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THE GREAT BELL

Two thousand residents of the ruined French city of Nieppe held a double celebration last Christmas day. Besides the Christmas tree given for the 400 children of the town by the Junior Red Cross of America, they saw, for the first time since the war, the great bell of the cathedral which had been buried in a nearby field before the German advance.

The great bell, the big Christmas tree and the "Bon Cure," as Cure Van Deel is affectionately known, were all equal attractions in the great festival held among the ruins of the town.

In honor of the Christmas tree which was provided by the Americans, the Bon Cure summoned the men of his district and, with a carefully preserved plan, they went to a spot beside a nearby hill and digging brought out the great bell, six feet high and weighing two tons, and brought it to the school yard, where it was placed beside the Christmas tree. It is said to be one of the finest bells in France, cast in 1768 and decorated with the coat of arms of the town. It was lowered from the church and buried in 1914, and none too soon, for within 24 hours after it was hidden the walls of the magnificent old church crumbled, and today are but a heap of dust, ground down by German shells.

The town was evacuated by orders of the French government, but the Bon Cure remained behind caring for the sick until the Germans entered and forced him to leave. It was only when he had gotten the last of his people safely out that he mounted his bicycle and with a great bundle of sacred church relics on his back, pedaled out of the town and joined a group of citizens of Nieppe who were refugees in southern France.

The Bon Cure was the first to return and out of his slender resources he erected a small school. Because of his labors for all of the children of parents who came back to live among the ruins, the little colony was selected by the Junior Red Cross as the site for a barracks, where more than 400 of the smaller children are taught.

It was for these children that the Christmas tree was given and when they danced around the tree and the old bell, the circle of parents and Bon Cure looked on and smiled at the promise of new life held forth for the first time since the great war to the town of Nieppe.

LAST INSTALLMENT OF
INCOME TAX NOW DUE

December 15th is the last day for the payment of the fourth installment of the income and excess profits taxes due this year. To avoid penalty the tax must be in the offices of the collectors of internal revenue or branch offices by midnight of that date.

Inquiries reaching the commissioner of internal revenue indicate a belief that taxpayers have 10 days grace on this installment. Such a provision was contained in the 1917 revenue act but was removed by the revenue act of 1918.

Payment of the fourth installment may be made in cash or by money order or check. The bureau of internal revenue urges that whenever possible payment be made by check or money order. This method helps the taxpayer by saving him a trip to the collector's office and avoids congestion at the cashier's window. Check or money order should be made payable to "Collector of Internal Revenue."

Bills have been sent to taxpayers but failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of his obligation to pay on time.

CITRUS FRUIT GROWERS
ARE HEAVY ADVERTISERS

Orange and lemon growers in southern California are not only quite prosperous this year, but have been in fine financial condition for several years, according to C. I. Lewis of the Oregon Growers. Mr. Lewis visited the big growers' associations in California recently for the express purpose of taking note of how these big growers' exchanges handle the lemon and orange crop.

The southern California growers are not afraid to spend money in advertising, Mr. Lewis found. The California Fruit Growers' Exchange with headquarters at Los Angeles, is spending for the citrus growers alone this year, the sum of \$600,000, with a budget of \$750,000 for next year. This is just for national advertising, the cost on oranges running 3½ cents a box and on lemons six cents a box.

It was found that while during the past few years all costs were advancing, through organization the southern California orange and lemon growers had actually reduced the selling costs, until it was only 6½ cents a box, with the actual packing costs reduced to 47 cents a box.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many kind friends and neighbors for their kindness to us in our great sorrow in the death of our beloved daughter, Clara.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chamberlin and family.

PRIMARY ELECTION FOR
OREGON GROWERS IS ON

The primary election for the election of directors of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association will close Friday, December 17.

During the past year, Polk county has been represented by H. S. Butz of Dallas, and F. C. Ewing of route 1, Salem. As there are two large fruit areas in Polk county, the Dallas section and that adjacent to Salem, it has been the custom to elect one director from each district.

It is probable that hereafter, voters will be able to elect a director from the district in which they do business, rather than by county lines. Thus members of the association doing business at Salem and living in Polk county, would vote in the Salem district.

There are 21 directors to be chosen and any member is eligible to run for director. The 21 chosen select an executive committee of five which meets monthly.

SLAYER CRABTREE MARSHAL
INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Albany, Or.—James Ward of Crabtree, has been indicted by the grand jury of Linn county on a charge of manslaughter incident to the recent death of M. Story, acting marshal of Sweet Home, whom Ward is alleged to have attacked on Labor day when the aged officer was trying to arrest him on a disorderly conduct charge.

Robert Bruce of Waterloo was indicted for assault with a dangerous weapon upon Dr. H. J. Schenk, mayor of Sweet Home who went to the marshal's assistance, when Ward is alleged to have attacked Storey.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
SELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Woman's Relief Corps—General Gibson Post No. 42—of Independence, held its annual meeting last Saturday and selected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. Nicholson. Sen. Vice Pres.—Mrs. Good. Junior Vice Pres.—Mrs. Jewell. Treasurer—Miss Loma Ewing. Conductor—Mrs. Flood. Chaplain—Mrs. Morgan. Guard—Mrs. Birkholz.

In The Churches

M. E. Church

Rev. F. S. Clemons is assisting in the revival meetings this week at Buena Vista. Rev. John H. Ebert is preaching every night. He will hold a series of meetings in Independence later. Watch for date.

Last Sunday was a good day at the M. E. church, 111 present at Sunday school and a fine congregation at the preaching service. Evening service also well attended.

We are sorry that Mr. McIntosh is still confined to his home. We hope to see him out again soon.

There will be preaching services at the M. E. church next Sunday evening at 7:30. Everybody cordially invited. Good singing. Gospel sermon. Come.

Doings at the Baptist Church

Have you ever been to the Sunday school of the Baptist Church? Or do you think it is for children? Our new superintendent, Mrs. Walker, has taken charge and we have some new features. We are planning for Christmas now and are going to have some program. Come next Sunday at 10:00 A. M. and help us.

Regular preaching services at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Proppe in the pulpit. Young folks—Don't forget B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 P. M. Miss Lulu Gregsby will be the leader and you may expect a good meeting.

B. Y. P. U. Meeting

B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:30, Sunday evening at the Baptist church. Lulu Gregsby leads. Come and bring your friends. Last Sunday we had a splendid time. Mr. Proppe promised us another song service in the near future.

Card of Thanks

To all who so kindly rendered assistance during the illness and burial of our mother, we desire to extend sincere thanks.

J. B. Hiltbrand and Family.
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George A. and Henry N. Dickinson are conducting operations which will make several blades of grass or wheat or something else grow on ground which was a waste and an eyesore. On the old Davidson place, which they purchased last fall, they are cleaning out the brush and stump border along the road, using a tractor, and are refencing it.

COST TO GROW WHEAT
IS \$1.85 SURVEY SHOWS

Moro, Or.—Careful investigation made by the Sherman county Farm

Bureau, based on figures kept by co-operating farmers, reveals, according to an announcement, that the average cost of producing a bushel of wheat last year was \$1.85, of the farms produced their crop a figure above this, some running as high as \$2.40.

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