



ADVENT WREATH — Lighting candles in the Advent wreath is part of the tradition in many local churches and is becoming more of a family ritual in the home. A large wreath, containing 26 candles for each day in Advent, was part of the Sunday evening service at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church since Sunday, Nov. 30,

Valley Churches to Observe Christ's Birth at Services

Medford and county churches will observe Christ's birth with services tonight and Christmas day. Holy communion will be included in many of the events while other churches will celebrate the birth with hymns and sermon. The traditional midnight Eucharist will be celebrated at St. Mark's Episcopal church at 11 o'clock tonight. Gounod's setting of the holy communion will be sung by the senior choir under the direction of John Drysdale with Mrs. Ernest C. Conrad, organist. Other music will include "Joy, Joy, Joy," "March of the Wise Men" with Mrs. William F. Herman taking the solo lead, and Christmas hymns and carols. Organ prelude music will include "Christmas Meditations" and for the postlude "The Hallelujah Chorus." The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector, will deliver the Christmas sermon based on the question "What Child is This?" Christmas day, the holy Eucharist will be celebrated again at 10 a.m. with a musical setting by St. Mark's Choristers, directed by Mrs. Ann Wirkkula, with Miss Lou Elsa Voegtly at the console. The Rev. John Smith Power will deliver a meditation on "God's Christmas Gift." "O Radiant Night" will be the Christmas program to-night at 7 o'clock at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran church, 1020 East Main st. Tomorrow at 8 a.m. the Christmas day worship service will be held. At First Baptist church, the Rev. James Neely will conduct a short Christmas worship and prayer service at 7:45 tonight and at Zion Lutheran the Rev. H. C. Coover will give a sermonette at 11 o'clock. Midnight high masses will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic church and at St. Mary's gymnasium in Medford; St. Joseph's church in Jacksonville and in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church in Shady Cove. At Sacred Heart church the mass will be preceded by the blessing of the Infant Jesus after His image is carried from the sacristy, in procession, and placed in the sanctuary manger. The men's choir will sing. The Rev. Carl Mai will be celebrant. The student's mass will be held in the school gymnasium with a visiting Benedictine priest from Mt. Angel as celebrant. The Rev. William McLeod will sing the mass at Jacksonville Lutheran church and Rev. John Ilg will be celebrant for the Shady Cove high mass at midnight. Traditional Service The traditional Christmas eve service will be held at 11 o'clock at First Methodist church. Dr. George G. Roseberry will preach on "The Stars Still Shine." The combined choir of the church will sing "Christ is Coming to the Earth Tonight," "O Holy Night" and "Joy to the World." A girl's trio will also sing "Christmas Medley." Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, will observe holy communion tonight at 11:45 o'clock. The Rev. W. Bruce MacHenry, vicar, will speak. Holy Communion At Grace Lutheran church, Ashland, the Christmas eve service will be held at 7 o'clock and Christmas day at 10:30 a.m. Holy communion will be included in the latter service with the pastor, the Rev. E. Paul Riedel, speaking on "God Sent His Only Begotten Son Into the World." The First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, will hold a candlelight communion service from 7:30 until 8:15 tonight at the church. The pastor, the Rev. King K. Jones, Jr., will speak. Christmas day divine worship will be held at Ascension Lutheran church, 2501 Barnett rd., at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Elvin S. Tollefson, pastor, will speak on "What Christmas Gave Me" and the senior choir will sing "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel." Richard Melum, soloist, will sing "O Holy Night." During the service new members will be received by the church. Services Tomorrow Services at Apostolic Faith church tomorrow will be held at 10:30 a.m. Low masses will be offered at Sacred Heart Catholic church Christmas day at 6, 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m. High mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. At Jacksonville the two masses will be held in succession, the first beginning at 9 a.m. Other services scheduled for Christmas day are a Christmas communion at 11 a.m. at Ashland First Congregational church and a service at 10 a.m. at St. Martin's Episcopal church, Shady Cove. The service will include holy communion and a sermon. The Salvation Army will hold their annual Christmas dinner for single men and women tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Judge Calls for Depositions in Water Users Case

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly yesterday called for the taking of depositions Jan. 19 in the case of Mrs. Ann Todd and other water users against the Eagle Point Irrigation district and California Oregon Power company. But he informed the plaintiffs they would have to file an amended complaint. The complaint seeks to nullify the district's contract with Copco whereby Copco is guaranteed a portion of the district's water for power use in return for financing maintenance and improvement of the district's main canal above the power station. Acting on a defendant's motion to strike the original complaint, he pointed out that all seven plaintiffs had not properly subscribed to it. He suggested that the plaintiffs sue in their own name as individual citizens rather than in the name of the district on their relation. Judge Kelly told the plaintiffs that properly they should be suing for an injunction against fulfillment of the contract. Turning to a plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order against experimenting with the capacity of the main canal's flume, he said this was a matter not pertaining to the complaint. He added that it was "totally inconsistent" for the plaintiffs to seek nullification of the contract on the one hand and stand on their rights under it on the other. He advised them to file a separate suit on this matter if they wished to pursue it. Judge Kelly urged the plaintiffs to give "serious thought" to procuring an attorney. Otherwise, he told them, they could expect to be "continually victimized by their lack of skill in law." He said it is one thing to defend one's self, but another



Two Convalescent Homes to Expand

Two convalescent homes in Medford plan to expand in the near future, the operators told the Jackson county court yesterday. Mrs. Fred Milledge of the Milledge Convalescent home told the county court that she has purchased approximately two acres on Barnett rd. not far from Rogue Valley hospital. A 53-bed one-floor nursing home will be built as soon as financing can be arranged, she told the court. She plans to vacate her present site at 12 South Orange st. Mrs. Helen Dabish of the Glen Cove Convalescent home, 120 Laurel st., said she is planning to move to a new location in the near future, also. The new home would have beds for 42 patients in a one-floor "L" shaped building. It would have a patio and each room would have large doors so patients could be moved out onto the patio in their beds, Mrs. Walkins said. Made at Meetings The announcements were made at a meeting called by County Judge Rodney Keating for operators of all nursing and convalescent homes in the county to meet with James Pullman, county public welfare administrator, and Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hoffman, operators of the county farm home. Purpose of the meeting was to straighten out any wrong impressions the home operators may have had regarding county policy in placing patients in such homes, Keating said. Pullman said that approximately over-all costs of keeping a welfare patient in a nursing home is \$191 a month.

Non-Whites Said Ordered To Move By Oregon Police

Portland —UPI— A University of Oregon professor says he has received unverified reports that police of six or eight Oregon towns have been ordering non-white citizens to "move on by sundown." Dr. Joel V. Berreman told the Oregon Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Tuesday that although he had not been able to document the rumors he felt there must have been "incidents" from which the rumors stemmed. Dr. Berreman is a member of the Oregon committee. Names of the towns were not mentioned. Warnings in Vogue Some members of civil rights organizations present said they have heard that Negroes seeking housing in the towns had been intimidated and that "vamoose" warnings have been in vogue for the past year. Citizens of Mexican birth also have been "tossed around," they said. Charles A. Sprague, former governor and chairman of the committee, said it was the opinion of the group that discrimination against Orientals has been pretty well "squelched."

Turkey Dinner Set At Detention Home

A turkey dinner will be served Christmas day to the seven children now at the Jackson county detention home, according to Mrs. Kay Crowell, director of the juvenile department. "Sensible" gifts for each child and crafts materials were provided by a \$65 gift from the Rotary, Kiwanis and Elks clubs of Medford. Boy Scouts provided a Christmas tree and the Medford Jacettes gave outdoor lights, a table centerpiece, nut cups and magazine subscriptions. Homemade candy was brought to the home by 4-H club members at St. Mary's school. Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Swan, superintendent and matron, will be in charge of Christmas observances.

State Police Intensify Patrolling of Highways By United Press International State police today began intensive patrolling of Oregon's highways at the start of the long Christmas weekend. Officers reported no fatalities up to mid-day but cautioned motorists to be careful during holiday travel.

WEATHER FORECAST: Cloudy with rain tonight; showers Thursday. Gusty southerly winds in the valley tonight. Low tonight 35; high tomorrow 46. Temp. Highest yesterday 45. Lowest this morning 31. Our Skies Tonight Sunset today 4:43 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:29 a.m. Moonrise today 4:04 p.m. Moonset tomorrow 6:36 a.m. Riding high and nearly full. The moon is now becoming especially prominent. Its additional light at this time helps create a beauty in the night landscapes that is only seen in the winter.

Toys for Weed's Needy Sent by Appreciative Dad

Weed, Calif. —UPI— Frank McMillian, Burlingame, sent a large box of toys to Dr. H. L. Vidricksen, Weed, this year to be distributed to needy children of this community for the ninth year in a row. Payment For Love The toys are McMillian's payment for the gift of love which helped bring his little daughter back from near death here in 1949. That year McMillian, his wife and three children were driving from Tacoma, Wash., to California for Christmas. A two-car collision at Grass Lake north of Weed on Highway 97 killed four persons including Mrs. McMillian, their

son and one daughter and the woman driver of the other car. McMillian and his 3-year-old daughter, Jeanene, were taken to a Weed hospital in serious condition. Children Bring Gifts On Christmas McMillian could recall only the weeks of shadowed semi-consciousness as they both lay in the hospital. Then the children of Weed began to bring gifts to the little girl and doctors told McMillian that children were praying daily for her. Jeanene, recovered, and McMillian said he will continue to send the toys each year.

Restraint On Freight Cut Loses

Judge Powerless To Intervene in Ruling

San Francisco —UPI— A federal judge has refused to order four railroads not to cut freight rates on lumber shipments between Oregon and Southern California-Arizona. Judge Willis W. Ritter, visiting jurist from Utah, ruled Tuesday he had no power to intervene in the matter, which he held was in the province of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Restraining Order Six Northern California lumber mills and nine trucking firms had asked the court Monday to issue a restraining order in the case. The lumber mills claimed the rate cuts eliminated preferences over Southern Oregon mills which they, the California firms, have enjoyed. The truckers complained the railroads were cutting their prices so low that the truckers could not compete. The reductions, which went into effect Sunday, average about 20 per cent on carloads of a minimum 34,000 pounds. The railroads involved were the Southern Pacific, Northwestern Pacific, Santa Fe and Western Pacific. Marvin Handler, Portland, representing Northern California mills and truckers, told the court Tuesday that if the new rail rates remain in effect, "We'll have to go out of business."

Delays Won't Hurt Handler said another month or two delay would not hurt railroads "as much as it will hurt us." "Oh, you won't have to go out of business," Ritter answered. Charles W. Burke, Southern Pacific railroad attorney, argued his company should not have to suffer indefinitely. The reductions were originally scheduled to have become effective last May 21, but the ICC suspended them while it held hearings. Meanwhile, the California Public Utilities Commission took under submission a similar request from the same lumber and trucking firms to halt increases within the state. Final oral arguments were held Tuesday.

New Lead Found In Search for Portland Family

Portland —UPI— A new lead in the mysterious disappearance of the Kenneth R. Martin family of Portland two weeks ago turned up late Tuesday, the Multnomah county sheriff's office reported. Officers said a gasoline credit card receipt issued in Cascade Locks came in the mail Tuesday to the Martin home here and an investigation was launched on the basis of the receipt. The receipt indicated that Martin purchased \$5 worth of gasoline at a service station in Cascade Locks Dec. 7, the day the Martins and their three daughters vanished while on a trip to get a Christmas tree. Car Went East The service station operator on duty that day, Dean Baxter, was contacted in Chehalis, Wash., where he is spending a vacation. Hood River county authorities said the man said he "believes" he remembers the sale and that the Martin's red and white station wagon went east on the Columbia River highway after the gasoline purchase. In another development, John Essberg, a life insurance salesman, said he saw a vehicle answering the description of the Martin station wagon heading east on Highway 30 about five miles east of The Dalles on Dec. 7. He said it was about 10:30 p.m. Reward Doubled A total of \$1,000 has been raised by relatives and friends for information leading to the discovery of the family. Originally \$500 was raised by friends and relatives but Portland attorney Lawrence Lister announced Tuesday that additional contributions have been made, doubling the reward money.

Prospect Man Killed at Work

Robert Stanley Johnston, 29, Prospect, was killed Tuesday morning in a logging accident at Skeeter and Skeeter Logging operations about 9 miles north of Union Creek, according to Medford Ambulance service. Johnston was believed to have been killed almost instantly when he was struck by a log which rolled from a truck he was helping to load. He was dead on arrival of the ambulance, according to Deputy County Coroner, Dayle Waltermire, who operated the ambulance. Survivors include Johnston's wife and three children and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Johnston, all of Prospect. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger-Morris Funeral home.

Atlas Missile Fired in Florida

Cape Canaveral, Fla. —UPI— The Air Force Tuesday night fired an Atlas intercontinental missile designed to better its already proven performance as a potential weapon.

Russia Expected To Sign Nuclear Test Ban Agreement by Next March

Washington —UPI— U. S. negotiators believe Russia will sign a controlled and inspected nuclear test ban by March if there is ever to be such a pact. This was reported today by State Department sources involved in the Geneva negotiations among the United States, Britain and Russia. Major Hurdles Ahead These sources acknowledged that major hurdles are still ahead. But they cited some evidence that the Russians are moving toward agreement on international control and inspection to police a nuclear test suspension. Enough Nuclear Weapons Three factors were listed as indicating that the Russians may be sincerely interested in an internationally controlled test ban at this time: 1. The Soviet Union apparently has a big enough stockpile of nuclear weapons that it feels relatively equal to Britain and the U. S. should a sudden war occur. 2. The Russians obviously would welcome the opportunity for renewed worldwide propaganda campaign in which they could claim the initiative for achieving a test ban. Implications Realized 3. There is strong evidence that top Russian scientists favor an agreement for inspection and control because they realize better than Soviet politicians the terrible implications of a continued nuclear arms race. State Department sources said the two major hurdles which must be surmounted before agreement can be achieved are: 1. How to make the international control and inspection system work free of a Russian veto but at the same time assure the Soviet Union that the control commission does not have a "built-in majority" in favor of Britain and the U. S. Insist On Nationals 2. The nationality of those who would man the 180 control posts to be scattered throughout the world and the inspection teams. The Russians still insist most of the inspectors in their territory should be Soviet nationals with only a few foreign observers. Britain and the U. S. want the commission and inspectors to be completely international in composition.

Ike's Christmas Message Pledges U.S. Might Will Never Break Peace

Washington —UPI— President Eisenhower promised in a Christmas message to the world Tuesday that U. S. military power will never be used "to break the peace." The chief executive spoke at the annual Christmas pageant of peace shortly before throwing a switch which lighted the nation's Christmas tree, south of the White House grounds. The President said the national honor was behind his peace pledge given as "no less than a sacred obligation" to the other nations of the world. The biblical Christmas message of "peace on earth, good will toward men" was the theme of Eisenhower's brief speech. It followed by four days the broadcast of a similar message from the new Atlas satellite hurtling about the earth. The President said he wanted with the approach of Christmas and the New Year to give his solemn word "that the people of the United States and their government do not want war." "The people of the United States do not wish to enslave or control any other nation or any other people," he said. Eisenhower said America was and would continue to be strong "because that is the only way in today's world that peace can be protected— but the United States will never use its strength to break the peace." As his words faded into the early dusk of winter, the President pressed a button lighting the thousands of bulbs on a towering 75-foot spruce from Montana. The President closed his brief participation in the ceremony by saying "to the men, women and children of America and to all peoples throughout the world — A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good night — and peace be with you." The President and First Lady plan a family dinner at the White House Christmas Day. They will leave for their Gettysburg, Pa., farm Friday.