

ember 5th. Early for this district. A snowstorm hit the John Day country the night of the 7th and old timers said it was the worst storm in ten years while it lasted. Local weather prophets are predicting a very severe winter. We are moved to write a brief verse in rhyme.

With apologies to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

"The day is cold and dark and dreary."

It seems the rain made Henry weary.

But did he ever have to go

About his tasks in waist-deep snow,

With the wind coming out of the frozen north

Banding the treetops back and forth?

Bet that would have made him weary.

"Be still, sad heart." He also told us.

As if he thought the advice would hold us.

"Thy fate is the common fate of all."

Not me. I'll go south another fall

Where the weather's a bit more cheery.

Several of the "old hands" are trickling back from the service and asking about their status in regard to their old jobs but few taking them immediately. They want to look around a bit.

Yesterday we visited awhile with Bob

McAtee, who used to be assistant carpenter on the bridge crew in this district before joining the Seabees, where he worked up to Carpenter's Mate 1/c. He rather took us to task about our story of his \$20 fish. It seems it was much smaller than Bob had been in the habit of catching and this was just the Judge's way of kidding him.

A. L. Macomber, section foreman at Spray until he fractured his leg last year, fractured it again this year and was off duty for several months. He thought it would be but a short time until he'd be able to go to work but his leg became worse and he has been sent back to the hospital. The members of the chapter are sorry to hear this, Al.

PORTLAND CHAPTER No. 17

This chapter, having voted on June 28, to discontinue the summer meetings, will resume its regular monthly meetings on October 26. This meeting will be held in the Men's Lounge Room of the Public Service Bldg., at 8 P.M., and all State employees, members, or otherwise, are invited.

Dr. Harold M. Erickson, State Health Officer, will be the featured speaker, his topic being "What Do You Know About Health." There will also be some worthwhile entertainment which we are not going to tell you about. If you don't want to "wish you had been there"—

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