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The Christmas Story

(From the Revised Standard Version)

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest,'

and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased.'
 "When the angel went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.' And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they saw it they made known which had been told to them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told to them.

"And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." Luke 2:14-15

Support for Sales Tax

(By Charles V. Stanton in Roseburg News Review)

Editorial writers throughout the state are expressing surprise at the action of the Oregon Farm Bureau in endorsing a sales tax proposal. The Bureau went on record at a meeting in Medford recently as favoring a sales tax earmarked "for education purposes and property tax offset."

The action is somewhat surprising considering the fact that the farm population has been credited with being the chief factor in beating sales tax proposals in five previous elections, the last in 1948.

The Oregon State Grange has opposed a sales tax consistently. In late years, however, we have heard a good many grange members express the opinion that they had, as an organization, been "sold a bill of goods."

In the beginning the Grange formed a political alliance with organized labor. Labor always has fought a sales tax. Labor's opposition is understandable. It is more difficult, however, to comprehend why farmers should be on that side of the fence.

When a sales tax first was proposed in Oregon the timber industry was just beginning to hit its stride. Labor in mills and woods, although highly organized, was transient; to a very marked degree in those days. The timber industry was constantly on the move.

The rule was to "cut out and get out." Few woods or mill workers owned property. They seldom remained long in one place. They paid no property taxes, except indirectly. Wages were low so they paid little or no income taxes. Passage of a sales tax would have moved them into the taxpayer class, a position they preferred to avoid.

Back in those days organized labor was not as strong politically as it is today. Oregon was an agricultural state. The farm vote was of much influence. Municipalities, however, were growing. The farm vote was threatened with loss of its commanding position. It was only natural, therefore, that farm and labor leaders should get together on political matters. A combined opposition to creation of sales taxes was organized.

But conditions have undergone a great change since Oregon first started talking sales tax. There even has been much change since the last vote in 1948.

The lumber industry no longer is transient. There is no place left to go. Only a small minority of the worker population remains migratory. Woods and mill workers, for the most part, are property owners today. They must pay property taxes. These taxes are increasing steadily. They also pay income taxes, being among the best paid workers.

A good many laborers have changed their minds about sales taxes. Labor leaders, we believe, can no longer deliver a solid labor vote against a sales tax.

At the same time, many farmers are reviewing the traditional stand of their organizations in opposition to the tax measure. The action of the Farm Bureau points up this changing sentiment.

The farmer is the one who suffers most as property taxes keep going up and up. Either he has been drawn into consolidation with a big school district, constantly pressing for more money, or is contributing to the cost of an uneconomical, and often inadequate, small school.

Pressed between mounting taxes and a rate of income normally below average, the farmer takes a beating. He would pay considerably below the average in sales taxes if a sales tax were to be used chiefly for educational purposes and as an offset to property taxes he would be the one to benefit most.

Oregon must raise more revenue from some source. Unless new methods of taxation are devised, the blow will fall heaviest on property, which can least afford the additional burden.

A small town is a place where everybody knows what everybody else is doing, but they read the local paper to see if they've been caught at it.—The Hancock Clarion, (Hawesville, Ky.)

It is quite as important to keep old industries as it is to get new ones. More so in fact, Bird in the hand.—Carthage (Mo.) Evening Press

HOW DEBT INCREASED—1939-1953
 In billions of dollars
 1939—TOTAL DEBT \$208 BILLION
 1953—TOTAL DEBT \$683 BILLION
 GOVT DEBT \$322
 CORPORATE DEBT \$211
 INDIVIDUAL DEBT \$144
 GOVT DEBT \$70
 CORPORATE DEBT \$67
 INDIVIDUAL DEBT \$51
 PREPARED BY NAM RESEARCH DEPT. FROM GOV'T STATISTICS

Peace and Good Will

I not only dwell o'er wide spaces afar
 Neath the mysterious twinkling Northern Star,
 In mysterious realm farm and near
 In many forms I appear.

O'er mighty rivers and mountains I must go,
 Through blinding storms and swirling snow
 In marshy swamp or burning land
 For me there is no foreign land.

I have no country, no birth, no death, beginning nor end
 As the ages roll I dwell in the hearts of men.
 Man—his destiny—brother to all
 To raise the weak should they fall.

I am not barred by window, wall nor door,
 But enter the homes of both the rich and poor,
 Where e'er I remain a welcome guest
 Mine host is forever richly blest.

I am good will to all in every land,
 Binding with good wishes and sealed with clasping hand,
 I banish envy, doubt and fear from within,
 That spiritual strength to others you may lend.

I am Love shining in the heart with a mellow glow,
 Beaming forth that all may know
 True service, sacrificing unselfish Love,
 That binds us to our Father above.

I will live forever as the ages onward roll,
 A guiding light to the eternal Heavenly goal,
 Dedicated to God's eternal cause,
 Though to many I am only Santa Claus.

Ray E. Cantwell
 December 24, 1950

Juvenile Problems in the Local Area

(By W. Callahan Martin)

A discussion of juvenile problems on the local level. Is the conduct of our boys and girls improved over ten years ago, or do we have a worse problem? This is the first of a series of three articles.

Recently the American Press, a magazine serving the weekly newspapers of the United States, conducted a survey among many weeklies. The answers to the survey revealed some startling information, which should cause the average parent no small amount of worry. Here are two notable quotes from two weekly newspapers: "Feed 'em, clothe 'em, turn 'em loose and let them fend for themselves," and "The parental attitude which is responsible for youthful wrong doing," Kerm Powers, Thayer (Kan.) News.

"If you do not learn to work before you are 15, you never will learn," Howard Grossman, Salem (Ind.) Republican Leader.

The above quotation gives the reader some idea of how the newspaper in the average community views the youth problem, which is not a hopeful outlook. Here the problem has improved according to school men, who should know, because there have been instances where the schools have given children the only training they ever received.

Virgil Kingsley, superintendent of the high schools, says the attitude of the young people has shown a gratifying improvement in the past ten years. High school pupils are less of a problem now than a few years ago. He credits the improvement at the high school to better supervision in the schools, more respect for the police and officers of the law. (It was not too many years ago that some of the young people were inclined to be cop haters.) The kids now seem to like and respect Ed Jones, police chief, Kingsley said.

More remarkable perhaps to school men and others is the change in the celebration of Halloween. Instead of trying to be destructive the youngsters are having more fun in engaging in supervised entertainment.

Jess Fasold, grade school superintendent is of the opinion that delinquency has never been a serious problem in his schools. He thinks the grade schools have made improvements in guiding the young and closer supervision has brought results.

The community has plenty of organizations for youth guidance and entertainment, but the worst thing lacking in the picture is adult leadership. Fasold believes, which incidentally is an old problem.

School administrators cite another help in controlling any problem which may arise and this is a monthly meeting with the ministers of the community. At these meetings a solution to some vexing problem is worked out. Also the ministers assist in providing both guidance and wholesome entertainment for the youngsters.

Next week, the experience of he police.

Pacific Tel & Tel Is Busy as Santa

Santa Claus was no busier than Pacific Telephone today as the company prepared for the avalanche of long distance calls that every holiday season brings. Cottage Grove manager Bill Hawkins said that calls from here to out-of-state points on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are expected to be several times the normal volume.

In Cottage Grove, 10 operators will be on duty Christmas Eve and Christmas. All over the country extra operators will be working over the holidays to help handle calls.

Hawkins said, however, that because of the great volume of calls to be routed over long distance voice paths to other states there may be delays at certain times. He had two suggestions for getting holiday messages through quickly:

1. Make your calls before Christmas, Sunday, December 19, will be a good day. Or the day following Christmas, December 26, is also a good time.

2. If you know the number of the person you are calling, tell the operator.



Cottage Grove, Oregon
 December 18, 1954

To the Editor:

What has been smoldering underneath concerning the new county bridge west of Cottage Grove seems to have burned to the surface thru your Box 66 column. Besides several letters you have printed, I have heard many favorable and a couple went so far as to question the qualification of the person or persons responsible for the location of the bridge.

I realize that any change made to the bridge now would be patch work, but better patch work than one serious accident or drowning which could easily occur even during moderately high water, if a west bound car failed to turn in time to gain access to the bridge. The corner post of the old bridge was battered scarred from near misses, and on one occasion I arrived there just as a couple was climbing out of their car, jammed against that cornerpost. The lady's face was not a pleasant sight, the result of putting a large bulge in their windshield.

I do not know the life expectancy of a bridge of this type, but I presume it is at least ten years and probably more. I can not reconcile myself to make several round trips each week over the bridge without attempting to have some improvements made.

I have just mailed a letter to the county commissioners containing letters clipped from your Box 66 column together with a note presenting my opinion of the bridge. I hope that all of your readers who have to use the bridge will do likewise, or if they cannot find the clippings, will send a letter anyway. That seems to me to be a way to start what I hope will be a united effort toward improving our bridge for the probable 99 per cent plus, who now must turn west after crossing.

Resp., John W. Woolcott

Cottage Grove, Dec. 18, 1954

To the Editor:

I am writing concerning the west Main street bridge. I am a log trucker and coming in with a load of logs, if we meet another car or another truck on the bridge, the loaded truck must stop, or if the other driver is not on so far, he or she has to stop.

Let's get behind this problem and get a petition to get the bridge widened to around eight feet, so it will be safer.

I believe we could get everyone in the town to sign the petition. Let's have some more opinions on the matter.

Hugh Aldrich
 Route 1, Box 90,
 Cottage Grove

Dear Editor:

We wish to express our appreciation to the fire department of Cottage Grove for their prompt, efficient and courteous work in extinguishing the fire in our home last Thursday morning.

Not only to the department, but also to the volunteers who serve so willingly without pay or thought of their own safety, do we say thank you. We are forever grateful.

Cottage Grove can be mighty proud of its Fire Department. Sincerely,
 Elma and Gustav Fick
 Lorane route, box 80

Security Check

HEIDELBERG — German employees of the U.S. Army must meet security requirements before they are hired for military duties. They must be German nationals or have a valid residence permit; be 18 years of age or older; be cleared by a personal history check, and have a police-issued good conduct certificate. Those who handle food must pass a medical examination.

Wire Staplers—The Sentinel

Christmas Activity Occupies the Folks In Lorane Area

(Mrs. R. G. Conner
 (Phone 149M))

LORANE—The annual Christmas program was presented in the high school auditorium Tuesday evening. The program consisted of a group of Carols by the three primary grades, and a pageant, "Christmas Night" by the five upper grades.

The primary group under the direction of Miss Elda Lowman and Mrs. Patricia Castro sang "The Angels are Lighting God's Little Candles," "O Come, Little Children," "God Bless the Little Things," "Bethlehem Lullaby," "I Love You," and "Little Son of Mary." Mrs. Claude Payne was accompanist.

In the pageant a group of small children have gathered at their aunt's knee to hear the Christmas story which is shown in drama and tableau. Aunt Charlotte is played by Sharon Kotz and the children, Clara, Willie, Tom, Jack and Little Ann are Diane Dey, Jimmie Woolery, Robert Purdy, Kenneth Nelson, and Janet Cunningham. Mrs. Henrietta Moreland is director of dialogue.

The first scene was "The Inn at Bethlehem" with Sharon Kotz as Mary, and Russell Mitchell as Joseph. The chorus sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Away In a Manger."

In scene II the Shepherds, Ralph Lance, Billy Sayles, Robert Burns, Nolan Gagner and Clyde Huckins were seen while the chorus sang "While Shepherds Watched."

The Holy Night was scene II with angels portrayed by Patty Maley, Linda Buell, Arlo Rothauge, Donald Drullinger, Douglas Burns, and Gabriella Schlager. The chorus sang "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and "Silent Night."

Scene IV showed the Three Wise Men played by Lloyd Paseman, Merl Tucker and Don Terrell. The chorus sang, "We Three Kings."

A duet "Star of the East" was sung by Mrs. Castro and Tom Clark. In the final scene all the characters were seen in the Adoration of the Child. Songs used were "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Following the program Santa Claus made a brief appearance to pass out the treats to all the children of the community.

Rebekah Lodge has a Christmas party and gift exchange following its regular meeting Monday evening. The group sang the familiar Christmas Carols and Mrs. Louie Torricella accompanied by Mrs. Harry Jahnske sang two solos. Mrs. Jahnske also played several accordion selections.

After a potluck supper the group bagged the Christmas treats for the IOOF Lodge Christmas party.

Home Ec Has Party

Home Extension Club met at the home of Mrs. R. G. Conner Thursday afternoon for the annual Christmas party. For the lesson Mrs. Claude Payne gave a most interesting demonstration on decorating cakes. She showed how to form several different flowers and leaves as well as a variety of different edgings and trims. The group voted it one of the most interesting lessons for a long time. Each lady present tried her hand at making a cake and a do.

Three little babies have recently arrived in the community to make Christmas Merry for the parents. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ladd have a new daughter Linda Mary born on December 8. They have a small son to keep her company. On December 12, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holland became the parents of a baby daughter Teresa Kay. They are still at the home of Mrs. Holland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Torricella in Eugene. They have another small daughter, Sunday, December 19. Mr. and Mrs. John Stolican became the parents of a son. They have seven other children.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe Gustafson of Lowell have recently purchased the Walter Berry farm and have moved in. They have two pre-school children. Gustafson is a carpenter by trade.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Ashley were pleasantly surprised when they returned home from church Sunday and found some old friends from Southern Oregon waiting for them. Mr. and Mrs. William Hofer had been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Terry Holm and husband in Washington, so brought her along for an over night visit with the Ashleys. They left Monday by way of the coast on their return trip.

Mrs. C. L. Blosser returned home from a Eugene hospital Monday where she had undergone major surgery. She is feeling fine again.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tippy of Winchester Bay were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell.

Lorane lost both basket ball games to Butte Falls Saturday evening. Following the game the Butte Falls boys spent the night with the different Lorane boys and returned to Southern Oregon Sunday.

On Monday evening the girls' volleyball team easily defeated the Crow girls. The B squad also had an easy victory over the Crow B squad but the Lorane regulars were defeated.

Lorane Ladies aid had its annual Christmas dinner at the Church December 15. Each lady brot her favorite dish and the recipe used to prepare it. Instead of the usual gift exchange each lady gave 50 cents toward a glass shower for the church kitchen. The group sang Christmas Carols.

On December 29 an afternoon meeting will be held with the election of officers to be held for 1955. Quitting will also be done.

"A hypochondriac is a guy who can't leave being well enough alone."—Charlie Fuqua

Office Safes—The Sentinel

Bohemia

(Some of its early history)
 (By Ray Nelson)

(Chapter 13 continued)
 The Golden Days - Under West Coast Mines Co.

J. W. Wheeler, Pres. of the "Home Sewing Machine Co" was principal stockholder of West Coast Mines Co., with A. B. Wood as gen. mgr. and L. D. Ryan as supt.

During 1907, 1908-1909, the mine operated more or less steadily with little development being done except the slow work of driving #12 tunnel into the barren rock to get to the Champion ledge at depth.

Sizeable gold bricks were shipped and several thousand dollars worth of concentrates were sent to smelter.

In April, 1910, Mr. Wheeler died, and the mine shut down. Then came a new era.

Common report having it that most of the developed ore was worked out, or too low grade to handle, a new man in cargo proceeded to show the value of good management.

Guy Hogg, of Kelso, Wash., was interested in the Mayflower mine, managed by Ely - also of Kelso. Finding no profits coming in - he came to Bohemia and gave the Mayflower a whirl. Apparently not satisfied with results, he looked around, and in Dec. 1910, Hogg-Ely - Collins - Byerly & Buland bought the West Coast Mines.

By July 1911, they had the mill running again. In October 20 stamps were dropping and the electric tram was hauling ore from the Musick. At this time, Herbert Leigh sold his knowledge of the location of a rich ore shoot to Hogg (for a reported \$5000) and this ore was hauled over by wagon and milled.

The mine ran steadily, from \$3000 to \$6000 in gold coming out at a time, in the form of bricks, usually carried on horseback by Supt. Hogg in person, while the mail stage, with an armed guard, carried only the mail.

From the mine to the railroad at Disston was 14 miles. The "warehouse" was half way. One of the writers most vivid boyhood impressions is of awakening in the dark of the night to see Mr. Hogg standing in the warehouse cabin, talking to the electrician (my dad): a pistol swinging in his holster, and a solid bar of gold wrapped in an old newspaper.

Season's Greetings

Please accept our sincerest wishes for a happy and joyous Christmas and a good New Year and also accept our thanks for the patronage accorded us during the year 1954

Rainbow Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith



slung on a strap, over his shoulder and under his coat.

For two years the gold poured steadily forth. Supt. Hogg was bent on one thing - making money. He cleaned up all the ore in sight, made his profit, and left the camp.

The company was sold to Zimmerman and Dixon of Portland who operated in 1913 and 1914. Then H. C. Mahan took over, with E. R. Spencer as Supt.; and all ore being worked out above the 900 foot level, #12 was once more driven ahead.

Then came World War I, with its high costs of materials and labor. All "free gold" ore was worked out - so far as known then. Deep tunnels showed good values, but in "base" ore which could not be worked with the equipment then available. Nor could raw ore be hauled out by wagon and shipped to Tacoma smelter, at a profit. The entire camp shut down. The scarcity of machinery in war time led to the sale of the motors and

transformers from the Champion power plant.

The combined Musick - Helena-Champion properties never operated again as a unit.

And what did they make out of these mines? Total production is unknown. Business in those days was private. Fragmental reports are fascinating. 69 pounds of bar gold in 22 days in Nov. 1905 (worth about \$38,000 at present prices) U. S. Gov. reports \$200,000 in 1912, mostly from West Coast Co. A 1917 Champion mining Co. report gives the total as \$2,500,000.00 which is perhaps nearly correct.

Next week: "The Years between Wars I and II."

Men, like tools, don't get an edge. On things as soft as wax; It's the grindstone's roughness That sharpens up the axe.

Personal Stationery—The Sentinel



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

To my policy holders of Cottage Grove area. Serving you the past year has been both an honor and privilege.

May your faith in my company and myself continue.

JACK DAVIS, Your Allstate Agent

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Greetings:

Time changes and we with time, but not in the ways of friendship. Merry Christmas and a full measure of prosperity to each of our friends.

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633 No. 9th

Ph. 224R

Open Till 11 P. M.



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Orlo M. Bagley, Tony Maucione, Wendy Ray, Curtis Judd
 Rodger Jamieson, Jim Bradley

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