

CAROL SERVICE WELL RECEIVED BY BIG CROWD

By MRS. B. C. THOMAS

The twelfth annual Christmas carol service was presented by the music department of the city schools Sunday afternoon in the Methodist church to a crowded audience of deeply appreciative listeners. It was given in a spirit of reverence which was transmitted to the audience.

The choruses of the various schools were divided, part of the children being in the choir loft, others in the front seats of the auditorium and another group in the gallery. The children were directed simultaneously by Mrs. Irma Badger, Mills school, in the choir loft, and Lillie Darby, director of the music department, near the front of the auditorium. They were accompanied by pianos nearby played by Mrs. Ola Mae Carter, (who also had a solovox attached to the piano), Jean Whitney at the piano in the choir loft and Marie Obenchain played the piano in the gallery. Mrs. J. C. O'Neill gave two solo numbers on the violin, the "Larghetto" by Handel, and "Ave Maria" by Schubert, accompanied by Miss Obenchain, which were outstanding in beauty of tone.

For a program planned weeks ago, this had a moving significance today. The first vocal number was a Latin chant, "Give Us Peace" sung by the girls of Mills school as they marched down the aisle to the chancel, each dressed in white, and all with hands clasped and heads bent in prayer. This was followed by "Oh, Ye Tuneful Hosts"

sung with a violin accompaniment by Mrs. O'Neill.

The difficult "Cantique de Noel" was well done with beautiful crescendos in the chorus.

The scriptural reading of the first Christmas by Dorothea Whiteline as an angel was finely given. As she read the story, the various characters appeared, first Mary, then Joseph, while the choruses sang appropriate carols. During the second reading the shepherds with their crooks appeared. While she read the fourth reading the wise men and their servants marched down the aisle and laid gifts before the manger. Soon after them a procession of children appeared led by Uncle Sam and Columbia. These children were dressed in the costumes of various foreign countries and carried their flags, while all of the choir sang "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful." These children knelt at the chancel and then retired. They were followed by six beautiful girls dressed as angels, each carrying a white lighted candle. They moved down the aisle and to the platform where they lighted the candlebra there, while the choruses sang "Silent Night" in full voice.

After the lovely offertory played by Mrs. O'Neill and Miss Obenchain, the children all joined in "Now the Day is Over" by Barnby and then went immediately into the thrilling prayer from Parisfal, "Bring Peace on Earth, Holy, Holy Lord."

The nativity pageant was under the able direction of Doris Porter Fredrick, music director at Riverside school, and the children in the scenes were from the Seventh and Eighth grades at that school.

Lillie Darby and her music assistants and the children participating, deserve great credit for the splendid manner in which they presented this annual carol service, one of the beautiful events of the Klamath Christmas season.

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Transportation News

S. P. Head



Armand T. Mercier is the new president of the Southern Pacific company, succeeding the late Angus D. McDonald. Mercier has been with the company 38 years and has served in a variety of positions in the engineering, operating and executive departments. He had been vice president since 1938. Mercier is well known in Oregon, having served as superintendent of the Portland division from 1918 to 1921. He is credited with knowing as many of the 60,000 employees of the railroad by name as any man in the Southern Pacific organization.

Armand Theodore Mercier, who from 1913 to 1921, was superintendent of the Southern Pacific Portland division, was elected president of the railroad at a meeting of the board of directors held in San Francisco Thursday, according to advice received at the Portland office

of the company. He succeeds the late A. D. McDonald.

Mercier has been with the company 38 years and since 1938 has occupied the post of vice president.

"Our first duty is to our government in the war," he said, following his election.

"I know the men and women of our railroad. They will give a good account of themselves. During the months past we have established close and effective working relationship with the armed forces and war industries.

"Feeling sure of the understanding cooperation of our shippers and travelers in the troublous times ahead, we pledge our best efforts."

In his long service with Southern Pacific since 1904, Mercier has had broad experience in all phases of the company's far-flung operations.

As an engineer, he personally supervised the building of many of the railroad's important structures. As an operating man, he

served both as division superintendent and as general manager of the operating department. In the executive and administrative field he has headed a number of Southern Pacific subsidiary companies as well as working closely, as vice president, with the late President McDonald during the past three years.

Always interested in the people with whom he has worked, Mercier is credited with knowing as many of the 60,000 employees of the railroad by name as any man in the Southern Pacific organization.

A native of New Orleans and son of the late Dr. C. S. Mercier, he was educated in New Orleans public schools, Rugby academy and Tulane university, graduating in 1903 as a civil engineer.

Mercier's entire career in business has been in Southern Pacific service.

Mercier is a director of the San Francisco chamber of commerce and of the civil defense

council. He holds membership in the family club in San Francisco, and the Los Altos Golf and Country club. Married, he has two daughters, Miss Teddy Mercier of Palo Alto and Mrs. R. G. Polhamus of Seattle.

McMinnville Gets Air Raid Scare

McMINNVILLE, Dec. 15. (AP) A siren wailed as planes droned overhead yesterday, jangling this town's already frayed nerves.

The sirens, it developed, was for a minor fire, and the planes were American.

The previous night rumors of an invasion attempt swept over Yamhill county. A sound truck called McMinnville veterans to mobilization at the city hall.

Volunteers gathered in other community centers. Approximately 600 responded. They were registered as potential members of the state home guard and dismissed.

Three Persons Die In Farm Blaze Near Corvallis

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP) — An early morning fire killed three members of a farm family of six near here yesterday.

Flames of undetermined origin spread throughout the house, nine miles north of Corvallis, before Mrs. R. G. Slater awakened to shout an alarm. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hillebrand, owners of the home, ran upstairs to rescue their sons.

Hillebrand escaped with son William, 18, through a second-story window, but Mrs. Hillebrand was trapped with the other son, Homer Jr., 13. Hillebrand's brother, Art Hillebrand, about 50, also was trapped.

Hospital attendants said William, prominent in Future Farmers of America activities, was in serious condition from

burns. The father was slightly injured. Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Hillebrand's sister, escaped without injury.

PRESIDENTIAL BOOER CHICAGO, (AP) — Edward A. Loss Jr., 23, of Suburban Oak park, picked the wrong theatre to boo a newsreel in which President Roosevelt spoke.

After being pummeled by several persons seated near him, Loss was arrested by United States Marshal William H. McDonnell, who was in the theatre.

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