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## Lighting Surprisingly Good

We are making belated mention of some surprisingly clever Christmas lighting during the holiday season. Like others perhaps we were dilatory in not driving around to make an inspection of the many decorations in this and adjoining communities.

We are in accord with the lay group in that the Christmas season is becoming too commercialized, but believe as they do that decorations reflecting the true season, which means putting Christ back in Christmas should be encouraged. Perhaps because not enough people were encouraged to decorate is the chief reason others did not decorate or light up their homes or places of business.

Last year the Chamber of Commerce inaugurated a lighting contest, which attracted interest since the winners of the contest received recognition in addition to a little financial reward and seemed to stimulate additional interest in a project of this sort. We hope some organization sees fit to revive the contest for the general interest it will create.

There was some outstanding holiday lighting in the rural communities mentioned in a previous issue. One of the most praiseworthy in Cottage Grove was the nativity scene portrayed in the window of Hansen Brothers. This Christmas scene drew much comment and took a lot of time, talent and effort to make it stand out as it did.

## Broadening Our Readership

Perhaps most of our readers have noted there is an increasing amount of news from our nearby rural communities. We hope to have other communities represented as time goes on. The thing that we would like to point out here is that most of us living in the South Lane-North Douglas area have common interests; otherwise we would be different from other localities over the nation.

While the automobile has pretty well destroyed the community center as we knew it thirty years ago, this bad feature is offset by the fact that rivalries and animosities between communities is largely disappearing. This fact was recently evidenced in the dedication of the new Disston school gym building. So far as we could learn there was nothing but best wishes for the good fortune of the Disston gym. There was no jealousy, rivalry or animosity such as might have been noted in the earlier years. Gone too to a large extent are the intercommunity squabbles which too were fairly common in the old days.

In your own experience it may have been more or less commonplace to rather dislike an individual on first acquaintance, but the better you knew the individual, the better you liked him or her. The same thing holds true for communities, the more you know them the more you admire them for what they are. By knowing them you learn of their problems and knowing their problems, you appreciate them more. In the days of many changes it's one way to get acquainted.

## Our Baby Crop

The prosperity of most of us, particularly the merchant, is pretty well tied up with the prospect of increasing population. The U. S. Census bureau has some interesting information on this point. It finds for instance that there are now 55 percent more babies under five years of age than in 1940, which indicates a children's market. It also gives you an insight into some problems school officials are facing and will face to accommodate the growing number of pupils. In addition the census says there are 23 percent more youngsters between the ages of five and ten.

On the other hand there are 3.3 percent fewer people in the 10 to 14 year bracket; 13 percent fewer in the 13 to 19 year age and 2.3 percent fewer in the 20 to 24 bracket.

These figures reflect the slump in birth rate during the depression, according to the census bureau. The bright spot of the long range picture is that there will be a substantial increase in the number of teen agers by 1960.

## Bewildering Situation

We believe the average American is pretty well bewildered at the national state of affairs. He is bewildered by the graft and corruption which has come to light in the bureau of internal revenue and the prospect of increasing taxes which is the result of our foreign commitments. We read a supposedly authoritative statement that the United States is now or has loaned money to a total of forty-five nations. Also that none of the loans which were to be self liquidating under the Marshall and kindred plans had been paid. In fact we are still pouring money into the hands of our first foreign borrower. On top of this we will have a total of 2,000,000 men under arms soon. Most of them are to be stationed either in Europe or in Japan.

If our information is correct, we will soon be aiding a billion of the world's two billion population. The other billion comes under the sphere of Soviet Russia which has added several million to its orbit of influence without much of a struggle and without any loans.

In the meantime the United States has given war ridden nations and China several millions of dollars and we doubt if we have as many friends now, exclusive of China, which has turned against us as we did when we started pouring money into the hands of our war stricken neighbors.

We do not believe that a total of a hundred and fifty million people can continue to aid the rest of the billion without sinking to the level of the people we are trying to help, certainly not without lowering our standard of living. Yet the present administration seems to be hellbent on reforming the world and raising its standard of living.

Birth rate in Oregon, high as it is, is among the lowest of that of any state, according to recent report of U. S. Vital Statistics. As against average birth rate for all the states—24.2 per thousand of estimated population—Oregon's birth rate was only 21.5. Only three states—New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts—showed a lower birth rate. Evidently the school enrollment problem will be as great, if not greater, in most states than in Oregon—Oregon Voter.

**TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA, EPITAPH:** "Government spending this year will total \$88 billion—more than the entire national income in the boom year of 1929. Per capita cost has risen . . . to \$580 for this year's spending, or 40 percent of the average per capita income of \$1,435. Experience has it that when the tax take goes above 25 percent of the national income, inflation is here. Present tax bill of 40 percent places the nation well out on the inflation limb now."

"Either the state exists for the individual or the individual exists for the state. In the latter case you have dictatorship, whether you call it Communism, Fascism, or Personality, and how far the dictator goes depends on his own ruthlessness and the character of the people under him."  
—The Wall Street Journal.

## CAMPAIGN BUTTON - 1952!



**PRIZE-WINNING BATTLE PHOTO**—This picture entitled "For A Fallen Comrade" by Sgt. 1/Cl. Al Chang took first place in a recent exhibition of Korean combat photography. A grief stricken American infantryman whose buddy had been killed in action is comforted by another soldier. In the background a corpsman methodically fills out casualty tags.

## \$1,700 per Family

Taxes, Fees, Paid by Oregon  
These tax exactions take this year an average of \$479 per capita (men, women and children) from the people of Oregon, or approximately \$1,700 per family. Next year the total will be higher.

This \$479 per capita compares with United States Chamber of Commerce estimate of \$548 per capita as individual share of spending by the federal government alone during the fiscal year to end June 30, 1953. While not all of the federal spending will be financed by taxes, enough of it will be financed by borrowing (bonds) to increase the inflationary effect of excess spending. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce compares with the scheduled federal spending of \$548 per capita, expected for 1953, with the per capita federal spending of \$68.16 twelve years ago, or \$7.54 42 years ago, before the first World War.—Oregon Voter.

## Rural Life Group Names Essentials For Ideal Homes

Nine essentials of the "ideal" farm home have been outlined by a statewide rural life committee headed by L. E. Francis, Tillamook.

They are adequate income, time to enjoy life, a family goal, family love and understanding, religious education and spiritual values, parental recognition of opportunity, the ability to build character in children, evaluation of ideals, and the belief that the family is more important than the house.

This committee is one of eleven making plans for the Oregon agricultural conference March 27, 27 and 29 at Oregon State college.

Its aim is to collect material, analyze the present situation, and make recommendations for improving rural homes and communities. All members were appointed by F. L. Ballard, associate director of extension.

Chairmen were also named to head four subcommittees: Housing, Libby, Jefferson, health and safety; Mrs. Lee Holliday, Klamath Falls, housing and utilities; Mrs. Floyd Fox, Silverton, education; and Mrs. Alice Lindsay, Grants Pass, community organization.

Mrs. Mabel Mack, assistant extension director, is serving as secretary.

The committee also came up with these ingredients for an ideal rural community: participation in church activities; good schools, roads, and telephone service; recreation facilities and leadership; common services for those with common interests; organization and leadership to carry out improvements; and electricity.

The rural life committee will hold its final meeting in Portland February 12 and 13 before presenting its recommendations during the state conference.

A local man gave his wife a lecture on economy and as a result has had to give up smoking.

Modern married couples don't realize what a tight fix they're in until they move into a modern apartment.

## Voted Best-Dressed



**PRINCESS Margaret Rose of England** was among those chosen as one of the best-dressed women of the world for 1951 by the New York Dress Institute. Some of the others on the best-dressed list are the Duchess of Windsor, Mrs. William Randolph Hearst Jr., Duchess of Kent, Mrs. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Mrs. Henry Ford II, actress Marlene Dietrich, Mrs. Douglas MacArthur and Mrs. William S. Paley. (International Exclusive)

A pessimist is the fellow who hoped to make enough money next month to pay this month's bills.

It still remains the foremost problem of 1952—that of knowing where to park and how fast you can jump.

## Feed Costs Up; New Record Seen For Egg Supply

Oregon chickens and turkeys in 1952 will pick at more expensive feed, lay cheaper eggs, and yield lower priced meat than they did in 1951.

That's what Oregon State college agricultural economists say in a new agricultural situation and outlook. Copies of the report are available through county extension agents or by writing directly to the college.

Despite a slightly pessimistic outlook, the economists say 1951 has been a fairly good year for poultrymen and turkey producers, and prospects for the next six months are not discouraging enough to cause a reduction in chick and turkey poult purchases.

Egg production nationally, the report says, will set a new record in 1952. If the nation's farmers raise more pullets in 1952 than they did in 1951, larger egg supplies will make 1953 prices even less favorable than those for the coming year. This is especially true, they add, in view of prospects for more meat and uncertain business conditions.

Oregon egg, poultry, and feed prices follow the national trend, the report says.

By mid-November, the Oregon farm price barometer had risen to a new high level. Farm prices on the national level have also advanced to a point about 9 percent above a year ago. Meanwhile, an almost identical increase in the parity index of farm costs kept the purchasing power of farm products on a par with 12 month ago.

The report says more animals are gathered around a smaller national feed supply, accounting for higher costs. Feed costs will stay above 1951 levels until a larger corn crop is produced in the Midwest.

Fur farmers are among those feeling the pincers of higher costs. Felt prices are down as compared with a year ago and feed costs are climbing.

## Will Pickens Dies in Salem Friday

Will Pickens passed away in Salem, Friday, January 4. He is the oldest brother of the late O. H. Pickens. Knifite Haynes and Will Pickens were associated 10 years in the grocery business in Salem. The late O. H. Pickens was associated with them the latter five years.

Burial services were held Tuesday, January 8, in Salem.

## Agnes Perry

Agnes Perry passed away Friday, January 4, at the home of her daughter in Springfield at the age of 80. She was born Agnes Leathers February 11, 1871 in England, and was married there February 20, 1890, to Charles Perry. They came to Canada that same year. Mr. Perry passed away in 1932 in Canada. Mrs. Perry came to Oregon in 1945 and resided in the Silk Creek district for one year. She then moved to Springfield with her daughter. Mrs. Perry was a member of the Church of England.

Surviving are four sons: William of New Westminster, B. C., Elbert of Chilliwack, B. C., Arthur of Humbolt, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Herbert of Calgary, Alberta; three daughters: Mrs. Mildred Klein of Indio, Calif., Mrs. Ethel Burton of Calgary, Alberta, Mrs. Violet Mattheyer of Springfield; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one brother, Harry Leathers of Miami, Manitoba, Canada.

Funeral services were held at Mills Mortuary, Tuesday, January 8, at 2:30 p.m. Burial was in the Silk Creek cemetery.

## LEATHERNECKS GIVE BLOOD TO FELLOW FIGHTERS



**A GROUP OF FLEDGLING LEATHERNECKS** hold the bottles they are to fill with blood for their buddies fighting in Korea. The Marines, part of 600 boot-trainee graduates of Floyd Bennett Field, New York, made their contributions at a Red Cross Donor Center where plasma is rushed to wounded soldiers. (International)

## Swiss President



Dr. Karl Kobelt

**DEFENSE MINISTER Karl Kobelt, 60,** was elected President of the Swiss Confederation for 1952 at Berne, Switzerland's president is elected by a joint session of the two houses of Parliament. (International)

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