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We wish you a Merry Christmas
and perhaps the above will
serve to make it merrier

MONMOUTH HARDWARE
J. E. Winegar, Proprietor

DO'S AND DON'T'S AT THE P. O.

Thoughtfulness on Part of Patrons of
Uncle Sam Will Assist Clerks
and Carriers.

DON'T put off mailing that package until Christmas eve.

Don't neglect to tie it properly. It is handled at least five times before it reaches its destination.

Don't forget to write your own return address on all parcel post matter.

Don't guess at the postage and give your friends the pleasure of paying "postage due."

Don't plaster Red Cross stamps on the face of packages or letters; take care not to "seal" parcel post packages with them. It raises the rate.

Don't forget that a little thoughtfulness on your part can help to make Christmas happier for Uncle Sam's men, his horses and his automobiles.

Do mail early, preferably before December 20th, writing on your packages: "Not to be opened until Christmas."

Do your best to use the post offices in the forenoon, the earlier the better.

Do write legibly, both the address to which you are sending the gift and your own return address.

Do be courteous and "Christmassy" to the post office men who serve you. They are handling thousands of pieces of mail matter.

Do be brief at the counter. You keep someone else waiting if you are loaded like an express truck, with packages and foolish questions.

THINGS THE BOYS LONG FOR

Youngsters Prefer Toys or Contrivances to Test Their Muscular Skill or Endurance.

WHAT shall be said of that blundering kindness of home folk that considers giving the boy only presents of such things as he actually needs? It is an outrage upon the spirit of Christmas to present him with new shoes, ties, handkerchiefs—something that he knows he will get anyway—when his sleeping and waking dreams for weeks before have been filled with visions of tops, balls, guns and magic lanterns, says Maud Souders in the Woman's Home Companion. The most beautiful knitted muffler woman's fingers ever constructed cannot compare with a jack-knife with four blades and a cork-screw attachment, when exhibited over the back fence to a neighbor boy on Christmas morning. Very soon after the days of kills a boy reaches the age when he yearns with his whole soul after any toy or contrivance that will test his muscular skill or endurance. At this age an appropriate present would be a rawhide or rope lariat, such as is used by the Buffalo Bill riders. A pair of hand or arm stiffs will be received with equal favor, and in the same category comes a new fishing rod, snow shoes, tennis racket, golf clubs, a good ball, lamp or cyclometer for his wheel, or even a live pet, a new dog, a pair of rabbits or guinea pigs—something that he can pet and train for his own.

Funny Christmas Habit.

There is not a drug store, cigar shop or barroom in the larger cities which has not been made the storage room for Christmas presents bought before the rush sets in. The strange part of it is that every man who utilizes the friendship of his favorite place round the corner thinks he is the only one who thought of the plan. Realizing that the stores will be crowded, many far-sighted heads of families bought their presents a week in advance, and then, fearing the nature of the mysterious package would be discovered at the office or at home, they hit upon the device of making a cache in some resort near home.



ANNUALLY
Toys for little Willie,
Something for the cook;
Make, with forty other things
The empty pocketbook.

Plants for Christmas.

Other things being equal, it is better to buy plants near one's home than to travel afar. Do not be tempted, even by cheap offers, to go miles away, for counting car fares, packing, expressage and lost time, the ultimate cost is very likely to be more than if you paid a good deal higher price at home. Of course it may happen that one grower or florist has a large stock of some one thing and can sell at a low rate, but dealers usually have an understanding with one another especially regarding holiday prices, and for weeks before the holiday season they have been balancing stock with each other, so that the better-quality plants are of an almost fixed value.

Christmas in Days of Yore.

There are many old and stately ceremonies and many historical events connected with Christmas that are well worth perusing, and that give us glimpses of ye ancient times when our fathers and our fathers' forefathers celebrated and revelled and gave of their abundance to those for whom nothing was prepared.

A \$5.00 Gift With Wonderful Possibilities

Here is a suggestion for constructive, character-building Christmas giving that may appeal to you as a thoughtful man or woman. You can come to our Company and by investing \$5, procure a savings-investment certificate for one of our 8 per cent Gold Notes, which pays the holder cash returns regularly every six months. Present this certificate to your son or daughter, or some other young person in whom you are interested. They can do one of two things—(1) bring the certificate to our office and cash it for \$5 to be spent for something to be used or consumed, or (2) utilize it as a medium for systematic saving (with 6 per cent earnings) until they own a security paying them an 8 per cent return. Their savings may be \$5 a month or as much more as they choose. Start boys and girls on the straight road to financial independence surely is worth while. Your \$5 gift may be the thing that will make them the individuals you would like them to be in years to come.

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Farm Bureau News

The annual meeting of the Polk County Farm Bureau, which took place at Dallas last Saturday, was marked by almost radical plans for 1921 work. Committees representing those interested in the several projects, such as rodent control, livestock improvement and others, had met previously and outlined work in considerable detail. The committee recommendations were received, discussed and in most cases adopted without revision. While harmony prevailed at all times, there was some difference of opinion relative to ways and means of obtaining the project goals.

A feature of the livestock work is the offer soon to be made to any breeder in good standing to exchange a pure bred bull calf for a scrub or grade now in breeding service. Breeders of pure stock have pledged their support and the Bureau has undertaken to place the pure animals to the best advantage. There are no strings to the plan, the breeders donating the pure calves outright. The scrubs will be disposed of for slaughter purposes and the funds received placed in the bureau treasury. The object is to stimulate and popularize the breeding of better cattle in this county. As stated by P. O. Powell, president of the organization and chairman of the livestock project committee, this is the first time that the plan of even exchange has been tried by a farm organization and the outcome will be watched thruout the West.

An intensive campaign for the elimination of tuberculosis in cattle is to be waged in cooperation with federal veterinarians. Tests will be made without charge and it is fully expected that Polk county will be tuberculosis free by the close of 1921.

Two local orchard operators, Evans of The Dallas and F. C. Ewing of the Brush College community, have signed to conduct their properties in cooperation with the Agricultural College and fruit work will be centered around these places.

The poultry plants of W. J. Garner of Smithfield and Hoisington Brothers of Bridgeport are being operated in cooperation with the poultry department of the college in the keeping of accurate cost and income records. While considerable work with poultry will be done thruout the county, full annual programs will be conducted in these communities.

To better meet the demand for pure grain for seed purposes, grain certification work is to be prosecuted with vigor.

A leading project is that of rodent control. The committee in charge of this work made of one representative from each of the organized sections of the county, has prepared plans to extend squirrel

poisoning to every infested acre. The County Court is to be asked to invoke the state rodent control law and to place an inspector in the field to see that the law is observed. The law provides that after due notice the county poisons the squirrels and the cost is to be added to the tax against the property.

Active support and strong "follow up" work was pledged for the county fair, Independence corn show and for the boys and girls club work. The better to care for publicity and incidental expenses the membership fee was increased to three dollars a year.

Geo. A. Mansfield of Medford, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, spoke at length on the necessity for concerted action by farmers and farm organizations that their rights be properly respected at Washington.

The following were elected to serve on the executive boards for 1921 with officers as indicated: President, P. O. Powell, Monmouth, chairman; livestock project committee; Vice-president, C. I. Ballard, Rickreall, organization; Secretary, W. J. Garner, Dallas, poultry; Treasurer, L. H. McEwing, Dallas, exhibits; F. C. Ewing, Salem, fruit; Seth Fawk, Rickreall, crops; C. C. Gardner, Dallas, rodent control.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Polk County Fair Association will be held at the Commercial Club Rooms in Dallas, at 10:30 a. m., on Saturday, January 8th 1921.

Election of officers for the coming year will be the principal business to be transacted. Every stock holder is requested to attend.

P. O. Powell, President
Josiah Wills, Secretary

Airlie

The High School teachers and students gathered in the basement at the school house Friday night to pop corn and string it. It will be

Uncle John's Joke

DO I DRIVE A CAR?
NO MA'AM I COAX
IT.



used to decorate the Christmas trees next Friday night. Some rowdy boys from town tried to spoil the popcorn party but failed to do so as they were hardly noticed.

Mrs. John McPee went to Salem Monday to take osteopath treatments.

The eight o'clock freight train still arrives in Airlie about nine o'clock.

Miss Althea Boyer gave a party at her home last Sunday. There were about twenty young folks present.

Mrs. F. L. Tubandt shipped fifteen dressed turkeys to Portland market last Monday.

The Davis & Webber saw mill is going to start running ten hours a day some time this week.

Frank B. Williamson was a visitor at Airlie last week. He has been employed at Fred Ritner's logging camp since hop picking time.

The people of Lewisville are arranging a community Christmas tree.

Miss Jennie Davis is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Davis. She is planning to go to California later on. She has been a stenographer in the Red Cross building in Portland for the last few months.

C. E. Wilson has his logging road nearly completed. He has had several men working at it for the last five weeks.

Anly Caves is suffering from a fall he got as he was walking up the flume Saturday night.

The men who are plastering the Airlie church had to quit work Tuesday on account of the lack of material.

Mack McAlpine returned to Airlie to take up a job driving F. L. Tubandt's truck.

Bobbie Houston and some other little boys of Airlie were playing that raw beans were bananas. Bobbie ate too many and has been in bed the last few days. They had Dr. Bowersox of Monmouth twice.

Charlie Tartar and Verne Legate were in Airlie one day last week.

Novel Christmas Salad Bowl.

By the time that the salad course arrives at the Christmas dinner all that surround the festive board are apt to be warm. It will be refreshing to see the salad come to the table in a block of ice. Smooth the ice square with a hot flat iron and make a cavity in the center with the same utensil. Border with crisp lettuce and sprigs of holly and fill with salad. Place the block on several thicknesses of cloth or a deep platter and put around it a wreath of holly.

DO IT EARLY

Bug — Doing your Christmas shopping now? Why it's a long time off.
Mrs. Snail — I know, but the store is half a block away.

