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I trust the many, many people who commented during the big snow and freeze about how they would sure rather have good ol' rain anytime are somewhat satisfied now. It's been a doozy to say the least.

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And I had to go capture a Christmas tree in the downpour Monday. Why, then, you ask? Well, George, because I didn't get it sooner . . . and I couldn't take a chance on later. Only reason I went at all was because Bride thought we really should have one . . .everybody else was, you know. Like there just had to be one to place the gift under. And as usual it had to be one of good size and perfect shape. Which had to have the limbs from two sides trimmed so it would fit in the only available corner of the homestead. At least I didn't have to decorate it. Reason for that is because I decorate by grabbing a handfull of tinsel, giving it a toss at the tree with orders for the strands to "attach themselves to their respective places." Bride likes to be a little neater . . . and that's o.k. by me. Saves a lot of wear and tear on the vocal cords . . . hers.

It really doesn't seem to matter, tho, about how far behind you are around this close to Christmas . . . cause when the Big Night arrives everything seems to fall into place as if it was planned that way, ready or not. And by the next day nobody cares nor remembers what didn't get finished. That is as long as there is something under the tree for opening.

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Fire chief Vern Sonderman was the ultimate recipient of a recent letter addressed to the local City Hall . . . which said:

"Dear Sirs,

'Every day I listen to your siren announcing the noon hour. Every day it has been incorrect. Today (date not given--Ed.) the siren sounded 27 seconds before the true noon hour. If you are going to announce the noon hour you should at least be accurate.

The Clockwatcher"

Sounds like somebody sure hates to be late for lunch.

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James Furman, a senior student at The Church Divinity School of the Pacific, wrote the following lines that I share with you during this Christmas Season:

"No man can hide the summer sun
or take away its light
and God cannot conceal His love;

It fills the world with hope.
A star danced wildly in the East
and led men to a child--
the light that filled the manger place

revealed the face of God.
The stillness of the mountain-top
was shattered by a voice;
the Lord was clothed in blinding light--

men saw Him as He was.
The dawn of Life came with the star
that guided men to Christ;
the strength of our transfigured Lord

renews our wounded lives.
Lord; grant us guidance thru your son
help us to hear your voice;
let us behold the King of Love
and follow where he leads.

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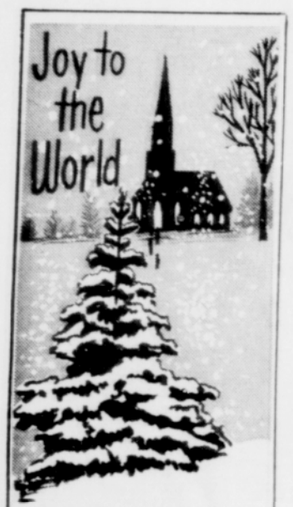
May you and yours have the happiest of Holidays ever.



The eternal message of Christmas brings faith, hope and love within reach of all men.

JOHN & UELVA
PORT ORFORD SANITATION

October Log Exports Up

A total of 289.4 million board feet of softwood logs, Scribner scale, was exported from all ownerships in Washington, Oregon, northern California and Alaska in October 1972, according to Research Economist David Darr of the U. S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in Portland, Ore. The volume for October was up 26.2 percent from the September 1972 total and well above the October 1971 volume of 161.2 million board feet.

Japan was the destination of 261.6 million board feet or 90.4 percent of the October 1972 west coast exports.

Washington and Oregon exported 267.7 million board feet in October up 21.5 percent from the September volume. October shipments from northern California totaled 15.7 million board feet, up sharply from the September volume of 3.8 million board feet. Alaska exported a total of 6.1 million board feet in October, an increase of 14.1 percent from September shipments.

Douglas-fir accounted for 27.5 percent of October exports, and Port-Orford-cedar 0.7 percent. Other softwoods, true firs, made up the remaining 71.8 percent.

October shipments had a total value of $41 million at port of exportation and an average value of $141.55 per thousand board feet. Douglas-fir averaged $141.05 per thousand board feet, Port Orford cedar $432.23, and other softwoods $138.99.

West coast softwood log exports totaled 2.3 billion board feet through the first 10 months of 1972, compared with 1.4 billion board feet for the same period of 1971. The relatively low volume in 1971 reflected in part labor disputes which affected west coast ports in Washington, Oregon and California in the third quarter of 1971.

LETTERS to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR

I wish to say thanks to the gracious people of Port Orford.

Having been completely absorbed in my own agony, I neglected to express my appreciation to the people who gave their time and efforts in the search for my husband, Len Beck, Jr.

Not only to those who contributed physically, and there were many, scanning the highways, the back roads, the air, and any possible place where trouble could occur, but also to the people who gave of themselves.

I received many calls and visits from people I had yet to meet, and many, many offers of help, some of which I readily accepted, because I truly needed help!

Thank you Port Orford, my heartfelt thank you, to each and every one of you.

Mrs. Len Beck, Jr.

OBITUARIES . . .

Harold Libby

Services were held Thursday, Dec. 14, in the first Christian Church at Coquille for Harold Libby, 67, who succumbed Dec. 11. Rev. James Huckaba officiated.

Mr. Libby was born in San Francisco on Nov. 4, 1905, and lived in the Oceanside, Calif., area until 1932 when he and his wife, Mary, moved to Curry county.

He was a dairyman near the communities of Sixes, Denmark, Langlois, Riverton and Florence until 1969 when he retired and moved to Coquille. He was a member of the First Christian Church there.

Surviving are the widow, Mary, and son, John, both of Coquille; a daughter, Joree Jansen of Florence; a brother, Virgil Libby of Sandy, Ore., half-brother, Clarence Libby of Walker, Calif.; and half-sister, Edna Smith of Oceanside. Eight grandchildren also survive.

Interment was in the Ocean View Memory Gardens at Coos Bay.

William Inman

William N. Inman, owner of Evergreen Trailer Court here died Friday, Dec. 15, in Santa Rosa, Calif. Private services were held there Monday.

He is survived by his wife, Lou, Santa Rosa, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Bowser of Port Orford.

Interment was in the Santa Rosa Memorial Cemetery.

GB Ski Club Sets Meeting

The Gold Beach Ski Club will meet Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the small conference room of the County Office Building in Gold Beach. The building is located across the street and north from the main courthouse.

For further information contact Al Bice at Bice's Restaurant, 247-7528, or Frances Shrader, 247-6873.

Winners of the first annual Oregon cities awards contest display smiles and award plaques. From left--(standing)--Mayor-elect D. Loring Jacobs, Medford; Mayor Oren Olin, Fairview and J. E. Calderwood, city recorder, Lakeview; (seated)--Vernita Longton, city clerk, Port Orford; Mayor Harold R. Ruecker, Hillsboro; and Mayor Leonard L. Cates, Ontario.

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BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DELLENBACK

Local Governments Receive Federal Dollars

Local, county and state governments throughout the nation have received their first General Revenue Sharing checks from the Federal government.

Preliminary figures released by the Treasury Department earlier this year and duly reported to localities across Oregon have been updated. In some cases, the results mean that more dollars than anticipated will be available to the local government involved. Unfortunately, in a number of other cases local and county governments will be getting less than had been originally estimated, but all recipients will at least get more than they did last year when there was no such program.

Nationally, Oregon was one of the states hardest hit by what Treasury Department apologetically called "substantial shifts" between earlier estimates of what the revenue sharing grants would be and what the actual grants will be.

While the changes between earlier estimates and the actual revenue sharing checks were attributed to the fact that the estimates were based on five-year-old information, Deputy Treasury Under-Secretary James E. Smith has been quoted as saying that the reductions in Oregon and four other states were the result of a "data error" in the estimates. "We are chagrined, embarrassed and apologetic," Smith was quoted as saying.

In Oregon's Fourth District the impact was mixed: governments in Jackson, Josephine, Linn, Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties received less than had been estimated, while governments in Benton and Lane Counties received more.

According to preliminary word from the Treasury Department, there is a chance there will be certain minor adjustments made when the next checks are mailed in January. Those communities with reason to think they have been shortchanged can have their cases reviewed. In the words of a Treasury official, "The books will be kept open."

As of now the Treasury Department is asking for understanding from those with questions about specific allocations. My office has been assured that the questions will be answered, but with 35,903 government units receiving checks and another 1620 likely to be included, there are many questions to be answered. At one point the revenue sharing unit was fielding over 400 calls per day.

These funds, nationally representing approximately five percent of the average city or county budget, give local officials much more decision making authority and responsibility in determining how the funds will be spent than has been true with other federal assistance programs. The funds can help relieve some of the tremendous pressure placed on local property taxes.

I strongly approve of and support the concept of this program. But how successful it will prove to be in actual practice is yet to be determined. Certainly it's important for all of us to realize and remember that the dollars involved are tax dollars and not some bonanza that somehow came free from some magic money tree.

Adult Classes Are Available

The Port Orford-Langlois Adult Education Committee announces that the following classes have been arranged for and will be available after Christmas in this area.

UPHOLSTERY

January 3 preliminary meeting at 1 p.m. in the Port Orford city hall. The class will be five sessions at a fee of $10 plus material to make a footstool. Wilma Morgan is the instructor.

RUG BRAIDING

January 8 preliminary meeting. Two sessions, 1 and 7:30 p.m. at the home of instructor Mildred Hill. The class is free.

DRIVER EDUCATION

Saturday, January 13, preliminary meeting at Port Orford grade school, 9 a.m. The fee is $30. Instructor is Merritt McKeel.

WELDING & METAL

January 30 preliminary meeting, 7 p.m., at Pacific high school. Ten three-hour sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fee is $25 and instructor is Dale Reeves.

ART COURSE

February. Details later. Fee is $25 plus materials. Robert Courtright is instructor.

SEWING

March. Details later. Instructor is Mrs. Lolita Myers.

PATTERNS

February. Details later. Mrs. Diane Bender is the instructor.

CURRY COUNTY HISTORY

Details later for this free course. Louis Knapp will be the instructor.

The committee has suggested that tuition for one of the classes might make a nice gift for Christmas.

More than 200 persons took advantage of courses offered last year.

Committee members are Beth Newkirk, chairman; Noma Thomas, Wilma Jensen, Don Parsons and Stewart Smith.

HOLIDAY FOOD SPECIALS

ROAST RITE TOM TURKEYS LB FROM 39¢
NORBEST FRESH & FROZEN TURKEYS
DUCKS—GAME HENS
GOLD MEDAL FLOUR WITH DISCOUNT BOOK 10 LBS 69¢
TEXSUN ORANGE 46-OZ JUICE WITH DISCOUNT BOOK 5¢
NALLEY'S- WITH DISCOUNT BOOK MAYONNAISE QT 19¢
M-D- WITH DISCOUNT BOOK T-TISSUE 4 ROLL PACK 3¢
MARSHMALLOWS KRAFT MIN. 6½-OZ 15¢
CHOC. MORSELS NESTLE'S 12-OZ 49¢
QUICK NESTLE'S CHOCOLATE 2 LB 79¢
COFFEE MATE 11-OZ 79¢
SWEET SPUDS CASE SWAYNE 2½ TIN 35¢
PUMPKIN LIBBY'S 2½ TIN 22¢
NAPKINS SILK PAPER 60-COUNT 9¢
ALCOA HEAVY DUTY ALUM. FOIL 18X25 49¢
BISCUITS BUTTERMILK 8-OZ TUBE 9¢
MARGARINE GOLDEN SOFT LB 29¢
CELERY STALK 23¢
SWEET SPUDS AND YAMS 4 LBS 1¢
LETTUCE 2 HDS 39¢

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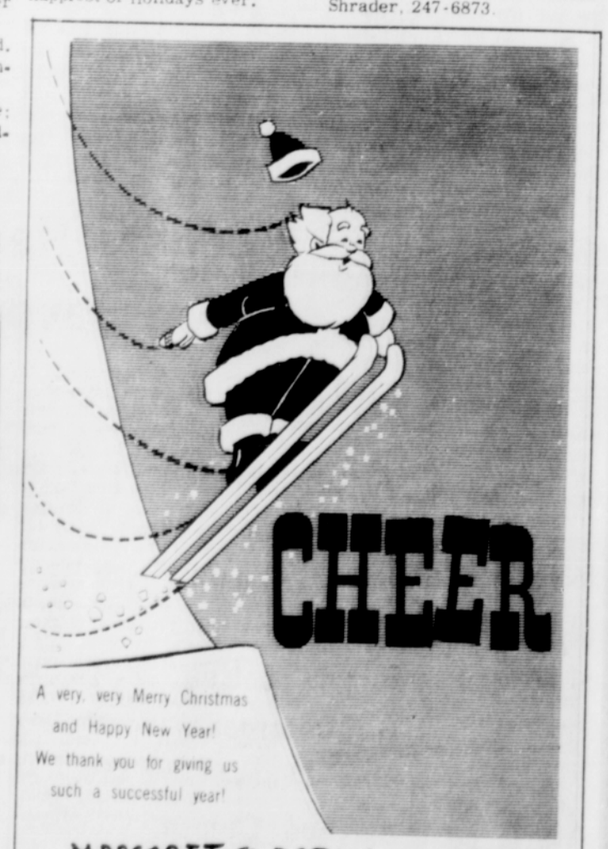
Hey there !!

A very Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us!

DALE, FRAN, BETH, ALICE, DORIS, LOU, CATHY, VIRGIE
1ST NATIONAL BANK

Christmas joy abide with you.

LARRY MEANS
SOUTH COAST AG.



A very, very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We thank you for giving us such a successful year!

MARGARET & DORIN
HUMBUG LODGE

Sure as Santa's coming, we send our very best wishes for a Christmas of joy and happiness.

Happy Holiday

PAUL and BILL
BATTLE ROCK GARAGE