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OUR VISITING GYPSIES

Judging from the various expressions the public was none too happy over the visit of the Gypsy band, domiciled here for a few days the past week. The unfortunate part of the whole affair was that the unscrupulous Gypsies played mostly for the high school students.

One very commendable suggestion was to the effect that the city police escorted the visitors to the outskirts of town before they had opportunity to locate. We hope it does not happen again; at least for \$25.00; that's what the license fee amounted to.

BEGGING LETTERS SHOULD BE IGNORED

We are told that foreign begging letters are being mailed by the thousands to residents of the United States. Because of the impossibility of investigating individual cases and the probability that some of these apparently well organized campaigns are a part of the foreign black market operations, the National Better Business Bureau has issued a warning concerning them and urged that donations be made thru the foreign relief agencies only.

HOUSING SHORTAGE CONTINUES ACUTE

Despite the fact that a large number of dwelling units continue to be constructed the housing shortage is still acute over the nation and particularly in the northwest, where a large gain in population has been noted in the past seven years. Writing in the Oregon Business Review, Dr. Bayard O. Wheeler, housing economist of Seattle, Washington, says a total of 192,000 additional permanent housing units are needed in the northwest to attain the 1940 ratio of dwellings to families. In Oregon alone a total of 108,996 dwelling units are needed.

The cause of the current housing shortage arises from three main causes: Population increase, increase in the rate of family formation and inadequate volume of new construction.

1948 APPROACHING

In a few days now we can take a retrospective look at 1947 and peer into the future to see what 1948 has in store for us, not that many can foretell future events. Usually we look upon the new year as the time for making a fresh start and even though the end of the year winds up discouraging, there is a psychological stimulus that aids us in carrying on. If we knew the future we are afraid this knowledge would be a detriment in facing many of the unpleasant tasks and facts of life.

From all appearances 1948 will be a good year from a financial standpoint with prospects good for general increases in wages as well as the cost of living and with only one thing to worry about, inflation getting out of hand.

Some subscribers to a Washington service letter were provoked over the prediction recently that the Washington bigwigs were planning a depression for next spring to create an unemployment for 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 men. This was supposed to be inside dope, but if it is, the methods chosen by Washington are even more ruthless than the devaluation of the Russian ruble.

Our individual welfare in 1948 depends largely on us. We can make 1948 a good year with a lot of hard work and hard work never hurt anyone.

CHRISTMAS

The moon was full and my heart stood still
As I gazed on a wondrous sight.
A little village in the valley below
That was bathed in the pale moonlight.

As I pondered thus, my thoughts took wing
To a distant land so far away.
It must have been on a night like this
That a tiny one in a manger lay.

But instead of the moon, a star was there
To guide the way of those who would see
The miracle wrought to save mankind—
Yes, folks like you, and you, and me.

The years rolled by as they always do
And though wars have plagued us now and then
There comes a feeling at this time each year
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Walter R. Brown
1947.

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Letters to the Editor

483 No. Palm Canyon Dr.
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Dec. 18, 1947

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Dear Friends:

Enclosed check for 1 yr. C. G. Sentinel, as I look forward to my home town paper, having gone thru grade school and high school in C. G. We wish friends and relatives a "Merry Xmas".

Dr. C. G. Newbecker and I have moved to Palm Springs. "It is beautiful here."

Thanks, Yours Truly
Mrs. C. G. Newbecker
(maiden name Ruth Jorgensen).

December 21, 1947

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To the Editor:

In the past two weeks there have been letters to the editor appearing in the Sentinel praising

the former chief of police of Cottage Grove and one of them condemning the person or persons responsible for his dismissal.

Who is right or wrong or the reason for the dismissal I do not know as I never saw the case made public as was the case in Eugene and Corvallis recently when police personnel were dismissed or resigned, but then I don't live in Cottage Grove and what goes on in the city of C. G. shouldn't concern "outsiders".

However, since I do not see the former chief walking from parked car to car with his citation book in one hand and a pen or pencil in the other I now feel much freer to park my car in Cottage Grove and do my shopping. This person never heard of or saw a traffic warning ticket given by the former chief.

In a city the size of Cottage Grove traffic regulations can be strictly enforced and no doubt are; but a few minutes overparking by a number of people which formerly resulted in many "tickets" surely can't be worth to the City of Cottage Grove as a whole the

few dollars that the city took in on them.

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