

## Chapter Elects Worthy Matron

Mrs. H. R. Listoe was elected worthy matron of Aloha chapter, Order of Eastern Star, when the group met for the annual business meeting. Serving with Mrs. Listoe are Joe Kennedy, worthy patron; Mrs. H. W. Getz, associate matron; James Hunter, associate patron; Mrs. William Poole, conductress; Mrs. Wallace Berlings, association conductress; Mrs. Maurice Sherman, treasurer, and Mrs. Sanford Selby, secretary.

Appointive officers will be named later and the installation will be held early in January. A special meeting of Aloha chapter will be held on December 20 for initiation of candidates.

After the business meeting, a program of Christmas music was given by members of Jobs Daughters. Marian McIntyre sang "Birthday of a King." June Marie Murphy sang "O Holy Night." Colleen Creswell sang the solo in "Gesu Bambino," and the trio sang the "Sanctus." Mrs. George McIntyre was accompanist for the program.

Mrs. Leo N. Huls, on behalf of the visitors of Aloha chapter, presented the chapter with a gift. Tall wicker baskets to be used for decorating in the chapter room were given by the outgoing officers this year. The presentation was made by Mrs. Alpha Phelps.

Refreshments were served in the banquet room from tables arranged in the form of a large five-pointed star, decorated in the Eastern Star colors with Christmas greens and a large Christmas tree in the center.

### Meeting

The December meeting of the Friendship club was held at the home of Irene Markham of 931

Lincoln on Wednesday evening, December 11. Blanche Barker was assisting hostess. Eighteen were present, and highlight of the meeting was the Christmas tree and gift exchange, with auction bridge completing the evening. Lora Evans held high score, Mrs. S. A. Gaster, second, and Adah Patterson received the special award.

On the second Wednesday in January the club will meet with Bertha Bishop of 429 N. 9th.

### Afternoon Party

MALIN — Linda Ellis entertained a group of her sixth grade friends recently at her home near Malin with an afternoon party. Indoor and outdoor games were enjoyed, and group singing and refreshments closed the day's festivities.

Guests were Geraldine King, Bertra Shogren, Phyllis Johnson, Twila Sarutski, Barbara Salyers, Patty Smith, Janet Dixon, Dick King, Keith King, Clark Unruh, Eddie McAuliffe and Mac Watson.



Two-year-old Gary Smith perches atop a roll of Christmas paper while mother, Mrs. Willard E. Smith of 1633 Halsey, tries to complete her holiday shopping. Gary was given a lamb to make him feel better but his puzzled look probably reflects his masculine opinion that shopping is not for the men in the family.

## Birthdate Of Founder Of Practical Astronomy Noted

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In the commemoration of the life and work of a great scientist, the astronomical world this month recalls that 400 years ago, December 14, 1546, there was born a Danish boy who later became known as the founder of practical astronomy, Tycho Brahe (Tee-co Brah-eh).

Although of the nobility and given every consideration, Tycho very early showed his great ability as a hard-working student. When not quite 13 he entered the University of Copenhagen, where his family expected him to study to be a statesman. But this plan was upset about a year later when a well-predicted partial eclipse of the sun occurred. Young Tycho was so deeply impressed by the "almost divine" ability of those who had foretold the event, that he turned to mathematics and astronomy. His family in disgust sent him to Leipzig to study law in an effort to break his astronomical tendencies, but in vain.

Further dismay possessed his aristocratic family and friends when many years later he married a peasant girl. But it seems that the contracting parties lived happily together thereafter.

Tycho at 26 gained much publicity by his observations of and published report concerning the brilliant star which blazed out (1572) in Cassiopeia and for awhile was visible in daylight. This nova still holds an important place in astronomical records. It was likely a supernova.

Tycho's fame as an astronomer traveled far. King Frederick II of Denmark, a patron of learning, finally offered him the 2000-acre island of Hven (Ven), together with huge government monetary appropriations for building and equipping the finest observatory in the world and for providing his living expenses. A magnificent building of Gothic Renaissance style, elaborately decorated and surrounded by landscaped grounds, was constructed. This housed the astronomer and his family, his assistants and students, and the elaborate scientific instruments such as the world never before had seen.

Tycho called his splendid observatory Uraniborg, meaning Castle of the Heavens. Although telescopes were not in existence at that time, his precise angle-measuring instruments provided means for a mass of valuable scientific data accumulated during the 20 years of his strenuous work on the island. Noted sci-

tists of all Europe visited Uraniborg.

Tycho never adopted the Copernican theory of rotation and revolution of the earth. He considered the earth the fixed center of the universe around which the sun, moon and stars revolved. But he did believe the planets (other than the earth) revolved around the sun. However, his mass of observations were left to his pupil Kepler, who helped establish the Copernican doctrine.

A new Danish king finally provoked Tycho to move his elaborate instruments to Bohemia. All his records were still in the royal library of Copenhagen at the beginning of World War II, but Uraniborg had centuries before become a mass of ruins.

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