

FOOD... through the ages..



MEDIEVAL FRANCE HAD A FAMOUS NEW YEAR'S 'FEAST OF FOOLS.' TOWNSPEOPLE FEASTED, IN FOOLS' COSTUMES, OUTSIDE THE CHURCHES.

QUEENS OF OLD SPAIN MADE MONEY GIFTS TO PALACE SERVANTS FOR THEIR ALL-IMPORTANT NEW YEAR'S FEAST.

PRE-CHRISTIAN NEW YEAR'S WAS CELEBRATED IN NORTHERN EUROPE BY TWO MONTHS OF FEASTING. BEER WAS THE CHIEF BEVERAGE.

MEDIEVAL MONARCHS RECEIVED NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS WHILE BREAKFASTING IN BED.

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MEHAMA

By JEAN ROBERTS

One of the biggest social events of the year in Mehama, was the second annual Christmas party given by the Ercill Wilson logging company for 23 employees and their wives at the Riverview cafe last week.

Growth of the Wilson logging company is a success few can parrell. Starting when quite young, Ercill and his twin brother Russell logged with an old gas cat and a team of horses. Approximately 12 years ago Ercill started on his own with 4 men and a small cat, from which he has expanded to an outfit with logging equipment to operate two "sides" and employing 23 men.

Another bee tree discovered last week on McCully mountain making the third in the past two weeks added another "bee to the bonnet" of Sherman Wall Mehama's bee master. The bees swarmed in a cloud around his face and hands, stinging him several times, but to no avail.

Floyd Johnson a fellow worker was also stung as he took a bite of comb which still housed a bee.

The county bridge crew put in a new bridge on the Little North Fork road near the Bert Peree home last week. Elkhorn traffic was halted for several hours in the afternoon waiting for planks to be laid.

A Christmas program by the Mehama community church was given early last week with several numbers by the primary class under the direction of Mrs. Reed White. A short play "Why the Chimes Rang" was presented by the young peoples class. Treats of candy canes and popcorn balls were distributed after the program.

A Christmas program was presented by the grade school Thursday night with a large attendance of parents. The program consisted of recitations, songs and a play "Little Mice" by the primary grades. "What the Stars Saw" was given by the upper grades. Teachers and pupils were appreciative of the help given them by Mrs. Ercill Wilson who directed the music. Following the program Santa Claus made his appearance with a big bag of treats for each youngster.

A family dinner was held at the Harry Monroe home Christmas day. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Thayer and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Monroe all of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Monroe of Dallas.

The Home Extension service will meet at the Women's club house January 6 with Miss Trindle or her assistant demonstrating how to give home sewing a professional look. It will be an all day meeting with pot-luck lunch at noon.

Courtney Wilson, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Wilson is seriously ill. He contracted the flu before Christmas and has been sick since then.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ammons of Longview, Wash., spent the holidays with Mrs. Ammons parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace McCarley.

Jack Ryland, postmaster, reports that despite an exceedingly heavy Christmas mail he was still able to enjoy a big Christmas dinner.

The 10 board members of the Women's club met last week at the home of Mrs. Roy Philippi. The meeting was held to elect a new board member to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. Philippi who will be moving to Stayton soon. Mrs. Alma Kirsch was elected to the board and Mrs. Harry Monroe was elected pres-

ELKHORN

By ESIE MYERS

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers were called to Gresham the first of last week by the sudden death of Mrs. Myers brother, W. C. Metzger. Mr. Metzger had visited at the Myers home just a week before. While he had been in failing health for some time he seemed better at this time. Mrs. Myers remained in Gresham for a week with her sister-in-law.

A fine Christmas program was given at the school house by the Elkhorn children and their teacher, Mrs. Patrick, on Thursday evening. There were treats for all the children. After the program refreshments were served. School will not resume until January 2nd.

Family dinners were the order of the day in Elkhorn on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Myers were the guests of their nephew and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marston of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Longnecker, Billy and Bob spent the day at the home of Mr. Longnecker's mother in Silverton.

About thirty relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bickett and family for dinner. They included Mrs. Bickett's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Billington of Scio. Her two sisters and their families of Mill City were also present. Her brother and his family of Mill City and her brother and his family of Sweet Home attended the dinner.

Mrs. Mary Patrick is spending her holiday vacation with relatives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Ray and family were guests Christmas day at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Schultz of Scio.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Myers were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Myers of Oswego Monday night.

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ident of the board. Plans were discussed for future improvement of the club house.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilliams have moved to the small house by the body fender shop which formerly housed their self-service laundry. A small room built on the back houses the laundry service for regular patrons.

The school children had their Christmas party Friday morning at which they exchanged gifts. This was followed by a turkey dinner at school and then they were dismissed early.

Mehama's Camp Fire girls boosted the Christmas spirit last week by caroling throughout the town one evening, traveling as far as the Ellwyn Erickson home where they sang several Christmas songs. Mr. Erickson has just recently been released from the hospital. They were surprised with a treat at the home of Mrs. Philippi.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Molnar and daughter of Selma, Calif., are spending a week with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Molnar.

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Christmas decorations for the table and room were arranged by Mrs. Saunders. Refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Harold Wilson.

Others attending were Mesdames Herbert Siltala, Glen Hearing, Martha Bewes, Blanche Dean, Theodore Burton, Edmund Davis, Elmer Stewart, Gerald Heath, and Gwen Schaar.

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