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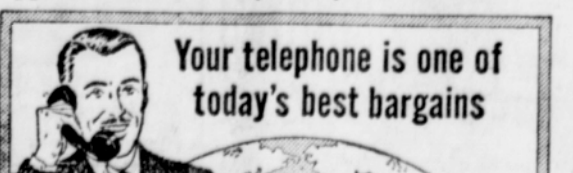


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SILK CREEK

Mildred Cochran, Reporter
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Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Dewey and their twins returned to Portland Sunday after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Dewey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Babcock. Mr. Dewey is taking a course in refrigeration at Multnomah college.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hansen and daughter Jean of Laurelwood spent several days here during the holidays visiting old friends and neighbors, including the Hiram Wheeler family. They returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Holt and little sons Jimmy and Wally of Springfield were New Years day callers at the Hallie Cochran home.

Marcel Jean Darnell who is taking nurses training at St. Helena, Calif. came home the week end to spend about two weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Darnell. She got here in time to spend a day with her sister and brother-in-law before they returned to college at Walla Walla.

Walter Babcock of Redding, Calif. called at the E. R. Darnell home the day before Christmas to see Mrs. Eloise Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Allen and children, Judy, Jimmy and Stephen were New Years day visitors at Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brund in Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mooney returned to their home and school in Walla Walla Sunday. Dorothy Hathaway who is also a student there went with them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cook and children Mickey and Jimmy returned to their home in Grandview, Washington, Friday after spending Christmas with Mrs. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Cochran. They made the trip home in a new Plymouth they purchased while here, in the old home town.

Larry Whaley, E. F. S. A., returned to his base at San Francisco, Calif. Sunday after spending a 17 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Whaley.

Vance Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Myers, who is with the air corps, has been spending some time at home recently.

Mrs. Winnie Lenko, of Mount View, was a week end guest at the Hiram Wheeler home.

Mrs. Alvin Allen has been quite ill with mumps but is much improved at this writing.

A news report would not be complete without some comment on the weather so with a great deal of disgust I report 9 inches of snow here on the hill where I live and the mercury at present hovering around 14° but getting warmer. However it was around 4° at 3 a.m. Tuesday, and more of the same predicted—fine way for a new 1950 to salute us here in the northwest I say!

LONDON

Mrs. Gale Roby, Reporter
Phone 766-1-9

A white mantle of snow greeted the New Year, Sunday morning, with heavy snow falling throughout the day, covering the community with a good six inches from Black Butte and Woodards camp to Cottage Grove from reports, and still snowing Monday.

Woods crews at Woodards camp were off work for the Christmas week holiday, and because of the snow conditions this week were uncertain when work would be resumed.

Bob Blackwell had his plane out plowing the runway snow Sunday, but made no attempt to fly.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Morton returned Friday evening from a trip over Christmas with their daughter at Fresno, California, bringing their two grandchildren, Jill and "Tenny" home with them for a visit, their daughter to come later. They report no trouble on the trip and no snow, tho some ice on the roads.

Edward Welch, 28, son of Mrs. Hester Bemis Welch and nephew of Nelson and Russell Bemis, died December 3 at Santa Rosa, California from burns caused by gasoline igniting while working on a school bus. Russell Bemis went down for the funeral, remaining about a week.

Mrs. Lora Townsend accompanied her son Clifford and wife to Roseburg, Friday to visit another son, Clayton, at Mercy hospital there, who had been injured in an accident while loading a truck on a truck, which upset, last Wednesday. He received two broken legs, one of them in three places.

Mrs. Tom Sherlock is in Portland where she was called Saturday by the serious illness of her father, Henry Riggs. He is Charlie Riggs' older brother. Mr. Riggs died at Portland, Tuesday according to a long distance call from Mrs. Sherlock.

J. P. Lewis, a former resident, and now living at Junction City was making calls in the community last Sunday.

The J side of the 588 telephone line was out of order over the New Year holiday, with calls going out but none able to go in.

Maxine Currin spent the Christmas holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Currin, returning Monday to Eugene to resume studies at the University. Mrs. Ella Willis who has been home since Thanksgiving expects to return to Salem this week to spend the remainder of the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Alice Noth.

Christmas dinner celebration held this time at the Harley Brown home near Cottage Grove included Mr. and Mrs. George Southerland, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Olds and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cox and family of Cedar Creek.

Mrs. Joe Olds, who had spent a month with her son, Joe returned to Berkeley for Christmas.

The A. H. Paiki family moved from London to Latham recently. Mr. and Mrs. Don Paroz moved from Myrtle Creek in mid-December, as Mr. Paroz has work here and they are staying with Mrs. Paroz's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bechtold.

A complete family reunion was held at Christmas at Springfield, for Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McEwin and all of their four children and their families at the home of their son, Kenneth, and family. Their daughter, Lois, Mr. and Mrs. Le-land Hall surprised her parents by arriving from Caldwell, Idaho, December 23, for a visit til December 27, and report the roads in good condition for winter on both trips. Other children present for the re-union were their daughters Wilma, Mrs. Norman Kennedy and family of Cottage Grove and Eula, Mrs. R. L. Cantwell and family, now at home.

Mrs. Nora Henderson spent Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Davis and other relatives in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Beth Kells has been having a case of laryngitis but was able to appreciate a surprise visit for Christmas of Mrs. E. E. Miers of Ontario, California. Another visitor of Mrs. Kells was Mrs. Raligh

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Cody from Weed, California, who spent three weeks here, returning home before Christmas.

Mrs. Daisy Anne Yetter returned before Christmas from several weeks in southern California to spend the winter at the Wm. Live-ly home.

The Merry Makers 500 card club entertained their husbands at a New Years Eve watch party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Kelly Saturday night, with 18 guests in attendance.

A group of young people including, Ula Belle Small, Thena Mae Abeene, Donna Abeene, Norman Bechtold, Eldon Sibley, Gary Garman, Dick Kelly, Ben and Francis Hite had a New Years Eve party at the home of Julian Small, with games, refreshments and Ben Hite making music.

The Elvis Kelly family spent New Years day at Mt. View with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Perini.

London school was not the only one to hold school during Christmas week, since Dorena held classes in view to possible bad weather to come that might delay school days. S. T. Clark and Mrs. Helen Currin of London are two of the Dorena teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Roby and family returned early Saturday from a 12 day wintry trip to Idaho for the holidays with relatives and Mrs. Roby's son, Harold Blackman and family from Salt Lake City. They report 300 miles of ice and snow on the roads on the trip over, December 19, and 10 below zero temperatures at Burns. Roads were mostly clear on the return trip before the recent storm.

Reminiscent of last January snows in Oregon, hill side bonfires and bob sledding were resumed Monday night as lowering temperatures made the snow just right for sliding.

A Chow mein supper in Eugene Saturday night celebrated the New Years Eve occasion for six community couples including, the Mr. and Mrs. Monte Kuskie, Jack Long and three girls, Roy Easley, Jeff Easley, John Long and new baby, Kenneth Easley and baby. Mrs. Paul Prescott cared for the Kuskie four small children.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stump are driving a new green car.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blackwell took a spin up the McKenzie River Highway Monday to see how far they could go past the Road Closed signs. They report the snow about the same as here on the roads and turned back at the foot of the switchbacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Nalley, friends from Nampa, Idaho ac-

companied the Roby family home for their first visit to western Oregon, impressed by the beauty of the snow in the woods, but longing for the Idaho winter sunshine they left behind.

The London 4-H Mother's club was postponed until January 11th, weather permitting.

The annual Roy Ewing family gathering was held this year at the home of Mrs. Ewing in Cottage Grove on New Years. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, parents of Mr. and Mrs. Faye Ewing. Also Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Freeman and two daughters of Culp Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Porky Ewing and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ewing. Mr. and Mrs. Don Ewing who were visiting in California were unable to be present.

Mrs. Roy Ewing is able to be about without crutches, but is still suffering with arthritis.

The Hebron extension unit will meet January 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hebron hall with the county extension agent in charge of the lesson on "Rust Color and Design." All interested in rug making are invited. A planned luncheon will be held at noon.

CULP CREEK

(Mrs. R. E. Groat, reporter)

Pfc. Leon Morris Jr. stationed at San Antonio, Texas with the Army Air Corps, is spending a week furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Morris.

Pvt. Darrell Stacy is home on furlough which he is spending with his parents. Pvt. Stacy is in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wineinger had a New Years dinner guests Mrs. Wineinger's brother, and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reynolds of Eugene, also a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Coleman of Eugene.

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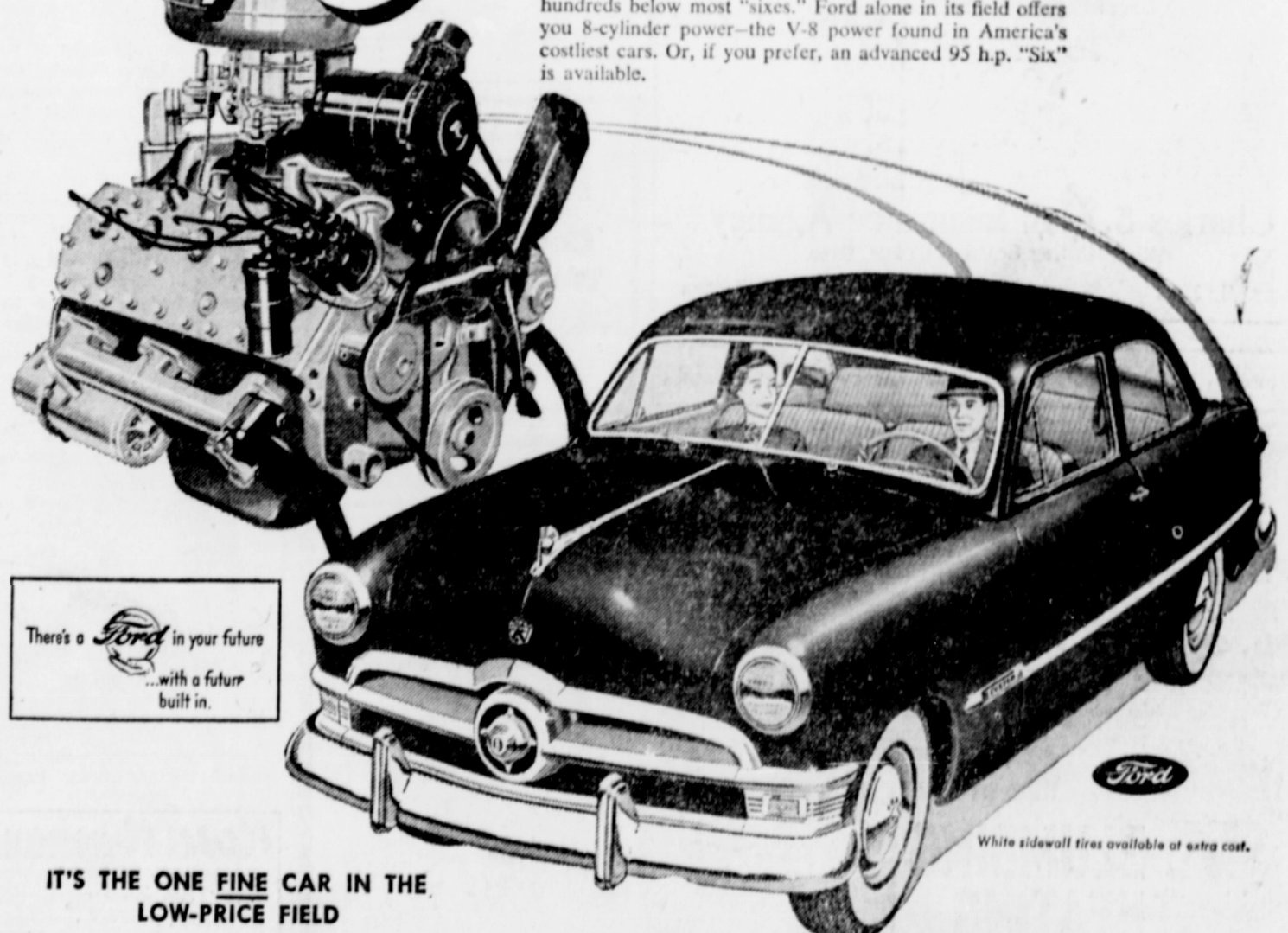
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