



SEASON'S GREETINGS—Mrs. John Clark (left), member of the Community Bible church, Central Point, came up with an original idea to help solve the large Christmas card exchange among the members of the church. The large hand painted Christmas greeting card (above) painted by Mrs. Elsie Scott (right), is hung in the church where all who wish may sign their name. Each year cards of uniform size will be used with the previous year's cards on display. Above assisting with the signing is the pastor of the church, the Rev. Paul O. Kroon.

### Adventist Churches Put Christ First in Giving

The members of the Seventh-day Adventist church will put Christ first when making their Christmas gifts this year. The Thirteenth Sabbath mission offering usually given on the last Saturday of each quarter will be given Saturday. The Sabbath schools in the Rogue valley will join those in all of North America in special programs tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. preceding the receiving of the offering. Each quarter a specific mission area is studied, and the Thirteenth Sabbath offering is sent to that area to be used for projects that need it the most. The Inca union in South America will be the recipient of this quarter's overflow. The Seventh-day Adventist work was first begun near Lake Titicaca a half century ago by Pastor F. A. Stahl. Many thousands of Indians in Peru and Bolivia have learned the gospel in these 50 years. The overflow offering given tomorrow will be used to improve and expand the educational facilities in the Inca union.

### Mt. Pitt Schedules Christmas Events

Mt. Pitt Avenue Church of the Nazarene will present two Christmas programs Sunday. During the Sunday school hour, 9:45 a.m., the children will present the Christmas message in song and recitation. There will be individual and group participation by children of all ages. The program is under the direction of Mrs. William Gaines and Mrs. Henry Brown.

Sunday at 6 p.m. there will be a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Roland Kruggel. At this time there will be various singing and instrumental combinations presenting the best-loved Christmas songs. Also the Christmas story from the Bible will be interwoven into the program. At the two preaching services, 10:50 a.m. and 7 p.m., the Rev. Norvie Clift will bring the concluding messages of an evangelistic campaign being conducted in the Mt. Pitt Avenue Nazarene church.

### Christian Church Announces Events

Gold Hill - Miss Jean Cunningham, former missionary to Mexico and pastor of the Christian church, will speak at the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday.

The girls' chorus will sing during the 9:45 a.m. Sunday school hour under the direction of Mrs. George Allen. A Christmas pageant and music will be presented by young people of the church Sunday school classes Sunday at 8 p.m. Mrs. Allen will direct the production.

Central Point - "The Star" will be the worship service topic Sunday at 10:45 a.m. by Mr. Jean M. Shelley at Central Point Church of Christ.

The senior young people of the church will present the program "The Starling News" Sunday at the 7:30 p.m. worship hour. Included in the program will be favorite hymns directed by Linda Dyingner.

### Musical Program Set for Sunday

The annual Christmas musical program by the adult choir of First Baptist church will be given Sunday at 7:45 p.m. and will feature Christmas carols from many lands. Carols of early French and English, Italian, Ukrainian, German, and Austrian origin, American folk carols, and two from the works of J. S. Bach are included on the program. Kenneth Raymond is director of the choral group; Mrs. Ted Graham, organist; and Miss Diane Franklin, pianist. The public is invited to this sacred concert. "Christ - The First Born" will be the subject of the message by the Rev. James Neely, pastor at 11 a.m. Christmas music will be provided by the adult choir at the service.

### Pilgrim Holiness Tells Sunday Topic

The Rev. Sherman Moore, pastor of the Medford Pilgrim Holiness church, will speak on "Where is He?" Sunday at the morning service. Soloist will be Mrs. Hayden Allen.

The church school will present its Christmas program Sunday at 7:30 p.m. All the children in the school will participate.

The contribution of the young people's department will be the four act play, "Why Christmas?" Traditional Christmas treats will be distributed.

### "Star of Hope" is Sermon Subject

"The Star of Hope" will be the sermon topic Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at St. Luke's Methodist church. The Rev. Melvin Dixon will speak. Little children will be baptized at the service.

Mrs. Lyle Schoppert, soloist, will sing "A Birthday of the King."

The "Gift of Christ" offering will be taken at the service.

WATCHTOWER STUDY Weekly Watchtower study for the Jehovah's witnesses this week is "Signs and Wonders in the Time of the End." It will be held Sunday at 6 p.m.

### Departments to Present Annual Program Sunday

Children of all departments of the Sunday school will participate in the annual Christmas program of the First Church of the Nazarene, 520 North Holly st. to be given Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

The program coordinator is Mrs. A. M. Miller, with the supervisor of each department in charge of their group. Mrs. A. Stewart, nursery department supervisor, will direct the recitations and songs of that department. The kindergarten department will be celebrating Christ's birthday in their recitations and songs. Mrs. C. Foster and Mrs. R. Speer in charge. Primary department, under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Miller, will be giving recitations and singing "Baby Jesus" and "Silent Night."

The junior choir under the direction of Mrs. William Brewster will sing "Joy to the World" and "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

The worship service at 11 a.m., to be broadcast on station KDOV, will be the Christmas message by the Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, pastor.

The sanctuary choir will sing "Star of the Prince of Peace" with the Baritone soloist George McUine Jr.

### Ascension Lutheran Announce Activities

"The Faithful Herald" will be the Sunday 11 a.m. divine worship service subject at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd. The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor, will speak.

Following the service the senior and junior choirs will rehearse. A rehearsal will also be held Saturday at 9 a.m. During the afternoon the Christmas trees will be trimmed. Presents for the poor may be left at the tree in the narthex.

Sunday at 7 p.m. the Sunday school Christmas program will be held. All children attending the service will be presented candy and fruit.

Thursday at 10:30 a.m. divine worship with reception of new members will be held. The sermon subject will be "What Christmas Gave Me." Richard Melum will sing "O Holy Night." The junior choir will sing "Silent Night."

### Candlelighting Service Planned for Sunday

A Christmas candlelighting service will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at Unity Center of Medford service at the Pythian hall, Fifth and Grape sts. Friday, Dec. 26, the Women of Unity will hear "Love, the Supreme Gift" at the meeting at 11 a.m. A potluck luncheon will be held.

During the holiday season other classes at the center will be recessed until Jan. 8.

### PLAYLET PLANNED

The Overcomer's group of Open Bible Standard church will present a playlet "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" Sunday at the church at 7 p.m. The Sunday school program will be held at 10 a.m. and treats will be given to all the children.

TAX DAY Jacksonville - The Sunday school Christmas program at Assembly of God church, will be presented Sunday at 11 a.m. with all classes participating in the event. The 7:30 p.m. the young people will present the play "Tax Day in Bethlehem."

### 1957 Award of Merit Winner



## CHURCH NEWS

National Religious Publicity Council

### Community Bible Church Schedules Cantata, and Sunday School Program

Central Point - The Christmas Choir cantata "Memories of the Manger" will be presented by the choir of the Community Bible church Sunday, at 6 p.m. at Camp White and at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Bible church, Central Point.

The cantata "Memories of the Manger" presents the familiar Christmas story in a unique manner with the use of a specially prepared colored film strip. The pictures are shown on the screen throughout the singing of the musical numbers.

The church choir is under the direction of Mrs. Paul Kroon and accompanied at the piano by Miss Dorothy Lawton. Featured soloists include Mrs. John Clark, soprano; Miss Elaine Kroon, soprano; Jerry Holdridge, baritone, and Miss Beverly Todd, alto.

Sunday at the 11 a.m. service at the church, the pastor, the Rev. Paul Kroon, will deliver the Christmas sermon entitled "God's Priceless Gift." The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Kroon, will sing the anthem "He Shall be Great."

The Sunday school program of the church will be presented Monday, Dec. 22, at 7:45 p.m. The program will be presented in two parts. The first will feature the nursery through the intermediate departments with songs, recitations and short exercises.

The second part will present the pageant, "Christ Our

### Christmas Events Planned by Group

Worship at the Congregational church Christmas Sunday will be at the usual 10 a.m. hour. Visitors are welcome, but their attention is called to the early hour of worship. Church school meets at the same time and there will be a program Sunday.

Mrs. Elton Waldron, superintendent will be in charge. The sermon by the Rev. Thomas McCamant will be on "The Silent, Holy Night," based on the favorite carol. The choir anthem will be "Sing, Gloria."

At 7:30 p.m. the church school will present the pageant, "The Littlest Shepherd." It is directed by Mrs. Ivan Burton. Mrs. Gene Chamberlain and Carroll Graber are in charge of the singing groups.

### Advent Season Close To Be Observed Here

The close of the Advent Season will be observed at the Church of the Brethren Sunday in two services. In the morning worship the children's choir will sing under the direction of Mrs. Ray Pence. The children's department will conduct the worship with the use of the Nativity hymns and the Gospel narratives of the Nativity. The pastor, the Rev. Escil Hiser, will preach, using as his topic - "Let God Be True."

The service at 7:30 p.m. will be given by the youth fellowship. A Christmas pageant will be presented, entitled, "The Story of the Christmas Angel." The youth choir will be directed by Mrs. Floyd Evernden.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the service.

### Children to Share In Adult Service

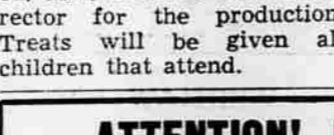
Children of First Church of God will share in the adult worship service Sunday. They will take their "offering banks" for Christ's birthday offering which goes to World Missions support.

The pastor, the Rev. W. E. Martin, will speak on "Why Did He Come?"

At 7:30 p.m. Sunday the Christmas play "The Supreme Gift" will be presented. Mrs. Everette Noss is director for the production. Treats will be given all children that attend.

### ATTENTION! UNITY FRIENDS!

You are cordially invited to attend a special Christmas devotional "Candlelighting Service" Sunday, Dec. 21 11 a.m. PYTHIAN HALL 5th and Grape Sts. Subject: "The Journey to Bethlehem" Katharine Bosworth, Minister Affiliated, Unity School of Christianity Lee's Summit, Mo.



### Presbyterians Plan Candlelight Vesper Service

Dr. D. Kirkland West will preach at both services of the First Presbyterian church Sunday on the subject "A Search for a King."

The Westminster choir will sing "A Star Was His Candle" and "O Holy Night" at the first service and the chancel choir will sing "I Wonder As I Wonder" and "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion" at the second service.

The annual Candlelight Christmas Vesper service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday at the church. The children's choir along with the Westminster and chancel choirs will sing several anthems as well as the Women's Triple Trio. The youth of the church will lead the service, with brief Christmas meditations being brought by Sue Moore and Jim Fontaine of the Westminster fellowship. The Vesper service will be broadcast over radio station KJED from 5:05 to 6 p.m.

Sunday evening the three youth groups of the church will go caroling to sick and shut-in friends. The Junior High Fellowship will start caroling at 6:30 p.m. and afterwards will gather for refreshments at the church.

Westminster Fellowship will also start at 6:30 p.m. and will meet afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Frohnmayer, 1659 Spring st. Geneva Fellowship for college students will start caroling at 8:30 p.m. and will gather afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gallacci, 2306 Table Rock rd.

### Sermons and Songs For Sunday Told

"The Purpose of Christmas" will be the title of the sermon the Rev. William C. Piper will preach at both services Sunday morning at the First Christian church.

At 8:30 service the chancel choir will sing the anthem "Awake, Awake" and at the 10:35 service they will sing "He Shall be Great." A violin duet "Cantique De Noel" will be played at both services by Miss Priscilla Shafer and Robert Allen. A coffee hour will follow the later service. Nursery care will be provided for both services.

At 7:30 p.m. the chancel choir under the direction of Mrs. W. C. Piper will present the cantata "The King Cometh." Miss Oveta Walden will be at the organ and Mrs. Mabel Sims at the piano.

Solo parts will be sung by Mrs. Ralph Matlack, Mrs. Robert Reeves, Mrs. Arthur Hotho, Miss Oveta Walden, Mrs. Walter Larsen, Mrs. Vera Selby, Mr. and Mrs. Marmie Olson, Mr. and Mrs. William Preston and Herbert Sims. A reception honoring the choir will be held following the cantata.

The public is welcome to all services.

### Sams Valley Church Collects Clothing

Sams Valley - Women of the Sams Valley Gospel church are collecting clothing of all kinds to be sent to needy people in Mexico, it was reported. The clothing will be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berger, missionaries there.

The women of the church will make needed repairs on the garments. Persons having items to donate may contact Mrs. Floyd Sherman, ULrich 5-1073 for pick up.

### SERMON SUBJECT

Sermon subject Sunday at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" The sermon will be given at 11 a.m. at the church, 100 Windsor ave. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### PAGEANT

The Christmas pageant, "A King in Bethlehem" will be presented twice by the Salvation Army. It will be first given Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and again Tuesday at the same hour.

### EUCCHARIST SET

The midnight Christmas Eucharist will be held Christmas eve at 11 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal church. Christmas day the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 p.m.

### Gold Hill Methodist Schedules Pageant

Gold Hill - The Christmas pageant, "As We Forgive," will be presented Sunday at 7:30 p.m. by six children of the Community Methodist church Sunday school department. Included in the program will be songs and recitations under the direction of Mrs. Paul Molloy.

At the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday the choir will sing "Angel Voices Ever Singing." The trio, including Mrs. C. Norman Gail, Mrs. Paul Molloy and Mrs. Roy Eskew, will speak "Come Unto Him." Mrs. John Bruce will be organist.

### County Presbyterians Tell Christmas Plans, Topics

Jacksonville - Wednesday, Dec. 24, from 7:30 until 8:15 p.m. at the First Presbyterian church the Christmas eve candlelight communion service will be held. According to the pastor, the Rev. King K. Jones, Jr., the service is planned to make Christmas more meaningful.

Sunday at 4 p.m. the Sunday school Christmas program will be held followed by a fellowship time. The young people of the church will join the young people of the Village church and go caroling throughout Jacksonville Sunday evening.

The choir will sing "And There Were Shepherds Abiding" which will include a duet by Mrs. Rafe Anders and Mrs. F. H. Everham.

The sermon "The Sure Word of Prophecy" will be the first in a series on the Gospels "From Bethlehem to Calvary" which will continue through Easter. The pastor, the Rev. King K. Jones Jr., will speak. New members will be received into the church at the service.

Saturday at 7:30 p.m. the young people of the church will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Niedermeyer for a taffy pull and records party.

Phoenix - "History's Greatest Moment" will be the sermon Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service at Phoenix First Presbyterian church. The pastor, the Rev. William A. Saladin, will speak.

The annual Christmas program will be given at the church Sunday at 7:30 p.m. with each department of the Sunday school participating. Parents and friends are invited to attend. Santa Claus will be present and treats will be given to all children.

Asland - The Rev. B. J. Holland, pastor of Asland First Presbyterian church, will speak on "The Central Uniqueness of Jesus" at the 11 a.m. worship service at the church Sunday.

The family Christmas service sponsored by the church school will be held Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Fellowship hour will follow.

The young people will go caroling Monday at 6:30 p.m. Following their rounds the group will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Holland 108 Nob hill, for refreshments.

The congregation was first formed in October, 1953 and met for seven months in Pythian hall. A building was rented at 1729 North Riverside ave. and was used to hold services until last week. The Rev. E. L. Friend served as pastor of the congregation until November, 1954, after which Mr. Krause was called to serve as pastor.

Services Sunday at the new location include Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and the Christmas program at 7 p.m. The guest speaker for the day will be Evangelist David Godwin of Dallas Texas. Children will receive treats at the Christmas program.

The public is invited to attend all services.

### Porter Selects Boss of Office

Eugene - Mrs. Virginia Wyson, Eugene, has been named to take charge of Rep. Charles O. Porter's Fourth District office which is located at 858 Pearl st., Eugene, Room 200.

Mrs. Wyson held a similar position during Representative Porter's first term in Congress.

She is the wife of Allison C. Wyson, former Democratic county chairman for Lane county. The Wysons have four daughters.

Mrs. Wyson is active in schools matters. She is Eugene kindergarten chairman and president of the Magdaly PTA. She is a member of the Women's Overseas Service League and the Episcopal Junior Women's Guild of Springfield.

In announcing Mrs. Wyson's appointment, Representative Porter said his research assistant, Miss Laura Olson, would return to Washington, D.C., shortly after Christmas. Miss Olson has been working out of the congressman's Eugene office.

Porter and his family are now in Washington, D.C. His administrative assistant, Jack L. Billings, and his secretary, Miss Barbara Burke, also have returned there.

### GEORGIA SPENDTHRIFT

Atlanta, Ga. - (UPI) - The Georgia Revenue Department is mailing out state income tax forms now to take advantage of the holiday reduction in postal rates.

### Young People Share Christmas Goodies

Gold Hill - Young people of Sams Valley Gospel church have filled and decorated 50 bags with candy, nuts, a toy and balloon to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berger, missionaries in Mexico, for distribution to the children there.

The children arranged the project themselves, a church spokesman reported, instead of having candy treats distributed at the local church this Christmas.

### 1st Assembly of God Sets Sacred Cantata

A sacred cantata entitled "Music of Christmas" will be presented Sunday at 7:30 p.m. by the 35-voice choir of First Assembly of God, 1108 West Main st., under the direction of Mrs. Dwight D. Stiles.

Prior to the cantata a musical prelude will be presented by Mrs. George Heide, organist, and Mrs. Lloyd Thornton, pianist. Bob Heide will play a trumpet solo, "The Holy City."

The cantata includes many familiar Christmas carols and will feature vocal solos by Miss Bonnie Henson, Miss Carol Brophy, Miss Betty Cook, and Mr. Heide, and a vocal duet by Miss Claudine Edwards and Leon Stanfield. A Christmas sermon by the pastor, the Rev. R. E. Cull, will follow the cantata.

The public is invited to attend.

### Junior Girls Have Project for Home

Gold Hill - Members of the girls' class of the junior department at the Christian church have made and equipped sewing boxes during the past year for the orphanage, Christian Children's home in Idaho, which is maintained by the Christian church.

A piggy-bank was kept by the girls to finance this Christmas project, according to Mrs. Leonard Andrews, teacher for the class.

Participating in the project were Pamela Freeman, Charlotte Vollmert, Linda Hilleke, Jackie Straus, Janice Straus, Doris Caldwell, Susan Cornutt, and Wanda Munday. Bobbie Caldwell, also a class member, is working on another gift for orphans at the home, it was reported.

### President's Christmas Message Due Dec. 23

Washington - (UPI) - President Eisenhower will deliver his Christmas message to the nation on Dec. 23.

The President will speak at the opening of the annual Pageant of Peace on the ellipse immediately south of the White House grounds at ceremonies beginning at 2 p.m. p.s.t.

At the ceremony, Eisenhower will officially turn on the lights of the towering national Christmas tree on the ellipse.

### Four-Year-Old Boy Has Open-Heart Operation

Portland - (UPI) - Four-year-old Dale Merritt of Sherman county was reported in critical condition at the University of Oregon Medical School here after undergoing a delicate open-heart operation Wednesday.

The boy was operated on to correct valvular deformities and multiple genital defects of the heart.

## Christmas IS NEXT

Join your neighbors in our NEW CHURCH this Christmas Sunday to help make it a Christ-honoring Christmas.

Hear - the GODWINS of Dallas, Tex.

TONIGHT - 16 mm film of Mexico - 7:30 SUNDAY - 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

• Singing and Preaching that Stirs CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY-7:00 P.M. (Treats for the children)

Our NEW CHURCH is located on E. McAndrews Road, 1/4 mi. East of N. Riverside

• Sunday School - 9:45 A.M. • Bethel Assembly of God

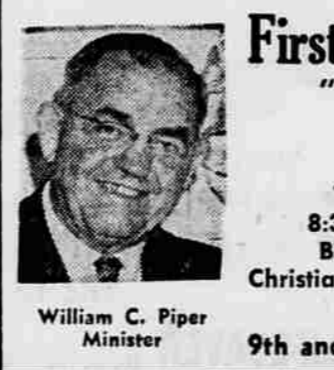
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