pocket sense" we would be watching for every young inventor with a basement shop, and would be seeing to it that he got the best possible education in science, mechanics, chemistry and engineering. Usually, these lads are easy enough to recognize—very early in life. They are mak-

ing a radio set, or building a hot-rod car, or rebuilding a broken-down motorcycle that they bought cheap.

But as Edward Teller said so wisely, it is not enough just to see to it that our most brilliant youngsters are given a scientific education; we very much need better teachers of science in our high schools, and among the public we much need more understanding of science and scientists, and more sympathy with and respect for what scientists represent and are trying to do.

We can't grow all the scientists we need in an unsympathetic atmosphere. The public generally still has too little respect for the scientists and his point of view.

For instance, after I left high school, I spent nine years of hard study before I felt I was ready to practice internal medicine, but my mother's cleaning-woman years ago bought a diploma for \$25, called herself a "Doctor," and went to work practicing medicine. More than half of the people in this United States would vote any day to give that cleaning-woman much the same right to practice medicine that I earned, at so great a cost of time and money and effort. They cannot see that there is much difference between us. So long as more than half of our people feel that little respect for science, many young men will prefer to go into business.

More Understanding

We need, also, much more understanding of science in our high school teachers. When I was in high school I had a number of devoted teachers who were very kind to me, but they did not know that a boy like me, already much interested in science, and planning to go into medicine, most certainly should be learning to read German easily. They actually refused to let me study German, and so, until I was 30 and buckled down and learned the language, I was much handicapped in my studying.

Even when I got to college, I was at times distressed to sense the lack of scientific spirit in some of my teachers. Never having done any research themselves, they could not understand what a research worker was trying to do, and they did not have any sympathy with him. Many people still think that

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FIVE SUICIDE TRIES

Fayetteville, N.C. — Robert L. Graham, 22-year-old soldier, was held by Army authorities today in connection with five alleged attempts at suicide because he said his wife "doesn't love me any more." Fayetteville police said Graham, stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., drank kerosene, tried to drown himself twice, at tempted to hang himself and tried to break his neck between cell bars.

Washington — The Agriculture Department estimated 906,272,000 bushels of fallplanted winter wheat will be harvested in 1958.

a scientist is a "long-hair" or a "queer bird," or an impractical absent-minded dreamer, or a narrow-shouldered weakling. Actually, years ago, when Professor Hrdlicka, the country's leading anthropologist, studied the ablest scientists of the United States, he found most of them were big handsome men who, in their college days, had been crack athletes. Every anthropologist knows that the finer a man's brain, the more likely he is to have a powerful, well-built body. Many scientists, with their keen minds, have proved themselves to be able administrators, who have done a magnificent job of running a big laboratory or institution.

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail. (Released by The Register and Tribune Syndicate, 1957)

Contract Awarded For Timber Ribs

The county court awarded a contract for timber ribs for the addition to the Jackson county machine shops Wednesday afternoon to Timber Rib Structure company of Medford. The bid was \$1,207 minus a two per cent discount. County Judge Rodney Keating reported.

County commissioners said two identical bids were received for the timbers, the other in Portland. The court awarded the contract to the local firm. The county this week called for bids for installation of a low pressure steam system in the machine shop. Bids will be received at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8.

County officials said construction at the shops is being done by county highway personnel. The building will increase the area by one-third, and will be used to house large pieces of machinery. The steam system will be used to heat both the old and new parts of the building.

SHOPPERS WATCH FIRE

Los Angeles — Hundreds of Christmas shoppers Wednesday night watched a spectacular, three alarm fire in downtown Los Angeles which brought injury to six persons and caused an estimated \$100,000 damage.

Washington — The Rural Electrification Administration has approved a \$562,000 loan for the Sunnyside Telephone Company of Clackamas.

Officers Installed In Cascade Lodge AF&AM

Shady Cove—New officers of Cascade Lodge 208 AF&AM were installed recently.

They are Glenn Barrill, master; James Hopkins, senior warden; Charles Spence, junior warden; Irwin Howe, treasurer; G. W. Massey, secretary; R. Bruce Grieres, senior deacon; William Brewster, junior deacon; William Littlefield, senior steward; Richard Easton, junior steward; S. W. Burrill, chaplain; Robert Chamberlain, tyler; and Wyles Berry, marshal.

S. W. Barrill, past master, was the installing master, Ray Briggs, the installing marshal and Harold Barber, installing chaplain.

IS HIS FACE RED?

St. Paul, Minn. — State Rep. Alfred J. Otto has been charged with violating a law that set a minimum price for liquor. Otto was the author of the law in 1951.

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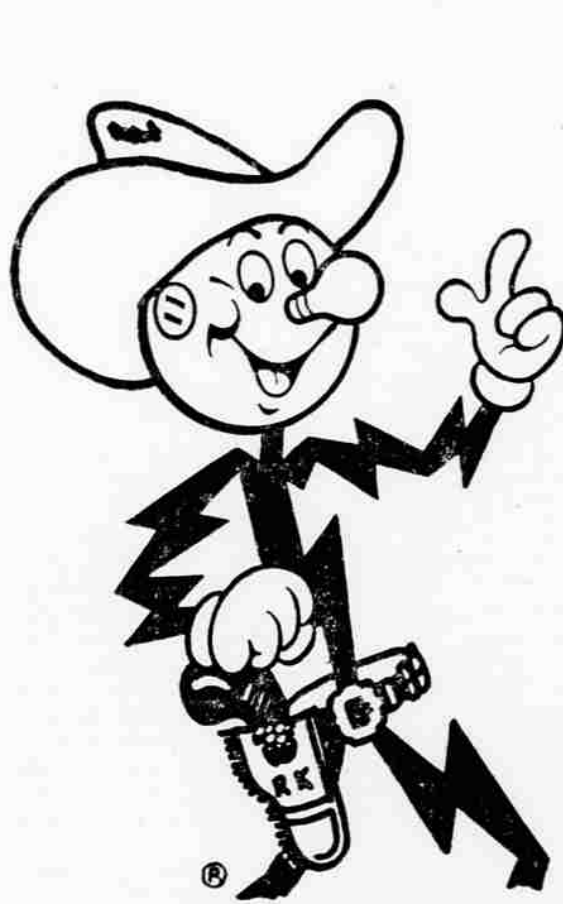
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