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A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

By KEN BATEMAN

January 1st, after all, is just another calendar date. But voices and noises join in mixed emotions. It means gaiety and gladness—a partying time for some people. It is a parting time for others who exile or disengage themselves from the past. All on account of a calendar date.

Some people will ponder and be proud of what was done in the past. Others will think of things done and can not now be undone. Some will say they will change their ways of their days; they will try to live better by the book—while others will try to live with a better pocketbook. All this too—on account of a calendar date.

The message Happy New Year is heard everywhere—on account of a calendar date. For ourselves, we simply and sincerely say to all our friends who read this—"May you be happy . . . May God bless you"—on EACH and EVERY calendar date . . .

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"Making the Sandy Scene"

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I do hope that everyone had a good Christmas. I enjoyed the holidays fully, and thus did not get as many telephone calls made or as much local news gathered as I wanted to for this week's column.

There is much "good news" happening around that never seems to find its way to newspapers. So many have wondered why the bad news makes headlines, while achievements may rate a small item on a back page. I like Walter Cronkite's statement last Friday evening on television, when he said words to this effect: "News is something unusual - the evil news is reported so often, so I would like to think this is because the good news is just a part of our normal state of life." It's good thought, anyway.

This column is "your" column: If you have had holiday visitors, overheard a child make some cute comment, know of some local achievement, or any item of "good news" that would be of interest to others, I would appreciate a call in the evening (668-4840 is my new number). If you can't contact me by phone, it only takes a moment to drop a postcard in the mailbox. I attempt to keep you informed on the Sandy news I hear from here and there, but know there are many items that I haven't heard of each week. . . so, don't forget to call!

Larry Armstrong, a 1965 SUHS graduate, is in his second year at Oregon State University taking science education courses. He was one of the many local college students "home for the holidays."

Lanny Asakawa arrived home Dec. 17 on leave. He will return to Maryland Jan. 2, where he is in the army stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Also home on leave for Christmas is Mike Barnett.

Mrs. Edna Lawson rented her home in Sandy, and is spending the winter in San Jose with her sons Bert and Bill.

Jean Bernard, a SUHS 1966 graduate, is taking a practical nursing course at Portland Community College.

How's this for a billboard? "If you must be a drop-out—Join the paratroopers!" Last weekend's birthdays: Eunice Barnum, Katie Leech, Gary Moody, Orpha Dudley and Maybelle Wessellink on Dec. 24; Ladonna (Waibel) Olson, Fran Kozera, Jiggs Pedersen, and Breda Lynn Langlois on Dec. 25.

Happy Birthday today to Daniel Mark Langlois and Jeff Martin!

Christmas Day was an extra big day for Lorry and Irene Armstrong. They attended a family reunion in Cottage Grove which celebrated Christmas, a birthday, and a wedding anniversary all in one big event. The birthday cake was for Irene Armstrong's niece's youngest daughter, "Rosie" Pittsley, of Eugene, who was 6 years old Dec. 25. In previous years, because of Christmas activities and confusion, Rosie had had a birthday party a week or two before Christmas. At one such party, she was overheard greeting her guests with the explanation: "This is not my birthday, it is just my party!" For Lorry and Irene Armstrong, Dec. 25, marked their 26th wedding anniversary. Our congratulations to both of you!

Do you know what snow is? . . . It's "rain a la mode!" Guests for Christmas Day dinner at Harry and Velma Wade's home: Ken and Charlene Miller, with Doug, 4, and Kimberly, 10 months, of Vancouver, Wash.; Linda Wade, Carl and Anita Amstad, and Marie Seematter.

Christmas Day guests of Gerry and Nancy Barker: Loy and Marion Barker (his parents) of Klamath Falls; "Gus" and Bee Gustafson (her parents) and Margy Gustafson of Seattle, Wash.; Ivan and Agnes Barker, and Dan and Carol Barker. Bill and Diane Dyal had 66 friends drop in for their Open House last Thursday night. Other holiday guests of the Dyals were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Leland of Sparks, Nev.

Here are a couple of thoughts seen recently: "The way that some people find fault, you would think there was a reward!" Winston Churchill once said: "By swallowing evil words unsaid, no one has ever yet harmed his stomach!"

Here's a chance to help someone less fortunate: Billie McNutt, working with a national organization "New Eyes for the Needy", mentioned the continuing need for eye glasses, frames of any type, parts of glasses or glass cases, (and sunglasses can also be used). Glasses are repaired (any type can be used), and these needed aids to sight are distributed over the nation. If you can help in this project, contact Billie McNutt at 700 Hood, I would be glad to pass on any contribution to her.

Belated birthday greetings to Chuck Lutz, whose birthday was Dec. 8, and his daughter, Judy, who celebrated hers two days later on Dec. 10.

Gerry and Nancy Barker celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary yesterday, Dec. 28. Our best wishes for many more years ahead!

Because of the many activities on Christmas Day, Harry and Velma Wade celebrate their Dec. 25 wedding anniversary the night before, and always celebrate with Chinese food. This year, they went out for dinner at the Chinese Gardens. This custom started on their wedding day 22 years ago, when they found that all restaurants were closed, Christmas Day except for a Chinese restaurant -- so their anniversary dinner has been Chinese food ever since.

Seen in Passing: Susan Gantenbein celebrating a birthday yesterday. . . Carl and Anita Amstad "running" the Wade's sled dogs at Frog Lake last Monday in preparation for the first dog sled races at Sisters on Jan. 7 and 8. . . Bill Mathews one day older last Monday. . . several local youngsters saying they had heard Santa Claus come to their house. . . Craig Nakunz home on Christmas leave.

Some local citizens found the "giving" part of Christmas, much more rewarding than the "receiving", and spent this year's holiday in a different way. After calling too late for a Job Corpsman, an orphan, etc., one couple enthusiastically spent their Christmas Day serving the Salvation Army's Christmas dinner to the needy men of Portland.

Three Sandy college students, Bob and Vicki Opperman and Hal Dyal, left Oregon last Sunday evening with ten other members of the Inter-Varsity Christian Youth group at Oregon College of Education, bound for an orphanage near Ensenada, Mexico. Their purpose is "to give up our own Christmas holidays to take gifts and cookies to the children in the orphanage." Bill Dyal's station wagon and

another car were used to transport the group to Los Angeles, where they board buses to Mexico. The boys will work on the grounds of the orphanage; and the girls will play with the children, and help with cooking and cleaning.

They will return to the O.C.E. campus by Jan. 2. I am looking forward to a first-hand report later from Bob, Vicki and Hal of what their 1966 Christmas meant to them! Herein lies the spirit of Christmas!

It was a family Christmas for Edison and Dorothy Mills -- especially nice was seeing the wonder of Christmas through the eyes of their granddaughter Sherry Ann Swagert. This is the first year the Swagerts have lived close enough to spend Christmas "at home."

Gene and Lillie O'Bannon also spent Christmas with their family, meeting a new grandchild.

More on holiday visitors next week. . .

Nancy Barker tells the embarrassing moment following completion of driving test in Gresham. She was paying the fee for her license when her small son Evan asked the examiner: "Did my mommy jerk whenever she stopped the car?"

May Lady Luck smile warmly on you in 1967!

Begorrah, and sure and it's raining. Well, they are going to call Mahood Valley "Little Oregon" -- that figures! A little news of the doings of the Jolly O'Brien family that honked North with the geese to the Cariboo in April of 1965. It seems a long time ago.

If you are wondering if we are still sold on our move,-- we are. Time flies by very quickly. We are beginning to get settled, some land cleared, a new shop built, sawmill in operation, water in the house (boy, is it good!). We have learned many things about our Cariboo home, and no doubt have much more to learn. For one thing: our turkeys have weighed as high as 5 1/3 lbs. each; our spuds: under one stalk, we harvested 10 lbs. of beauties.

The hunting this year has been good. We have put in the deep freeze, since hunting season opened, four deer, and two moose, and some grouse. (Note to my hunting buddies around Sandy: "seven deer and two moose -- one shot each using my faithful old 270 with 130 grain silver-tip bullet. How about that?")

Weather runs about like this: January - deep freeze, anywhere from 15 degrees above to 30 degrees below. February - some. March - around 40 degrees above down to 25 degrees below, lots of sunshine. April - 50 degrees down to 25 degrees above, lots of sunshine, snow about gone (maybe), and "my gosh, look! the first one, and he is big as a crow--the Cariboo Mosquito! Anyhow, they say these first big ones don't bite--I hope!"

May - sunny and warm, snow all gone, mosquitoes smaller, but tougher - "Hey! these ones bite!" June - garden all in and up, beautiful spring weather, sunny and warm, and "Ouch! darn those mosquitoes!" July - never too hot, white face cattle lying down in the middle of the road, fat as butterballs ("mosquitoes finally getting fed up, I think!"). August - still not too hot, showers about every week, country beautiful with shimmering poplar and birch trees, and over every hill another beautiful lake. September - weather still wonderful nip of frost in the air, watch that garden.

October - time to get moose and venison in the deep freeze, weather sunny but cooler, down to say 20 degrees above. "Ouch, boy, do those black flies bite! Oh well, they say they only last two weeks!" November - getting colder, a little snow, temperature down to about 0 degrees and high of about 40 degrees. Time to grow that beard for the winter-- still lots of sunshine.

December - well, winter's here, roads open, very smooth, but sometimes icy. Moose down in the valley, small lakes frozen over, Canada Jays all back for their hand-outs, time to get the snow shoes down, and go get that last big buck and bull moose -- if we want to be legal, that is!

Well, that brings us back to Christmas. Do we like it? We love it - winters and summers. You never know how cozy a log cabin is, how nice the sound of a roaring log fire, and how tasty a cup of Canadian tea -- until

you have tramped around the bush after moose in 20 degree below weather and two feet of snow until it is so dark you can hardly find your foot tracks home. We would not trade it for all the city living in the world.

Well, it is time to sign off, throw another log on the fire, and hit the hay. So, from all of us here in the Cariboo to all of our many friends in the Sandy area, we send our sincere wishes for a very happy Christmas and a merry New Year, -- and may God bless you every one!

Jolly, Evelyn, Dan and Jim O'Brien
Mahood Falls, B. C., Canada

Three out of four fatal Christmas accidents involve driving too fast for conditions or in excess of a stated speed limit. Most fixed object collisions, nearly all non-collision accidents and most collisions with other vehicles involve excessive speed.

SALLY'S ALLEY

News from Eagle Creek

By SALLY SEYMOUR 279-6368

What a wonderful Christmas! We went back home to Forest Grove, for Christmas at grandmothers, and it was really old home week! We had expected a nice quiet dinner with my parents and family but it didn't turn out that way. I think half the country was there to say hello, at one time or another. We were both raised in that country and really enjoyed renewing old friendships.

Santa Claus was more than generous to the girls, but he might as well have given more to others instead because baby would only play with the boxes the toys came in, and Darcy would only play with a little toy gun and her cowboy suit, out of all the elaborate toys given and made for her. There must be a message in that somewhere!

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Elstong had a white Christmas! They celebrated the festivities in Prineville, visiting at the home of friends that Mrs. Elstong had at one time taught school with in the Dalles.

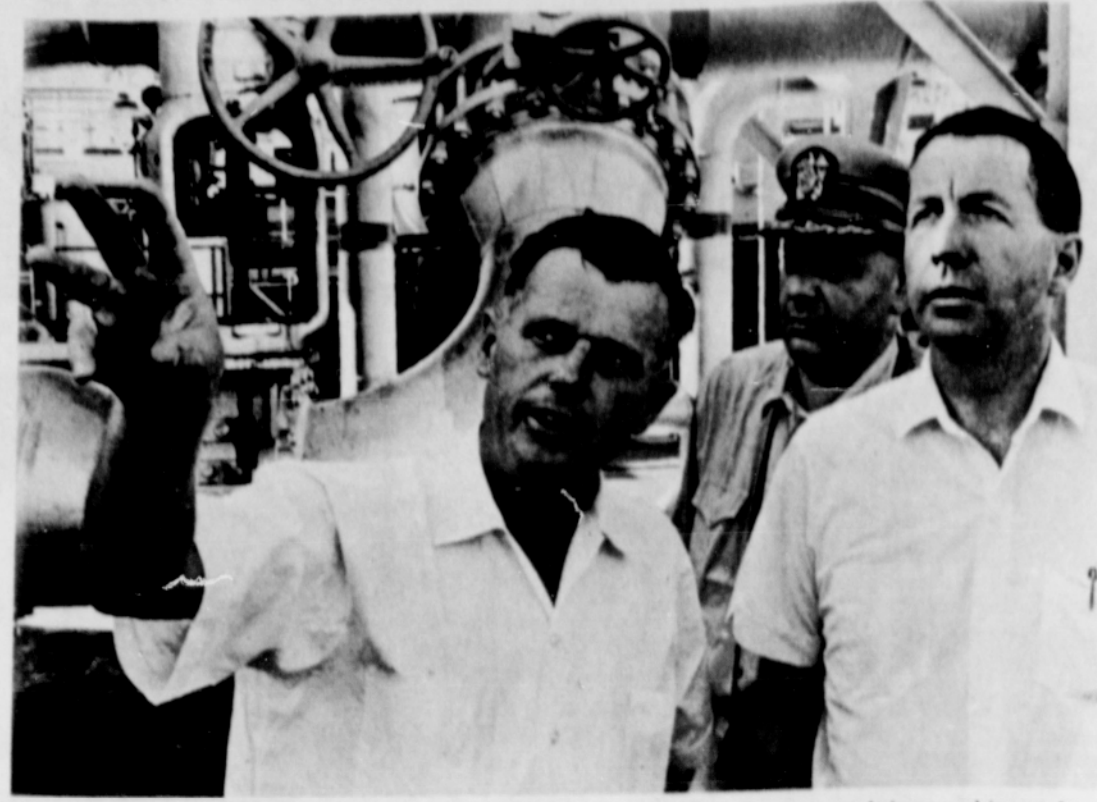
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Douglas enjoyed a family dinner, Christmas Day, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Nell Lyns, of Estacada.

The Leland Bangers went to Salem for their Christmas dinner. They have kind of a tradition where all the members of their related families, and their children, get together once a year at Christmas time. This year there were sixty people and she said sometimes they have up to seventy-five. I can't think of a nicer way to spend Christmas, than with all your family around you!

Hood River was the scene of the Sam Olstead's Christmas. They spent it at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, who own and operate the Height's Beauty Salon, in Hood River. As an added bonus, their grandchildren, Don and Dianne Olstead, are spending Christmas vacation with them. Mrs. Olstead says Christmas vacation is just too short and I'm sure many children would agree with her! Don and Dianne are living in Aurora with their uncle, another son of Olsteads, who was recently in an accident, where another car crashed into him from behind as he was waiting to turn into his driveway. He had the proper signal lights on and everything. His car was completely wrecked, but luckily none of the occupants were hurt badly. It's sure true that you never know when some other car is going to clip you, but if you drive old highway #224, chances are that it's the fault of the antique highway, not the driver!

Sally Mode spent Christmas hoping her son Bob doesn't really have the mumps, and visiting with her folks, The Tommy Jones from Dufur, Oregon. Everybody was very busy trying to spoil Neva's new little baby girl, Tina Rae born December 10th. Grandma and great-grandparents think she's just the greatest!

If you hear any strange noises up by Don and Phyllis Stratton's think nothing of it. They, and several other families up there have new walkie talkies, and are having lots of fun intercepting, sending, and passing of messages. That's a new twist on the old grapevine! Phyllis says Dougie is over his scarlet



Congressman Wendell Wyatt (right) listens as Richard Groves explains workings of Guantanamo Bay desalination plant on Congressman's recent trip. Groves, civilian operator of desalting facility, and Naval Commander Edward Liebman were Wyatt's guides on tour of the plant. Wyatt's trip to the United States Naval foothold on Cuba was part of the Congressman's continuing effort to study methods of water production as alternatives to Columbia River water diversion. Wyatt said, "Desalination, along with other new technological advances, may be the answer to this country's water needs. We must concentrate on increasing our supply of water, not merely reshuffling our present water resources. In a few short years water may be as precious to the Northwest as it is now to the Southwest. We must begin now to study new possibilities for water production. Desalination of sea and brackish water may be one answer to the problem."

"Cradle Roll"

Lynn Darlene Adams, 7, and Ronald Scotty Adams, 4, had an extra special Christmas present this year -- a new baby sister, Nicole Beth, weighing 6 lb. 8-1/2 oz., made her arrival at the Holiday Park Hospital on Dec. 21. Proud parents are Ron and Joyce (Scheel) Adams of 11929 S. W. 27th Pl., Portland.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scheel of Sandy, and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Adams of Canby.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodger York have announced the birth of their first child, Roxanne Marie Dec. 19. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard York and Mrs. Roy Dorman of Sandy.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl DeWitt of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Charles Von Derahe of Sandy. George (From the River's Edge) MacAlevy and his wife, Bea, welcomed their second grandchild the day after Christmas. Named Wendy Sue, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan MacAlevy, Milwaukee and weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz., at birth in Woodland Park Hospital.

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