

Union Welcomes New Year With Dancing Parties

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UNION (Special)—The new year was ushered in with many parties and celebrations Thursday evening. Dances were held at the Union hotel, the L. D. S. church and the Goodfellow dance hall. Very attractive Christmas decorations were done at the hotel and church for the holiday season and large crowds attended the parties. About 42 couples attended the dinner dance at the Union hotel and it was pronounced one of the most enjoyable affairs ever held at the hotel. Balloons, horns and confetti helped to speed the time and the dancing at the hotel lasted from 12 until 2.

Mrs. Lee Chenault, of Catherine Creek, became ill Friday evening and was taken to Hot Lake in the ambulance.

Out-of-town guests who attended the dance at the Union hotel New Year's eve were Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chenault, John Dean, of Cove; Miss Lucile Hudson, of Cove; Charles Hutchinson, of North Powder; Dr. Pike of Hot Lake; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wellington, of Montana; and Mrs. Peck, of Los Angeles.

Many children gathered at the L. D. S. church Tuesday afternoon to attend the Primary Christmas party. Christmas gifts were exchanged and a jolly game played until about 8 o'clock. The children then visited the homes of several elderly people and gladdened their hearts with some Christmas carols.

Vern Baxter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Baxter, has been suffering intensely this week of a bruised nerve at the top of his shoulder. He was taken to Hot Lake but has not been relieved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall drove to Weston to spend Christmas with her parents, returning home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGilley and two sons were over from La Grande Thursday to have a turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Haggerty.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson and their nephew, John Sayre, drove to Baker to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. B. Smith. John's mother, Mrs. Martha Sayre, of Pocatello, who is spending her two weeks vacation in Baker and Union, came home with them.

Mrs. Sayre and Mrs. Johnson are sisters.

Arthur Busick and daughter, Dorothy, returned Wednesday from Baker where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Hermen.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Woods and three children of Richland in Eagle Valley visited Wednesday at the Dick Benson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reuter and Bobby and Kenneth McCormick were New Year's dinner guests of Mrs. Fannie Bidwell.

Milton and Louis Levy came down from Baker to spend their Christmas vacation at the M. S. Levy home and returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Levy were down from Baker to spend Tuesday with the Levys.

Mrs. J. I. Hillier and son Jim of Montpelier, Ida., have come to Union for an indefinite stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bingham.

Mr. Cline and Earl Bingham drove to Baker Wednesday evening for her, Mr. and Mrs. Will Vogel called the T. B. club into existence again Wednesday evening after many months of vacation. A jolly evening of bridge was spent with three tables at play. High scores were won by Mrs. L. Z. Terrall and Walter Cook and low by Mrs. W. Stevens.

The hostess, assisted by her daughter, Betty, served a lovely lunch.

Dr. George Hoffman and Tex Knight drove to La Grande Wednesday evening to attend the Sigma Nu banquet held there.

Neta Wilson, who came over from Imbler Sunday for a visit with her aunt, Mrs. P. N. Fox, celebrated by having measles. Her father, Lyle Wilson, was over to spend a few days and took her home on Friday.

Miss Margaret Callahan, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Victoria Harding in Wallowa, has returned to Union.

Mrs. Mary Woodruff, who suffered a slight stroke of paralysis at her home Wednesday, is making an improvement. Her daughters were summoned and will remain indefinitely.

Mrs. George Munro, Mrs. Marian Stach and Mrs. Harry Stopp came from Portland and Kate Woodruff came from Seattle.

Miss Lois Lawson, who spent her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewson, returned to Hoquiam on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shelton and children returned Thursday from Boise, having been called there on Friday by the serious illness of her uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Bidler drove to Portland the first of the week to visit her mother, Mrs. Mary Townley, and Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Davis at Tigard, Ore. Mrs. Mabel Gale, who accompanied them, will visit her daughter, Mrs. P. O. Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Barnard, who have been in Portland for the last two months, have returned to Union and will make their home at the Union hotel. He was water master here last year.

Mrs. G. F. Hall, assisted by her daughters, Mrs. Merton Davis and Mrs. Tex Knight, entertained the Carnation club and a few guests at a very delightful bridge luncheon on Thursday. Mrs. George Baird won the club prize, Mrs. L. Z. Terrall guest prize and Mrs. P. B. Conner the consolation.

Leona Prillman, who teaches in the Hill Military academy, has been visiting during the vacation with his mother, Mrs. Harry Myers, in La Grande and at the S. E. Miller home.

His brother, Rolex, who attends Normal school, accompanied him over from La Grande.

The Misses Elida and Bethene Miller are returning to their school work in Seattle after spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miller.

Prof. Carl Morrow, dean of men at W. S. C., came over from Pullman to spend the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Morrow, who lives with Mrs. Joseph McKenney.

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Agriculture Fund For 1933 Only Five Million Under 1931 Expenses

By Frank L. Weller
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The department of agriculture budget recommended to congress for the 1933 fiscal year actually is only about \$5,000,000 below the current year and for all practical purposes would have no discernible effect on the service to the public.

In the first place, figures placing gross funds available next year at around \$56,000,000 less than in 1932—a sum representing nearly an eighth of the entire reduction in federal expenditures—are misleading.

The 1932 appropriations carried \$22,000,000 for seed loans and agricultural relief for which no estimate is required for 1933.

There is a further reduction of \$26,000,000 in estimates for federal aid roads and forest roads and trails as the regular programs for these works were advanced to that extent in 1931 and 1932. There is a decrease of \$1,750,000 in the estimate for the acquisition of additional forest lands.

Thus, for the broad, normal functions of the department as they are best known to the farmer, general appropriations for 1933 are less than \$9,000,000 below those of 1932.

That still, however, does not develop a true picture of the close relation between the net funds expended for these services in 1932 and the gross amount available under the proposed budget for 1933.

For months there has been a quiet program behind the scenes to absorb the shock of decreased appropriations anticipated for the next fiscal year.

It was the impounding of customary reserves by reducing the 1932 outlay for travel, supplies and equipment, omission of customary salary promotions, postponement of new work or its inauguration on a less expensive scale and where possible to permit vacant positions to remain unfilled.

It resulted in a saving of almost \$3,500,000 which is to be returned to the federal treasury at the end of the 1933 fiscal year.

Whereas the gross amount available for 1933 is about \$9,000,000 less than the gross available in 1932, it really is only about \$5,000,000 less than the net funds spent in 1932.

Officials say that but for a little more "trimming of the corners" the department's service in 1933 will show little change. It will reflect a shrinking in general expenditures rather than the forthwith abandonment of definite programs.

With inventories reduced, production rigidly restricted to demand and dealer organizations developed and working in closer harmony with the production branch of the industries there appears to be substantial basis for the optimistic outlook expressed by many motorcar executives for 1932.

See Better Year Ahead
The industry's leaders confidently expect to produce and, what is more important, export the retail division to sell more cars in 1932 than were distributed in 1931.

The fact the industry produced in 1931 probably only slightly more than 2,000,000 units—fewer than in any one year during the last decade—is not as discouraging to motorcar executives as might be assumed by

the comparison of these figures with those of other years.

The important thing, automobile makers point out, is that except for the irreducible dealers' floor stocks, the industry in 1931 sold all the cars it built during that year, and enters 1932 with all its facilities, from raw material sources to distributor personnel, set for whatever demands a returning public confidence may make upon it.

No Consolidations
Significant of the financial soundness of the industry is the fact that all its important units came through the last year without consolidation with other companies and that all were able to prevent the loss of foreign markets by establishing plants in Canada and Europe when tariff imposts made export business less profitable.

Improvements on the 1932 model cars include automatic starters that operate with the turning of the ignition switch, automatic adjustment of shock absorbers, elimination of gear shifting noises, and motor mounting on rubber cushions.

Baraca Bible Classes
"Baraca" is from the Hebrew word Beraach in II Chronicles 20:23, and means "blessing." The Baraca men's Bible classes were started in Syracuse, October 20, 1930, and now number more than 10,000 in all parts of the country.

Oculatory
Kissing is a result of two sets of emotional cellular vibrations which attract each other and become harmoniously merged into a rich chord or contact.—Dr. Josiah Oldfield.

NEW YORK (AP)—The steel industry is looking with longing eyes to the automobile industry, one of its principal customers, to start rolling that are now operating at substantially around a quarter of capacity.

But automobile magnates are proceeding slowly, awaiting definite signs that the estimated deficiency in automobiles will be removed by public buying.

Building is the biggest consumer of steel but there appears no definite indication of a revival in that industry.

Railroads, also a big customer, are not buying beyond absolute needs. In all three cases, however, steelmen see foundations for a revival once the general business trend moves upward.

Full year 1931 production of rolled steel is estimated around 19,000,000 tons, or about 28 per cent below the 26,000,000-ton output of 1930. Unexpected declines in the export demand have served to cut production beyond even the expected decreases.

Wage reductions of 10 per cent on October 1 in the steel industry may bolster earnings in the long run, but the lack of business now precludes a very effective showing.

Iowa Women's club. The hall was nicely decorated and good music furnished for dancing. One section of the room was arranged with card tables for those who wished to play bridge.

Mrs. J. B. Gregory and Mrs. J. C. Baird were in charge of the affair and were assisted by Mrs. O. P. Campbell, Mrs. Hollis Bull and Mrs. Fred F. Jones. At a late hour lovely refreshments were served by the hostesses.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mumford entertained a group of young people at their country home one mile east of town at a dancing party. After dancing until a late hour, light refreshments were served by the host and hostess.

Miss Geneva Surphin was hostess to a group of her young friends at her home Wednesday evening at a birthday dinner party, the occasion being her 17th birthday anniversary. Guests invited for the dinner were Miss Ethel Roop, Miss Arthene Cray, and Jack Carpenter, all of Wallowa, and Charles Lilly and Carl Coleman, of La Grande. Following the dinner the evening was spent playing bridge.

Mrs. E. J. Rinker was hostess at a potluck supper at her home New Year's night. About 20 friends were invited for an informal evening and after supper the time was spent in pleasant conversation.

Miss Catherine Calouri, Miss Melba Banks, Miss Lillian Dale, Miss Marion Elliott and Miss Louise Kennedy Wallowa teachers arrived on Sunday's train to resume their school work Monday morning after a ten-day vacation at their homes or with friends.

Spencer Trump, of the Mutual Creamery Co., underwent an appendicitis operation at the Wallowa hospital Sunday afternoon. He is reported to be very ill.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 1:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church with Rev. Weston F. Shields, of Enterprise, in charge of the service and interment will be in the Enterprise cemetery.

Mr. Spence leaves to mourn his loss, his widow, Mrs. Lillian Spence, a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spence and three grandchildren, Virginia, Carol and W. H. Spence Jr., also four sisters who reside in the east and in California.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Shields, of Enterprise were New Year's guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Forstad on Diamond prairie.

Mrs. L. E. Woods, and children, of Spokane, Wash., visited over the holidays at the home of her brother, E. A. Searle.

Miss Anna Shell left Friday for her home in Pendleton after having spent several days with her parents in Wallowa.

Miss Virginia Hunter left Friday for Eugene where she will resume her work at the University of Oregon.

Held Cox left on Friday's train for Eugene after spending the holidays at home.

Harold McKenzie left Saturday for Oakland, Cal., to resume his work in the Polytechnic School of Engineering after visiting over the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. McKenzie.

Lyle Baird returned to Condon, Ore., Saturday where he is an instructor in the high school. He spent his vacation with his parents in Wallowa.

A full social calendar marked the holiday season in Wallowa and made the vacation an enjoyable one for the young people of the town and for those who were at home from college for the holidays. One of the largest parties of the week was given Tuesday evening in the High School gymnasium sponsored by the Wal-

lowa Women's club.

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