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HUNDREDS SHOW CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND JOIN RED CROSS

ONTARIO WILL EXCEED QUOTA BY COMFORTABLE MARGIN. THIRD DAY OF DRIVE SAW RECORD GO TO 700

NYSSA RECORDS NOT COUNTED

Chairman Cockrum Receives Preliminary Reports From All Teams And Many Families Listed on Honor Roll

Running ahead of expectations and still going in the reports received from the Red Cross Christmas membership drive, Chairman A. L. Cockrum is expecting that the Snake river district from Dead Ox Flat to Big Bend, including Ontario and Nyssa covered by the Ontario Chapter will have a membership of 1500 when the week ends. This Mr. Cockrum is certain is more than one third of the population of the district.

Ontario Now Has 700 Members To show how there was the work of the teams in the city section, on Wednesday there were over 700 members in the parent chapter and there were 60 families listed on the honor roll, which requires that every one of the family be a member of the Red Cross. Mr. Cockrum declared that there were more than 60 and would probably be between 80 and 100 families so recorded for in the haste of compiling the list some have no doubt been overlooked.

The Honor Roll
Roy Shaw Water Glenn
Hugh Allen Herbert Livingston
J. R. Greig Joe Williams
A. W. Athey Ward Canfield
Dr. J. W. Weese Geo. Kellogg
Dr. Jacob Prinsing W. J. Pinney
Lloyd Richardson E. C. VanPatten
D. Magill Ray Wilson
S. D. Dorman E. M. Greig
Mrs. M. E. Osborn Lew Adams
C. W. Claggett Herschel Browne
C. R. Segulne J. B. Atherton
Dalton Biggs C. R. Emison
I. Troxell F. Cassidy
J. T. McNulty Pete DuFord
H. L. Holcomb J. R. Blackaby
Dan Grady F. O. Drain
George Bender J. G. Smith
S. F. Taylor Jas. Lackey
Dr. S. S. Fortner H. L. Poorman
Dr. W. J. Weese Dr. M. Taggart
Jno. Wood Dr. H. H. Whitney
W. H. Laxson S. Wetson
Tom Fisher W. W. Letson
Ed. Berry H. H. Tunney
Frank Winston Frank Rader
Mrs. May Martin Mrs. Lucy Fox
C. W. Platt J. W. McCulloch
A. L. Cockrum W. F. Homan
H. B. Cockrum Earl Blackaby
Byron Turner J. P. Burrell

Nyssa Reports Not In
With 700 to 750 members in Ontario Mr. Cockrum expects the total membership to be fully 1500 for there are more people in the district outside of the city than inside. The Nyssa teams have not reported neither have those from Kingman Colony and the Big Bend where the Red Cross spirit has been marked indeed. Nyssa alone is counted on turning in over 300 members.

Even the partial reports which have been received from the country precincts show that the ranchers are decidedly strong for the Red Cross. One worker reported 14 members from one ranch and a total of 65 members in her territory which was estimated to start with at 40. Similar reports came from the out lying sections.

Dead Ox Flat Out Again
Ontario is again handicapped by the fact that while the population of Dead Ox Flat is computed in the total from which the Chapter's share is to be raised practically all of its membership goes to Fayette while Weiser gets the balance. While this is a natural result of the lack of district communication with that region, never-the-less it is one of the things that makes Ontario's task harder.

Mrs. Amos Rattler of Westfall is among the many upper-country residents who came to see what the Ontario merchants had ready for Christmas.

ONTARIO GIRL DIES IN CALIFORNIA ON MONDAY

Miss Maude M. Kidd, aged 22 years, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kidd of Ontario, died Monday afternoon at Los Angeles, where she went with her mother several months ago in hope that a change of climate might be beneficial. The end came suddenly, for on the day of her death her father received a letter from her, written a few days previous, in which she expressed hope for betterment of condition and declared that she was improving. Mrs. Kidd left Los Angeles Wednesday with the body and is expected to arrive on Friday. Pending her arrival no arrangements for the funeral have been made.

READY SALE FOUND FOR WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Postmaster At Westfall Makes Record For District Served From Ontario Post Office-Sells Out In A Day

War savings stamps are having a ready sale in the district served with postal supplies from the Ontario office. Westfall has the best record reported to date.

In that community the Postmaster organized a real campaign. He got out some advertising material, went to the schools and made a talk to the pupils and solicited the town. While Westfall is not the largest town in the county that bustling Postmaster had no more war stamps when evening came.

Here in Ontario the stamps are taking just fairly well but as the public gets used to the "two-bit" saving plan the post office officials expect to see a large increase in the demand.

BOUNTIFUL SHOWER IS GIVEN HOLIDAY BRIDE

Announcement was made this week of the engagement of Miss Emma McGivern, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McGivern of this city to Fred J. Clemo, local express agent. The bride and groom are both well and favorably known here in Ontario where they have hosts of friends.

The wedding day is said to be December 28 and many prenuptial affairs have been arranged by friends. The second of these events took place last Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Mae Platt, where the guests were associates of Miss McGivern on the public school faculty and gathered friends.

In keeping with the season yuletide decorations were effectively used throughout and the shower came from a bountifully laden Christmas tree the gifts being distributed by little Miss Margaret Blackaby, all in white, a Christmas fairy.

Those present beside the honored guest were: Mrs. J. R. Blackaby, Mrs. J. J. Smith, Misses Ethel and Cora McNulty, Rena Biggs, Eva Boydell, Jennie Whitaker, Clarence Canfield, Ruth Parcell, Luella and Reva Callin, Leona Rader, Eric Orcutt, Margaret Dunbar, Margaret Blackaby.

Last week Mrs. J. G. Smith, Misses Clarence Canfield and Ruth Purcell were hostesses for a plate shower for Miss McGivern at the home of Mrs. Smith.

STUDENTS COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Saturday will see the influx of Ontario students at the various institutions of higher education. The first to arrive will be those from the University and State college among them being Laltue Blackaby, Miss

NEW YEAR'S TO SEE NEW BUSINESS PLAN

Some of Ontario's Merchants Adopt "Cash and Carry" Plan Urged By Idaho's Food Administrator

Ontario merchants are to try the "New Year's Resolution" system and turn over a new leaf for the new year in their method of doing business. They are to put into force the request of R. F. Bicknell, federal food administrator for Idaho, for a "Cash and Carry" system. Three firms, Rader, Bros., Wilson Bros. and A. E. Fraser, in advertisement in other columns of this issue announce their intention and several other firms have decided to do so while others have the matter under advisement.

At a meeting of the merchants Sunday noon the question was discussed at length. As in the first meeting of last week no definite agreement was reached. The merchants were not unanimous concerning the plan and since the business firms represented so varied a field they could not agree. Although no agreement was signed it is understood that a large section of the business district will go to the new basis on January 1.

In speaking of their adoption of the new plan the merchants were unanimous in declaring that they did so, not because of dissatisfaction over present methods but merely because they had been so requested by the federal food administrator. By the adoption of the new system, they declare, that there will be accomplished two things; a reduction in the help needed, thus releasing men for other service when labor is scarce; and secondly it will enable them to sell goods at lower prices giving the benefit to their customers.

A charge of five cents is to be made for all deliveries no matter what the size of or the number of the packages that go to one customer. Then, too there will be only one delivery each day from the stores which adopt the system.

NEW RURAL ROUTE TO START ON JANUARY 2

Fifty-six Ranchers Sign Notifications That They Will Have Boxes Ready To Receive Mail

After months of patient effort the fifty mile mail route out of Ontario has been approved and all the necessary preliminaries provided for its establishment.

Under the new plan Clarence Wood the carrier will leave Ontario in the morning and cover the district toward Nyssa, along the Boulevard and South of the city in the morning, returning to Ontario at 11:30.

One hour later he will start west and cover the territory along the ridge leading toward Vale to the Marcus ranch where he will turn North to the Mallett school house and turn East along the Vale road until the Dunbar corner is reached where he will again go North and serve the ranchers along the edge of the Malheur and enter Ontario after serving the ranchers West of the Fair grounds.

Previously announcement has been made that the route had been established but this was slightly in error for the department did not have the necessary names to comply with the regulations. These names were secured by Howard Mallett this week acting for the Commercial club civic committee and Inspector Peacock after viewing the route gave approval.

There are a number of persons on the route who could not be seen by Mr. Mallett on his trips over the route and if they desire service Postmaster Gregg asks that they notify the office immediately.

Grace Sage, Miss Rena Adam and Miss Irene Rader from the University at Eugene; Arthur Cockrum, Miss Theodosia Wells, Miss Neva Billingsby, Miss Nettie Peterson and Miss Conklin from O. A. C.

On Sunday the contingent from the University of Washington will arrive including: Palmer Trow, Marcus Pinney, and Paul Van Petten.

RED CROSS CHAPTER FORWARDS SUPPLIES

Huge Boxes Laden With All Kinds of Comforting Garments Beasts For Foreign Shores-List Is Long One

Four huge boxes filled with needed garments and surgical supplies were shipped from the Ontario Chapter of the Red Cross this week. This makes sixteen boxes that have left Ontario for shipment abroad.

The invoice of the contents of the boxes will assuredly surprise anyone who has not kept in touch with the work of the organization. In the shipment were many bath robes, pajamas, nightgales and much knitted work from the auxiliaries of the local chapter.

A glance over this list of what was in the boxes will soon reveal the fact that the Ontario women are busily at work for the Red Cross:

25 pr. pajamas, 29 pr. convalescent robes, 18 pr. bed packs, 84 pr. bed shirts, 21 nightgales, 6960 gauze compresses, 4 inches X 4 inches, 300 gauze compresses, 9 inches X 9 inches, 20 waste gauze compresses, 8 inches X 12 inches, 9 pr. wristlets 18 mufflers, 11 sweaters, 1 helmet 40 pr. socks.

Of this amount, Valley View sent 7 bed shirts; the gauze, 7 bed shirts; Kingman Colony, 19 nightgales; Nyssa, with Owyhee and Arcadia, 26 pr. of pajamas, 40 convalescent robes, 72 bed shirts, 18 pr. bed packs, 2 nightgales.

Valley View, 2 mufflers; Kingman Colony, 2 pr. wristlets, 2 pr. socks, 2 mufflers, 3 sweaters; Grange, 2 mufflers.

In connection with the shipment of the big consignment the officials of the Red Cross expressed a desire that public acknowledgment be made of the services of John Landingham who has hauled every shipment of goods both to and from the station since the local chapter was organized.

TREES TRY TO RAISE TWO CROPS PER YEAR

Warm Weather Impells Buds to Swell And Threatens Destruction of Next Year's Fruit Crop

J. Pluvius, the weather man, has his dates all mixed up on account of war conditions, and has switched the April weather current for Snake river valley onto the December line. As the result of the balmy weather he has the trees attempting to break winter rules and spread themselves to raise two crops in one season. All of the early trees have buds, especially along the river while not a few of the fruit trees have shown indications of a desire to work over time.

Of course this weather is unusual for that is the brand that this section of the West serves all the time, unusually nice. It is in sharp contrast to the Middle West brand of 14 to 24 below. Ontario has not had frost for several nights this week and the mercury has been registering about 40 every morning with 51 as the maximum during the day.

The slight reduction in heat noted today was welcomed by the fruit men who hope that it will continue colder so that the fruit trees will be restrained from further activity. In the meantime the sheep and cattle men are not kicking.

TONS OF MALHEUR COUNTY TURKEYS GOING TO SOLDIERS

Tons of Malheur County turkeys will adorn the Christmas dinner tables in army cantonments. On Sunday last nearly a car load was shipped from here by Max Muller, formerly of the Ontario Produce company who bought them of local dealers and growers for a Portland Commission firm. Nearly a car load of dressed birds were purchased and the picking of them netted several hundred dollars to a group of Ontario women who received ten cents per bird for taking off the feathers.

RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS TO START BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

VIEWS POSSIBILITIES FOR BUSINESS IN CITY

Andrew Robinson one of Grant County's prominent meat packers has been in Ontario all week viewing the field for the location of a wholesale and retail packing plant. While he had not decided the question he declared that the geographical location, together with the state of development all ready attained in the producing of the meat and poultry made one worthy of consideration.

MARINES' STAR MAN IS ONTARIAN'S SON

Vernon Brown Pilot of the Mare Island Sea Soldiers Son of Argus Foreman-Daughter Is War Nurse

When the Mare Island Marine football team meets the Camp Lewis, 91st Division aggregation at Pasadena on New Year's day, in a large measure, battle will rest on the head and shoulder, or rather the head and feet of the son of an Ontarian.

The young man whose ability to direct the play as well as whose speed and power of attack has helped John Beckwith's boys win the Coast championship is none other than Vernon Brown, son of Wynfield Brown, foreman of the Argus and formerly one of the proprietors of the Gate City Journal. Sporting writers up and down the coast declare that there is no quarter back in this section whose work for the season is in the class that is shown by Brown.

Young Brown, like all the other members of the Marine team is an excellent star having seen two years of gridiron work at Wisconsin and later a year at Washington State College.

Not The Only One In Uniform

The young man, however, is not the only member of the family of whose service for Uncle Sam the pater familias is proud. In the marine hospital at Mare Island there is Junior Lieutenant Miss Winifred Brown, the football star's sister. As her rank indicates she possesses the necessary qualification to order those husky soldiers to do her bidding when they are sick, as her brother does when he has them on the chalked field.

Miss Brown graduated from the St. Luke's nurses' training school and after service in a Honolulu hospital enlisted last spring and is now awaiting orders that will take her to France.

When he was in San Francisco a few weeks ago Mr. Brown had a long visit with his son and daughter and declares that in their navy uniforms the nurses look as soldierly as the soldiers themselves. And what is more they believe they are fighting for Uncle Sam just as hard as are their brothers.

MOTHER OF ONTARIO WOMAN PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Nancy Griffith Jones, who has for the past two years lived with her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Hunter died last Friday after a lingering illness.

Nancy A. Griffith Jones was born in Mandaville, W. Va., September 26, 1835. She leaves one son Geo. H. Jones, two daughters Mrs. D. H. Hunter, and Mrs. Anna Sullivan of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter accompanied the remains to Mandaville, W. Va. where she will be buried Friday.

A brief service was held at the Hunter home Saturday at 4:00 p. m. Rev. Hanna having charge.

Attorney J. W. McCulloch returned Tuesday from Juntura after presenting testimony in the Malheur river water case.

WHILE BELLS IN CHURCH STEEPLES CHIME ONTARIANS AND FRIENDS WILL GATHER ABOUT LIGHTED TREE

GIFTS GOING TO HOLY LAND

Peculiar Fitness of Program Shown In Giving Food To Land From Which The Savior Came

Only one thing is lacking now for the staging of Ontario's municipal Christmas tree program. That absent element is a coating of beautiful snow. However the committee has not given up the hope that the Christmas scenery will not be complete by next Monday evening.

What the scenery may lack will be made up in the spirit of the exercises and those who gather to take part in them. It is peculiarly appropriate that the committee chose the Armenian and Syrian relief fund to be the beneficiary for the collection to be taken at the tree, for Ontario will be sending of its surplus to the land honored as the habitation of Him in whose honor the exercises are held.

Church Bells To Ring

The signal for the beginning of the exercises will be the ringing of the bells of all the churches. The first bells will ring at 7 o'clock and the second bells will break on the winter evening's air at 7:30.

There will be beside the religious note in the program, an expression of Patriotism in keeping with the times. This is manifest in the presence of the National anthem and America on the list of songs. The address of the occasion will be delivered by W. W. Wood.

The following is the program: **MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM**

Music by the Ontario Band.
"Star Spangled Banner," sung by Accompaniment.
Invocation, Rev. C. H. Blom.
Exercise, Primary Pupils of City Schools.
Christmas Carol, Pupils of 4th and 5th Grades.
Solo by James G. Smith.
Address by Judge W. W. Wood.
Song by Wienie Trio of Oregon Club.
Appeal for Armenians, Rev. Earl Hanna.
"America," sung by Audience.

ONTARIO GIRLS CHEERING SOLDIER BOYS WITH LETTERS

Beside seeing to it that the Ontario soldier boys are kept in reading matter, members of the Honor Guard, that is some of them, are making life camp more enjoyable for soldier boys they have never met. This they are accomplishing by the correspondence route and many interesting missives leave Ontario regularly on the mission of "good fellowship."

DRAINAGE CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED SOON

Directors Having Plans and Specifications Checked up and Hope to Get Contract in January or February

For the purpose of checking up the plans of the original engineer directors of the Malheur Drainage district have a force of men on the ground now and hope to have the work in such shape that the contract can be awarded in January or February.

The board met on Monday afternoon at the office of Secretary C. R. Emison and formally ratified the sale of the bonds and other steps that have been taken to get the work under way.