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Jehovah's Witnesses To Attend Three-Day Convention in Burley

Jehovah's Witnesses associated with the Nyssa and Payette groups have completed plans to attend a special winter convention of the organization to be held in Burley Dec. 23-25, it was announced recently by Ronald Franklin, minister in charge. Franklin said that nearly 800 ministers representing 20 communities will be present for the mid-winter training session. Congregations involved will extend as far northwest as Walla Walla, Wash., to Winnemucca, Nev. The

Ruy Atagi, a student at EOC, arrived home Friday evening to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Asako Atagi.

last such meeting of the combined groups was held in March at Walla Walla.

The session will be held at the Burley high school beginning Friday, Dec. 23, at 6:45 p.m. The public is invited to attend this program.

Among those from the Nyssa area planning to attend the convention are the Gerald Cooper family, Ray Simpson family, Julian Rodriguez family and E. J. Seybold.

Farewell Service For Kent Mann Scheduled Sunday



ELDER KENT MANN

A farewell testimonial for Elder Kent Mann will be held Sunday, Dec. 25, at 6 p.m. in the Nyssa LDS First ward. Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann, route 2, Parma, will leave Jan. 2, 1961, on a Southern States mission.

Included on the program will be remarks by Bishop Frelle Blair and Mrs. Loren Goates. Invocation will be by Bill Jefferies. Mrs. Walker Low, Mrs. Marvin Jefferies and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis will render a vocal selection and remarks will be made by Paul Wynn and Mr. and Mrs. Mann.

Elder Larry Dean Hafen will present a vocal solo and a response from the missionary will be heard. Darrell Williams will pronounce the benediction.

Friends are invited to attend this service.

MISSIONARY RETURNS HOME FROM FIELD IN NORWAY

Miss Amy Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Lewis, arrived home Friday from a 26-month mission in Norway for the LDS church.

A family dinner was given in her honor Sunday at her parents' home. In addition to the honored guest, Mr. and Mrs. Mural Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis and family were in attendance.

Farm Land Values In Oregon Drop, Reversing Trend

Farmland values in Oregon dipped the middle of 1960, reversing the steady upward trend of the last seven years, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

At midyear, the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) placed the index on Oregon's farmlands, with improvements, at 154 percent of the 1947-49 average, Mrs. Horrell said. While this was 3 percent below the high reached last March, it is still a fraction of a percent above that of a year earlier.

Over the nation, the average of all farmland values also edged downward, but the drop totaled less than one percent. This average still stands a shade above that of July 1959, Mrs. Horrell noted.

The ARS attributes the general leveling of farmland values to a readjustment in the unusual relationship between farmland market values and farm income, Mrs. Horrell said. Land values have zoomed up a third since 1954, she pointed out, while farm income has changed little.

As a result, price of farm real estate is now nearly 10 times the net income per acre of farmland—the highest ratio since the early thirties.

The general easing in the national economy may have also had some effect on farmland values, Mrs. Horrell thinks. And, in Oregon, cash receipts from farm sales are down as reduced output from farms more than offset slightly higher farm prices.

But nationally, there are no new developments in the agricultural situation to account for the slippage, Mrs. Horrell said. Farm income was down in 1959 but leveled off this year and is expected to hold about the same next year.

Farmers made up more than three-fifths of the farm buyers in 1959-60, a slightly higher proportion than a year earlier, she said. Non-farmers bought nearly a third of the farms, slightly less than the previous year. Tenants continued to decline as farmland buyers, Mrs. Horrell found, but owner-operators bought a higher proportion.

Oregon was one of about a dozen states where farmland values decreased two percent or more, Mrs. Horrell also noted. Values continued to rise in some states, but except for California and Florida where non-farm uses continued to bolster the market, these rises were held to two percent or less.

Advent Season Theme of Program At WSCS Meetings

Members of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service circles recently held meetings using the theme "The Advent Season."

Marlene Harmon circle met in the church parlor with Mrs. George Coleman as hostess. She also presided at the business meeting. Seven members were present and signed cards for members who were ill. Mrs. Grover Lytle led devotions and Mrs. Coleman presented the program. The group decided to provide a box of food for a needy family.

Jessie Lee circle members met at the home of Mrs. Herman Springen with 11 members and one visitor present. Mrs. Clarence Fritts was leader for devotions and program. Mrs. Gene Honey read "The Greatest Thing in the World." A candle lighting service and litany were used with an offering given for "Meals for Millions."

Mrs. Roy Knoedler was hostess for the Iris Bell group. Seven members, Mrs. Kinsey Keveren and Miss Frances Foster, missionary from Japan, were present. Mrs. Eugene Butzer conducted the business meeting. Members voted to make an offering for "Meals for Millions" and to aid a needy family in the area. Mrs. Paul Ludlow presented the devotions and program, "Meaning of the Star in Advent." A worship setting of pictures, candles and greenery was used.

Celia Cowan circle members met at the home of Mrs. Boyd Wilson with 12 members present. Mrs. Arie Bakker was co-hostess. Mrs. Duane Holcomb presided at the business meeting. Tentative plans were made for a bake sale within the circle in February. Mrs. Holcomb led devotions and Mrs. Kenneth Toomb presented the program.

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Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

It's the time of year when we turn to those we hold dear, and in thankfulness to the Old Man Upstairs. He who knows all our trials, joys and cares, and the teachings that He gave us, be we freemen, poor, rich or slave.

In body and spirit we draw near each other, one and all, to give cheer; our joys to share; our sorrows to lift. To each other giving our love and heartwarming gift, ever remembering He who shares His eternal love, that Old Man Upstairs.

—Adolph E. Schroeder.



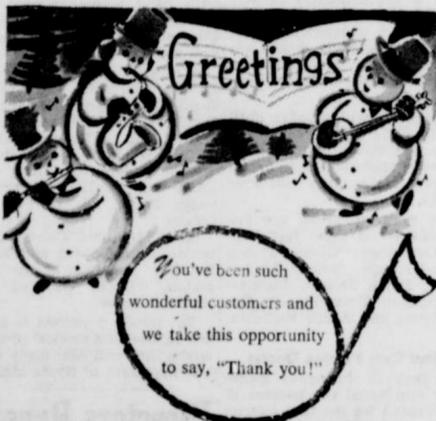
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