

Christmas Series Tells In Rich Detail Inspiring Story Of The Magi's Journey

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One of the most appealing chapters of the eternal story of Christmas is the odyssey of the "Wise Men from the East," who followed the light of a star to find and worship the Child of Bethlehem.

Despite its powerful elements of drama and mystery, most descriptions of the Magi and their journey are woefully brief and lacking in detail. The Gospels preserved only a short description of the visit of the strangers from the Orient; the human detail of that momentous pilgrimage has been in large measure lost in antiquity.

George Cornell, religion writer for The Associated Press and author of last year's memorable "Legacy of Luke" series, set out to fill in this shadowy section of the story of Christmas. The result is "The Journey to Jesus," a five-part series of articles which will start Monday.

Cornell points out that many of the atmospheric details in the stories are conjectured, but the conjectures are based on the actual situation, as best as can be determined from available records.

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tions advanced also are surmises without any positive verification," Cornell explains. "But again, they are derived from the known facts and circumstances, and are reasoned conclusions from the evidence available."

All sorts of traditions about the Magi were carried on by word of mouth through early Christian times, and set down by the church fathers. This process continued into the Middle Ages, with the gradual building up of legends, imaginative tales and perhaps some facts.

In considering these sources, Cornell weighed them against the historical and Gospel data, keeping whatever survived the test. He was surprised to find that much of the general consensus of these legends fits in with the likely possibilities.

"Rationalists sometimes have attacked the Magi story as pure myth," Cornell says. "Except for the supernatural attributes given the star, however, it squares fully with the personalities, conditions and attitudes of those reported involved. And I think anyone, even in the space age, will admit there still are lots of unknowns so far as the stars are concerned."

Principal illustrations for the

stories are rare woodcuts of the 15th Century. The pictures were contained in books published in Germany in 1478 and 1484.

One of them, John of Hildeheim's "Historia Trium Regum" (1484) related the story of the Three Kings. The other "Auslegung des Lebens Jesu Christi" is a life of Christ published at Ulm in 1478.

The reproductions used in the series were made from original copies of these volumes which are preserved at the Pierpont Morgan Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

For an unusual experience in Christmas reading, don't fail to follow "The Journey to Jesus" starting Monday.

Clinton High Site For New Graham Drive

CLINTON, Tenn. (UPI)—Billy Graham's crusade for Christ team began arriving Saturday for the evangelist's Sunday service on the campus of bombed-out Clinton High School.

Graham himself stopped en route at Oak Ridge, Tenn., where he was to hold a press conference and begin preparing for his sermon. He visited Baptist ministers in Clinton Saturday night and began making final preparations for Sunday's program.

The location of his speech depended on the weather. Advance arrangements were made for the crusade to be held on the front lawn of the school, inclement weather would force the services to be moved to the school gymnasium.

The gymnasium was untouched by the Oct. 5 blast that shattered the school's academic building. The blast was the latest in a series of violent acts, including demonstrations led by racist John Kasper, which followed Clinton's integration moves.

The services are due to start at 3 p.m. c.s.t. Sunday.

Employee Insurance Plan Renewed By County Court

The Klamath County Court renewed on Friday its employee insurance program with the Great West Life Assurance Company.

Great West and five other insurance companies had bid for the contract offering life and health and accident insurance policies to some 200 county employees.

The court spent most of Friday's meeting considering the bids. "No bid submitted was under Great West's and no others gave as much coverage," County Judge Charlie Mack said. "It worked satisfactorily, so we renewed with Great West."

Great West held the contract last year, but before seeking renewal offered to carry its contract for a few months while other companies offered bids.

Other bidders were Etna, Occidental, Standard, Industrial Hospitalization and National Hospitalization insurance companies. A bid from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was withdrawn.

Another event of interest to the court was word from the Nevada Division of Highways that it has approved construction of a leg of the Winnemucca-to-the-Sea Highway.

The long sought step, promoted by the Klamath and Lake County courts as well as Humboldt County commissioners in Nevada, was assured in a letter from Nevada Highway Engineer H. D. Mills to Lake County Judge C. H. Langslet.

Mills wrote that the department "has obligated a sufficient amount to construct a section of a road extending from the Oregon state line southeasterly to a junction with (Nevada) State Route 8-A."

Two Accidents Blamed On Ice

Two one-car accidents, apparently caused by icy spots on U.S. 97, hospitalized two persons early Saturday.

State police said a car driven by Harold Bell Wright, 25, Chiloquin, was headed north about one mile south of Modoc point when it skidded across the highway, down a grade and landed on the Southern Pacific Railway tracks far below.

The car skidded and descended a distance of 735 feet, officers said, but injuries appeared to be relatively minor. Wright was treated and released at Klamath Valley Hospital. A passenger, Leonard N. O. Jr., 43, Chiloquin, was scheduled for X-ray examination of possible broken ribs.

On the other end of U.S. 97, south of Klamath Falls, a car driven by Harold Day, 19, 1130 Homedale Road, went out of control and skidded over a small embankment. Day, also taken to the hospital by Peace Ambulance, was reported "getting along well" despite an injured left leg and head lacerations.

Arson Suspect Held To Jury

Harold Martin, 65-year-old Langell Valley rancher whose home was destroyed by fire November 18, was held to the grand jury Friday on a charge of first degree arson.

Martin was accused of starting the fire that gutted the two-story home on his Roaring Springs Ranch.

He appeared before District Judge D. E. Van Vactor with an attorney, Stanley Mitchell of Oregon City, but he did not take the witness stand.

After hearing of more than an hour, in which the state was represented by Deputy District Attorney Philip Engelgau, Martin was bound to the jury and returned to jail in lieu of \$7,500 bond.

In another district court case, two Klamath Falls men were found guilty of possessing untaxed deer meat. Judge Van Vactor fined Howard Neiders and Orval Leroy Hamilton, both of 200 Market Street, each \$100 or 45 days in jail. Both were sent to jail.

Neiders and Hamilton had been arrested earlier Friday by city police on drunk charges, but were referred to district court to face the possession charge.

State Adopts Road Projects

SALEM, (AP)—The Oregon Highway Commission Friday adopted a \$66,200,000 program for construction of federal aid highways in the state during the year beginning next July 1.

The amount includes both federal and state funds. However, it does not include projects to be built solely with state funds.

The new program calls for \$43,850,000 to be spent on interstate highways (Pacific Highway and Columbia River-Oregon Trail routes), \$3,025,000 on urban highways, \$11,365,000 on primary highways, and \$3,980,000 on county secondary routes.

Among projects approved, with the total cost of each:

- The Dalles-California Highway, complete Klamath Falls section, \$30,000.
- The Dalles-California Highway, complete 6.87-mile The Dalles-Eight Mile section, \$855,000.
- The Dalles-California Highway, grade 8.14 miles of Lyle Gap-Madras section, \$820,000.

Bishop Rails Crime Films

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Roman Catholic bishop Saturday condemned "fast buck" horror, pseudoscience and crime films aimed especially at youngsters.

Bishop James A. McNulty said such films imperil the moral health and intellectual development of children.

He spoke in a statement urging Catholics to renew their support of the National Legion of Decency, a church agency which issues moral evaluations of films.

Bishop McNulty, of Paterson, N. J., is chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Motion Pictures, Radio and Television. The Legion of Decency is the executive arm of the policy-making committee.

The statement, issued by the National Catholic Welfare Conference, said a pledge to support the legion will be read Sunday at all Masses in American Catholic churches. Such a pledge has been renewed annually since 1938, the NCWC said.

Here Are Facts As Deduced By Policemen

CLIFTON, N.J. (AP)—Yes ma'am, all we want is the facts. Mrs. H. C. Mollen gave them: Doghouse blew up Monday night. Dog nowhere near. Had come earlier (humans) house half hour earlier. No bomb fragments found. No suspicious characters lurking about. Not a clue anywhere.

Simple ma'am. Dog slept on straw, you said. Restless sleeper, rolled around on straw, caused friction, created static electricity. Wind came along, stirred up dust in doghouse. Combustible mixture, touched off by electricity. Blew up.

It's that simple ma'am, we checked with the state police lab. Happens all the time.

This did Detectives Philip Calderaro and John C. Groot solve the mystery of the bombed doghouse. Yes ma'am, that was Thursday.

Burglars Peel Bakery Safe

City police said skillful burglars broke into a safe at Morning Fresh Bakery, Martin and Sixth streets, early Saturday morning.

The amount of money stolen, if any, was not immediately determined.

Officers said burglars broke into the building and "peeled" a lower portion of the safe. That means they stripped away a heavy metal covering to get to more pliable material beneath.

DONATION

Mrs. Phillip Cole, president of the Klamath Falls Dental Auxiliary, reported to the December meeting of that organization, held recently at the Winema Hotel, that she had presented on its behalf a check for \$100 to the Junior Auxiliary in Portland for the student loan fund. This was the largest contribution given by any auxiliary in Oregon. Plans were made at the meeting for a no-host potluck for members and their husbands, to be held January 10 at the residence of Dr. Lester Brookshire.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Word was received Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Carter that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. (Roy) Carter will be home in Klamath Falls for Christmas. They are expected to return from Portland later this week. They have been away for approximately six weeks and Carter has been receiving therapy following back surgery the last week in October at a Portland hospital.



1959 OFFICERS of the Shasta Valley Community Club of Montague are, from left, Mrs. Hilda Cooley, Mrs. June Severns and Mrs. Maxine Foote. Mrs. Cooley was reelected president for the seventh consecutive year; Mrs. Severns was reelected treasurer; and Mrs. Foote was elected as the new secretary.

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This notice is authorized by ordinance of the Common Council of City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, dated November 10, 1958.

Marina Warnke, Recorder, City of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

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