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#### 'TAIN'T LONG NOW

With Christmas not even three weeks off, it is probable the boxes of decorations have been dragged down from the attic or in from the garage. Christmas card lists have been gone over and the needed amounts of cards purchased, gift lists made out and buying begun-probable, that is, in the families with foresight, who remember how exhausted they were last year when details of shopping were left until the final week of Christmas, and poor, harassed Mom sat up all night to get the cards addressed in time for the mail of the 24th.

Valley merchants plug the old theme "do your Christmas shopping early." They are not thinking only of themselves, believe it or not, (although their clerks do find last minute shoppers a nightmare) they really have the interests of John Q. at heart. They realize how much more fun the holiday season is when families have planned ahead, shopped ahead and can enter into the spirit of Christmas relaxed and not shopping-

Too, stores are at their merchandise peak right now. Shelves are chock-full and selection is great. But the day before Christmas will find those same shelves not nearly as ap-

pealing and choice of gifts will be narrowed to a few items.

This issue of the NEWS is full of gift ideas for every member of the family. Check through the values offered in the advertisements and make this weekend "Christmas gift buying time."

A good night's sleep just before Christmas would be more appreciated by all members of the family and friends than the frayed nerves resulting from an all-day-and-night struggle with the last-minute gift buying and wrapping problem.

See you in the stores today!

P. S.

We forgot to mention in the above epistle the fact that families should cooperate with these gift purchasing expeditions.

Mom, Pop and all the young ones should descend upon the stores, list in hand, agree immediately and ecstatically over each item considered, find it within the realm of the budget, and in such a way complete with no effort the entire Christmas list just like that. . .swish!

However, there may be among the families a few males and youths who believe the role of Santa belongs solely to Mom, and Mom must be the stalwart person who makes up the lists, searches for just the right thing for Aunt Mame, adjusts the budget to cover all the extra expenses, and staggers home -alone - with the fruits of her day's toil.

It is "right and proper" for an editorial to suggest a constructive solution for the problem at hand. Taking some of the load off Mom's shoulders is a big problem and demands a big solution, and frankly, this writer can't fill the bill.

The only suggestion to offer here is for Moms everywhere to suddenly contract some rare, but painless, disease for which the only cure is complete rest and freedom from worries for exactly the next 20 days. But who could find a doctor to prescribe a cure like that!?

J. D. P.

# Capital Parade

ENGINEERING TALENT SHY

National Secretary W. H. Ei senman of the American Society of Metals told a group at the Capitol this week, "The society, argest employer of all types o engineers is gravely conderned over the shortage of graduating engineering talent in America.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE PERMITS

All persons harvesting Christmas trees commercially, including landowners, must have permits from the forestry department before they can cut the trees, Lynn F. Cronemiller, assistant state forester points out.

Permits are obtainable from the state forestry department in Salem or from local forestry department headquarters. The harvesting must comply with the forestry act, which requires that sufficient trees be left on land to keep well stocked and productive.

#### LEGISLATOR DIES

State Representative Stanhope S. Pier, 70, of Multnomah county died of a heart attack November 24 in Portland.

He was a member of the Oregon Legislature through six sessions and was ex-city commissioner of Portland. He had recently been re-elected to his seventh term in the House of Representatives His death was the fourth of the membership of the 1951 legislature Senator Carl Engdahl of Pendleton, Senator Manley Wilson of Warren and Representative J. S. Greenwood of Wemme died soon after the session.

#### STATE LICENSES DAM

The issuance of a license was approved Saturday by the State Hydroeletric Commission to the California Oregon Power Co. for the \$19,916,690 Lemolo hydroelectric project on the North Umpqua river.

#### LIKES OREGON TOO

The first offer of a position in the department of the interior that Governor McKay proffered was declined on the same grounds that tempted the governor to decline his appointment as secretary of the interior.

When McKay offered Harry Dorman, director of the state department of finance and administration, a \$10,000 post in the department Dorman told the governor, "I like Oregon." Then continued, "I have a responsibility to the state to complete the designing and systemizing of the new department of finance and administration. While we get some help from the pattern of other states with such departments, the laws and conditions in these states and Oregon differ. The working out of many solutions requires considerable time and effort. Where there are no proven answers we must operate by test and adjustment."

# FOR CHRISTMAS-



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And the Right Price

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so Hammond Electric Organs. Plan out on East A, three doors past 12th St., Phone 7275, Grants Pass for the rental purchase plan that fits any budget.

# The Valley of Yesteryear

10 YEARS AGO December 3, 1942 - Walter R. T. Baumberber will leave Freeman and M. C. Athey return- for Medford Saturday where he

where they attended a mining or in the mechanical department

Mr and Mrs. Ira Beam accompanied by Mrs. Beam's mother, Mrs. S. M. Payne, spent Thanksgiving in the valley visiting rela-

ed Tuesday evening from Salem has accepted a position as instructat Camp White.

> Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Tucker were visiting over the weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Tucker of Selma.

> > 14 YEARS AGO

December 8, 1938-Commissioner George Martin left the first of he week for Cleveland, Ohio to oring back the trucks the county ecently purchased.

Clarence E. Eggers, jeweler of Grants Pass, was in Takilma last unday visiting his uncle, Charles

Mrs. E. J. Hicks of O'Brien, eturned home Sunday after a hree weeks visit with relatives and friends in Oakland, Calif.

E. S. Heydenbuck has been appointed general chairman of the Elks annual smoker, to be held December 17, to raise funds for the kiddies Christmas party and

You Saw Her at the Fair Now See Her at the . . .

# SEWING BOX

RUBY CARY

FREE DEMONSTRATION Sat., Dec. 6-10-4:30

Of the New Art Rug Needle-"The Needle with the Hump"

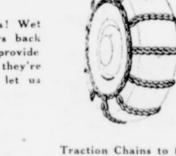
Bring Your Scraps, Rugs and Problem.

#### SEWING BOX

Grants Pass



Test those windshield wipers! Wet the glass and run the wipers back and forth. If they don't provide clear vision almost instantly they're a hazard, and you'd better let us replace them.



Equip your car with fog lights. We have all kinds

Accessories?

Please Him

Christmas Morning

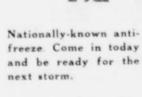
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