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**Presbyterian Women Meet in Fellowship Hall**  
Katie Ewell was refreshment hostess for the regular meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Assn. held Thursday afternoon, Dec. 11, in Fellowship Hall, attended by nine.

Devotions were led by Mary Loucks who read a prayer from the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, Nebr., from the Year Book of Prayer, and an appropriate short story.

The president, Hazel Hayes, conducted the business meeting with the minutes of the previous meeting being read by the secretary, Faye Verbeck. The treasurer's report was given by Mary Tuers.

Discussion was held concerning plans for a wedding reception in the Goforth family on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27. Tables will be set up that morning at 10:00. Katie Ewell will act as chairman for the event. Another reception is scheduled for February 1.

It was voted to pay \$20.00, retroactively, to the session for additional custodial fees for the four receptions during the latter part of the year. A motion was also passed to donate \$100.00 to the session for current church expenses.

For the 1:30 dessert luncheon, the table was colorfully decorated with Christmas arrangements and lighted candles. Holiday placemats and napkins were also used.

Attending the affair, besides those mentioned above, were Helen Kimmel, Clara Epperson, Daisy Geddes, and Mary Kelly.

**Betty Clark Hosts Bid or Bunch Club**

The Bid or Bunch Pinochle Club met at the home of Betty Clark for their Christmas and card party on Monday night. All members were present.

Holding high was Mary Wright; low was Shirley Bigness and Edna Ross had pinochle.

The Jan. 5 meeting will be held at the home of Shirley Bigness at 7:30 p.m.

**"YOUR LAND AND MY LAND"**

by Hazel Hayes

**Old Scrooge**

"A Merry Christmas! God bless you," cried a cheerful voice.

"Bah!" said Scrooge, "Humbug."

"Christmas a humbug, Uncle? I'm sure you don't mean that."

"I do," said Scrooge, "Merry Christmas! What right have you to be merry? You're poor enough."

"Come then, what right have you to be dismal, you're rich enough."

Scrooge having no better answer ready on the spur of the moment said, "Bah!" again and then, "Humbug."

"Don't be cross, Uncle."

"What else can I be, when I live in such a world of fools as this! What's Christmas time to you but a time of paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older but not a penny richer." "If I could work my will every idiot who goes about with Merry Christmas on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding."

"Uncle!"

"Nephew!" Keep Christmas in your own way and I'll keep it in mine."

"Keep it, but you don't keep it."

"Let me leave it alone then. Much good it does you! Much good it has ever done you!"

"It's the time when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts and think of people in need, therefore, Uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket I believe it has done me good and I say, 'God bless it.' Come dine with us tomorrow."

"I have plenty of food."

"But why? Why?" urged the nephew.

"Good-afternoon," growled Scrooge.

"I am sorry with all my heart to find you so resolute."

"Good-afternoon!"

When the nephew went out the door, two other gentlemen came in. They were portly gentlemen pleasant to behold and now stood with their hats off, in Scrooge's office. They had papers in their hands and bowed to him.

"Have I the pleasure of addressing Mr. Scrooge?"

"You have."

"At this festive season, it is desirable that we make provision for the poor and destitute."

"Are there no prisons?" and "the workhouses, are they still in operation?"

"They are, I wish I could say they were not. What shall I put you down for?"

"Nothing."

"You wish to be anonymous?"

"I wish to be left alone. I don't make merry at Christmas and I can't afford to make idle people merry." "Good day!"

**Christmas Potluck Being Planned for Next Thursday Card Party**

A hand containing 800 kings was held by Joyce Dewhurst and Ben Roten, at the pinochle party Thurs., Dec. 11, at the Eagles Hall.

However it was not enough to bring them high score as high was won by Claud Lewin for the gentlemen and by Ruth Kerr for the ladies. Placing second were George Arthurs and Joyce Nicholson. The pinochle prize was won by Dorothy Peterson.

The Eagles Auxiliary is planning a Christmas potluck for the weekly party of Dec. 18. It will start at 12:00 noon. This will be the last party for this year. The next is scheduled for Jan. 8. Joyce Nicholson is in charge.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. Mowry Announce Arrival Of A Son Born Sunday**

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Mowry, Rte. 1, Lyons. He has been named Benjamin Dean and arrived at the Salem Hospital General Unit on Sun., Dec. 7, at 9:39 p.m. He weighed in at 7 yrs. 11 ozs. Little Benjamin joins a brother, Jimmy, at home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mowry, of Mill City, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hutchinson, of Lyons. Great grandparents are James Rasmussen, of Stockton, Calif., and Mrs. Katie Skillings of Lyons.

**Home Extension Group Holds Christmas Party**

GATES—The Santiam Canyon Home Extension Study Group held its Christmas party on Dec. 11 at the home of Joyce Presler.

Outside the lights were twinkling to greet the guests and in the house there was Christmas everywhere. The fireplace was outlined with lights and a clever ribbon greeting Mrs. Presler had made.

The luncheon table was covered with a red cloth decorated with a holly ball above and ribbons extending to each corner. After coffee and the gift exchange a delicious buffet was served.

The occasion was a festive one, enjoyed by all those present: Edna Cullison, Velma Carey, Velma Harrison, Sharon Harrison, Leonora Cutsforth, Faye Moore, Hannah Ditter, Nancy Stoddard, Mabel Wood, Katie Ewell, Reva Reveal, Lucy Schultz, Dorothy Newberg, Viola Foster, Wyoming Baechler, Alexis Wilnn and Matthew, Joyce Presler and Kira and Helen Haugstad.

**Christmas Party Is Planned For Friday**

A Christmas party is scheduled for Fri., Dec. 19, at 3:30 p.m. for the pre-teen crochet classes at Yarn, Etc., 259 Santiam Highway. The students will be displaying their work, some still in progress.

Everyone is invited to come by and see what these girls are learning and accomplishing under the instruction of Anne Mueller.

New students are welcome and classes are available on Fridays at 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Classes will resume Jan. 9 and 10.

**Donald Cree Home Scene Of Thurs. Coffee**

Mrs. Donald Cree was hostess Thursday for a coffee in honor of Paula Kilzhabu. She and her husband, Bill, have leased the Martin Kelly residence. He is the owner-manager of B-K Carpets at Stayton. The couple has three children including Chris 8½ years; Jeremy 5 years; and Jennifer, 2½ years.

A nephew, Alex, also makes his home with them. Alex is a junior at Santiam.

Guests invited to get acquainted with Paula were Mrs. Louis Setzer, Mrs. Tom Blaylock, Mrs. Bob Netter, Mrs. Don Huckleby, Mrs. David Ruby, Mrs. Gary Fadenrecht, Mrs. Frank Stromquist and Mrs. Donald Cree.

While the mothers visited with Mrs. Kilzhabu, the younger children were greeting Jennifer over cookies and juice. The young set included Grady Setzer, Terry and Jeff Netter, Tonya Ruby, Johnny and Emily Stromquist, Ryan and Chalise Huckleby, Jennifer Kilzhabu and Anthony and Andy Cree. Sue Barfield supervised the children's activities.

**BIRTHS**

Santiam Memorial Hospital (Stayton)

CRAM — To Jack and Judith Cram, Gates, a son, Dec. 8, 1975.

ERETH — To Leslie and Deborah Ereth, Stayton, a daughter, Dec. 11.

**Calendar Of Events**

Thursday, December 18  
Christmas potluck and card party, Eagles Hall, 12:00 noon.

Monday, December 22  
Lions Club dinner meeting, 6:30 p.m., Frontier Inn, Ladies night.

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**Dear Friends,**

We want to take this time to thank you for your continued support. Since we moved the shop I miss some of the familiar faces that stopped by while getting the mail. Hope you'll all make it up on the highway soon. Without customers the shop can't exist.

This Friday, December 19th, at 3:30 p.m. we will be having a Christmas party for the pre-teen Crochet classes. All students past, present and future, and parents are invited to come by. Some of the items made by the girls will be on display. The classes will start up again Jan. 9th and 10th.

A class in Intermediate Crewel will start Wed., Jan. 14th at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who has taken the beginning class, or knows basic embroidery is cordially invited to join us. Classes in Needlepoint, Bargello, Knitting and Crochet are also available here and in Stayton, Salem and Silverton. Please call 897-2592 for information.

For your convenience the Mill City Shop will be open Dec. 22, 23 and 26, Closed the 24th. The Salem shop will be open the 23rd and 24th. Many hand made gifts are for sale.

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