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WILL WAR HAMPER THIS AREA

Curry County, since 1946, has progressed in an amazing manner, with the greatest single-year growth coming in 1950, the year just ended, the Pilot has been reminded from almost every corner. What the threat of war will do to hamper this progress remains to be seen but almost everyone in the area holds a bright outlook.

Offering for reasons of this continued progress is the fact that timber, while curtailed for local consumption, will be needed more and more in the war effort and preparedness program, thus assuring continued work in that field. However, draft and other war industries may hamper local mills in shortage of man power.

The economy of the county, since 1947, has become more sound since the boom caused by the lilies came to earth and stabilized Production of synthetic hemp by cultivation of New Zealand flax may add another crop to Curry County, if people will get started as quickly as they can in this new venture.

There is no use trying to delude ourselves in thinking there will be no bad affects from war threats, but with vital industries in the area, little paralyzing effects should be felt. The coming year is likely to see somewhat steady growth of the county.

THE CALIFORNIA DEFEAT JANUARY 1

Three times in the last three years University of California has been the goat, and five times in the the last five, the Pacific coast conference has suffered indignities at the hands of Big Ten group. The Pacific Coast conference has become the laughing stock of all conferences due solely to the practices in the last decade.

What went wrong in the game, which seemed to be in the bag for California, is subject for a lot of debate, but it seems to most everyone that California did not have the team it was touted to have by the sportswriters. Certainly Michigan was under part-based on her previous team at the Rose Bowl, first to tip a Pacific coast team. For years the Pacific Coast dominated football in the United States. Now it is time stock should be taken.

IT SEEMS TO ME:



By Dewey

This is the first issue of 1951—I wonder how many times I will forget to have my papers dated with the proper year. I remember once, several years ago, while at work on the Miles City Star, I was asked to set up the date lines for three months. I did the chore, but I had to set several over, when I pulled a proof of the type. Caught myself using 1950 in receipting a bill on Tuesday. Is anyone more forgetful than I?

How many resolutions for the new year have you already forgotten or broken. It seems that

I never get mine into swing and often I forget to keep them for long. Nevertheless I do like the effort of trying. One, however, I have never failed to keep—that of trying to be optimistic, although at times my efforts were pretty much of a sham or pretense.

In the passing of Mrs. Bertha Wood I feel that this area has lost quite a booster. On the several occasions I have talked to her about the early history of this area it always gave me a big boost—her enthusiasm and and faith in southwestern Oregon. She had enough for ail.

She and her late husband, who really pioneered the mercantile business in this area, knew all the possibilities this area held. Both never tired of talking about these—they would start with no excuse whatever. It was refreshing to me, always.

Have any of you been reading the articles in the Oregonian of "What Price Football?" If you remember, many months ago, I referred to football as a big business, and that it had become the "tail that wagged the dog." Now, after a disastrous season in the north west, out comes this article, telling about how much many of the smaller schools had lost during the season just closed.

De-emphasis will certainly be felt, possibly as soon as next fall—see if I miss my guess—in a

number of schools in the north-west, which, a few years ago, played an important part in the football history. Certainly, if another war is upon us, many colleges will quit, possibly to never start football again.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hall returned Sunday from Richmond, Calif., where they spent Christmas with relatives. They are the owners of the Baxter courts.

Venzel Lockhard of Butte Falls brought Jack Tungate to Harbor from Rogue River valley where he visited his children over Christmas. Mr. Lockhard visited here a few days before returning to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Berger Dahls-trom and children returned Sunday from Seattle and Klamath Falls where they visited relatives over the holidays. Mrs. Dahls-trom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Strid, remained in Seattle for another week, before returning.

The New Years party enjoyed by the Grangers and invited guests attracted a good crowd which enjoyed cards and dancing until a late hour.

Those attending Curry County Pomona Grange at Sixes Saturday from Chetco Grange were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Woodruff, Mrs. Kathryn Reekman, Mrs. Addie Swinney and B. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Travis and son returned home from a holiday trip to Lakeview where they visited his mother and other relatives. One of their sons has been in the heavy fighting in Korea, but they received a letter from him just before Christmas, stating he was all right at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Moffitt and children spent the holidays in Washington visiting relatives. They returned home over the week-end.

Word has been received from San Francisco where Mrs. Albina Tamba is visiting her son, Theodore, and family, saying he is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaal enjoyed Christmas at Klamath Falls with relatives, returning home the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Parker and son, Earl, spent Christmas at Portland with relatives.

Children of the community were treated to candy and given paper hats and horns b the Kerr family on New Years day. The youngsters paraded the streets, wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

The Archie Hendricks family, and her mother, Mrs. Merrill, spent Christmas and New Years at Portland and Salem. Archie came by bus earlier, to help with his store construction.

The Community church was filled to capacity for St. Johns Service, held by the Masons on New Years eve. Rev. E. C. Hicks gave an inspirational address. Later about 35 gathered in the church basement for games and refreshments. At 11 o'clock a candle-light service began in the auditorium, signifying the spirit of the New Year. Seven candles were lighted: one for Christ, one for the Spirit of Hope, one for Patience, one for Tolerance, one for Giving, one for Joy, one for Praise and one for Love. Appropriate music was played between the lighting of each. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Moore sang a duet, and Earl Carson a solo. After the candles had been lighted at 12, each person present went forward and lighted his own candle

from the large one representing Christ, to re-dedicate himself to His service. At closing benediction, the old song, "Come All Ye Faithful," rang out from the loud speaker to usher in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Goetz returned last week from Los Angeles where they became acquainted with their new grandchild. Mrs. Goetz insists he looks exactly like Winston Churchill.

J. C. Wright, who lives on Memory Lane, celebrated his 70th birthday, Saturday, Dec. 30. Mrs.

Wright prepared a turkey dinner and invited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hendry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schaal, Mrs. Priscilla Robinson and Mrs. Anna Muchmore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hoagland gave a Christmas party for the choir of the Community church, Friday evening, Dec. 29. Games and refreshments were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rowley and family spent a part of the holiday season at Coos Bay where a Rowley family re-union was enjoyed.

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