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Facing the New Year

Those of us who have seen a good many New Years, are reminded of the fact that it's time to face another year, possibly to take inventory not only of our physical assets, but of our spiritual as well. It's also a good time to turn over a new leaf when something important is to be accomplished.

We think it's timely to pause and face the future, not that we should worry about what the future will bring, but to make plans for our welfare in the months ahead. We can often correct a mistake or if we are strong enough we can break a bad habit.

Every year about this time, we hear the business prophets issue the annual statement on whether business will be good or bad during the twelve months to come, as if it made any difference to the average individual. If times are bad, we will have to make the most of it, as many have done before. If they are good, we will probably operate about as usual, which in most cases is living beyond our means. The only bad thing about the prophecies is that they are inclined to make many people worry. Folks start worrying when they try to live in the future. Probably the best remedy for high blood pressure, ulcers, and worries is to live in the present. At least many people who live to a ripe old age say they have lived in the present.

We think those who live in the present must have a lot of faith. After all our manner of living is pretty much based on faith; faith that everything will turn out all right, faith in our friends; faith that those who we credit will pay their debts. Faith holds up our financial structure.

Every 25 years or so, some intelligent individual will issue a pessimistic statement about the deteriorating world affairs, but such statements or predictions never come true.

One of the most optimistic outlooks for 1953 as we see it, is we are no nearer World War 3 than twelve months ago, if we can believe our department of state.

The New Council and Problems It Faces

A new mayor, city recorder and three new councilmen take office this week and will be faced with the usual problems of unfinished business.

The biggest unfinished business probably will be plans for the new water system. Citizens okayed a water bond issue at the general elections and now machinery must be set in motion to sell the bonds and to let the contracts for the new reservoir and water pipelines. Some preliminary work has been done by the Corvallis engineering firm hired for preliminary reports. In a thick booklet the engineers' plans for the lines are all set out. Council will not have one headache, that of setting new rates to pay for the system, as that was done by the outgoing group.

One big headache the council will probably meet will be in selling the $275,000 water bonds. The first pains were felt when the sewer bond bids were called. W. H. Daugherty, local lumberman, bought them after the second call for bids at a more favorable but still high rate of interest for municipal bonds. However, the tax picture is not good here, with the indebtedness to the city of the water line up Rujada still hanging over it and overlapping indebtedness of the other tax districts, such as schools, etc.

Who will buy the water bonds will be the big question to meet.

Another big problem will be revision of the antiquated charter. The old council said it would turn this over to the new one. The realization of the mess of the charter came sharply to the council when acting attorney Richard Thwing before the primary tried to write amendments for the voters on the 1 percent limitation in the general fund and to raise the fine for drunk drivers.

He actually discovered the drunk driver fine desired was already in the charter as an amendment, apparently overlooked by one and all since its passage. It allows a $250 maximum fine instead of the known $100.

This solved one problem. However, Thwing refused to tackle the 1 percent amendment, as he claimed the wording of the entire section of the charter was too confusing to tackle. He criticized the charter, because amendments did not refer back to original parts of the charter. (And unless this is amended before next budget election city employees still will probably go another year without a raise.)

It was suggested at the time that the League of Oregon cities be asked to help with the problem and perhaps suggest sample charters. It was pointed out by the city recorder that the League's help was turned down by council members some years ago. We hope this will not happen again, because the city attorney we know is a very busy man and probably would not have the time to devote to revision, which would be a big job taking a long time.

The report from the recent state audit of city books and suggestions for changes in the bookkeeping system were aired at the council meeting Monday night. The changes to be made are rather complicated (see story page 1) and the council considered calling in a man from the secretary of state's office to assist the new recorder in setting them up. The audit took a month to complete, and as one person at council session remarked, "A Philadelphia lawyer to understand."

However the council called for the audit, which one councilman said was "the most comprehensive one we have ever had," and voted when calling for it to accept needed changes in the city office system.

Another problem to be faced will be breaking in of the new city recorder, who won the election as a write-in candidate after a recount. We hope the public will give the new recorder every consideration and help. We are hopeful that the mayor and council, the city employees and citizens will give him the benefit of every doubt and aid him in carrying out his work. The new recorder has little background for his job and probably this will make it tough. The two ladies in the city office are also comparatively new to their jobs.

However, the people voted for the new recorder, and if they voted for him they should support him.

It will still be up to the new council to appoint the water collector. The elective post is for recorder and judge only. The appointment probably will be made at the January 5 council meeting, first one where the new members officiate. If the council should fail to appoint Edwards water collector, it could thus throw a real kink into the works, because the recorder job pays only $600 a year and he would probably have to seek other employment. However, the appointment is up to the council and it would have the legal right to name anyone to the post.

HE'S QUITE A 'RAKE' AT 104

MORE THAN A CENTURY of living has not kept Washington D. Brandon, retired lawyer of Butler, Pa., from taking his daily stroll about town or keeping his yard in trim. In fact, on his 104th birthday he's busily engaged raking up leaves on his front lawn. *(International Soundphoto)*

Letters to the Editor

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

To the Editor:

We had a wonderful experience, Val Mullen, Glen Jenkins, Forest Harris and myself, on our hunting trip down in Old Mexico. We saw people living the way they probably lived hundreds of years ago. We had the privilege to see into their homes and live a little as they live. We saw tall, handsome men, very unlike the Mexican as I had come to know them, and lovely, lovely senoritas that any normal man would be proud to walk down Main street with.

We experienced hospitality like I'd never known it. Just as though we were visiting friends. These people wanted so much to show us we were welcome.

We went into a locality where there was no road up to six years ago, and a good car still wouldn't go in there. So there's not many white men that have ever been there.

We saw them grinding grain with a burro hitched to a revolving rock on another rock or stone foundation, and we saw them make the thin, flat hot cakes they call tortillas that had hardly any taste.

We went to a dance and danced with the lovely senoritas, that is all except me, and I just tried as I can't dance in English and that dance was a mixture I think of both Spanish and English.

There were no windows in the houses, just holes, and the houses were made of mud or adobe with the ground for a floor. Some of them had old fashioned cook stoves, some cooked on mud stoves or just camp fires built on the floor. In one town the people packed all their water from a single well, sometimes by hand, sometimes on burros in huge canvas bags.

We took several hundred feet of movies and lots of still pictures while we were there, and I'll try in my simple way to write something of our adventures later as I get time and necessary information together and hope it will be of interest to people and maybe acquaint them better with our good neighbors in Mexico.

Emery Harris

Agreement on Korea?

Dispatches from Tokyo report that the Eisenhower visit has confirmed expectations of a United Nations offensive. The plan most widely discussed would be an amphibious "end run," striking the Communists well behind their present heavily manned line.

A minimum objective would be to establish a line at the "narrow waist" of Korea. Variations of this plan have been discussed for months. The most interesting thing about it is that if General Eisenhower has this in mind when he speaks of "deeds," he is likely to win a large degree of unity in support of the project.

If any offensive is to be undertaken, this is the one regarded as most feasible by the majority of military leaders. It probably could be carried out without "enlarging the area of conflict." It would enlist South Korean enthusiasm. It has been recommended by British military experts. Finally, there is reason to believe it holds the kernel of the plan General MacArthur has been working on. It would be natural for him to seek repetition of the Inchon success which he carried through brilliantly despite the original doubts of other military leaders.

Major additions to UN forces in Korea would be required, particularly if the aim were to "bag" the major part of the 700,000 troops in the Red line. Where additional forces would be drawn from may develop differences of opinion. Will the UN sanction any offensive? Can other UN members supply a larger share of the forces? Should Chinese Nationalist divisions be brought from Formosa? How many more South Koreans are ready for action?

These and other questions will have to be answered. But if this is the Eisenhower plan—and the MacArthur plan—we can expect a very large degree of united public support. That is as important as any military factor.

—Christian Science Monitor

53 Year Resident Dies December 29

Jennie M. Cox, 1321 South Sixth street, a resident of Cottage Grove for 53 years, passed away at her home Monday, December 29, 1952, at the age of 75. She was born Jennie Marlow January 1, 1877, at Blue Lake, Calif., and was married to Thomas S. Cox at Drain, October 21, 1894. He preceded her in death in 1937. She was a member of the Gibbs Avenue Church of Christ and the Royal Neighbors.

Surviving are one son, Thomas Cox of Drain; two daughters: Mrs. Frances Marquardt of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Sadie L. Brumbaugh, The Dalles, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mills Mortuary at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 31, with Mr. J. Michael Shelly officiating. Interment was in the local Masonic cemetery.

Mary Ann Willian

Mary Ann Willian, 94, lifelong resident of Oregon, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Drury, 704 Birch street, December 27, 1952. She was born in Oakland, Oreg., November 18, 1858, and was married there in 1878 to Thomas H. Willian, who passed away in 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Willian moved to Walterville and then to Thurston before coming to Cottage Grove about 20 years ago. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Surviving are two sons: Robert of Eugene and John of Cottage Grove; four daughters: Mrs. Cammie West of Springfield, Mrs. Addie Klasnic of Glenwood, Mrs. Mattie McCollom and Mrs. Pearl Drury, both of Cottage Grove; a total of 78 grand and great grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; four brothers: Austin and Sam Jones of Cottage Grove, Pad Jones of Roseburg and Kelly Jones of Pendleton, and three sisters: Mrs. Mabel Neal in California, Mrs. Alice Weatherly and Mrs. Lillie Copeland of Oakland, Oreg.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 30, at the Smith Funeral Chapel, with F. Sherwood Smith officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Vernon cemetery, near Thurston.

Birthday Poems

(The following poem was adapted from a poem by John Harvey Kellogg, December 22, 1952 by A. L. Woodard, 95.)

I'm ninety-five years old today,
How fast the years have passed away.
I cannot think it really true
That I am ninety-five, can you?

The record says I'm ninety-five.
I cannot think so many years
With all their worry, work, and tears,
Have come and gone when just begun,
I really fee! I'm fifty-one.

My heart's no more than fifty yet,
A trifle weary my brain may get,
But then I don't believe it's true,
I'm really ninety-five, do you?

The wheels of time have slipped a cog
And made me go too fast a jog.
I'm going to travel a slower rate
From this time on, if not too late.

I've spun along the road so fast
That scarce a flower as I passed,
Have I had time to pluck, or smell,
Or even to admire well.

My backward road looks blurred confused,
In some spots black, in some misused.
I'd like to walk it o'er again,
I might go somewhat slower; then
I might go faster, for you know
I never did like going slow.

I'm certain I'm not ninety-five;
My race of life is just begun,
No matter how the years are told,
I'm never going to be old.

Then looking back o'er years of work
In which I never tried to shirk,
I've always worked on double time.
One thing I think is pretty sure
If I might live another score,
I'll try to travel not so fast,
And pluck more flowers as I pass.

(This poem was written by Albert Woodard honoring his father, Ambrose L. Woodard, on his 95th birthday anniversary dinner December 22 at the First Baptist church.)

Dead Dad, the finest and the best,
Your sun is sinking in the west.
Your year is drawing toward the end,
Yet not without that Faithful Friend
Who rules the seasons one by one
And evening star and morning sun;
Who causes time to pass on wing,
Will give you yet another spring.
Although the path may now seem dark
We trust you'll reach the hundred mark.

A. C. W. Dec. 22, 1952
(Dad's 95th anniversary)

GOOD GOVERNMENT

There is nothing much wrong with a government system that is hated by people who hate everything that is good.

DELIGHT VALLEY

By Mrs. Roy Stone
Phone 1114R5

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Turner on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cameron and Hugh of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hall and daughters of Olympia, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Vern Cummings and children, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Booher and Dickie, Mrs. Mamie Cummings and "Granddad" Mobley.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moody, Kathy and Rick spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Baker at Blackbutte.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kardell of Eugene were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berwyn Ellison on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. William Norris, Judy and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Horn and Kirk were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marks of Eugene were breakfast guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sherrill. They spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Groat at Culp Creek and visited at the Sherrill home in the evening en route home.

Afternoon callers on Christmas day were Mrs. Frank McDonald and Thelma and Mrs. Matthews.

Miss Shirley Sherrill, who is attending beauty school in Eugene, spent her Christmas vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sherrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tracey entertained at dinner on Christmas for the following: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shockley, Ina June and Carol of Eugene and Don and Wally Tracey.

Sgt. Russell L. Tracey sent a personal Christmas greeting to his parents and brothers on Christmas Eve via tape recording broadcast from station KASH.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Myers, Terry and Marc, spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Myers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inscore at Creswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Myers and Candy attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swanson at Mt. View on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Treadwell and Frances of Sutherlin were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rice Hays on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hemenway, David and Ruth were fortunate in sustaining only minor cuts and bruises when they were involved in an auto accident near Saginaw last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hemenway, David and Ruth spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hemenway at Thornton Corners.

Miss Doris Long of Portland visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Long, from last Wednesday until Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hemenway, David and Ruth accompanied Mrs. Ruth Holliday and Miss Margaret Hemenway to Loon Lake on Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ray Holliday and family.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Iberg on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. William Schletzer, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stone and children and Glen Whitney.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wright on Christmas eve were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright and family of Creswell; Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Flaten and family; Mr. and Mrs. Mert Foltz and Mrs. F. N. McAllister of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. James Kinkead.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wright and Mr. and Mrs. James Kinkead were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mert Foltz in Eugene on Christmas.

Elder and Mrs. Tolman will present a scriptural movie and program at the Walker church on Tuesday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m.

School opened on Monday, December 29, following a week's vacation. There will be no school on New Year's day but classes will be held on Friday, January 2.

A box of clothing for Korean children will be packed at the next meeting of the Delight Valley Neighbors club. Bring articles in clean and mended.

Those who gathered at the home of Mrs. Grace Zumwalt on Christmas eve were Mr. and Mrs. Harley Williams, Jim and Susan of Saginaw; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zumwalt, Clay and Michael and Mr. and Mrs. William Schletzer and Glen Whitney.

Social committee members for the Delight Valley Neighbors club for the coming year will be Mrs. Claude Davidson and Mrs. Roy Stone. We would appreciate a phone call when there is illness or death in a family.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of my neighbors for their cooperation in keeping this column going and hope that improved phone service in the future will make it possible for more of you to call me when you have news. May each and every one of you be blessed with health, happiness, and prosperity, not only during 1953, but always.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Durflinger and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ziniker and daughter spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Durflinger in Eugene.

Infant Jackson

Reanna Ann Jackson, two-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Jackson of Anlauf passed away at her home Wednesday, December 24, 1952. Surviving are her parents and several other relatives.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 27, at the Comstock cemetery. The Rev. Charles Farrell officiated, with Mills Mortuary of Cottage Grove and Drain in charge of arrangement.

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Out for a SPIN

By Homer Hansen

Well, it's been a fast 12 months . . . with headline events following each other faster than kids getting out of school. Yes, 1952 had its spy scares, oratorical clashes in the United Nations, the Korean "police action," and flare-ups in Iraq, Iran and Indo-China.

The MacArthur episode, advances in nuclear physics, jet power, electronics, and proposed flights to the moon all added to the big year. The H-bomb was dropped in a far Pacific atoll. On the home front the ballyhoo and the results of the presidential election won headline billing. Makes a fellow kind of wonder what more 1953 can offer.

A Milwaukee man deserted his wife and five children, and then sent the "Having a wonderful time" cards from vacation resorts all over the United States. He must have figured home was a last resort. Taking good care of your car should never be a last resort . . . get your car checked regularly and be assured of top performance and dependability in all kinds of weather. To receive the best service available anywhere, bring your car to us at Hansen Bros., 5th and Washington. Phone 760.

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52	weeks of peace
365	days of good luck
8,784	hours of prosperity
527,040	minutes of good health
31,622,400	seconds of happiness
32,168,653	wishes for a happy new year

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