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Hope for Tomorrow

Whatever the past year may have brought, we all look forward hopefully to 1945 as a harbinger of better days to come.

It is our hope, too, that in the New Year we will be more than neighbors... that we will become better neighbors.

Season's greetings to one and all.

Roxy Fountain



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

We are going to have with us soon a very promising young man who comes from the Land of Nowhere, but who is going to take you somewhere. Yes, this young fellow is GOING PLACES with you, in 1945.

At any rate, that is our wish for you, good friends, to whom we owe so much, and to whom we now pledge a continuation of the best possible service we know how to give.

Bill's Place
W. H. Fortier

Arago News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish went to Myrtle Point last Friday to help Mr. and Mrs. Orvus Miller move to their new home up on the North Fork.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Myers and Harold Lee Ray and Mrs. Ora Wellman, of Myrtle Point, visited at the home of Mrs. Ida Myers last Sunday.

Gerald Lillie, of the U. S. Navy, came in from San Diego, Calif., and spent several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lillie. He will return to San Diego this Friday.

Junior Gulstrom went to Portland last week to take his physical exam for induction into the U. S. army service but he failed to pass the examination.

David Moomaw came in from O. S. C. last Tuesday and spent the Christmas holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Moomaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Frye, of Powers, spent Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Widmark.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wannamaugh came up from Bandon Sunday to spend Christmas with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McAllister. They will also remain for about a week's visit there, returning home again next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvus Miller, Phyllis, Alice and Orvus, Jr., of the North Fork, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller, when they celebrated Christmas Day.

Mrs. Frank Miller is in the Knife hospital in Coquille, where she has been operated on.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyrrell Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barklow and Harvey Myers spent the Christmas holidays at their homes in Arago. They all returned to their work at Gold Beach Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans, Pamela and Maureen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mast, Ardyce and Jerene, of Allegany, and Mr. and Mrs. John Felsher were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Willson in Myrtle Point.

The young people's choir practice was held last Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lillie. Those present were: Misses Thelma and Nola Crawford, Pamela and Maureen Evans, Dona Moomaw, Glenda Lillie, Messrs. Junior and Darwin Gulstrom and David Moomaw, with Mrs. Jake Moomaw in charge of the music. There will be no practice this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shaw, Patty and Arlan, of Coquille, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Halter.

The usual Christmas program by the Arago school children was given at the Arago Gym last Friday evening with quite a large attendance and it was very much enjoyed by all present.

The Arago school closed last Friday evening for a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish and Harley Miller, of Portland, were Christmas day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orvus Miller on the North Fork.

Last Wednesday evening, Thelma and Nola Crawford, Glenda Lillie, Pamela and Maureen Evans, David and Dona Moomaw attended the Junior Play at the Myrtle Point high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Barklow and Mrs. Ida Myers were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Halter.

Misses Ruth and Marjorie Wilcox, Evelyn and Dick Herker were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nile Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wannamaugh, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Aasen, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. McAllister, Scott and Marc, of Myrtle Point, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McAllister.

Rev. M. D. Rempel, of Coquille, conducted the regular Sunday morning church service. Sunday school followed with an attendance of 73. The annual Christmas program was given during the Sunday school hour and was as follows: piano prelude by Mrs. O. H. Aasen; song by the beginners, "Silent Night," recitations by the beginners, Phyllis Mason, Virgil Todd, Jimmie Mullins, Dick and Bobby Plaep and Phillip Roe; song by beginners, "Away in a Manger," recitation by Ronnie Halter; song by audience, "Joy to the World," song by the intermediate girls, with Ronnie Halter unrolling Flannelgraph picture as song starts; scripture by the intermediate girls, followed by song by choir, "Glory to God," recitation, Marianne Mullins; song by ladies' group, "Christmas Lullaby," recitation by Charlene Roe and Jaylene Simmons; young people's song, "A Star," recitation by Ronnie Halter and Donald Peterson; song by Lillian, Jaylene and June Simmons and Charlene Roe, "As With Gladness Men of Old," recitation by June Simmons, followed by closing song by the ladies' group, "Behold Ye Bethlehem." The usual Areats were given to the children at the close of the program. There will be services again next Sunday.

This Contradicts Whispered Talk

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the Mediterranean theatre's top-scoring American fighter pilot Thursday afternoon when he destroyed four enemy aircraft in a single engagement to raise his victory string to 21.

Capt. Voll's four victories enabled him to overtake Lt. Col. Herschel H. Green, Mayfield, Ky., leading U. S. ace in the Mediterranean since April with 18 victories. Colonel Green now is operations officer of a Mustang wing.

The 22-year-old flight leader scored the victories while returning alone from an escort mission to southern Germany. Over the Istrian Peninsula in northern Italy, he sighted a JU-88 twin-engine bomber which he pursued across the Adriatic to the vicinity of the Aviano airdrome, an important Luftwaffe base.

It was then that an enemy formation of 12 fighter planes attacked the solitary Mustang. Capt. Voll immediately closed in on the bomber, shooting it down with a few bursts of machine gun fire. He then destroyed two FW-190s and a ME-109 in the uneven battle. Two other planes, which Capt. Voll sighted heading for the ground with their tail surfaces shot away, were listed as probables, but may be established as certain victories after the examination of gun camera film.

Voll described the engagement as "one hell of a battle."

Recently promoted to captain and flight leader of a Mustang squadron, Capt. Voll has scored his 21 victories since May 14, when he destroyed an enemy plane while flying his first mission.

Belle Knife Hospital

Edmond Soper, from Albany, underwent an appendectomy on Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Miller, of Port Orford, who formerly lived on Fishtrap, is in a very serious condition. She underwent a major operation on Tuesday.

Dick Gill, 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gill of McKinley, came in to have his hand treated on Tuesday. He cut off a portion of the index finger on his left hand while chopping wood.

Virginia Oden was admitted early Wednesday morning for treatment and eye injuries which she received in an automobile wreck near the China Camp bridge that morning.

Dismissals the past week were Chas. Idle and Tom Riley last Saturday, Dan Rogers and "Dude" King on Sunday, and Gladys Benham on Tuesday this week.

Circuit Court Cases

Dec. 20—E. W. Ede vs. E. C. Robinson.

Dec. 22—C. G. Harmon vs. Geo. H. and Jeanne Gage.

Dec. 26—Geneva M. Thomas vs. Robert H. Thomas. Suit for divorce.

Dec. 27—Audrey Freeman vs. Jesse H. Freeman. Suit for divorce.

Dec. 27—Ruth Louise Shirey vs. John Shirey. Suit for divorce.

Dec. 27—Anita Belle Smith vs. Harvey B. Smith. Suit for divorce.

preaching at 10 a. m. and Sunday school at 11 a. m.

The regular monthly Missionary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. C. McAllister next Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

Misses Thelma and Nola Crawford, Pamela and Maureen Evans, Glenda Lillie, Dona Moomaw, Messrs. Junior and Darwin Gulstrom and David Moomaw spent Sunday evening singing Christmas carols for the Arago folks.

Additional Fairview Items

Two items from our Fairview correspondent which arrived after that column was printed follow:

Donald Boone, fireman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boone and grandson of Mrs. Amanda Johnson, came home Saturday on leave from the Navy after several months in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Waldo and daughter, Fay, spent the week-end

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at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Parks. They are former residents of this valley now living at West Lake, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Donaldson were up from Two Mile to spend the holidays with Mr. Donaldson's mother, Mrs. Grace Gilkey.



ALL aboard for 1945. Let's go! Let's go forward on the road to cherished ideals and coveted goals—farther than ever before. Forward along the road to happiness!

We cannot see what's beyond the bend of the road, or over the crest of the hill, but we ardently hope that it's something mighty good—FOR YOU!

Beets 'Em All Cafe

'EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW'

IT'S an old, old custom, this ringing of bells and dancing out the Old Year, but the spirit that rides in at the stroke of 12 is as new as tomorrow.

With so many old friends and so many new friends, this New Year of 1945 means more to us than ever before... and we hope it means more to you.



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