

# Luenen Passion Play to Be Presented in Portland

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"Mary the Mother"

The story of the Luenen Passion Play of the Black Hills, to be presented at the Portland Civic Auditorium for four matinee and evening performances beginning Tuesday, January 30, is as interesting as the presentation itself.

The Luenen Passion Play is one of the famous organizations of Europe that have been presenting the life of Christ yearly or at greater intervals for 700 years. Originally, the Luenen Passion Play was played in Westphalia, Germany. The

Josef Meier



"Christus"

organization after coming to America and presenting its story before more than 5,000 audiences in the United States and Canada, decided to make its home here. Thus, after searching the country for a permanent home, the Luenen players decided upon Spearfish, in the South Dakota Black Hills. To insure its permanence, the citizens of South Dakota and business men with churches and fraternal organizations raised \$150,000 and built an amphitheater with a stage three blocks long and a seating capacity of 8,000, and established homes for the players. The play was presented for the first time in its Black Hills home

in the summer of 1938. Although the fact was little known that this unique European organization had left its centuries-old home in Germany to build traditions in its new home in the Black Hills, it brought 100,000 people in pilgrimage to behold it.

Josef Meier who plays the "Christus" is the seventh generation to portray the character in his family making a total of 140 years of continuous presentation.

The story was portrayed on its permanent stage in the Black Hills with 3,000 in the cast. Critics from many eastern newspapers attended the performance last summer and wrote much in eulogy of the unique offering. The Chicago Tribune's critic's description of how the 8,000 in the amphitheater sat through rain to see the play, suggests its impressiveness.

Special student matinees have been arranged through the Portland school board, and will be given Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Student tickets may be obtained through the Portland public schools or through Passion Play Headquarters at 815 S. W. 6th Ave., Portland. Students outside of the city of Portland, interested in making reservations for one of the student matinees, may do so by contacting Passion Play Headquarters.

## Chairmen of Community Committees Meet

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serve hot lunches through the use of the National Youth program. Two district meetings were held in landscaping. Home visits were also made to help cooperators landscape their home. One hundred and thirty-two homes have made use of the information and help given at landscape meetings. The savings in this project to the cooperators was \$1,500.

Mr. Harrison Kellar of Fern Hill reported on the poultry situation for 1940 which isn't very encouraging at the present time on account of the low prices for eggs and the high cost of feed. It appears that there will be a reduction in the amount of chicks hatched this year. Mr. Kellar reported on the value of good poultry managing and breeding. Mr. Kellar has done a fine piece of work in poultry breeding cooperation with his parents in the Fern Hill district and has built up an outstanding Leghorn flock of record birds for the State of Oregon and which has a high rating in the flocks of the United States.

**J. D. Perry Reports—**  
Mr. J. D. Perry of Deer Island, chairman of the Land Utilization committee, reported on the work that has been done from time to time on this important project since the last Outlook Conference. At that time the Land Use problems were considered by the Livestock Committee and the Business Committee. Recommendations were made at that time that the logged-off lands be studied and developed for range and forestry purposes, and also that the lands acquired by the county be redeemed for county ownership for the benefit of the people in the county. This policy is now being adapted and considerable work has been done on the same. At the time of the Outlook Conference a map was made of the county which was very preliminary showing the agricultural and non-agricultural lands of the county. Since that time with the study by the various local committees, the lands of the county have been classified in a preliminary way as to their various uses. This study is being continued in order to arrive more nearly at the facts.

Arrangements are being made to hold community meetings throughout the county to further secure the opinions of the people in regards to the various land problems.

**Lockers Constructed—**  
George A. Nelson, County Agent, reported on the accomplishments made in following the instructions of the Outlook Conference which included recommendations for the establishing of lockers in the various communities of the county for the convenience of people in storing agents and other produce. An immediate response was made by the Lumbermen Brothers of St. Helens, who built storage lockers soon after the time the recommendations were made by the Business Committee. Other lockers were established at Clatskanie, Vernonia and Rainier which gives practically the main communities in the county the facilities.

Mr. Nelson also reported on the substantial increase of forage crops being grown in the county. The alfalfa acreage is increasing at the

rate of 175 acres a year, which brings the present acreage up to over 700 acres at the present time. It was reported that over 5,000 acres of leguminous hay crops were planted in the county in 1939. About 2,000 acres of non-crop pasture land were seeded in 1938, and about 2,500 acres in 1939 making a total of 4,500 acres seeded during the last two years which ranges from a few acres on some of the farms to several hundred acres on others. This is very materially increasing the feed for livestock in the county.

**Livestock Industries Improve—**  
There is an improvement being made in the livestock industries as a result of the last Outlook Conference. Improvement in the quantity of dairy products was also recommended, and also disease control of which Columbia county ranks among the first counties of the State in disease control work.

The work of the Land Utilization Committee has been continued since that time and the committee has made extensive studies of the grazing lands of the county during the past two years in order to improve the range conditions and reforestation.

Mr. Nelson reported that since the last Outlook Conference three domestic water systems have been installed which serve 46 farmers at the present time in the Clatskanie and West Rainier districts.

Mr. C. W. Smith, Assistant County Agent Leader, from the Oregon State College Extension Service, gave a talk on the "Why of Land Use Planning," and discussed the importance of careful study of land use and how it affects the different counties as changes are worked out for using land according to its best adaptations. He stated that this study is being made in nearly all the counties of the United States, and that Columbia county is far ahead of most of the counties in the State in their land study work.

## Classified Ads . . . . .

**WANTED—**Work caring for children during daytime or evenings. See Mrs. A. E. Jennings 3t3

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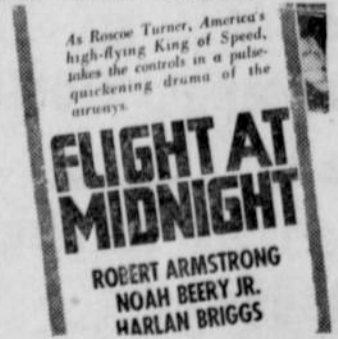
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