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New Year's Symposium

TIME: New Year's Morning

Merchant: "Must hurry down to office and finish pricing that inventory. Thank goodness I won't have to use all my profits to take care of inventory losses. Well, I wonder what 1936 will bring. I feel a little easier; think I'll slip away for a week or two the last of January and visit some of the big cities. Might get some good ideas."

Worker: "Wish I had come home early last night. Oh, well; New Year's eve comes only once a year; and I have all day to lounge around in. Tomorrow the old grind again; anyway I've got a job, and that's something."

Clergyman: "I'm not sorry to see 1935 go. Wars and tumults prevail, and so many people seem sudden in sin. I pray for a coming of the Great Revival, but the signs of the times do not seem propitious. I have been reading a great deal in the books of the Prophets lately. They seemed to face similar conditions then, I wish I could speak with Isaiah's eloquence."

Spinster, age 30: "1936, that's divisible by four, so it's leap year again. Why do they dust off that old gag, anyway? Wonder though if it's right to wish along this year? Believe me, though, I'm not going to run after any man. I've got a good job and am not going to ruin my hands with dishwashing in some male's cheap kitchen. . . . Guess I'll call up Ronald and see if I can string him for a dinner tonight."

Potential Candidate: "I think this is my year. What offices are there to be voted on this year? Think I'll run for county commissioner or sheriff, maybe."

Grandfather: "Congress meets next week, and then we'll have a show-down. The speaker at the club last week said if congress didn't vote the plan we'd elect an entire new congress in November that would sure give us the \$200 a month next January. I hate to wait that long though. At \$2 you can't be sure for a year ahead and my old body is about wore out. How you feeling this morning, ma?"

Unemployed: "What's the chance for a job this year? That's all I want to know. Believe me, I'm getting tired of this S.E.R.A. and W.P.A. stuff. It's those big fellows. They are just queuing the working classes. There's got to be a change in the system."

Liberty Leaguer: "1936. That's the year I've been waiting for. I'm sure going to swat that guy in the White House. What he has done to the country is plenty. If we don't get rid of him I think I'll do like Lindbergh, hunt a hole in some other country."

Housewife: "Well, I better get up. Cousin Margaret and her family will be here for dinner. Wish she could lend a hand instead of spending her time cooing with the men folks. New Year; what chance will there be to get that new rug? Not much I guess, not until we get the hospital bill paid for John's operation."

Reporter: "Another holiday. Poor chance for a good news break on a holiday, unless it's a class A accident. This darn piece Lucy gave me doesn't draw with a damn. Guess I'll hurry round my beat and then take in a show."

Student: "Now who started this New Year's resolutions business anyway? I know who's kept it up. Dad had done one for me; better grades next term or back to the mill for me. I gotta cut out the women; that's my weakness."

Poet: "Do we eat in 1936, or do we starve? Starve most likely; getting used to that now. Here's four bits; that'll get me a little wine to honor the new year with; maybe give me an inspiration for a poem I can sell."

So 1936 came into the world and thus was greeted in various ways by various people, just as the new year has been welcomed since man learned to chart the end and beginning of earth's annual round of the sun.

California's Deficit

CALIFORNIA has skated merrily along on a liberal spending policy. New and fine schools, junior colleges and higher institutions; good roads; an elaborate governmental establishment; all these have cost plenty of money. So long as California was the magnet attracting the wealthy classes from other states, and so long as its own industries and enterprises were expanding the resulting increase in wealth and income could sustain the heavy state budget. The depression however has sorely affected California. To meet the problem the legislature enacted a sales tax which produced tens of millions of dollars. It also enacted a heavy income tax, which has had the effect of driving out of residence some of California's richest citizens. In spite of these new imposts the state deficit keeps mounting.

The Pacific Rural Press published at San Francisco offers this comment on the fiscal condition of the state:

"In the face of the \$70,000,000 deficit and no tax methods with which to meet this deficit, the state is confronted with referendums threatening to repeal some of our present sources of revenue. One referendum would repeal the state income tax. Another would do away with the sales tax. Hooked with them is a proposal to exempt all property from taxation by adopting the Single Tax plan."

"It doesn't seem to occur to any one to meet the deficit by cutting expenses."

"Instead we slide gaily down the mountainside on our tax toboggan approaching a sheer drop of a \$70,000,000 deficit."

Here in Oregon through stringent economies enforced during the Meier administration the state treasury is in sound condition, with heavy cash balances; the 1936 state tax levy on property is a little less than the one this year; and the state is able to finance its capital rebuilding without bonding. California is accustomed to dealing in astronomical figures, so apparently it is not appalled as yet by the prospect of a \$70,000,000 deficit.

Some one has written that an individual adjusts his expenditures to meet his income, but a government adjusts its income to meet its expenditures. This is true within limits. California has about reached the top limit of income increase under present conditions. Whether it can stand curtailment of expenditures is a question, so easy a spender has the state been.

Affairs in Ethiopia have been at a stalemate for weeks. Even the new general of the Italian army has made no progress. Whether he is marking time under orders from home, or is forced to because of the difficulties of his task or the opposition of the enemy cannot be said. But the delay must be costly to morale in the field and at home. The league states are not doing anything on oil sanctions now, apparently because of a belief that present sanctions plus the military stalemate plus the approaching rainy season will accomplish the same result in the stopping of Italian conquest.

Representative Tobin of Newport, famed also as "mine host" of the Abbey hotel, entertained his legislative colleagues over the week-end. Ten democrats and four republicans attended. The smallness of the group did not prevent their resolute however; and the ten democrats endorsed Howard Latourette for democratic national committeeman and Ben Dorris of Eugene for republican national committeeman. Something like the famed three tailors of Titlow street, who began their proclamation, "We, the people of England."

Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg of Austria contemplates retiring to a monastery. In China a noted general is said to be returning to public affairs after passing some years in a Buddhist monastery. Man's own spirit divides between desires for serene contemplation and active participation. In America however, few retire willingly from seats of power.

Portland Woman Here

RICKEY, Dec. 31 — Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Humphreys have had as their guest Mrs. R. Westering of Portland. Additional guests for Christmas were Mr. Westering, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Snyder, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Van Patton, Robert Van Patton, Miss Ruth Van Patton, Edward Farrington, all of Salem.

Pattys At Silverton

SILVERTON, Dec. 31 — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Patty of Klamath Falls were Silverton visitors during the week. Patty formerly owned the Ford garage at Silverton but is now located at Klamath Falls. While here they were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Banks.

The Great Game of Politics

By FRANK R. KENT

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Federal Fan Dancer No. 1

Washington, Dec. 31

THERE are so many fascinating phases of the Works Progress Administration, as conducted by the Federal Fan Dancer No. 1.

Mr. Hopkins, that weeks could be spent writing about them without exhausting the subject.

CHARGES that the organization in various States is dominated by Democratic politicians and the jobs given out on a party basis, in complete disregard of the President's promise, are reiterated almost daily by some one or other. Then there are the allegations of ridiculous waste which flow in a constant stream from all sections and are met, as the charges of politics, with defiant snorts by the Hopkins—or more frequently by simply ignoring the facts as not worth noticing.

SOMETIMES, when cornered the retort is made that these charges come from those who are for "property rights" and against "human rights," coupled with the assertion that the critics are in favor of "starving the unemployed."

In the highest New Deal circles these last two statements are considered adequate answers to practically everything. They are New Deal arguments. They are part of the equipment of every New Deal publicity agent. They have been sanctioned and used by Mr. Roosevelt himself.

THERE is, however, a brighter side of the WPA activities, which, as recently developed, is so much in tune with the holiday spirit that none save the sources of amusement in the world would be mean about it. Light upon this is shed by the which tells the interesting story of Ruby Bae, the blond and beautiful Minneapolis night club charmer who just became Federal Fan Dancer No. 1.

Under the official cloak of the Minnesota WPA and equipped with two fancy furs, Ruby is on her way as one of the 3,500,000 employables put to work by the Administration to spread joy and jollity in the CCC camps of the state.

"TWO-FAN" Ruby as she is sometimes called, became eligible for work under the WPA in a novel way. According to the Journal, she joined the ranks of the jobless immediately after her arrest by the Minneapolis police for "cavorting about Coffee Dan's night club in the nude." The club was closed, the proprietor fined \$50 for disorderly conduct, and Ruby, with her two fans, found herself temporarily out of a job. The vigorous contention of the two policemen who arrested Ruby was that she danced "without a nickel's worth of clothes on her."

With equal vigor, Ruby contended that she "did so" have a nickel's worth of clothes on her and that her dance was highly artistic, cultured and refined.

RE that as it may, Ruby is on the Federal pay roll now, part of that great army of employables transferred by Mr. Hopkins to one of his many "useful projects" upon which the four billion dollars appropriated for relief to relieve distress is being spent, and from which, we are told, regarded as permanent investments, gratifying returns will be had. These "useful projects" are, the argument is, a means of increasing the national wealth. And what could be more useful than diverting the sturdy young men in the CCC camps, and how could they be more delightfully diverted than by Ruby's aesthetic exhibition of fan dancing?

TO the camps with Ruby, the culture carrier, also go a masculine hula-hula dancer, a comedian, a blue singer or two, a few instrumentalists and some other dancers, all of them professionals stranded either by the decline of the variety stage or the unkind raids of the police upon the night clubs. But Ruby is the only genuine fan dancer in the whole administration—as far as known. Hers is a unique distinction and it would be a crabbled old taxpayer indeed who, at this time of year, scoffed, carped or cavilled at putting a gay young girl like Ruby on the pay roll for so inaudible a purpose. How better could the lives of the downtrodden and oppressed be brightened? In what way could sweetness and light be more abundantly diffused? Ruby was a great Liberal idea and convincingly demonstrates the New Deal devotion to "human rights" rather than "property rights."

Home Economics Found In Orient Is Theme of Address to High Club

WOODBURN, Dec. 31 — The second meeting of the Home Economics club of Woodburn high school was held with Miss Loris Nelson presiding. Other officers are Miss Jean Beers, vice president; Cecelia Whitney, secretary; Elna Bell, historian; Myrtle Martin, custodian; Cleo Carothers, reporter; Joan Beck, pianist. Miss Barbara Reed of the faculty gave a talk on "Home Economics in the Orient," and exhibited her scrap book of snapshots taken while visiting The Orient during the past summer. The club sponsored the annual Christmas drive for needy families and co-operated with the F. F. A. boys in repairing toys and dressing dolls.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Salem woman has copy of editorial that made William Allen White famous; flash on World War's end, too:

Salem and its trade territory have many residents who will recall a great deal about the history of what is to follow in this column.

Their homes before coming to Oregon were in Kansas.

Oregonians whose memories carry back to the nineties are familiar with the expression, "what is the matter with Kansas?" words frequently on the tongues of the new comers from the sunflower state who became citizens of the Badger commonwealth during that period.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Littlefield, whose home is at 224 Division street, came west in 1910, going first to Hood River, where they spent eight years, then to Portland, and from that city they came to Salem, where for over 12 years, up to a few weeks ago, Mr. Littlefield was chief engineer of heating for the capitol and the group of buildings supplied from the same central plant.

In 1910 he was for a long time in the creamery business, operating his own plant at Parsons, a city in Labette county, near the southeast corner of that state.

He was president of the state creamerymen's association of Kansas.

While the Littlefields lived in Kansas they took the Star of Kansas City, Mo., which had and has

a tremendous circulation in Kansas as well as in Missouri.

Mrs. Littlefield has during all the years since leaving Kansas, preserved a clipping from the Star, published not long before 1908.

It is headed, "The Editorial That Made William Allen White Famous." Under the heading are the words: "Reprinted by request from the Emporia Gazette of August 15, 1896."

That editorial aided in widening the fame of William Allen White, but his name was already well known, and it has since that time continued to gain fame. He is the author of several books, and his newspaper, the Emporia Gazette, published in a city about Salem's size, and having a circulation not larger than that of The Statesman, has exerted a great influence all over the nation.

This is due to three facts. First, Kansas is in the geographical center of the United States. Second, it has throughout its history, with provisional, territorial and state governments, been the center of turmoil, intense feeling, and widely disseminated theories—in the struggle over the extension of slavery, about woman suffrage, prohibition, the populist theories, etc., etc.

Third, William Allen White has outstanding ability—so he has been listened to by a much wider audience than is reached by his own newspaper's circulation.

With that explanation, the editorial in question will follow in full.

(Continued tomorrow)

Community Clubs

LABISH CENTER, Dec. 31 — The Silverton commercial club will give the program Friday night at the January Community club meeting, the program committee, O. G. McCloughy and A. J. Harris, announce. Refreshments will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weinman and Mrs. Clyde Leedy.

The Community players will present their play "The Adventure of Grandpa" at the Pratum schoolhouse Friday, January 17, at the invitation of the Pratum Community club. The play was given last Friday night at the North Howell grange hall under sponsorship of the home economics club, to a full house. Door receipts which were \$17.50, were divided between the two organizations.

WALDO HILLS, Dec. 31 — The masquerade dance sponsored by the Community club was one of the most delightful affairs ever held at the club house. The Leitch orchestra furnished music. A prize for the best dressed woman went to Miss Mildred Haberly of The Dalles, a guest of relatives here. She wore a Spanish costume. Deway Allen of Silverton in old-fashioned formal evening dress won the prize for the best dressed man and J. M. Doerfler was voted the funniest.

Pupils on Honor Roll Are Listed

RICKEY, Dec. 31 — New pupils entering school recently are Shirley Ann Skow, fourth grade, from Hazelton, B.C.; and Melvin Crowley, first grade, from Portland. The honor roll for the third month includes: First grade: Lois Ostrom, Jim Hilborn, Viola Perlich; second, Hayden Mercer, Robert Gesner; third grade, Eugene Courtinier, Rodrick Hendrickson, Robert Gilbert, Leonard Perlich; fourth grade, Irene Vogt, Gladys Brandt, Emilia Laninger.

Fifth grade, Emery Hendrickson, Jack Horner, Doris Brown, Delores Waser; sixth grade, Calvin Courtinier, Richard Gesner, Bobbie Mait, Alfred McElroy, Mavis Larson, Allan Courtinier, seventh, Virgil Hoven, Vernon Sheldon, June Piusen, Nellie Flood, Tillie Laninger; eighth grade, Mae Ella Gesner, Lena Grobli, Carroll Courtinier, Edward Burton, John Burton, Carlos Kenney, Lloyd Crabbe, Francis Waser.

Women's Club to Give Silver Tea as Benefit For Girl Scout Troop

LIBERTY, Dec. 31 — The Liberty Women's club will hold a silver tea to benefit the Girl Scouts uniform fund Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the A. B. Browning home.

Girl Scouts will present a program and will serve. All women are invited.

Twenty Years Ago

January 1, 1916

Senator Chamberlain will ask congress for an appropriation of \$50,000 to construct an addition to the Salem postoffice.

Serious illness of the King of Greece, Constantine, is further complicating the political situation in that country.

Three inches of snow fell last night, New Year's eve, in Salem.

Ten Years Ago

January 1, 1926

The Y. M. C. A. will move into its new building across from the postoffice in two months.

Some fine pictures of the state capitol and other Salem buildings are in the annual edition.

The total number of births in Salem for the past year was 510, with 256 boys and 254 girls.

Albert Richs Are Wedded 50 Years

Dinner at Son's and Open House at Their Home Honor Occasion

SCOTTS MILLS, Dec. 31 — Attending the golden wedding dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rich Thursday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rich, were Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Worden, Silverton; Mrs. Gussie Rank of Gresham; Mrs. La Verne Dixon of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Almond Rich and family, Mrs. Vina Losinger, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rich and family, Mrs. Addie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brougher, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith, and Charles Slaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich were married in Manhattan, N.Y., December 26, 1885. Mrs. Vina Losinger, sister of Rich, was bridesmaid at the wedding, also was present at the anniversary. They came to Scotts Mills in 1910.

They returned to their own home at Scotts Mills, where they have lived ever since, and where they have many friends. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas greens with bouquets of yellow flowers.

Pouring and assisting with the serving were Mrs. Arthur Rich, Mr. Almond Rich, Mrs. La Verne Dixon. In the evening members of Ivy Rebekah lodge and Butte lodge I. O. O. F. called and presented them with a beautiful picture. Rebekahs attending were Mrs. Dorothy Morton, Mrs. Annette Hicks.

Attend Christening Mrs. Annette Hicks and grandson, Ralph went to Oregon City Saturday where they attended the christening of Mrs. Hicks' great granddaughter, Katherine Ann. Edward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward, where Hilton has work.

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What an Armful!



"WIFE IN CUSTODY" by BEATRICE LUBITZ

CHAPTER XLII

Not since Irene's wedding had the Rileys sat at the right in the first two rows of the chapel so that they could see all who entered. Walter sat between his mother and Agnes, his face in his hands. Helen had not come yet.

The room filled up quickly with friends and relatives. At the altar the coffin was banked with flowers.

Agnes came noiselessly down the aisle showing people to the empty seats.

There was a stir as old Mrs. Terhune, heavily