

Beautiful Story Of Christmas To Be Told In Pageant And Song

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As the Christmas bells ring out—so rings the hope in men's hearts that there is another day, a brighter day, dawning before them with the age-old promise of the Saviour that "ye shall be born again."

The finest attributes of humanity are shown in the beautiful Christmas story, the love and devotion of Mary, the mother of Christ, the innocence of the Babe in the manger, the awe and wonder of the shepherds, and the promise of peace and good will.

With each new Christmas, men feel anew the faith to work for greater things, the unselfishness of loving one another and the joy intermingled with solemnity so typical of the holiday season.

Churches at Klamath Falls will enter wholeheartedly into the celebration of the yule season, for Christmas, after all, is the church.

Pageant And Song

Many have planned special services and pageants which in their own way, however humble, will herald the holy day of the birth of the Son of God.

Shiny faced, well-combed Sunday school youngsters will go through painstakingly rehearsed Christmas plays as their part of the holiday festivities. Choirs will make a special effort to sing as beautifully as possible the well-loved carols of the day and the lovely sacred hymns welcoming all with "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and "Adeste Fideles."

Chimes and carols will echo through the chill air of winter in the business and residential districts with many churches planning to broadcast songs and send carolers to spread the cheer of Noel.

Christmas Eve Events

Some of the city's churches will observe Christmas at Sunday worship, December 27. Others are arranging special worship services Christmas Day. Two traditional services will be held on Christmas Eve—the midnight mass at Sacred Heart Catholic church and the annual midnight service at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The lovely story of the birth of Christ told in the Gospel according to St. Luke holds the full richness and faith of this great Christian festival.

"And She brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men."

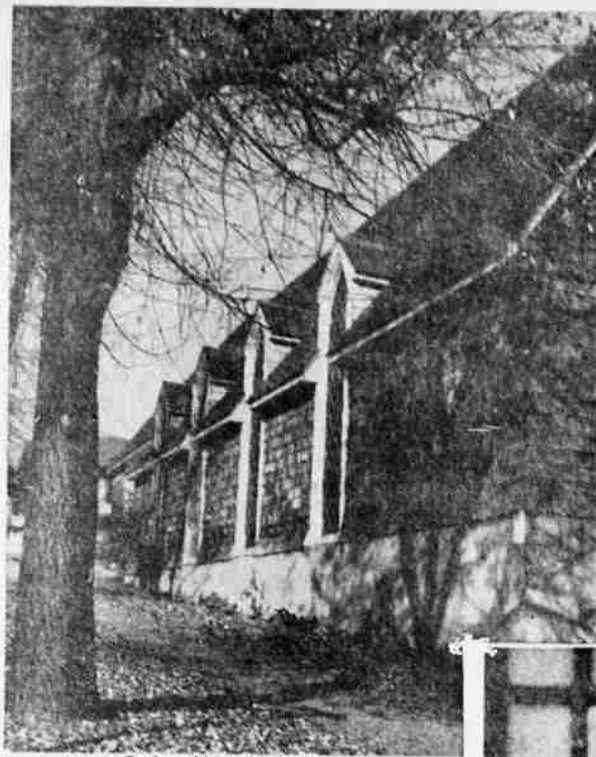
"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning the child."

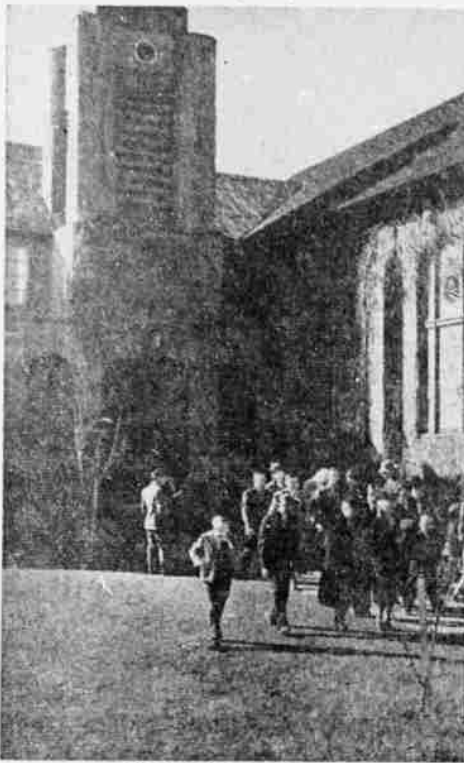
"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

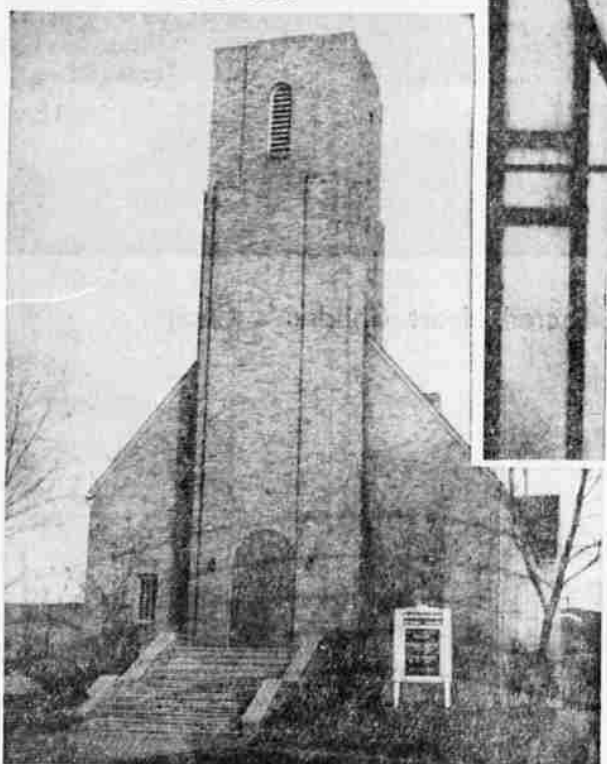
"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them."



Gothic Windows of St. Paul's Episcopal



Main Entrance of First Methodist



Plain Lines Charm of Klamath Lutheran



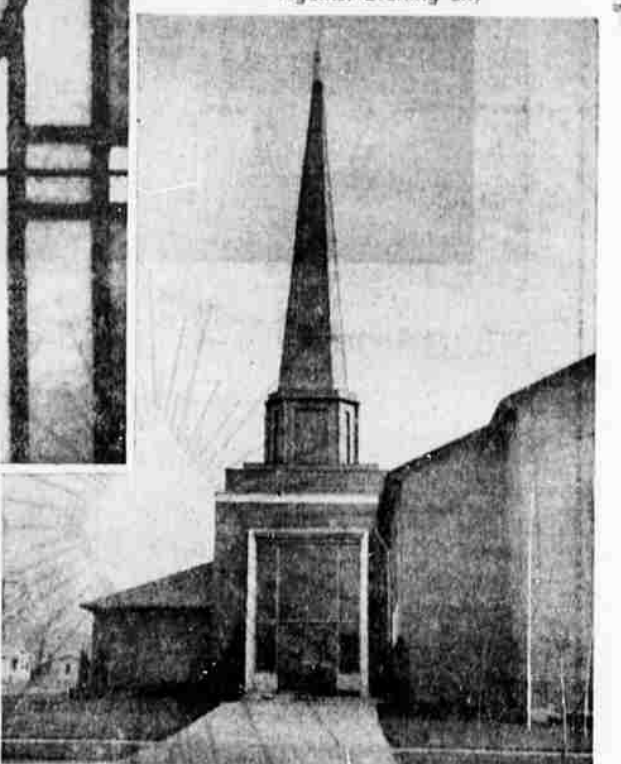
Community Congregational, Center of Many Activities.



Williamson River Building Typical of Country Church



Sacred Heart Tower Against Evening Sky



Latter Day Saints New and Handsome

Directory Of Klamath Churches

Church	Minister	Address
Klamath Temple—Rev. Daniel B. Anderson, 1007 Pine.		
First Covenant—Rev. Selmer Jacobson, 823 Walnut.		
First Christian—Rev. Howard F. Hutchins, 9th and Pine.		
Salvation Army—Maj. W. Roswall, 400 Klamath.		
First Baptist—Rev. C. C. Brown, 8th and Washington.		
Community Congregational—Rev. Godfrey Matthews, 2154 Garden.		
Klamath Lutheran—Rev. S. M. Tappess, 1175 Crescent.		
Immanuel Baptist—11th and High.		
First Methodist—Rev. Victor Phillips, 1005 High.		
First Church of the Nazarene—620 Martin.		
First Presbyterian—Rev. David F. Barnett, 6th and Pine.		
Assembly of God—Rev. C. O. Ross, 8th and Oak.		
Church of God—Rev. Oswald Scheir, 2802 Altamont.		
Free Methodist—Rev. G. V. Dexter, 9th and Plum.		
Zion Lutheran—Rev. Victor Schulze, 1025 High.		
Seventh Day Adventist—Rev. P. C. Alderson, 833 N. 9th.		
Bible Baptist—Rev. Keith Fields, 2244 Ward.		
Peace Memorial Presbyterian, Rev. Hugh T. Mitchelmore, 4431 S. 6th.		
Sacred Heart Catholic—Rev. Father T. P. Casey, 815 High.		
Latter Day Saints—Pres. Merlin Bleak, 511 Martin.		
St. Paul's Episcopal—Rev. F. C. Wissenbach, 8th and Jeffer'n.		
First Church of Christ, Scientist—		
First Reader W. C. Comings, 10th and Washington.		
Pilgrim Holiness—Rev. Sherman Moore, 2303 Wantland.		
Klamath Revival Center—1625 Mitchell.		
Church of Christ—Rev. Gus Winter, 2205 Wantland.		
Union Gospel Mission—Mrs. C. M. Timms, 251 Commercial.		
Calvary Baptist, Rev. Perry M. Johnson, city library.		

In addition to the above churches within the city and suburban area, there are a number of active congregations in the other communities of the basin, not listed because of the lack of a full directory. All of these will take part in the celebration of the Christmas season, inviting people of the basin to participate.

About The Cover

The beloved carols of Christmas echo through the city in season of Noel. Adding to their charm are the children's choirs. Representative of those in Klamath Falls are the youngsters on the preceding page, members of the children's choir of Sacred Heart Catholic church. Left to right, first row: Martha Carter, Judith Pavlot, Mary Herlihy, Genevieve Amberg, Elaine Mingo. Second row: Phyllis Patsch, Raymond Patteuw, James Mahoney, Kenneth McAndrews, Edmond Andersch, Elaine Patsch. Third row: Raymond Zelanardo, Peggy Plunkett, Cecile Vandenberg, Gary Thiel. Fourth row: Susan Vandenberg, Phyllis Ellis, Barry Stephens, Claudia Ehreth, Mary Katherine Bruner, Marlene Mingo.

'Silent Night' Most Loved Yule Carol

This is the Christmas season and it carries with it the beautiful, well loved hymns and carols which have brought solace to hungry hearts for more than 100 years.

Probably the best loved of all is Franz Gruber's "Silent Night," written in 1818 by the organist of a little Austrian church, who was asked, so tradition says, to compose a carol at the last moment. He little realized that the carol would place him among the world's immortals.

A hymn that is traditional is "O Come, All Ye Faithful," or, as is known by its Latin name, "Adeste Fideles." It is an old Latin hymn composed in the 17th century and sung by all churches. Carols that are loved and oft sung are, "We Three Kings From the Orient Are," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "The First Noel," composed in 1833 by an unknown English writer, and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," written by Phillips Brooks in 1867. The words of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" were written by Charles Wesley in 1739, and adapted in a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn in 1840.

Carolers will soon be on the streets singing their chants in the crisp evening air. Churches, too, plan to broadcast carols and hymns through their chimes.

How Christmas Came To The Klamaths

THE wocus had been gathered and ground, the venison had been killed. Fish from rivers and lakes had been speared and cleaned. There were roots of camas and apawa, fleshy and sweet. There was ready too, the flesh of rabbits and of porcupines and dried wild currants and huckleberries, plums and chokecherries.

It was the time for feasting and for happiness, the winter moons of the year, one of the first Christmases in the Klamath country.

Time has dimmed somewhat the memories of the older members of the Klamath and Modoc Indian tribes who were children nearly a century ago before the white man came in numbers. But they do recall vividly, the festival week that came each year about the time that man, in other parts of the Christian world was celebrating the birth of the Christ Child.

Among these are Amanda Cowen, probably the oldest living member of the Klamath tribe who is nearing 100; Anton Merritt and blind Aunt Jenny Clinton; a Modoc, who are not sure of their age but believe they are more than 60.

And this is their story. The Indians had always worshiped a God, a being to whom they prayed for guidance in peace and war through the medium of trees, the mountains, the lakes

and the earth. He was "Coom-lish," the Beginner.

Somewhere down the aisle of time had come to them the knowledge that Jesus had come into the world and that the anniversary of his birth was a time for celebration.

It may have come from the Conquistadors who crossed from South America into Mexico prior to 1539 or later when Francisco de Coronado brought his 1100 soldiers into the wilderness of the west.

Entry was made through a hole in the roof except by the very

old and the very young. For these members of the families there was a low creep. Smoke from the big fire built on the ground inside found its way out through the upper opening.

And here they made merry for a week, dancing and eating the food brought many a mile.

All wore deer skin clothing with strips of the same skin wrapped around their feet and extending to the knees. Otter skins were used to wrap hair braids and they wore shells and the teeth of animals for ornaments.

They took with them their weapons, and compared bows that were works of art, strengthened with deer sinews fastened with a glue made by boiling salmon skins.

Some had woven baskets with them made of a weed that resembles flax and some had woven plates from which to eat.

Since they knew by the moon when it was time to gather duck and mud hen eggs and when the salmon were running they knew also when it was time for the merrymaking to cease and on the appointed day they gathered together their belongings and went back to their camping grounds.

With the coming of the early trappers and later the missionaries the true story of Christmas became known. Many of the Indians became devout Christians and among these is Aunt Jenny, raised in the shadow of Mt. Shasta and later transplanted to an Oklahoma reservation. As a young woman she returned to the west, firm in the conviction that she was to bring the gospel to her people on the local reservation. Founder of several Quaker churches here she is still spreading the story of the Christ child, to children in her family and to adults who gather to listen.

Although she can no longer read the printed words of her Bible her mind has retained much of what she learned when she could see and as the Christmas season nears she prays once more for "Peace on earth."

The Season of Epiphany is one of the best loved feasts on the church calendar. It comes after the Christmas holidays and the word Epiphany means Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is usually depicted in the story of the Three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar who, being Gentiles, nevertheless received the message of God by the appearance of a star that told them the Messiah had been born.

The star went before them on their long journey to the West.

Because the spirit of Jesus brought Light into the world, therefore most Catholic and Protestant churches as well, celebrate this feast known as The Feast of Lights and is held traditionally on January 6, which is the beginning of the Epiphany season. (On December 6, the church really celebrates the Day of St. Nicholas, which in itself has nothing to do with the celebration of Christmas).

Epiphany Season Feast Of Lights

Feast of the Epiphany continues for 12 days. At the end of that period there is the burning of the greens, one of the many pagan customs which have crept into the celebration of the holidays. Wreaths, the Christmas tree, and any other greenery brought into the home and church is supposed to "go up in flames" on Twelfth Night, thus bringing an end to the yule season.

MEMORIAL WINDOW SHOWS TOWN'S FIRST CHURCH

THE centerpiece of the above layout is a section of a stained glass window on the Sixth street side of the First Presbyterian church of Klamath Falls, and depicts the first church building in this community—the old Linkville Presbyterian church, founded in 1884. The little church stood at what is now Third and Pine streets.

This particular window, with the view of the little church in the center, is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Emma C. Worden, and was presented by her husband, the late Charles E. Worden. It is one of several stained glass windows in the church, using one of the oldest of the arts to create a window picture which is the traditional church memorial.

The other pictures on this page show several modern-day churches of Klamath Falls, and are presented to indicate the diversification and type of architecture employed in the many buildings of Christian worship in this community. As the directory on this page shows, these are only a few of the church buildings here and elsewhere in the Klamath basin. Other buildings will be shown in later special editions.

A Chapter Of Local History

By RUTH KING

Too, there may have been a padre of the Catholic faith who came this far north to leave the impression. That much is conjecture.

But to the Klamaths and the Modocs Jesus became one of them, a being who watched over the tribes. And as proof they found his footprints in stone. Those who are interested may see some of these, still faintly discernible, one near Modoc point and one on the west side of Upper Klamath lake. Still another that existed beside a spring near the town of Bly was obliterated when the Lakeview highway was built.

As the seasons came and went