

**OREGON TRAIL
SCHOOL PRESENTS
XMAS PROGRAM**

A large crowd attended the Christmas program at the Oregon Trail school Friday, December 21. The program was directed by the teachers Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Hopkins.

"A Christmas Calamity" by the primary room was the outstanding performance of the evening. The children dressed in appropriate costumes played their parts well. Characters included: Peggy Langton, Junior Holmes, Harold Wilson, Charles Landreth, Mildred Adams, Dorothy Totten, Calvin Morfitt, Robert Bowen, Nadine Reinke, Bernice Bowen, Marjorie Sager, Cecil Whitman.

Houston Keck, Bonna Rea Franklin, Henry Gamboa, Mary Lou Thomason, Jimmie Reid, Donald Whitman.

"Christmas at Happy Valley" a thirty minute play in two acts was given by pupils of the upper room. Several parts of this play was played exceedingly well. Characters were Juanita Franklin, Leonard Lowe, Mildred Sager, Beta Franklin, Hollis DeGroff, Ione Benson, Dewey Thomason, Raymond Morfitt, Fred Lowe, Howard Wicklander, Junior DeGroff and Gilbert Holmes.

Other pupils who took part in the program were Frankie Wilson, Max Wicklander, Elsie Keck, Willard Whitman and Johnnie Hearroa.

"The Star of the East" and "Silent Night" were sung by a chorus of Oregon Trail folk including Mr. and Mrs.

Joe Stam, Dwight and Mrs. Lucille Johnston, Mrs. William DeGroff, Mrs. Jas. Thomason, Charlie and Hubert Jones and Dorothy Lowe.

After the arrival of Santa presents and treats were distributed. The Oregon Trail P-T. A. sponsored distribution of treats.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Fraternal orders of Nyssa sponsored the giving of Christmas baskets to the needy folk this year. On Christmas night all those receiving baskets were guests of N. E. Leigh at the Liberty theatre.

"The FIRESIDE PHILOSOPHER"
By ALFRED BIGGS

Analyze before you accept.
Genius invariably triumphs.
Reason is safer than emotion.
Our thoughts govern our destiny.
Never lose faith in your own conscience.
Evil deeds contain inescapable penalties.
Neither adversity nor prosperity affect great minds.
Things often are "no good" because they're too good.

**Schools Take
40 Per Cent
Of Tax Fund**

Salem—Support of Oregon public schools of higher learning, took 40.69 per cent of the taxes paid by property school system, other than the institutions this year, according to a study just completed by the state tax commission. Taxes for cities absorbed 22.8 per cent of the property owners' tax dollar, county governments absorbed 13.1 per cent, road budgets account for 10.95 per cent of the levy against property and the state took 7 1/2 cents out of every property tax dollar.

At that Oregon property owners contributed \$9,000,000 less toward support of government this year than they did in 1931, the study shows. Property taxes for all purposes which totaled \$50,282,605.86 in 1931 were down to \$41,572,394.21 for the current year.

Except for the counties and taxes for fire patrol and reforestation purposes all government agencies contributed to the reduction of the tax burden borne by property.

Port districts led the way in tax reduction by cutting their aggregate levies from \$1,671,548.05 for 1931 to \$887,045.73 in 1934, a reduction of 47 per cent.

Road Levies Reduced

Levies for roads dropped from \$6,847,582.30 in 1931 to \$4,179,958.45 in 1934, a cut of 39 per cent. Much of this reduction of \$2,667,623 in the road tax levied against property is accounted for by the repeal of the market road levy in 1931, which was followed by reduction of county levies for market road purposes when the burden of this expense was shifted to the automobile registration and gasoline tax revenues of the highway department.

The state's contribution to the relief of property taxes during the four year period amounts to \$1,453,205, the state levy dropping from \$4,592,627.91 in 1931 to \$3,139,422.68 in 1934, a drop of nearly 32 per cent, due largely to salary cuts, lower cost of commodities used by state institutions and elimination of capital outlays for new buildings.

Levies for support of the common schools of the state show a drop of 16 per cent since 1931, from \$30,120,644.37 to \$16,913,692.47. Heavy tax delinquency in local districts, it is explained, prevented a better showing on the part of the schools, since actual expenditures for school purposes were much lower than the levy for 1934 indicates.

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EDITORIALS

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PAINT, OR A STATION

A DELEGATION of citizens from the Owyhee project, in Eastern Oregon, went over to Salt Lake City the other day, partly to attend the National Reclamation conference, and partly to call upon the manager of the Oregon Short Line, a unit of the Union Pacific system.

They wanted to tell the Short Line manager that whereas they had asked for a new station at Nyssa, headquarters office of the Owyhee project, and whereas he had promised a new coat of paint for the present station, they hadn't yet seen the paint and still want the new station.

Then they gave the railroad executive some figures that have a lot meaning to all Oregon. From Nyssa this fall there were shipped 244 cars of potatoes, 154 cars of lettuce, 46 cars of onions, 10 cars of carrots and 23 cars of mixed vegetables—at total of 477 cars. This was from an Oregon irrigated project still in the making.

Incident to the construction of the Owyhee project, the delegation said the railroad had collected \$55,000 for the freight on one shipment of steel and \$455,000 on the cement used in the Owyhee dam. Frank T. Morgan, secretary of the project, added that the total for freight used in construction in the Owyhee project would reach \$1,000,000.

A railroad receiving this amount of benefit probably should not feel that a new station in the place of one now obsolete is unreasonable.

But the story is not finished. E. C. Van Petten of Ontario says that nearly every acre of 15,000 to be watered next year in the Owyhee project has been taken by new settlers. Every available acre in the Vale project is taken. The larger area to be ready on the Owyhee project in 1936 will be settled without difficulty. The settlement of the whole of the unoccupied portions of the Vale and Owyhee projects was once considered principally with the careful selection of the best settlers from the many who come seeking.—Oregon Journal.

IDAHO'S LIQUOR CONTROVERSY

The state of Idaho is in the throes of a controversy over what to do about liquor. The voters authorized the legislature to repeal the state enforcement act and it is taken for granted that they will do so at the January session. This of course precipitated the question of how to sell the stuff after repeal. The governor appointed a representative commission to study the problem and make recommendations to the legislature. Both wets and dries, including a clergyman, were placed on the commission which seems to be generally accepted over there as a competent, fair-minded group.

The commission recommended a three person liquor control body to be appointed by the governor for nine years terms. They did not recommend state sale, but private sale by authorized dealers in original packages only, except that drinks could be bought with meals in eating places. They made no distinction between hard liquor and beer.

Comment following release of the report indicates a wide variety of opinion throughout the state. Many believe beer sale should be handled about as it is in Oregon, through licensed places, with the brew available on draught with or without meals. The idea of having to buy a meal to get a glass of beer is objected to. So is the proposal for private sale of hard liquors. A supreme court justice who has always opposed prohibition is quoted as saying that no one but the state should be allowed to make a profit from this trade.

The question is expected to occupy much of the legislature's time. The commission report is likely to be a basis for the state liquor policy but from comment since it was released a number of changes appear probable. Sale of hard liquor by dealers or by state dispensaries is likely to be the most important issue.—Baker Herald.

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**COUNTY W. C. T. U.
MEET IN ONTARIO**

A county meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Mortons in Ontario last Wednesday. The Christmas scriptures were read and Christmas hymns sung.

It was voted to send \$15 from local and county treasurers to take care of their deficit on state officers salaries.

They also voted to refund the remaining cost of the car fare of the county delegate sent to the state convention.

Mrs. A. V. Pruyn reported on the executive meeting for Mrs. Everett whose place she filled. Hazel D. Gildea county delegate, read a report from notes taken at the convention.

Refreshments were served.

Local delegates were Mesdames Fauchier, Toombs, Hawkins, Austin, Pruyn, Bertsch and Gildea.

**U. O. STUDENTS AIDED
BY U. S. WORK FUNDS**

University of Oregon, Eugene, December 27—Some 275 students at the University of Oregon, in common with thousands in other institutions throughout the United States, will be back in school January 2 as a result of the grant of federal funds which will give them part time employment, it was announced here by Dr. Earl M. Palett, executive secretary.

This number is approximately the same as were assigned federal aid work during the term just ended. The monthly allotment to the university of \$3,525 per month is expected to remain the same also.

than the levy for 1934 indicates. Cities, laboring under a tremendous burden of debt service, were unable to make much of an inroad on their levies in 1931 when the aggregate levy for levies for city purposes aggregated \$10,909,894 in 1931 were reduced to \$9,501,961 in 1934, a cut of 13 per cent. Levies for county purposes show an increase of more than 27 per cent in 1931 when the aggregate levy for the 36 counties were \$4,941,947.50. The 1934 levy for county purposes aggregated \$5,408,388.35.

CAN IT BE DONE? — By Ray Gross



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