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Facing Us In The Year, 1948

Most of us, come each New Year, are prone to make a number of resolutions, and at the time, we mean to keep them—we actually believe that we will follow a new course.

This year, we must keep our resolves. This year will be more crucial than any of the war years, when men were pitted against men and nations against nations, in all out war.

Today, chaos abounds all over the world, especially in war-ravaged Europe. So serious is the situation that our leaders are telling us every day that our very civilization is threatened; more dangerously than did the war.

Pitted against the forces for law and order are those which delight in chaos and disorder. In other words, democracy against the totalitarianism which originates behind the iron curtain of Russia, and which is spread over the rest of the world by people who delight in perpetually finding fault, and who seek to keep people in turmoil and doubt.

In this coming year, these United States will be called upon to offer help to those faltering nations which are most hard pressed by these forces for evil. We will be asked to stabilize their economy and to aid them in returning to a self-sustaining status. This must be accomplished in addition to keeping our own economy afloat and on an even keel. To do this will call for a united effort in which there can be no serious differences caused by petty wants.

We must, this year, sacrifice more and more. We must share more of our worldly goods with those less fortunate than ourselves. For if Europe is to sink our economy will not be able to stand. Russia Russia is trying to prevent us from this, but we must remain strong and steadfast in our belief and purpose. We must share freely in all things.

Homemaker's Column

By Aldene N. Roberts, HDA

Hello There:

The Home Extension Unit meetings last week (5 of them) had a total attendance of 92 women. The Port Orford, Ophir and Sixes units held a big attendance at Gold Beach and Chetco fell down somewhat.

The movie "Harnessing the Rainbow" was shown. It was in beautiful technicolor and interesting as well as educational. I believe every woman enjoyed watching the little Gremlin as he hurried about doing his best to assist shoppers. A large number of new fabrics and new fabric finishes were shown. The fabrics included milk wool, soybean wool, and new fabrics from the plastic field. New finishes included shrink proof wools and cottons, water repellent finishes, sanitizing (odor repellent) and many others.

Mrs. Chas. Briggs, who was on the luncheon committee for the Gold Beach Unit, made small potpourri as a favor for each of

the women at the meeting. They were very pretty. Thank you, Mrs. Briggs.

Each unit planned to send boxes of used clothing and other articles to the war orphans in Austria. The Sixes unit reports eleven boxes sent, Ophir sent 3 boxes and Gold Beach one box. Port Orford and Chetco have plans for sending boxes in January.

The Home Extension Units will each have a sewing machine clinic at their regular meeting in January. Sewing machines will be taken apart and cleaned, then reassembled, oiled and adjusted. Anyone interested can bring her machine to the meeting. The January schedule is as follows: Gold Beach, January 29; Chetco, January 21; Ophir, January 22; Sixes, January 23; and Port Orford, January 28.

4-H club work in the county is progressing. A leaders training meeting for leaders of Home Economic 4-H clubs is scheduled for January 10th from 10:00 to 3:00 at Port Orford Legion Hall. Esther Taskerud of O.S.C. will assist with this training. All leaders and interested parents are invited to attend this meet-

ing which will give them assistance with organization, demonstrations and judging.

Those of you who attended the food preservation meetings held by Lucy Case, extension nutritionist of O.S.C. last spring will be interested in knowing that she has resigned effective December 31 to establish her own home as Mrs. Clarence S. Gruetzmacher.

The couple will be married in Portland late in December after which they will live in Milwaukee, Wis., where Mr. Gruetzmacher is an engineer for the city water department. Next summer they plan to return to Corvallis to make their permanent home.

Miss Case has been active in every county in Oregon, working through home demonstration agents and directly with groups of homemakers. She is a recognized authority on home food preservation and has written many bulletins on this subject.

"Through her long service in Oregon Miss Case has been a great force in establishing good nutrition habits", commented Mrs. Azalea Sager, state home demonstration leader. "She has taken special interest in helping young mothers with their child feeding problems".

A correspondence project for parents dealing with a home with a small child was organized some time ago by Miss Case as an original idea in national extension work. Letters are sent on such subjects as child development, foods and nutrition, home management, and clothing, giving information useful to expectant mothers and those with children up to four years of age. These are now going to parents in 17 Oregon counties. Any mother interested may enroll in this project at the County Extension Office in Gold Beach.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin in 1911, Miss Case came to Oregon State in 1924, master's degree at Columbia University. She obtained her after two years previous, extension university, took graduate work at several other institutions, and made a trip through the orient studying home life.

Smith River

The Christmas program sponsored by Smith River Sunday School at the local church on December 21 was well attended by parents and friends of the children. Mrs. Ida Hall was program chairman, with Miss Barbara Hall announcing the program which consisted of Christmas carols by the young peoples choir, recitations and songs by beginner, primary and junior class children. An exercise was given by the five junior class girls entitled, Christmas In Far Away Lands. Also a play by the eleven members of the Sunday School, "The Strike in Santa Claus Land". At the close of the program Santa appeared and passed out bags of candy and

nuts to all the children present.

Miss Jean Elva Brown, who attends college at Berkeley, arrived in Smith River to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown. She was here several days before going north on the bus to Newport, Oregon to visit her grandmother, Mrs. E. Brown. She will continue her trip to Portland and on into Washington where she will visit relatives and friends. She plans to return to Smith River to spend the New Year's holiday with her parents.

Everyone around Smith River enjoyed the old time Christmas spirit in celebrating Christmas this year. Many families held reunions and many homes in the community were beautifully decorated with lighted trees and wreaths over doorways.

The annual New Year's Ball will be held in the Smith River Community Hall on December 31, when a large crowd will be present to dance the old year out and the new year in. Chub Howe and his orchestra have been engaged to furnish music for the big affair. If you want to have a good time, don't fail to attend the New Year's Ball at Smith River this year.

Jav Hart, former Cow Tester for Del Norte County Dairymen's Association left the first of the week by bus for Eureka, from where he will go by plane to New York. At New York he will board a plane for Belgium. He stated before he left that he expects to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in that country and that he plans an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Minear and children of Medford are spending the holiday heason with Mrs. Minear's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maris and other relatives.

Holiday Dinner

Ross L. Putnam, logging con-

tractor, entertained members his crew and their families a turkey dinner, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, in the dining room of the Nook Cafe.

Those attending were: Mr. Mrs. Donald Harroun and Jim Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Simms Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Burgess Keith, Mr. and Mrs. G. Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Putnem, Ralph Young, Mar Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Putnam and Diane, and Ross L. Putnam.

Before the dinner Mr. Putnam was presented with a Schaefer desk pen by members of the crew.

Local News Items

Rev. E. C. Hicks, pastor of Smith River Methodist church was a business caller here Friday afternoon. He is much surprised from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kerns, who spent the Christmas holidays at Klamath Falls, returned here Monday evening.

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