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Yes, But

If someone asks you what kind of a person an acquaintance is, you would not stop to list all of his or her shortcomings. On the other hand, if the same individual asks you about the kind of community we have, a lot of us feel more or less obligated to list some of its shortcomings, like this place is too hot or too cold, or too poor or does not have enough industrial potential. We could just as well list a few of the good points and reasons why we live here.

The fact that we sometimes feel duty bound to list a few of the shortcomings of the place we happen to live in is one of the quirks of human nature that certainly does not do the community any good.

Besides that, if everyone tried to locate in the so-called ideal place, it might be so over crowded as to be uncomfortable. Or we might give the country back to the Indians, if they would still take it. But wherever we choose to locate, the place won't have all the advantages.

Some of us have to live a long time to learn to say the right things. And that's the big disadvantage of having to live to learn.

Predicting the Weather

We note there is a meteorologist who says that in a few years he can predict the weather several years ahead with a fair degree of accuracy. He says this feat can be accomplished through the use of electronic devices. His prediction, incidentally, was made in Dallas, Texas, one of the large cities of the southwest where a six or seven year drought has prevailed.

If the same prediction could have been made five or six years ago, it would have been worth millions of dollars to farmers and ranchers of a 35-county area in the southwest. At least it would have taken the gamble out of ranching and farming.

While nobody could predict even the Oregon weather for sure up to this time, we can safely say that the weather here follows a more definite pattern and we can be fairly sure of a definite amount of moisture over a 12-month period.

Church Giving

According to the Changing Times magazine, the bulk of the church members over the United States give little more than a pittance to keep their churches going. The big majority, it seems, give on the \$1.00 per week basis and many occasional church goers contribute as little as \$2.00 when they go to church on Easter and Christmas.

Of the ten Protestant churches studied, the Presbyterian churches receive the greatest total contribution of an average of \$75.54 per member and the poorest paid is to the Disciples of Christ, \$34.77.

Major Problem

What to do with the auto graveyards is a major problem faced by nearly every community. Old autos have been accumulating so fast the large numbers threaten to litter an increasing amount of space, which not only poses an unsightly appearance, but a health problem as well. Location of graveyards has caused quite a bit of controversy and friction in some communities.

Burial of the wrecks with a bulldozer offers about the best solution to the problem, unless some one comes up with a better idea or unless the price of scrap metal would justify shipping the old cars to some foundry.

Avoid Tragedy at Christmas

Don't let carelessness or a fire hazard in your home bring tragedy to your family this Christmas season. Here are ten safety rules to follow in the erection of your Christmas tree as listed by Wilburn Dodge, acting fire chief:

1. Obtain a fresh tree, which has been stored out doors until needed.
2. Before setting up the tree, cut trunk off diagonally at least an inch above original cut.
3. Stand tree in container of water. Lengthwise cuts in the base of the trunk will also help tree to absorb water.
4. Be sure tree is well supported and away from fireplace, heating stoves, radiators, radio and TV sets or other sources of heat.
5. Avoid use of flammable decorations on or near tree.
6. Use only electric lights and see that all connections are in good condition. Lights that are safety tested bear the stamp or tag of the Underwriters Laboratory (UL).
7. Do not leave tree lights burning when no one is in the house.
8. Inspect tree from time to time and see if needles near lights have turned brown. If so, change location of lights.
9. If tree is kept after Christmas, do not keep it lighted for more than a half hour at a time.
10. When needles start falling, take tree down and discard it.

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BROWNIES OF TROOP 196, second-graders, had investiture and received their Brownie pins December 5 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Brit Morris. The girls are, front row, left to right: Rebecca McCall, Anice Marie Wilson, Susan Rosenthal, Linda Rikala; second row, Christine Quimby, Patty Isaacson, Linda Mae Hood, Susan Morris, and Carla Bruner; third row, Mrs. Brit Morris and Mrs. Joseph Berchtold, leaders.

Troop 196 Has Investiture for 9 New Brownies

Second grade Brownie Scout Troop 196 of the Latham district held investiture December 5 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Brit Morris.

At the beginning of the ceremony the Brownies sang "Hello, Hello" to welcome their guests. The flag salute was given and Anice Marie Wilson, leader of the group in singing "America."

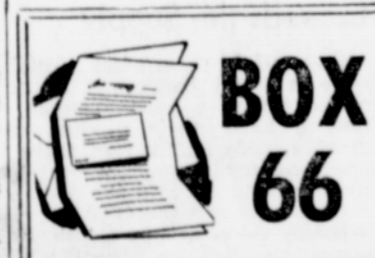
Mrs. Joseph Berchtold, assistant leader, gave a brief outline on what the Brownies would be doing during the year and told briefly the "Brownie Story."

The investiture ceremony was staged around a pool of water. Each girl came to the pool looking for a Brownie; as she saw herself in the water, she repeated the Brownie promise and received her pin from the leader.

Mrs. Berchtold was presented with her Girl Scout leader pin and the committeewomen were introduced to the guests and each given a Girl Scout pin. They were Mrs. Robert Bruner, Mrs. Elmer Wilson and Mrs. Arlene Parsons. The latter was unable to attend the investiture because of the sudden illness of her Brownie daughter, Vicki.

Brownies who received their pins were Linda Mae Hood, Patty Isaacson, Susan Kaye Morris, Linda Rikala, Christine Quimby, Rebecca McCall, Susan Rosenthal, Anice Marie Wilson, and Carla Jean Bruner.

As a closing, the Brownies formed their goodnight circle around the pool and sang "I've Something in My Pocket" and "Goodnight Brownies." Refreshments of decorated cookies, favors, Kool-aid and coffee were served to the guests and the Brownies.



To the Editor:
 The gas plant fire of some weeks ago was a disaster in our community. People in the Cottage Grove area have seen demonstrated the splendid cooperation of

firemen, doctors, nurses, and others in handling the problems arising from that disaster. The Church and School Counsellors association takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to all citizens who nobly assisted in a time of community need.

Sincerely Yours,
 Edward C. Bush,
 The Reverend Edward Bush,
 President,
 Church and School Counsellors Association

535 Taylor Street
 San Francisco, Calif.
 December 5th, 1956

We share with Cottage Grove its grief in the recent gas disaster.

We thought after we reached home and had time to think, it would be easier to express our thanks to those who contributed so greatly to our comfort and welfare during our recent stay in the Cottage Grove area. It isn't.

We are grateful for the unlimited assistance offered us by the Red Cross, and to those who donated blood or offered skin for Harold. We wish to thank the civic, fraternal, religious, and social organizations and their auxiliaries for their various contributions. To those who contributed to the Volunteer Firemen's Fund Harold shed tears because he did not know how to repay your kindness.

We would like to thank those who offered us the hospitality of their homes, and those shops and stores who rendered services to us gratis.

We feel tenderly enriched by the anecdotes concerning Harold's personality and activities during recent months. We are touched by those who gave up recent snapshots of him so that we might have them.

We are grateful to Harold's clientele. His last chuckle was over the little folks whose hair he cut and whom he loved so dearly. To those who were unable to see him, we would like you to know he put a terrific clamor to see his friends as long as he was able. In his behalf we thank you for the cards and gifts.

As parents we are thankful that Harold had an opportunity to know how wonderful a small community can be. He loved Cottage Grove. We will never forget Fire Chief Shipley, the firemen, policeman, and city hall gang who contributed so much to his enjoyment, and the Motorcycle and Jalopy club members who came so faithfully to see him.

Mental Health Assn. Asks Gifts For Oregon's 'Forgotten' Folk

The Mental Health Association of Oregon is again attempting to secure from the citizens of Oregon a large enough number of gifts so that no one of the approximately 7,000 patients at the three institutions for the mentally ill or retarded will spend Christmas without being individually remembered.

Only about half of the patients have relatives or friends who will remember to send gifts. A significant factor in mental illness, according to Melvin Murphy, director of the Mental Health Assn., is that the patients, because of the things that have happened to these patients, things that have happened at home, at church, at school, on the job or otherwise in the community for which all of us are responsible to some extent, are unable to maintain useful relationships with other persons. When Christmas comes, the time of good feelings for all persons, those patients who do not receive gifts are encouraged in their beliefs that no one really cares, that they are "outsiders." Receiving no gifts can deepen a patient's mental illness; a gift that is obviously not just a matter of institutional "routine" can and has made it possible for many persons to begin the road to recovery.

All kinds of gifts are needed. Anything that anyone could use or would like to receive can be gotten to a patient who has a similar interest. Gifts for adults are those more badly needed such as cosmetics, tobacco, games, pens, candy, soap, playing cards, etc. (A list of specific suggestions is available from this paper or the Mental Health Association of Oregon, 429 Park Bldg., Portland 5, Oregon.)

Some money is needed, Checks should be made out to Mrs. Thomas T. Denison, Chairman, Christmas Project, and sent to the Mental Health Association.

Money received will be used in three ways, depending on the amount received.

Television has proven to be a tremendous asset to the patients. There are several wards which do not as yet have TV. It is hoped that some clubs will donate sets, especially to the Oregon State Hospital at Salem, which is the least well covered. A local distributor of television sets sells them to the Association for this purpose at below wholesale prices.

Some money is needed to secure individualized gifts for special cases.

City Folk Spend 75% More for Food Than Farm Families

City families spend about 75 percent more for food and alcoholic beverages than farm families, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

She says a 1955 survey by the U. S. department of agriculture showed rural families spent an average of \$17 a week, compared to \$30 a week spent by city families. Rural nonfarm families were in between, spending an average of \$24 a week for food and alcoholic beverages.

This doesn't mean farm families have smaller appetites, Mrs. Horrell hastens to add. They produce a part of their food on their farms and in their gardens. And farm families tend to buy fewer services in the form of processed food and prepared meals.

Regardless of how much they spend, there should be plenty of food for both rural and city families during the holiday season ahead.

Even before their year's harvest, the nation's cupboard were from bare. And on top of that, Mrs. Horrell says farmers appear to be on their way towards making their 1956 crop output one of the largest on record—in spite of drought in some sections of the nation.

We share in the grief of the other stricken families. If we had to lose our dear one so tragically, it could not have been for a grander community.

Yours sincerely,
 Freda & Milton Dean
 & Jim
 Peter & Evangeline Dean

Federal Aid Funds Allotted Central Oregon Highways

The Oregon Highway commission has outlined plans to allot \$28,800,000, largely in federal aid interstate funds, for major improvement projects on interstate, primary, secondary, and urban routes in central Oregon.

W. C. Williams, state highway engineer, said that highway department plans call for \$18,156,000 in projects on the Columbia River interstate highway; \$5,551,000 on primary highways; \$2,935,000 on secondary highways and another \$2,058,000 on urban routes.

Williams who earlier had given details of four and two-lane projects on the Columbia River highway, said bulk of the work scheduled elsewhere on primary roads in central Oregon was planned on the Dalles-California highway, US 97.

"The biggest single project on US 97 will involve a 6.87 mile stretch between The Dalles and Eightmile. Acquiring rights-of-way and grading and paving on this section will cost about \$1,956,000," Williams said.

Other projects on primary highways included earmarking \$365,000 for paving on a 20.8 mile stretch of the Central Oregon Highway between Fort Rock Road and Brothers; \$880,000 for grading

and paving a 5.45 mile section between Willowdale and Lyle Gap on US 97; \$550,000 for grading and paving north of Madras; nine miles of grading and paving on Sherman highway between Grass Valley and Kent at an estimated total cost of \$340,000.

"Additionally we have earmarked \$750,000 for nine miles of grading and paving and right-of-way between Wasco and Moro on Sherman Highway, plus construction of 5.14 miles in climbing lanes on the Warm Springs highway between the Deschutes River and Agency Plains," the highway engineer said.

Williams said one of the biggest single projects on secondary highways in Central Oregon would involve expenditure of \$660,000 on grading and paving along the Mt. Hood highway between Parkdale and Hood River.

Other secondary highway jobs planned included \$360,000 in grading and paving on the Paulina highway, near Post to Camp Creek, a 13-mile stretch; 12 miles of grading and paving on the Paulina highway between Camp Creek and Paulina at a cost of \$660,000 and 9.96 miles of grading and paving on the Wasco-Heppner highway between Hay Canyon and the John Day River at an estimated cost of \$515,000.

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 By Ed Hoover
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He should know where the important joints are and that a shoe should never constrict foot action if the blood is to circulate normally through the foot, feeding each part of it. He should understand that there is a labyrinth of nerves in the foot, sending messages of pain to the brain whenever a shoe is uncomfortable and pinches any part of the foot.

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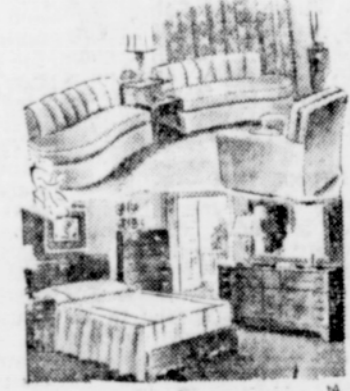
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