

Our Valley

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As post-storm reports drift in, it becomes increasingly apparent that Polk County took quite a beating . . . A very high percentage of basements in Dallas were flooded . . . The water was 58 inches deep in the basement of the Ken Jacobsen dwelling . . . And water was running out of the basement windows of the Phil Hayter house . . . The Dr. R. E. Brinkers reportedly rolled up their rugs, put on boots and watched television while a full inch of water washed through the main floor of their house.

So many big oak trees fell in the yard at the David Peters property, behind Fir Villa near Dallas, that the family left home and took refuge with relatives . . . At least seven of their big trees toppled during the storm, narrowly missing the house and barn . . . Dozens of Dallas families right in town left their homes to stay overnight or longer with families on higher ground . . . A few families in lower portions of north Dallas hauled their furniture to dry land . . . Dave Giesbrecht reported the flood washed away a half-acre of his property on the northeast outskirts of Dallas.

On top of the water, there was plenty of wind trouble at Dallas . . . Just one of that city's numerous insurance agencies reported over 60 claims for wind damage . . . Few, if any, were reported to have insurance covering the water damage . . . Wes Sherman thought it was the worst Dallas flood damage in modern times, not forgetting 1933 when a five-inch rainstorm gave the town a bad time . . . Wes now thinks the estimate of \$100,000 damage in Dallas which he gave to The Statesman Wednesday night, was too conservative.

From Buena Vista, Mrs. Leland Prather reports the harrowing adventure of a young motorist who almost drowned in her district after missing a turn at Salem . . . The youth, Ronald Rosevear, was returning to McMinnville from Salem late Wednesday night while the storm was at its worst . . . He had come to the valley from Maine only six months ago and didn't know the lay of the land . . . Missing the Wallace Road turn at the Polk County end of Salem's Marion Street bridge, the chap continued out Salem-Dallas Highway until he came to a "road closed" sign at the Independence "Y" . . . Noting a road sign pointing to Albany, he turned south and went to Independence, then Buena Vista and on south . . . Soon he encountered water on the road but, thinking it was just a bit of surface water, he kept going until his motor stalled.

All of a sudden the water was so deep he almost had to swim, but he managed to wade a quarter-mile to high ground . . . Falling to rouse anyone at several farm houses, he wandered barefooted for over a mile before finally arousing Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fruelit at 3 a.m. . . . Weak from exposure and fear, he told them, "I've never been so glad to see anybody in my life" . . . And then he collapsed . . . When daylight arrived, just the tip of his car was visible.

Our nomination for the most exclusive Christmas party of 1955 is the one held by Mrs. Ralph Ennor in Brush College School district last week . . . In order to gain admittance, one had to be afflicted with chicken pox . . . Seven children were present, members of three families in the area who came down with the disease . . . The party was held on the same night as the Brush College school program.

We turn now to 1956, in which things are going to be different for Lynn M. Brown and his wife . . . Visiting friends at Jefferson last week, Brown reported he was being transferred from Cape Disappointment to Distraction Island.

Lyons Area Clinic Slated

LYONS—An immunization clinic has been scheduled for Mari-Linn School by the County Health Department for January 10 at 1 p.m. Any child over three months old may be brought to the clinic. Immunizations against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus will be given. The whooping cough vaccine will be given to preschool children and first and second graders. It is recommended that a child's immunization begin at the age of three months. A booster dose should be given in one year and after that every three years. Smallpox vaccinations should be repeated every five years. Parents are urged to keep a record of their children's immunizations.

Jefferson Pupils Observe Yuletide In Various Ways

JEFFERSON—Children of the Jefferson Grade School have been observing the spirit of Christmas in their Junior Red Cross work. The first project of the combined student body was to send CARE packages to Italy, Berlin, West Germany, Greece, and Hong Kong. They also supported the Christmas Seal Drive. In addition, many toys were gathered and renovated, then sent to Fairview home in Salem. One classroom has adopted an orphan boy for Christmas and prepared to help make a merrier holiday for him. Grade school students held their room socials Friday morning.

Sheridan C. of C. Elects J. Herbert

SHERIDAN—J. A. Herbert was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce this week. Other newly elected officers are: Vice president, Wallace Heider; secretary, R. I. Merrifield; treasurer, Leland Sackett; board of directors, Frank Stuck. The new president is assistant manager of the Sheridan branch of the U. S. National bank.

Hayesville Soldier Home for Holidays

HAYESVILLE—Jack Stryfeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Stryfeler of 2310 Kappahna Rd., is home for the Christmas holidays. Jack enlisted in the army in June, 1954 and has been stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, where he is a dental physician. He will report back on Jan. 3.

Students Form Living Christmas Card



ROSEDALE—Pupils of Rosedale School, south of Salem, wish public a Merry Christmas in this living Christmas card, one of 14 they depicted at school's Yuletide program. "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" was theme of card shown. Carolers are Brett Adamson, Lee Buell, Geraldine Green, Kurt Heady, Virginia Perry and Carol Smith. All scenes depicted a Yule song. (Statesman Photo)

This 'Card' 25 Yards Long



DALLAS—Twenty-five yards of Christmas greetings to Fred West, 55-year-old Dallas old-timer, are on this letter held by Dan West, Fred's son. The elder West is in Pythian Home, Vancouver, Wash., recovering from a leg amputation, performed to save his life from a blood clot. His recovery has been remarkable. This message is from scores of friends in Dallas. Fred is honorary assistant chief of Dallas fire department, 58-year member of Methodist Church and for many years was secretary of Knights of Pythias Lodge. Box in picture is equipped with spools and cranks for easy reading of the message.

New Pastor At Silverton

SILVERTON—The Rev. Clarence Sweigart of Wolf Creek has accepted a call to serve as pastor of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Silverton. He will assume his duties here on Jan. 8, giving his farewell sermon at Wolf Creek on Jan. 1, as well as officiating at dedication services for the new church recently completed there. The Silverton Missionary Alliance Church has been without a pastor since the resignation of the Rev. Joseph Cooper last July. The Missionary Alliance recently bought the Bascom home on Wesley Street as a parsonage, and the Zweigerts will move into this shortly after the first of the year.

SHERIDAN WOMAN FETED

SHERIDAN—Mrs. Floyd Cooley was honored on her 69th birthday this week at an open house party given by Mrs. Dale Cooley for 40 guests.

Horse Show at Silverton Out

SILVERTON—The Western Horse show, a Silverton summer feature for 11 years, will not be held this summer, according to present plans. The Silverton Chamber of Commerce voted at its Friday meeting to give up the sponsorship, giving as its reason for dropping the project as lack of public interest. The show was originated in 1945 by the Silverton Rotary Club. Sponsorship by the Chamber of Commerce started three years ago, when the Rotary gave up its part in the event.

Yule Contest Winners Told At Monmouth

MONMOUTH—The Chamber of Commerce Home Lighting contest gave the judges a difficult problem to decide this weekend. These winners were named: First, Mrs. L. E. Forbes, 310 Powell St., with Christmas themes in scenic display floodlighted in front windows, and surrounded by colored lights. Second was the W. A. Martin home, 165 East Clay St., with Santa Claus outlined in colored lights and floodlighted. Third was the home of Rollan Meyers, 208 N. Catron St., with a brilliant display of colored lights on home and surrounding shrubbery.

Commercial lighting winners were: First, Powell Insurance Company, a home living - room scene, fireplace, stockings and tree and toys. Second was the Monmouth Herald office with reindeer in motion against a background of moonlight. Mrs. Lentz' "Workbasket" scene of fireplace, grandparents and children tied for third with Winegar's Hardware, which showed a Nativity scene.

Polk County Court News

DALLAS—The following marriage licenses have been issued: Otto Larsen, 52, glazier, and Wanda Elnor Fast, 42, telephone operator, both of McMinnville. Gary Pankey, 19, logger, Dallas, and Haysel Hays, 17, Yachats.

BPW Club Gets Charter At Willamina

WILLAMINA—The BPW Club received its charter in recent ceremonies, with Mrs. Glenn Pirtle, state BPW president, as guest speaker. Mrs. Freda Peterson, Dallas BPW president, was toastmistress. The dinner, which was served in the sub-auditorium of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, was attended by 89. Women of the church served.

Mrs. Pirtle presented the charter to the Willamina president, Mrs. Floyd Edmiston. A number of state officers were present. Other officers of the new club are: Vice president, Mrs. Albert Yeast; second vice president, Mrs. Ernest Kilgore; recording secretary, Mrs. Donnell Mitchell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Glenn Mendenhall; treasurer, Mrs. Martin Myers; trustees, Mrs. Derold Blanchard, Mrs. Delmar Boyer and Mrs. Mrs. Ralph Dundas.

MISS ELLIS GRADUATES

SHERIDAN—Miss Bonnie Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ellis of Sheridan, completed her nurses training Dec. 19 in Portland. She will be a nurse at the McMinnville Hospital after the holidays.

Golden eagles have been reported with wing spreads of more than seven feet.

Dayton Lodge Elects Officers

DAYTON—Electra Chapter, OES, has elected new officers for the coming year. They will be installed Dec. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lehman are worthy patron and worthy matron. Others include Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hedgecock, associate patron and associate matron; Muriel Sweeney, secretary; Florence Ellis, treasurer; Helen Scoggin, conductress; and Eva Westfall, associate conductress. Retiring worthy patron and worthy matron are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kidd of McMinnville.

Brooks School Program Held

BROOKS—Approximately 300 parents and children saw the Brooks School Christmas program Thursday night. Each grade gave a performance. Harry Sturgis was the Santa Claus who distributed treats. Each grade held a party and gift exchange Friday morning. The pupils presented gifts to Mrs. Ray Hillier and Mrs. C. W. Fitzgerald, the cooks, and to Mike Lowery, custodian. School here will resume Jan. 2.

With all the warmth in our hearts we wish our many friends the very happiest of Holiday Seasons.

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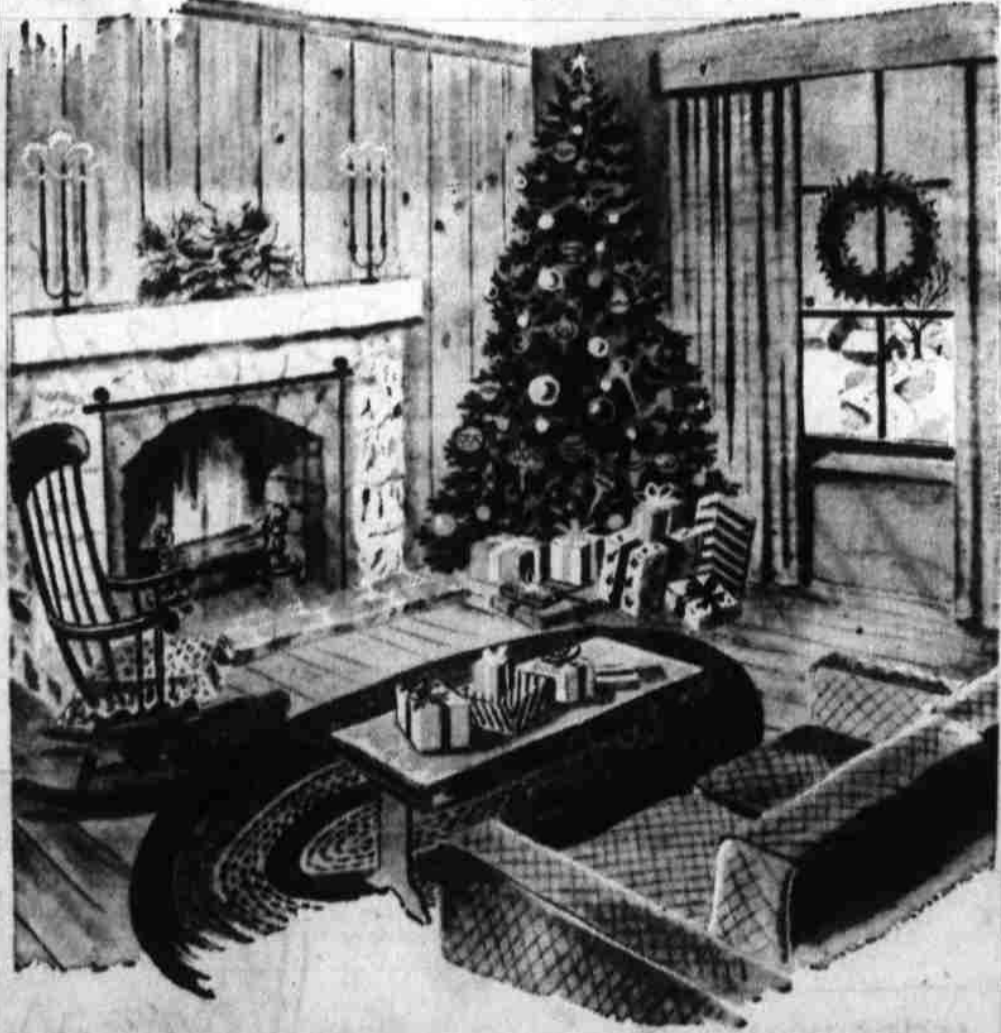
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Season's Greetings

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Season's Greetings

At this most sacred season . . . rich with the traditions of friendship and trust . . . we want to rejoice with you and your family on the happy meaning of Christmas and to join you in praying for true peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

The spirit of Christmas symbolizes humility, brotherhood and tolerance. These are the basic precepts of Christ's teachings. Go to the Church of your choice on Christmas, join your neighbors in a rededication of His principles . . .

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