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IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

Saturday, Christmas day, will bring happiness to everyone, despite the season, the times and conditions. Somehow, people will always enter the spirit of the day, and the world rejoices, if but for only one day.

In my life, I have seen this happen year after year, and it has always been the same way—Christmas is Christmas, and the people observe it. But it seems to me that people too soon forget the teachings of the occasion.

As all of you sit down, Saturday at your table, or at the table of friends or relatives, it is safe to say that sometime during the time, the conversation will get around to "taking stock" of the year about to close. This year, most all of us have much gain to inventory, despite the strike along the coast which temporarily halted business of this and

many coastal areas.

Demand for goods still remains greater than is possible to supply in the next couple or three years if indexes mean anything. The demand for cars, for instance, is so great that two years will be needed to fill the demand. Home building still is number one on the list and it may be as long as five years before this can possibly be satisfied.

In another week most everyone of us will be making resolutions for 1949. This is only human, and the fact that we stop to take inventory, and resolve mean almost as much as the carrying out of the resolutions. Certainly our looking back at the year just past should be educational in that most of us have learned lessons which will be of benefit.

The coming year, if people of the area will only forget selfish gain, and work for a common goal, should bring much prosperity to this section of the state. Road work will be commenced, it has been intimated. Advancement will be made in the lumber industry, all of which will bring more attention to the area, one of the last places to go and still "get in on the ground floor."

Next week all of us will tune in the old radio to some bowl game—most likely the Cotton Bowl, in which University of Oregon plays Southern Methodist. These bowl games, despite what the press has, or might still say, make up the American way of life. America loves competition. Our entire structure is made up on that foundation.

Many boys attend college because they can play football, obtain scholarships in that way, to become useful citizens in the end.

Girls like to attend a school that boasts good athletic teams—it is only natural. Much as many of you may disagree, athletics have much to do with the success of the average college, and its enrollment year after year.

Sports-minded, America loves to have athletics on which to put its thoughts. Maybe the school with the "big business" athletic program may be butt of many editorials to the contrary, but if you look about you, it will be easy to note that it is those big schools which attract students.

Athletics do more than just train teams. The average athlete has learned to work with people—he has learned that it takes "teamwork" to accomplish almost any goal. Athletes, if you will note, also, rank high in the scholastic standings. Gone are the days when brawn is the assurance on any team, be it high school or college.

Athletics, to me, mean that the youth learn something about self-denial. Rarely do you ever see or hear of an athlete abusing his body. He has learned that he must guard closely and carefully every function of his body. He has learned, too, that competition is what makes life worth living. He comes from these sports a better fitted citizen.

Possibly I might have been just a high school graduate, had it not been for athletics. I used athletic and printing ability to finance my education. It is the same way with thousands of boys over the country. I am for athletics, and would like to see the program expanded.

Freshman class enjoyed its Christmas party at the school. Tuesday afternoon with treats.

Hi-Lines Mailing Due On Friday

December issue of "Hi-Lines," publication of Coos-Curry Electric Co-operative, Inc., will reach the mail Thursday evening and by Friday morning, at the latest.

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