

At this time of the year, things are a little slow and news is a bit hard to get, so this week we can think of nothing better to do than to wish our many friends and members a happy and prosperous New Year. In this land of ours the good things that we enjoy are taken so matter-of-factly that it is only at this time of the year that New Year's good wishes awaken us to the fact that all of our years are good years. May 1949 be a repetition of the past and bring with it the added blessing of international peace. The past we are thankful for—the future we look forward to.

At this time, the Post and Auxiliary would like to extend their thanks to the many Parkland merchants for their donated gifts. Their generous response made Christmas, 1948 much brighter for bed-ridden patients at Madigan General hospital. It is cooperation such as this that gives our rehabilitation program the success that it enjoys.

## TICKET SALE FOR BANQUET STARTS SOON

President W. W. Cline has announced that tickets for the annual banquet of the Parkland Community Club, to be held January 13 in the Parkland school, will be placed on sale in local business establishments this week. Ticket price is one dollar, twenty-five cents.

Added features of the coming banquet will be election of club officers for the coming year and homage paid to members of the Parkland Volunteer Fire Department, who are honored guests.



### New Businesses

Two more new firms were added during the past week to Parkland area's ever-growing business community:

F. Carl Hess, a Parkland resident whose home is on Harrison street, is opening a tax accounting office in Parkland Centre building, at 415 Garfield street. He plans to have his office open for business on January 3. Until recently he was on the staff of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Frank Gillette, who has owned and operated the 98th Street Hardware Store for the past several years, having bought out the Bergland Hardware company, is establishing a real estate office in his store. His new firm will be called: Service Real Estate. Gillette has handled much real estate during the 15 years he has been in Tacoma and feels that he can be of considerable service to the people of this expanding area.



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## SANTA'S VISIT IS BIG EVENT FOR CHILDREN

More than a hundred local youngsters persuaded parents to brave the icy breath of last Thursday evening long enough to let them greet Santa Claus when that worthy patron of Christmas joy rode rollicking to the gate of Pacific Lutheran College where the Parkland Business Club had set a light-decked Yule tree.

In place of his traditional reindeer (which he was resting for their Christmas Eve task) St. Nick was drawn by one of the Parkland Volunteer Fire Department's shiniest red trucks. Alighting at the tree, Santa was immediately surrounded by kiddies and soon was listening intently to the breathlessly expressed cravings of knee-tall toddlers. Rapt were those tots whom Santa swept into his arms to give assurance that Christmas would be merry, while from all sides other youngsters tugged at his red suit and flowing snowy beard.

While Santa (Walter Young) was holding court among his tiny devotees, Christmas carols pealed joyously from the tower of nearby Trinity Lutheran church, where loud-speakers had been set to relay the chords of the church organ played by Dorothy Brann Malmin.

Assisting St. Nick in passing out packages of candy and apples to all the youngsters was Frank Grattas who had seen personally to erection of the tree. In a short time all the candy bags had been passed into eager hands and St. Nick remounted his borrowed fire truck to depart, amid shouted and sired farewells, for his Aurora-lighted polar home.

In spite of some early confusion caused by a last hour change in location of the tree from the school grounds to the PLC campus, Santa's visit to Parkland was a very merry occasion for the success of which all credit is due the Business Club and its committee, headed by Don Strandemo. The Business Club's determination that this be an annual event is welcomed by all the community.

## P-TA Magazine Drive Promising

Encouraging reports of the subscription drive for the National Parent-Teacher magazine have been coming in to Mrs. Frank Lapenski, magazine chairman, from the four captains she appointed at the last P-TA meeting. In order to get one of the P-TA goal's awards at the end of the school year, 15 per cent of the family P-TA membership must have subscribed to the national magazine, hence the concentrated drive during the next few weeks in Parkland.

The captains working with Mrs. Lapenski are Mrs. Mel Pedersen, Mrs. Carl Colton, Mrs. Don Waddell, and Mrs. Sam Brown. Working with them are Mesdames G. Turner, Peter L. Hominda, Wm. O. Vanek, Stan Reynolds, R. Harvey, Robert Johnson, Wm. H. Chambers, Stanley Willis, E. W. Beitz, Leonard Smith, Joe Anderson, Edward Perryman, Robert Thomas, Gerald Van Beck, V. E. Meyers, Clarence Lund, Robert Olsen, and Bart Payne.

The National Parent-Teacher magazine consists of very worthwhile reading matter, contains no advertising whatever. It deals with child problems; what P-TA has done in the past, is doing at present, and plans to do in the future. One of its main aims is to bring the parents closer to school problems. Anyone wishing to subscribe may do so by contacting Mrs. Lapenski or any of her co-workers.

## YELM HOMECOMING WILL LIGHT FIELD

Josephine Kominski, a Yelm high school senior, was to rule as Homecoming Queen of the first annual Homecoming dance to be held on December 29, in the Yelm gymnasium. Graduating classes from 1920 to 1948 were to be there. The proceeds from this dance will go toward buying lights for the Yelm football field.

## Speaks at PLC



Dr. Edward L. Turner, dean of the school of medicine, University of Washington, who will speak in Parkland, Tuesday evening, January 4, at a banquet in the Student Union building, Pacific Lutheran College. He will address Pierce county medical men and members of Linne Society, college science organization.

## Parkland Brevities . . .

Nan McCaffery was honored on her ninth birthday, Wednesday, at a birthday luncheon given in their home on Harrison street by her mother, Mrs. John McCaffery. Invited guests were the Misses: Jean Lynd, Marcia Cline, Marvene Cline, Karen Swindland, Carol Beitz and Lani Sims.

Junior Choir members from Trinity Lutheran church devoted the evening of December 23 to caroling, at a number of Parkland homes including those of Dr. J. P. Pflueger and Ruth Steen, both of whom have been confined by illness. Following the carolling, the group was served hot refreshments at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Leraas.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Jacobs were hosts Christmas day to a family group including: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jacobs and daughter Sandra; Mr. and Mrs. Einar Jacobs, Christine and John; Mr. and Mrs. Max Carr and daughter Maxine; Tina Marie Jacobs and Mrs. Watne, mother of the hostess.

Mrs. Clara Gopeland of Puyallup was a Sunday afternoon guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sunset. She was accompanied by her son and daughter, Walter and Inga Gopeland, both of whom teach in Puyallup schools.

A new Ford sedan for Mrs. Hunt and a subscription to The Prairie Pointer were among Christmas gifts received by Sgt. and Mrs. Walter C. Hunt of Weed street, Parkland.

Laurel Dee, daughter born November 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Harmon, was christened at Sunday morning services, December 26, in Trinity Lutheran church. The christening was performed by the Rev. Ernest B. Steen. Sponsors for Laurel Dee were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pitzler, Mrs. Esther Seeger and Mrs. Carl Swanson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beitz entertained members of their families at Christmas morning breakfast. Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colbentz of Parkland, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colbentz Jr. of Tacoma, Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Beymer of Seattle, Charles Beymer of Pullman and Mrs. Viola DeVries.

Bane of childhood, the mumps, is sweeping through many Parkland homes. Among youngsters stricken at Christmas time were Carol Beitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beitz, and Terry Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cook. Both are recovering nicely.

Norbert Ellingson surprised his mother, Mrs. Ann Ellingson, and other members of his family by arriving home Christmas Eve from St. Paul, Minnesota.

House guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haner were Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Haner of Hastings, Nebraska, his parents, who are spending a month visiting their three sons in the Pacific Northwest and their families: Robert of Parkland, Gale of Tacoma and Larry of Bremerton. Other guests at the

## LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT REACHES FIRST PLANNING STAGE; MORRIS FORD TO SUPERVISE NEWLY-CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT

### Modern Trends In Medicine Subject Of Address Here

Dr. Edward L. Turner, dean of the school of medicine at the University of Washington, will speak at a banquet at Pacific Lutheran College in Parkland, Tuesday evening, January 4, at 7 o'clock. The affair will be held in the Student Union.

Dr. Turner's appearance is being sponsored by the Pierce County Medical Society and the Linne Society, college science organization. Medical men from Pierce county are invited to attend. "Modern Trends in Medicine" is the topic of Dr. Turner's address.

The Seattle medical leader is a specialist in internal medicine. In addition to his duties at the university, he is a civilian consultant in medicine at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis. He is also a civilian consultant in tropical medicine for the Veterans Administration.

Dr. Turner did his undergraduate work at the University of Chicago and received his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1928. From 1928 to 1936 he taught medicine at the American University of Beirut in Lebanon. He then went to the Marberry Medical college, Nashville, Tenn. In 1938 he was named president of the college, and held that post until coming to the university in Seattle in 1945. He is also on the staff of the King County hospital in Seattle.

Dr. Turner is a member of several professional societies and research organizations. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a diplomate on the National Board of Medical Examiners.

## Your Date?

### JANUARY 15 DEADLINE FOR:

1. Farmers to file anw pay estimated tax (Form 1040-ES) for 1948.
2. Business and professional persons, investors, landlords, etc., (wage earners excused if substantially paid up by withholding) to amend 1948 estimated tax if underestimated by over 20%, and to pay any balance due.

NOTE: Final 1948 income tax returns are due by March 15 from all taxpayers, but if filed by January 15 will serve as both return and estimate for 1948.

Haner home here on Christmas Eve included Mr. and Mrs. J. Betz, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Haner and Carl Thaut. Mr. and Mrs. Betz are parents of the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCaffery and their daughter Nan were in Seattle for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Totten were hosts Christmas day to a large group of members of their families, including: Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Olson; Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Westby and children, Gail, Norman, Elaine and Royal; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Soltis and Joanne; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. St. Clair, Marie and Bobby; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Olson and daughter Christine; Henry Olson; Elton Olson. Also actively present were the Totten children, Earl and Lois Kay. A smorgasbord dinner was served and a party with gifts was held.

Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Duffey saw visits by other members of the family, including their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Corey of Hoquiam, Wash., who arrived Christmas Eve to stay until Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Duffey of Parkland, parents of the host.

Members of the family were entertained Christmas Eve by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Streng and children. Guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Ellingson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Ellingson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Ellingson and family, Mrs. Ann Ellingson and Norman Ellingson. The last-named was a surprise arrival from St. Paul, Minnesota, to spend the holiday season in Parkland.

### RARE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Parkland junior high school boys and girls in the Junior Red Cross of Tacoma-Pierce county chapter did a rare thing this holiday time. Of their own free will, they decided to tour the neighborhood collecting used toys in such condition that they could be passed on to boys and girls whose holiday time might lack gifts. They arrived mid-week at chapter house in Tacoma with half a truckload—and every toy was in fine shape. They came in time to be put into the very hands for which they were meant!

## BUSINESS CLUB SLATES TACOMA C.O.F.C EXPERT

Fred E. Sandstrom, public relations director of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, will be guest speaker at the January meeting of the Parkland Business Club. The regular dinner meeting will be held Tuesday evening, January 4, at the Indian Inn, 7 p.m.

Members are advised that Sandstrom's talk will be very worthwhile and are urged to attend.

The January meeting will be the first conducted by the newly-elected officers, President Forrest Leonard and his colleagues.

Business matters will include reports on the progress of the club's efforts to secure mail delivery in Parkland, the Parkland Recreation Council, and the annual Christmas Tree party for local children successfully sponsored by the club on the Thursday evening before Christmas.

## Christmas Pageant Is Well Attended

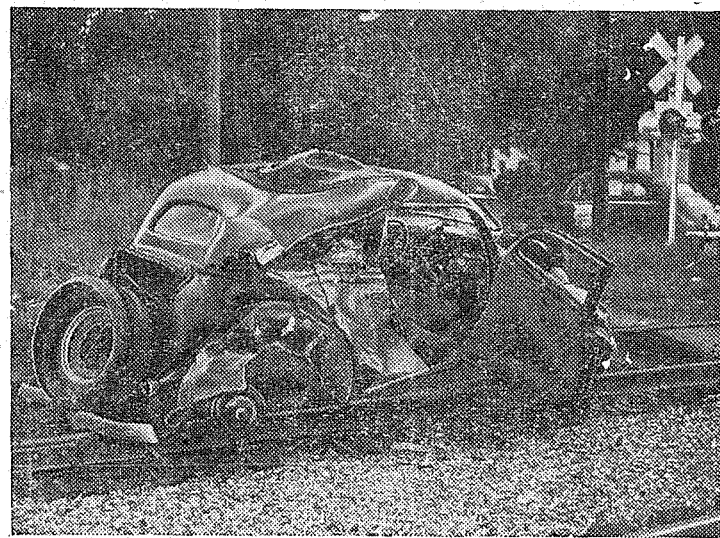
Capacity of the Full Gospel Church, Spanaway, was taxed Tuesday evening of last week when the Sunday school presented its Christmas pageant. The program included: Nursery class in readings and carols, Mrs. Don Kevy, teacher; beginning boys rhythm band, Mrs. Alice Prettyman, teacher; piano solo by Darlene Weddle.

Primary boys, "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," Mrs. Art Michaelson, teacher; primary girls, "The Little Manger Cradle," Mrs. Agnes Johnson, teacher; reading, "Like Jesus," by Jackie Johnson.

Junior boys, "Light of the World," Tom Whittlesey, teacher; solo by Doris Martin; junior girls, drama, Mrs. Leonard Smallwood, teacher; intermediate boys and girls, choral number, Robert Fields, boys' teacher, Mrs. Clarence Johnson, girls' teacher.

Mrs. Emil Johnson was stricken Christmas Eve by a kidney ailment and was taken to Tacoma General hospital where her condition is reported unchanged while she is under observation. She suffers occasional attacks.

## Aftermath of Disregarded Warning Sign



The driver of this car disregarded a plainly marked warning sign and crossed the tracks directly into the path of a passenger train. His machine was swept up like a leaf and raked over the tracks. The driver and two occupants were killed. Signs, lights and bells are placed at crossings for the protection of motorists. Yet 2,000 were killed last year, and 70,000 injured, because they did not trouble to stop, look both ways, and listen for the warning whistle.

## Unclaimed Xmas Mail at Post Office; Rates Going Up!

Spanaway post office has on file several hundred mis-addressed Christmas cards, most of which were intended for former patrons of the office, and neighbors living on Route 7, Tacoma. These could not be forwarded, as they were mailed with only one and one-half cent postage stamps. They will be kept on file for two weeks longer, and may be claimed, without cost, if called for in that time, Mrs. C. C. Phipps, postmaster, has announced.

Postmaster Phipps also cautioned that postage rates will be increased January 1, 1949, and anything postmarked after December 31, midnight, must bear the increased rate of postage. Air Mail will be six cents instead of five. Postcards and postal cards, two instead of one cents. Birthday, greeting cards, etc., which formerly were mailed at 1½ cents will require two cents postage.

Money order and parcel post rates are also slightly increased, but the rates are too complicated to publish, she advised.

Birth announcements, shower and party invitations, partly printed and partly written (that is, with names, places and dates written in) still, as always, require three cents postage, whether or not the envelopes are sealed.

## Pre-School Training Planned for Hearing Impeded Children

Chances for a state-wide program to help pre-school youngsters who have a hearing handicap were discussed Wednesday, December 29, by a group of parents, educators, ear specialists and health officers at a meeting in Vancouver.

The group made efforts to map out a program so that children under school age can get vocabulary and speech training before they start to meet the competition of the classroom.

"A few communities have demonstrated that if children who cannot hear properly get training early enough, they can keep up with classmates better," said Dr. Emily A. Pratt, head of the State Health Department's conservation of hearing program. "If training is delayed, the child may already have given his friends and teachers the impression of being backward."

Dr. Pratt said that Washington now has one of the nation's outstanding programs for finding and treating children in the schools for deafness or hearing loss. Those at the conference, however, felt the state program incomplete until some provision is made for pre-school youngsters with hearing losses.

The meeting, held at the State School for the Deaf in Vancouver, was called on the recommendation of the advisory committee of ear specialists to the State Department of Health.

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## CLIFFORD OLSON CHOSEN CHAIRMAN ON NEW BOARD

Consolidation of the elementary school districts of Parkland, Midland, Collins and Central Avenue, into a consolidated senior high school district, became fact last Thursday evening when organization was completed by the recently-chosen board of the new district.

This action cleared the way for actual planning of a new million dollar senior high school to serve this area as an addition to the county school system. The consolidated district was authorized in a special election last March.

Morris E. Ford, superintendent of Parkland public schools for the past 13 years, was elected superintendent of the new high school district when the board of directors met Thursday night. Clifford Olson, former Pacific Lutheran College coach and Parkland member of the board, was elected their chairman by the directors. A. A. Christensen, board member from Midland, was named clerk.

Other members of the consolidated district board of directors, chosen at a meeting December 15 at Central Avenue school, are: Gotfred Stovner, Parkland; John G. Gorow, Collins, and Chester A. Larson, Central Avenue. This board is chosen to direct the activities of the consolidated district until next March when a school board will be regularly elected. The present board was chosen from the boards of the four districts by the members of those boards, on the basis of population.

Plans are already underway for developing the new school plant and the new board is shaping an application to the state for matching funds. Voters of the consolidated district must approve a special levy yet to be submitted before actual construction can begin. The planned building would have facilities for from 800 to 1,000 students, some of whom now travel 20 miles to attend high school classes. Many are transported by bus to high schools at Tacoma, Puyallup, Clover Park and Roy. An estimated 100 students now enrolled in the ninth grade at Midland and Parkland junior high schools would be part of the new school's enrollment.

The directors of the consolidated district are also charged with providing special services and improved facilities for the elementary schools in the consolidated area. A new wing to the Midland grade school, recently authorized by Midland voters, is one of such improvements.

The proposed new educational center is to be located on a site agreeable to voters of the districts, and pupils of the four elementary schools in the area will submit names for the high school. Other residents of the district are invited to submit names to the principals of the four schools, accompanied by short, written explanations of reason for the name submitted, telling why it is appropriate. Twelve names will be placed on ballots and the board will select the name most appropriate.

"A strong educational center in north central Pierce county is one of the most pressing needs, and it is expected the new board will proceed at once with building plans," Ruth Bethel, superintendent of county schools, declared Thursday in announcing organization of the new district here.

## P-TA EXECUTIVE BOARDS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

The executive board of Parkland P-TA will meet January 5, at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Robert Gottschalk here for a discussion of activities of the organization for the last half of the year. Among items for consideration are: Mother-Singers spring concert, legislation, recreation program, magazine drive, Spring Fair plans and wind-up of the personal membership drive, Mrs. W. W. Cline, president, stated.

A meeting of the executive board of Pierce County P-TA Council will take place at 11 o'clock, January 6, in the Court House office of County School Supervisor Ruth Bethel.



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## To a Better Community

Elsewhere in this issue of the Prairie Pointer it is suggested that a high-priority resolution for 1949 should be to take a really active interest in the affairs and welfare of your community (also that a subscription to this weekly community newspaper will greatly aid your carrying out that resolution—whether your community is Spanaway, Parkland, Midland or any other served by this paper).

One of the earliest and most important opportunities to participate actively towards the development of Parkland community arrives next month (January 13) when the Parkland Community Club will hold its annual election of officers. Club officers for the year ahead will be selected at the yearly banquet, held in the school. Some hundreds of Parkland residents regularly turn out for this event. The price of attendance is nominal and banquet tickets reserve you an unparalleled opportunity to meet the greatest assembled number of your most responsible neighbors. The 1949 banquet will also give some much-deserved recognition to Parkland's volunteer firemen, who will be honored guests.

The Community Club is unique among Parkland's civic-minded organizations, in that it represents the entire community, with the interests of no one group of residents dominant. In our unincorporated community, it goes far to bear the responsibilities of a town council. The need for such an organization was long ago realized and the Community Club, oldest of local organizations for civic purpose, resulted.

A Community Club meeting is a Parkland "town meeting." It hears the complaints and problems of our residents and acts to find solutions for them. It casts into the future of the district, opens and smooths the way to progress. Achievements of the organization in the past are numerous—most recent is erection and dedication of our World War II Memorial Park.

The responsibilities of this organization are too great to be borne by a few. A large active membership is the best assurance that our community will move forward in the direction residents desire. A large active membership in the Community Club is Parkland's greatest asset.

Since they are to carry the responsibilities of civic officials, it is most advisable that the club's officers be elected by a representative body of our residents. Membership in the Community Club is most simple to achieve. You merely register on its rolls as a Parkland resident. There are no dues. The club's activities on behalf of the community are financed by voluntary offerings and from revenues of the annual banquet.

Attendance at the Parkland Community Club banquet next January 13 is an enjoyable first step toward becoming a member of the club and an active participant in the government of the community.

Organizations similar in purpose to the Parkland Community Club are active in our other communities—Harvard, Midland, Spanaway. They also need and deserve the interested support of residents of their communities. All are carrying forward projects that will influence the lives of their dwellers. They represent democracy in its truest development.

## Good Intentions

Good intentions are praiseworthy. They are the first step in actions that have a salutary effect on our own lives and on the lives of those with whom we come in contact.

Since they are only the first step, however, good intentions do not bear fruit unless they are carried out.

Undoubtedly, every resident of our South End communities who received Christmas seals in his mail the morning of November 22 had every intention of acknowledging the seals immediately. The letter accompanying the seals explained that the sale of seals is the sole support of the Tuberculosis League of Pierce county in its year round work against tuberculosis, the disease which kills more people between the ages of 15 and 44 than any other disease.

All of us want to support that work and have every intention of supporting it. But in the rush of preparations for Christmas, along with the ordinary cares of the day, may have postponed acting. Some still have not got around to answering that Christmas seal letter. We had the best intentions in the world—just have not acted.

It is not too late to act. True, Christmas has come and gone. But the work supported by the sale of Christmas seals goes on. We can show our approval of that work by responding to our Christmas seal letter—today.

Our intentions are good. If we act on them, now, they will bear fruit in the form of healthier communities for ourselves and our children.

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## CLOVER CREEK

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sutter entertained relatives Christmas Eve and Christmas day at their beautiful new home in Clover Creek. Places were laid at Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sutter Sr., Clover Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaMahnn, Sr., and Pete LaMahnn of Rochester, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tuggle, Wasco, Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Erickson, Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lohrer, Olympia; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scribner, Olympia; Frank and Louis Sutter, Clover Creek; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sutter, Frances and Annette.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry White for dinner on Christmas day were Mrs. White's mother and grandmother, Mrs. Sadie Everett and Mrs. M. Sawyer and Mrs. Frank White, Mr. White's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry White entertained a group of their friends on Christmas night. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rodius, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smithlin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wheaton, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Everett, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pedersen, and Mr. Paul Pedersen of Denmark, who is in the United States learning merchandising.

Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gammon were guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Garner Mitchell of Tacoma, enjoying the Christmas tree and Christmas Eve party. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Horton were hosts to the Gammons for Christmas dinner. On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Gammon drove to Olympia to visit with their niece, Mrs. Joseph Freitas.

Mrs. Carl Lightbody left last Monday to spend Christmas with relatives in Hazen, N. D. She expects to visit friends and relatives while there.

A group of the B.Y.P.U. from the Clover Creek Baptist Church entertained the old folks at the Valley Home in Puyallup last Sunday by singing a number of Christmas carols. Rev. Wm. Clyde Rhea gave a short sermonette. Young people singing included Elsie and Luella Keene, Flora and Cleora Cope, Dorothy Bolicu, Barbara Renner, Betty Meyers, Harold and Elmer Fromm.

Mrs. Orange Gager is ill at her home following a heart attack last week.

Puyallup visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Renner on Tuesday were Mrs. Charles Allen, Emma May, Johnnie, Charles Jr. and Bobby Allen.

Work has begun on the new Summer home of Dr. C. B. Ritchie in Clover Creek. A good start has been made on the basement of the house. Dr. and Mrs. Ritchie have chosen a beautiful setting among oak and fir trees on which to build the new home. Their property is located near the school and church and was purchased from the Gregory estate.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gammon was the scene of a Christmas party which was enjoyed by members of the Ladies Auxiliary of Clover Creek Grange and their husbands, Tuesday evening, December 21. The decorations of holly, boughs, cones and moss were very beautifully arranged by Mrs. Gammon and Mrs. S. I. Carlson. Marjorie Allen presented a skit, "Twas a Year Ago Today," and Mrs. Ray Renner gave a Christmas reading. Mr. Gammon did the honors as "Santa Claus" and presented the gifts, which had been placed under a beautiful Christmas tree. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold McCammon, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Renner and Barbara, Mrs. Alma Coffey, Mr. and Mrs. John Kuper and Marjorie Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gammon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ace Orsborne received an "extra special" Christmas gift when their daughter Mauna was released from the Orthopedic hospital in Seattle and allowed to return home Christmas day.

Mrs. Fena Elledge spent Christmas Eve and Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Nordwall in Seattle.

Mrs. Audrey Stranahan and children, Paul Byron and Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Pete McLeod and Charles Werner were guests at the John Kuper home Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Werner and son John of Aber-

deen called at the Kuper home during the day.

The Ace Orsbornes attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. Orsborne's sister, Mrs. Rella Meekhof, in Seattle, Christmas day.

Christmas Eve guests at the home of Mrs. Florence Parr were Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Carlson and Alberta May Carlson, Bob and Byron Parr.

Mrs. Byron Parr is a patient in a local hospital following an operation of last week.

## SPANAWAY CUB DENS ARE CHEER BEARERS

Cub Scouts of Dens 2 and 3, Spanaway, enjoyed a supper and exchange of gifts, before wending their way to Cushman Indian hospital, where they sang carols and distributed small bedside Christmas trees. Den 4 took trees and sang carols to the children at the County hospital. Mrs. Horton Marthia, Den 4 mother, accompanied her cubs. Den mothers who helped at the Indian hospital were the Mesdames Merle Prettyman, Oscar Haugan, John Newell and H. Stewart.

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## A. F. B. REPORT

Margaret Cockburn, Reporter  
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Open house at the McChord NCO Club, Christmas day, with holiday refreshments on the house, proved very popular with the many who attended.

Christmas was spent with their families by a number of the NCOs.

Mrs. Joe Bysak's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Markham of Bothell, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Bysak and the girls. Sgt. Bysak is still in Germany.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. John A. Moore had as Christmas day dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. James Porter of Seattle. Mrs. Porter is Mrs. Moore's sister.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Ruel F. Brummitt and son are visiting relatives in Walla Walla.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Donald E. Steuart have as house guests for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Bowers of Denver, Colo. The Steuarts held open house Christmas day, serving eggnog and Tom and Jerrys to a great many friends and acquaintances. Dinner guests were M/Sgt. and Mrs. R. D. Straube, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Bowers. Mrs. Bowers is Sergeant Steuart's mother.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. T. L. Irwin and daughter are visiting in Yakima during the holidays.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. C. A. Loewen and daughter Karen spent Christmas day in the Spanaway home of Mrs. Loewen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Samuel. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Samuel, Mr. and Mrs. John Ehly and S/Sgt. and Mrs. N. A. Reiff and son "Skeeter."

First/Sgt. and Mrs. Howard A. Case and daughter Jacqueline spent Christmas in Vancouver, Wash., vis-

iting relatives and friends.  
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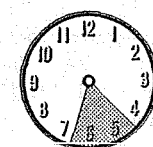
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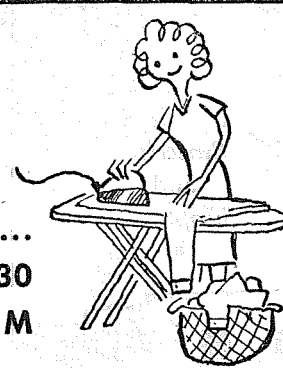
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## KIRBY NEWS

Mrs. Albert Nelson, reporter  
Phone GRaham 206

On Wednesday, December 22, the Rebekah Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Gardener. After the business meeting and luncheon, Santa presented all with gifts. The children enjoyed Santa very much.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stanger visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Tacoma, Friday.

W. B. Smith visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. Baines of Tacoma, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Lindberg were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lorenz for Christmas.

Those attending the school program held at the Grange hall on Wednesday evening were: Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stanger, Mrs. Walter

Stanger, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Shook, Mrs. Enes, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shook, Mrs. Joe Jupiter, Mrs. Lester Cruts, Beverly Cruts and Wanda Bolen, Mrs. Albert Nelson, Mrs. Lee Nelson and children, Mr. and Mrs. Hardt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Plumb, Mr. and Mrs. Richmond.

Mrs. C. Chabot and son Fred were dinner guests at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Preston Henderson, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stanger visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Aftom, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stanger and family were guests at the home of Mrs. W. P. Llewellyn for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Alfred Erickson visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Murray, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stanger were guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. P. Farley, for Christmas dinner.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Plumb and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Plumb of Tacoma delivered a Christmas tree to Dolores Jupiter, who is confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jupiter and Bob attended the annual Christmas party held at the Eagles hall, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Westlund were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Erickson on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Carl Casperson, Mrs. M. Sorenson and Art Casperson attended the Christmas program at Normanna Hall in Tacoma, Christmas day.

Alfred Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Erickson, flew home from Spokane, to spend his vacation. He attends the State college at Pullman.

Joe Dyer and Bert Hamilton of Butte Falls, Ore., left Sunday morning, after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson.

The family and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Casperson gathered at their home to make merry for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson, Joe Dyer, Bert Hamilton and Billy and Helen Nelson spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. D. E. Gooch of Parkland.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Erickson was the scene of a family get-together for Christmas. Mrs. Erickson entertained her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Murray were guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carlson, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kearns were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Willison of Tacoma, Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Plumb and son attended the family get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Plumb of Tacoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Plumb of Tacoma spent Christmas week end with their son, Ross, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Plumb and sons attended the Grange Christmas party, Thursday evening.

## SPANAWAY

Mrs. Dorothy P. Smith, Reporter  
P. O. Box 228 — GR. 6757

The annual pot luck dinner and Christmas party of the Spanaway Progressive Community Club was held Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Symmons of Pacific street. After the dinner and distribution of gifts, games were played and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Dorothy Righetti and Mrs. Beulah Ballard. Those attending were: Mrs. Righetti, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Taylor, S/Sgt. and Mrs. James Spangler, Mrs. June Steidel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Smith, Mrs. Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steidel, Mr. and Mrs. Symmons, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Tarpenning, Miss Alice Randall, Harry Randall, Larry Symmons. The next regular meeting of the Spanaway Progressive Community Club, will be Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, January 4, in the library of the Spanaway school.

Dinner guests for Christmas, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Slater of Twelfth street, were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Slater and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Toft and son Tim of Third street and Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Smith of the Loop Road enjoyed a Christmas dinner Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith of Parkland.

Mrs. Anna Haugan, Eatonville, spent Christmas with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Haugan of Military Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gagnon and daughter Joanne of Louvre St., spent Christmas at Elma with Mrs. Gagnon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Beals.

Christmas day a family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Newell, Louvre street. The large turkey and trimmings were enjoyed by 18 members of the family.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Phil Taylor and their two sons, Freddie and Bobbie, of Twelfth street, are spending the holidays at Scappoose, Oregon, with the sergeant's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhone of Second street spent Thursday and Friday duck hunting at Tokeland.

Mrs. Jack Henriksen of Lake Shore Drive spent Tuesday at Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dixon and family spent the Christmas holidays at Sweet Home, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bayley and children, Caroline, Billy, Dianne and Patty, spent Christmas at Seattle, with the maternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wallin and daughters, Joyce and Beverly, of Pacific street, spent Christmas at Vader, Washington. Beverly will spend the holidays there with her grandparents.

Next regular meeting of the Spanaway Pre-school group will be on Wednesday evening, at the home of Mrs. Martha Anderson, Fifteenth street, according to an announcement made by the Pre-school president, Mrs. Juanita Bayley.

Young Peoples group of the Full Gospel church of Spanaway, meets every Friday evening at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Symmons of Pacific street are congratulated upon the arrival of their sixth grandchild. The new arrival, a girl, was born December 20, at Chicago, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tomaszewski (Shirley Fay Symmons). A two-year-old brother will welcome home the new baby.

Members of the family who gathered at the dinner table to celebrate Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Burch of Eighth St., were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lee and son of Vancouver and Mrs. Bessie Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Caw of Henry Berger Road enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woods, at Seattle.

Miss Betty Hoskins, who is attending college at Seattle, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoskins of Extension Road.

Christmas dinner was a gala affair at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Symmons on Pacific street, as children and grandchildren gathered to enjoy the turkey and trimmings. At dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rollins and four children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rollins, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rollins and son, and Larry, Joe and Warren Symmons of the home.

Mrs. C. O. Green, Mineral Wells, Texas, arrived in time to spend Christmas with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Green of Military Road. Mrs. Green will probably remain until Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Talley left suddenly and unexpectedly on a trip to Los Angeles, Calif., after receiving a message advising of the illness of Talley's son, Frank Jr., who is in the Navy.

Spanaway's one and only air line stewardess, Miss Dorace Caw, will spend the Christmas holidays at

Honolulu. Miss Caw is a stewardess for Pan-American World Airways. Date of her return to Spanaway is indefinite.

"Should Auld Acquaintance Be Forgot?" Never, said Ted Dammel and Jens Jensen, as they met in a local restaurant, after losing touch with each other for several years. Jensen was serving in the organization of which Dammel was captain, at Camp Haas, near Riverside, California. For the past three years, Jensen has lived in Spanaway and Dammel in Parkland. This was the first time their paths crossed.

Mrs. Art Kuhn of Orting spent a few pleasant hours at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Omat of Mountain Highway, Friday, previous to visiting her husband, who is a patient at Madigan hospital.

Mrs. Beulah Ballard was a spend-the-day guest Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Netzel of Mountain highway.

Spanaway members enjoying the ham dinner and Christmas party of Parkland American Legion post were: Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaff and their four boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bromgard and their three girls.

Bert Scott, who is attending the University of Washington at Seattle, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Scott of the Copenhagen Motel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ouhl of Mt. Highway spent Tuesday at Olympia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pietz, their two children and a nephew, Alfred Pietz, of Mountain Highway, spent Christmas Eve and Christmas at Chehalis, where a family reunion was held Christmas Day at the Ray Surface home.

Members of the family enjoying Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jergens, Second street, were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ferrieh, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ferrieh of Olympia, Rita, Stephen and Linda Ferrieh and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhone.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Slater of Twelfth street spent Sunday at Rochester, visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Morehouse, parents of Mrs. Slater.

Home from Seattle, to spend the Christmas holiday with her parents, was Miss Georgina King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George King of Pacific street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Toft have sold their home on Extension Road and are now residing with Mrs. Toft's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Talley, on Third street.

A bundle of joy was delivered in time for Christmas to Mr. and Mrs. James Funkhouser. The little fellow was born at Tacoma General hospital, Tuesday, December 21. Their many friends offer congratulations.

A Christmas Eve party, with a ham buffet luncheon, was given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Toft at the Talley residence. Enjoying the party were Mr. and Mrs. Clark Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hyde, Miss Leona Peterson, Chet Hadden and Pete Cran.

(Held over from issue of Dec. 23) Mr. and Mrs. Don Shaff and their four boys, of Fourteenth street, spent Saturday in Seattle.

Mrs. Leonard Burch of Eighth street spent Wednesday with some friends in Seattle, during which time she was a guest at a KIRO radio station broadcast.

A son was born Saturday at the Tacoma General hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bergenstock. Their friends all offer congratulations.

The Prairie Flower garden club held its Christmas luncheon and regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at the home of Miss Alice Randall on Lake Shore Drive. Mrs. Chester Modahl was in charge of table arrangements, which consisted of sprayed pine boughs arranged with Christmas candles and brightly-colored ornaments. A short business meeting and Christmas program followed the luncheon, under the direction of Mrs. Frances Snyder, who was in charge of music, the group sang Christmas carols. A Christmas story was also read by Mrs. Snyder. A descriptive poem was read by Mrs. Harriet Fowler, followed by an exchange of gifts. Members attending were the Mesdames Fowler, Alice Prettyman, George Chessum, Modahl, Snyder, Jack Greenlaw, Loren Buck, Park Shaw, Arthur Amsteth and N. Mason. The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. George King on Pacific street.

The Spanaway Progressive Community Club thanks Mrs. Alice Peters for the generous donation she made to the resuscitator fund.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid was held Thursday afternoon, December 16, at the home of Mrs. Pete King of Park-

land. Spanaway members attending were the Mesdames Emily Ball, Violet Turner, Margaret Wright, Harry Pillsbury, Dorothy P. Smith, Frieda Rohr, Olive Tarpenning and Doris Omat. Also attending were Althea Flannery, Christine Johnson, J. Stanke of Loveland, and Vera Schmitz of Olympia. At the close of the program a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

Capt. and Mrs. Vernon Foshager of Second street have moved to Parkland.

Louis Symmons, who has been employed this past year at Richland, has resigned his position and is now at home with his family on Pacific street.

The bookmobile library is in Spanaway every other Thursday at 4:00 p.m., in front of the Shurfine store on Pacific street. Its next visit will be December 30.

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. E. E. Reid of Marymount Road are pleased to hear that she is on the road to recovery after being seriously ill of pneumonia.

Wedding bells will soon ring for Gordon A. Dahl and Irene Orwick (Irene Martin) of Seventh street.

Mrs. Velma Rhone of Second street spent the first part of the week at Tokeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ball of the Kirby apartments spent the week end East of the mountains. They report traveling conditions so bad, due to heavy fall of snow; that they were delayed 13 hours over the pass.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. George King and to Mrs. Harriet Jones, in the recent death of their

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About 20 young people, members of the Youth Fellowship of Spanaway Methodist church, met Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Les Linbeck of Extension Road (E. E. St.), for a Christmas party and exchange of gifts. After a luncheon served by the hostess, the group gathered at the church, to decorate it for the Christmas program.

Mrs. Roy King has been very ill at her home on Gold street.

A son was born last week at the County hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. James Ashenburner. The little fellow weighed in at 6½ pounds. Besides the parents, welcoming him home are his brother and sister, Billy and Mary.

Mrs. William Fueston and daughter Claudette, of the Copenhagen Motel, spent Wednesday at Puyallup, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wright.

Little Marla Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Turner of Marymount Road, who has been ill, is now on the road to recovery.

The regular weekly meeting of Spanaway Boy Scout Troop 34 was postponed this Thursday. Instead, the troop attended the Christmas program at the Clover Park school.

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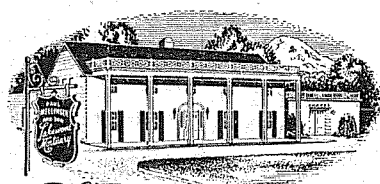
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## MIDLAND NEWS

Mrs. Lois Johann, Reporter  
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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turosik and family are hosts over the holidays to his mother and sister, Mrs. John Turosik and Mrs. John Constantino, both of Cleveland, Ohio. Her present visit brought Mrs. Turosik her first meeting with her grandchildren, George Anne and Barbara Turosik.

Sgt. Jack W. McPherson, whose brother, David M. McPherson, is chief of the Harvard, Midland and Larchmont fire department, has been promoted to sergeant, first class, at his station with the public information office of the First Infantry Division, in Bad Tolz, Germany. A veteran of two years combat in the Pacific theater, he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McPherson, Rt. 4, Tacoma. His Tacoma address is 3537 Portland Ave. His wife, the former Ellen Grace Walker of Tacoma, and two sons are with him in Bavaria.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shanahan and Mrs. Shanahan's sister, Marilyn Taylor, left December 23 to spend Christmas with his family in Antioch, Calif. They plan to return January 2.

Midland's "Under 20" basketball team would like to thank the following business firms, who made it possible for them to join the basketball league: Christensen's Shell Service, Andy's Grocery, Vaughan's, Angela's Fountain, Midland Food Center and Novotney's Grocery. The following make up the team: Okey Larson, Bill Marr, Bob Fredericks, Bill Stavig, Bill Beshler, Morry Taylor and Ted Vaughan. The schedule for their games will be given at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoover of Portland, Oregon, arrived in Midland, December 23, to spend the holidays with their families: Betty's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor, and Bob's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Huseby.

Christensen's Shell Service is to be congratulated on its decorating for the holidays. The doorway of the station is especially attractive.

(Held over from issue of Dec. 23)  
Of interest to many Midland residents will be the news of the birth of a second child to a former Midland boy and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Olson. The baby, a girl, was born December 18 at Tacoma General Hospital and has been named Bon-

nie Kaye. All four grandparents sharing in the happy news are former Midland residents: Mr. and Mrs. John Olson and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Glasman. Also welcoming his sister is Jackie Olson.

Blanche Sizer of Tacoma is now operator of the Midland Beauty Shop, having purchased the interest of Roy Cook recently. Illness kept several families away from the annual Christmas party of the Balmer family, which was held this year at the Midland home of Mrs. Lil Campbell. But, withal, there were still 33 members present. The party was in the form of open house, from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 19. A buffet dinner was served and the afternoon spent in visiting and reminiscing. In the evening, Allen Campbell, son of the hostess, showed movies. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson, Philip and Sally of Eatonville; Mrs. Hallie Balmer, mother of the Balmers; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balmer, Robert and Shirley; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Balmer, Cathy, Connie and Nancy Lee; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Balmer and Jean; and Mr. and Mrs. Al Imhof, all of the Collins district; Mr. and Mrs. Noye Balmer, Butch, Wallie and Ronnie; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Campbell and Rickey of Tacoma; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor and Donna, and the hostess and her two sons, Allen and Glenn, of Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis and Alfred Balmer, of Puyallup.

A Christmas party for the Senior 4-H girls was given at the home of their assistant leader, Mrs. Robert Clinton, December 16, after school. Gifts were exchanged and carols sung after a short business meeting and demonstrations given by two of the girls and their leader. Beverly Corrigan prepared a casserole dish and Mary Clinton fixed hot cocoa. Mrs. Clinton demonstrated methods of making attractive Christmas decorations and centerpieces. The girls also planned an all-day sewing bee for December 30, at the home of their leader, Mrs. Knesal, with a pot-luck lunch at noon. Those attending the Christmas party were: Beverly Corrigan, Susan Bailey, Mary Clinton, Marilyn Crossman, Donna Taylor, Barbara Hansen, Beverly Morud, Barbara Madsen, Noreen Hotchkiss, Violet Smith, Shirley Evans, Christine Morris, Sally Mikelson, Mrs. Knesal and the hostess, Mrs. Clinton.

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## HARVARD NEWS

Mrs. Alice Smith, Reporter  
GA. 7802

Mrs. Ervin Smith went to Portland last Tuesday, to spend a few days there before returning for Christmas with Mr. Smith. After Christmas he went to Colfax to work.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kennedy Sr. and son Del spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kennedy Jr.

Mrs. Sam Harris and daughter Barbara returned home after spending two months visiting her parents in Bennington, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Robinson and daughters, Dolores and Marilyn, entertained, Christmas Eve, at their home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Robinson and daughters, Joanne, Norma and Donna.

Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Kennedy were honored by four generations. There were 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ames and Cheryl spent the holidays visiting relatives in Centralia and Montesano.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Shipton had as guests for Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. George Puckett (Gloria Shipton), Mr. and Mrs. Howard Perkin (Lorraine Shipton), Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shipton, Jimmy and Donna, Carol Shipton, and Mrs. Springer, mother of Mr. Shipton.

Mrs. Lola Beshler is spending a few days at Tacoma General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack (Bobbie) Robinson and children, Johnny and Roger, spent Christmas day at the home of Jack's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Absten of Roy.

## OBITUARIES

### PETER ELIAS NELSON

Peter Elias Nelson, 62, of Sales Road, died at his home Friday. He was born in Norway and had lived in this area 25 years, coming here from North Dakota. He was a maintenance man for the Buffen Lumber Co., and was a member of Trinity Lutheran church and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Local 2669.

Surviving are his widow, Dena; three daughters, Mrs. Alice Larsen, Mrs. Minnie Pribnon and Violet, and three sons, Norman E., Clarence R. and Robert, all of Tacoma; a brother, John of Norway; two sisters, Mrs. Koran Hodgen of Norway and Mrs. Josephine Remme of Tacoma, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 29, at 1 o'clock p.m. from C. C. Mellinger Memorial Funeral church, with the Rev. Ernest B. Steen delivering the eulogy. Burial was in New Tacoma cemetery.

### HANNA ASPLUND

Funeral services for Hanna Asplund, 70, of Midland, Rt. 11, Box 588, who died at a local hospital Saturday, were held at 1 p.m. December 29, from C. O. Lynn chapel, with the Rev. E. Arthur Larson officiating. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park.

Born in Finland, Mrs. Asplund came to Tacoma 36 years ago. She is survived by her widower, John; three sons, Albert J. of Tacoma, Arthur W. of Eugene, Oregon, and Axel of Hoquiam; three daughters, Mrs. Albert J. Sundstrum and Mrs. Aileen Dawson of Tacoma, and Mrs. Neoma Ask of Aberdeen; a sister in Finland and seven grandchildren.

## Recipe of the Week

### MOLASSES COOKIES

¾ cup melted fat. 6 cups flour  
1 cup New Orleans molasses ¼ teaspoon salt  
1 cup brown sugar 2 teaspoons ginger  
1 cup thick sour milk or 4 teaspoons soda  
buttermilk 1 tablespoon lemon extract

Mix the melted fat, molasses, and sugar until smooth. Add the sour milk, then the flour sifted with the salt, ginger and soda. Add the lemon extract. Mix to a smooth stiff dough and chill until firm. Roll out on a floured surface to a thickness of 1/3 inch. Cut into crescents or other shapes. Place on a greased baking sheet and bake in a moderate oven, 350° F., 8 to 10 minutes. These may be rolled thin if a crisp cookie is desired.

## ELK PLAIN NEWS

Alice Dorfner, Reporter  
Graham 458

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smallwood were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kalles Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kalles Jr. and son Earl, and Mr. and Mrs. Lory Kalles, all from Puyallup.

Guests for Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Smallwood were: Mrs. Smallwood's brothers, A. Chapman of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, who is to be here until March, and Mr. and Mrs. James McKay of Yelm. Also there was Mr. and Mrs. Smallwood's family: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smallwood and children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smallwood and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Alstine and children.

Fred Rohr and daughters, Lois and Marjorie, spent Christmas in Spanaway with Mr. Rohr's brother and his family, Mr. and Mrs. John Rohr.

On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. E. Boyd and daughters, Geraldine and Dorothy, from Mineral, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cosby. The Boyds are former residents of Elk Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ockfen Jr. and family, Marilyn, Jack, Gary and Carol; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Ockfen and family, Nicky, Roger and Audrey; and Mr. and Mrs. John Ockfen Sr. spent Christmas day in Olympia, with the senior Ockfens' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jorgenson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tibbitts had 25 Christmas dinner guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tibbitts of Seattle, former residents here.

On Christmas Eve, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Castle Jr. entertained with a buffet supper and an exchange of presents. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. David Casperson and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Velma Casperson, Mrs. Flora Thornton and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Castle Sr.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Castle Sr. were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brantner of Tacoma and Mrs. E. J. Young of Sumner. In the afternoon, their

daughter and son, Mr. and Mrs. David Harkness and children of Roy, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Castle and Sandra Marie of Tacoma dropped in to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Greenlaw had their three daughters and one son and their families at home with them for Christmas, totaling 21 guests for dinner. One daughter and her family spent Saturday night there and Sunday the ladies went to Orting for dinner while the men went fishing.

Monday, December 27, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Greenlaw celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary with a dinner. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Greenlaw and family, Tommy, Lela and Donny.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kanton are the happy grandparents of a baby girl, Kathy Diane, who weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born on December 21, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. Zumbull (Elizabeth Kanton).

TSgt. Loren Melton returned to Fort Bragg, December 21, after two weeks here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Melton. On Christmas morning James Bredan, another son, surprised them by coming home with an honorable discharge from the Army after about a year in Germany.

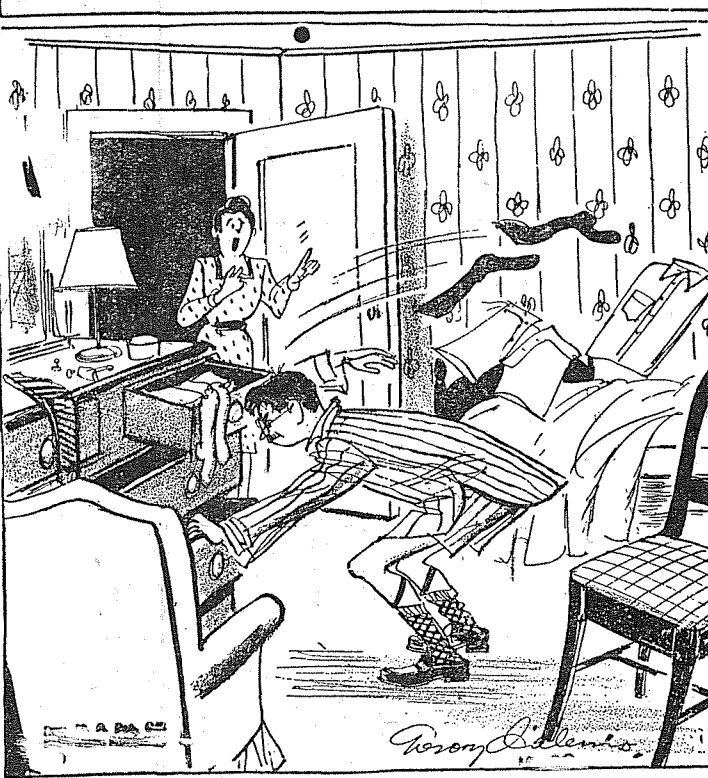
On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dillingham had as their 12 dinner guests all of Mrs. Dillingham's family.

On December 22, the Elk Plain school presented its annual Christmas program. Each student in the school took part. The many scenes included the first and second grade band and chorus, "A Star Garden," a play by the seventh and eighth grades, "Light of the World"; the Christmas scene, also by the seventh and eighth grades. Between the scenes were: An accordion solo by Thorne Tibbitts, a saxophone solo by Dale Tibbitts, a guitar solo by David Rich, and "White Christmas," sung by the boys' glee club. This enjoyable program was under the direction of Mrs. M. R. Ferguson. Accompanist was Mrs. Alice Beddoe.

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"Please don't look for things, Dear. It's less trouble if you make me drop whatever I'm doing and find them for you!"

## CHURCH Announcements

**PARKLAND METHODIST**  
George W. Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday: Worship and Preaching at 11 a.m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at this service; Church school at 10 a.m. Classes for all grades. Adult Bible class led by the pastor at the parsonage. Nursery for children during the worship hour. Intermediate Youth Fellowship at 7 p.m.  
The Women's Society for Christian Service will meet Wednesday, January 5, at 12:30. Covered dish luncheon, Devotional, Social and business program following.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
"God" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read next Sunday in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

**SPANAWAY METHODIST**  
"The Church by the Side of the Road"  
10 a.m.—Church School.  
11 a.m.—Sunday Worship Service.  
3:30 p.m.—Intermediate Youth Fellowship.  
6:45 p.m.—Youth Fellowship.

**PRAIRIE MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Interdenominational  
Fred Southwell, Superintendent  
Denny Lucas, Asst. Supt.  
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.  
Bible study, 7:30 Monday night, with Mrs. Charles Knautz teaching.

**CLOVER CREEK BAPTIST**  
Military Road, opposite Clover Creek School  
W. C. Rhea, Pastor  
Bible School, 10 a.m. George Chessum, superintendent.  
Morning worship, 11 a.m.  
Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m. (Junior and Senior)  
Evening Gospel Service, 8 p.m.  
Mid-week Service, Thursday, 8 p.m.  
Choir practice Thursday, 7; also teacher meeting.

**ST. JOHN OF THE WOODS**  
98th and Taylor, Midland  
Rev. R. E. Logan, Pastor  
Masses, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Catechism after Mass.

**SPANAWAY FULL GOSPEL TABERNACLE**  
Stanley R. Weddle, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evangelistic Service, 8 p.m. Christ's Ambassadors, Wednesday.

**MIDLAND PENTECOSTAL**  
Arnie Kosmo, Pastor  
Meets every Sunday in Midland P.T.A. hall, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

**FERN HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
South 86th and "G" Streets  
R. W. Ledyard, Pastor  
Bible School, 9:45 a.m. Classes for all ages. Worship at 11; Evening Service, 7:30.

**LARCHMONT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Larchmont Sunday School meets in the Parish house at 9:30 Sunday mornings.

**KIRBY SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
M. R. Ferguson, Superintendent  
Meets at 2:00 p.m. in the Kirby school every Sunday.

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**PARKLAND EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**  
Walter C. Gullixson, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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