

Church of God Plans Pageant

The story of Christ's birth will be presented for the third consecutive year, starting next Monday, in a public pageant at the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave. Twenty-three members of the congregation will dramatize the Nativity story, while live animals, authentic costumes, lighting, and staging will add color to the portrayal.

Pageant Set
Performances will be at 7 and 8 p.m. each evening starting Monday and continuing through Christmas Eve. On Sunday, Dec. 22, there will be a 7 p.m. performance followed by the annual Candlelight Service at 8 p.m.

The opening scene shows a father reading "The Night Before Christmas" to his little daughter. Carolers outside the window interrupt his reading. As they finish singing, the child turns to her father and asks, "What is the true story of Christmas?" The father then lays down the story book and begins reading the story of the birth of Christ from the Bible.

Story Unfolds
As the father reads, the story unfolds on the church lawn in seven scenes, which include the Annunciation, the angels appearing to the shepherds in the fields, the birth

of Christ in the manger, the Wise Men on the journey, appearing before King Herod, and offering their gifts to the Christ Child. The closing scene returns to the home as the father and child are awed by the revelation they have just experienced.

Carolers in 1890 costumes sing appropriate Christmas Carols between the scenes of this 30-minute presentation.

'GOD CAME TO EARTH' IS TOPIC

The Rev. Thuman M. Jolley of First Presbyterian Church, 1842 Gardena Blvd., will preach on "God Came to Earth" this Sunday at 11 a.m.

Luther Sterling will sing "O Holy Night," by Adam. Willa Richardson will sing "He Shall Feed His Flock," by Handel. Grace Gravesen will sing "Come Unto Him," by Handel. Carol and senior choirs will sing "Carol of the Questioning Child," by Kountz. Carol and Crusader choirs will sing "Lullaby of the Christ Child," by Warner. Senior choir will sing "Gloria in Excelsis," by Jolley.



NATIVITY PAGEANT... Members of the South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon Ave., will put on their annual Christmas pageant starting next Monday and continuing nightly until Christmas Eve. Various scenes from the Biblical account of the birth of Christ will be portrayed. Here, church members portray the advent of the shepherds.

Lutherans Will Receive 79 New Communicants

In a special service on Sunday, 79 new members will be received into Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2706 W. 182nd St., at the service at 10:45 a.m. A class of 11 adults will be confirmed.

A briefing session and reception will be held last Sunday. Participating in the program were Henry Gillie, president of the congregation; Irv Wilson, vice president; Mike Bankson, chairman of the board of deacons; Mrs. Elton Crump, president of the women of Christ the King; Rose Mary Ulland, parish worker, and the Rev. Maynard V. Midthun, pastor.

The membership of the church, which held its first service two years ago, now numbers 420 and there are 400 attending Sunday School.

LUTHERAN WOMEN TO HOLD PARTY

The Woman's League of Ascension Lutheran Church will entertain with a Christmas party at 7:30 Friday evening in the church at 18002 Prairie Ave.

An invitation is being offered to all ladies of the church to be guests. After prayer and the singing of Christmas carols, there will be a program of games, followed by refreshments and exchange of gifts.

Playing hosts for the annual Yuletide party will be Mesdames Robert Dindahl, Frank Stebens, Norman Sprung, Frank Jacobsen and Clara Vander Plaats.

A free will offering will go to the Lutheran Welfare Association for Lutheran institutional work.

Central Church Slates Cantata Sunday Morning

The Christmas cantata, "Even Unto Bethlehem," by Ira D. Wilson, will be presented by the Central EUB Church choir of 25 voices on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Soloists will be Winifred Ruppel, Jo Ann Huber, Irene Hoy, Carl Pisel, Charles Curtiss and Wallace Briney. The choir will present the cantata in new robes. Mrs. Hilda Findley will be the organist and the choir will be under the direction of Mrs. Irene Hoy.

Sunday evening Rev. Walter M. Stanton will speak at Burns Memorial Church in Long Beach in a pulp exchange with Rev. Joseph Ryan, who will speak at the 7:20 p.m. service at Central EUB Church.

Mrs. Derouin New Head of Altar Society

Mrs. Ella Derouin was elected president of the Altar Society of St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church at a meeting held Wednesday in the church hall, 255th and Eshelman.

Other new officers and Mrs. Derouin will be installed in ceremonies on Jan. 8. Other officers include Mrs. Edna Fisher, vice president; Mrs. Theresa Andrews, secretary; Mrs. Jo Coleman, treasurer; Mrs. Inez Gagliana, financial secretary, and Mrs. Laura Ramsaur, press chairman.

More than 100 members attended the meeting, with members of St. Lucy's Guild, headed by Mrs. Theresa Griffith, acting as hostesses.

It was announced that the card party for December will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. in the church hall, with St. Theresa's Guild in charge.

'Five Points Of Christmas Star' Topic

"The Five Points of the Christmas Star" will be the subject of the Rev. W. F. Alexander, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gardena, 158th and Brighton Ave.

The time of the morning service is 11 a.m. and the junior church is conducted by Mrs. Lena Crader, assisted by Miss Alma Lowenberg. Soloist for the morning will be J. Milton McElyea, baritone.

Sunday school for all ages will meet at 9:45 a.m. J. M. McElyea, superintendent, in charge.

The adult class is taught by Edgar Raynor who will teach the lesson "Living With Christian Joy." The lesson is taken from Phil. 4:1-23, and some of the topics are as follows: "A Plea for Steadfastness," "A Plea for Unity" (4:2, 3), "A Plea for Joy" (vs. 4, 5), "The Cure for Care" (vs. 6, 7), and "Things to Think About" (vs. 8, 9).

An added feature at the morning service will be the reading of the first ten amendments to the Constitution in keeping with Bill of Rights Week.

Lesson Topic To Be 'God, Preserver'

The tender, preserving and protecting power, guidance, and protection of God, divine Love, is brought out in the Lesson-Sermon, "God the Preserver of Man," which will be given in the Christian Science churches this Sunday.

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms," is the Golden Text quoted from Deuteronomy (33:27).

Remarkable instances of spiritual protection, guidance, and direction evidenced in the life of the Apostle Paul are made the main body of the Scriptural passages. While explaining some of his trials and triumphs to the elders of the church at Ephesus, Paul states, "None of these things move me, . . . so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 20:24).

Mary Baker Eddy in a correlative statement in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" says, "When the evidence before the material senses yielded to spiritual sense, the apostle declared that nothing could alienate him from God, from the sweet sense and presence of Life and Truth" (p. 303).

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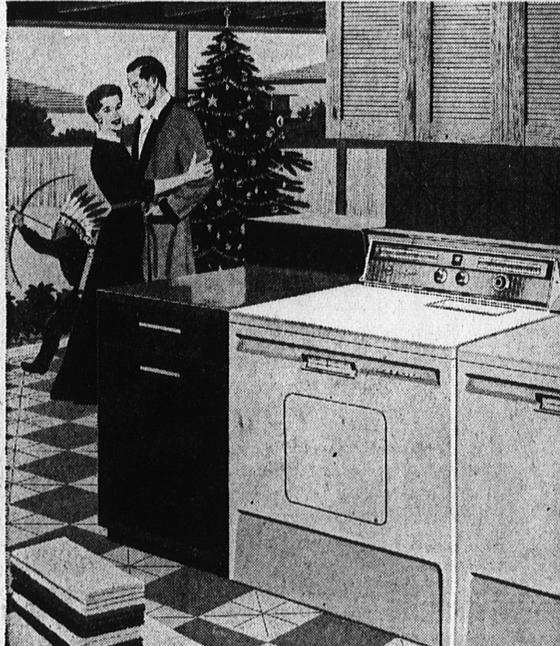
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