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Just PERSONAL



By DEWEY

This is Thanksgiving day, 1951, and despite everything, it seems that we still have plenty to be really thankful for—so much. I can imagine many things in our community which might have been worse, thus giving us cause to find fault. It is a custom of mine each year to take an inventory, as it were, of the things which have happened to me. My balance sheet has always surprised me.

First of all, I am thankful to live in this community—one which is so enterprising—so alert and so alive. Our growing pains are sometime almost unbearable, but yet I can find that they are endurable without too much trouble. I am thankful for our progress the past year—and I seriously doubt if any of us have fully assessed the many changes.

I am thankful for my friends—disagree with them as I may have in the past year—for I have found them to be honest and good friends. Sometimes our disagreements have been blessings which took me some time to see and fathom, but I'll admit that I have found much good from all of these.

I am so thankful that our city is incorporated, and is started on the road to becoming a great place. I am thankful for the men you people have chosen as the council, for I firmly believe you did just more than a good job. These men are doing the very best they know how, and as far as I am able to see, making no mistakes.

I am thankful for my business associates. They are honest, hard-working people who are doing a great job of keeping abreast of the times—at least to the extent of their abilities. I am thankful that more and more new people are seeking a right to become a part of this community—that is certainly a healthy sign.

Business men of this area are feeling much as I do—and have a message to all Pilot readers in this issue, with a story about the actual beginning of our present Thanksgiving custom. It is worth clipping and saving, for it tells us a story of struggle, and victory also.

Just for fun, and for a lot of self-satisfaction and information, too, let us, today, jot down the facts about our community today, and file it away until one year from today, and then make another inventory. Let me tell you that you are going to be more than just amazed.

When I get the biggest thrill is a talk with people who have been away from this community just a matter of months, and to have them come back and see the many changes wrought. Just try this sometime, and see what a big shock you will get. We are too close to the trees here to see the forest—if you know what I really mean.

The Pilot office will be closed from Thursday, since it has been a terrific drag on me physically so it strikes me that Friday and Saturday could be used to accomplish some work about the home which has been neglected to care for the rush at the shop. Then, too, Paul Peterson is moving his family to this area, and will be occupied those days.

It has been thirteen years since I have taken any kind of a vacation—one which you'd call such, and this is another excuse for taking a "run-out" for the weekend. This will be my last opportunity for such a relaxation for many more weeks, if then.

Happy and bountiful Thanksgiving to all of you.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Clement, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Nick Baumgartner, Sr., left Sunday for a week's visit in central California. While the Clements are visiting in San Francisco and Walnut Creek, Mrs. Baumgartner will visit a brother and his family at Sebastapol, and a sister and her family at Healsburg.

The Misses Bonnie Jean and Treva Lee Allen of Cave Junction arrived Saturday for several weeks visit with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crockett. Their parents plan to come here for Thanksgiving at the Crockett home. Both young ladies, in high school, visited school here Monday, accompanying Kay DeMartin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carmen of Grants Pass, former local residents, were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chambers.

LeRoy Newman returned recently from a trip to DeSmet, South Dakota, and was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Maney, who will make her home here with him.

Lawrence Wright, who is stationed at the Alameda Naval Air base, spent a recent week-end visiting relatives at Harbor and Eureka.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Webb arrived Sunday from Millerton, Pa., to spend the winter at their Harbor home.

Booster night program held by Chetco Grange Friday evening was enjoyed by the Grangers and their guests. The program was under leadership of the lecturer, Hazel Hendry. The next Grange meeting, Dec. 7, will be election of state officers.

Word was received here Monday of the death of Bill Duggan's father, late last week at Central Point, where the Duggans are now living. The funeral was held Monday at 10 a. m. Mr. Duggan had visited this area during the time his son was in this community, connected with the Swan lumber Company.

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