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MERRY CHRISTMAS

This is Christmas day—a day on which we are wont to greet our friends and neighbors with the best wishes we can muster to our vocabulary. We hope they have a merry Christmas and add to it good wishes for an entire year that will be forthcoming.

Some of these greetings may be a bit outworn and stereotyped, but in the main they are really heartfelt. We do wish those we know to have a good time today, and be happy and prosperous next year. If we had no such season we would have to invent an excuse for one.

It is cause for wonder which one gets the most good from it, the one who receives the neighborly blessing, or he who gives it. Our hearts brighten when we think good thoughts, and that is no copybook maxim, either. They do. And we like to have a cheery greeting.

Be as much of a Scrooge as we will, wear a grudge all the year, but Christmas, and its heartily expressed good will, does make us a bit happier and more friendly with our fellowman. Merry Christmas.

EXIT HENDERSON

Things became too hot for the administration to keep Leon Henderson around any longer. Senators and representatives hated him with greater intensity than they did any other bureaucrat. This is the reason he was thrown overboard. He is the scapegoat for bureaucratic inefficiency. It may need lots of them.

Mr. Henderson was a capable man. He knew the need for retail price fixing and his office of Price Administration has saved and is saving the American people big money every day. He tried to manage everything from Washington and thereby created some impossible inequities. These caused his downfall.

Those who remember the \$20 sugar and \$15 potatoes of the first World War will not curse Henderson so wholeheartedly as will those whose memory is not that long. He had a job to do. And he did it in the most direct, and politically, the most inept manner possible. A quieter, less violent man, with a better sense of public psychology, may succeed.

A news story reported that the farm bloc was responsible for the dropping of Henderson. That may be true. The bloc could have gotten much support from congressmen for such an enterprise.

The national magazines are becoming very critical of the farm bloc. That is an unfortunate thing for the farmers. Many of them have realized that the high prices they have received for some farm products would bring about political reprisals and eventually cause a period of low prices.

In other words, some forms of farm aid have been badly overdone. Continued subsidies on surplus commodities such as wheat is one of them. It has actually hurt the wheat farmer for the past year or two for in a period of national prosperity he has been unable to utilize all his resources of land and productivity. Furthermore, he has been subject to the competition of other farmers who wished merely to get a part of the subsidy. It has hurt the entire agricultural production for entirely too much land has been growing wheat for subsidy. Thousands of acres now in wheat should be in a usable crop.

This does not mean that Sherman county must grow another crop. It probably couldn't profitably. But a natural wheat country like this one would be able to grow wheat on all its acres if those who could grow needed crops were not paid a subsidy to grow wheat.

Farmers need to do something about the tendency to criticize

farm prices on the part of city dwellers. Remember the city dwellers have the magazines, the newspapers, the radio, and these are great methods of influencing public opinion. Laboring men, city men, want cheap food. The unions and the manufacturer are agreed on that: both want cheap food. Their senators and representatives want cheap food. They are going to get it if they are successful in influencing public opinion against the farm bloc.

As long as we have a government that supports labor indiscriminately the farmer is going to have a seat in the back of the room, farm prices, except in some instances, have not risen as much as has the price of labor. As compared with labor the farmer is in a poorer position than he has been for many years. If he permits himself to be bought off with a subsidy—like a poor relation—the becomes helpless.

The strength of the farm bloc has always been that they could swing from support of either the conservatives or the radicals and thereby retain some semblance of control. It is time they swung away from labor government for they are losing out.

Farmers as consumers may be hurt by the Henderson removal unless his successor carries on the fight for lower prices. They should be elated that they have in congress a bloc of men able to oust a bureaucrat, for upon the legislation influenced by the farm bloc may depend the farmer's future prosperity.

KICKING GOALS

Within a few weeks all farmers in the nation will be given the goals they will be expected to reach to make 1943 a production year equal to the needs of the nation for domestic food and for feed.

Farmers have been told that these goals will be hard to meet but that if everyone does his best there will be production enough to feed ourselves and allies.

It is already late to plan for some of the goals. If one was expected to produce more cattle for instance, he would have to begin before this to insure much greater production. It is too late to produce two pig crops next year with certainty.

Which leads to the thought that goals for 1944 might be told farmers next spring instead of next winter.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Dec. 28, 1933

Agent Rose was seen slipping and sliding around over the streets of Moro bright and early Christmas morning delivering telegraphic messages of Christmas greetings to Moro residents from absent friends.

L. E. Webb, principal of Moro schools, left Monday for a bit during the holidays with friends and relatives in Portland.

Mrs. Roy Kunsman, Mrs. Roy Powell and Mrs. John Hardin joined in a family dinner at the Kunsman home on Christmas day having as guests the Chris Anderson family. The first three named are sisters. Mrs. Anderson is an aunt of the three sisters.

Wm. Lawson of Heppner is visiting this week at the home of his first meeting in 50 years, although living within less than 100 miles of each other for more than 25 years neither knew that the other lived in Oregon.

From the Observer, Dec. 25, 1933

George T. Parr of this city last week placed an order with Shanks & Son of Grass Valley for several sets of harness to be shipped to the Horse Heaven country.

Angus Kuks and Miss Mey Thompson were married in Portland Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents.

Hon. E. O. McCoy and B. F. Laughlin were visitors to this shack Saturday. They came to Moro accompanied by J. C. Hostetter, Frank Seuffert and R. C. Atwood, looking over the plants and plans of the W. W. M. Co.

Frank Sayrs will have his division of the Scott avenue sidewalk finished for the New Year pedestrians.

From the Observer, Dec. 26, 1933

Mrs. R. L. Campbell, a former resident of Moro and Grass Valley was a visitor in Sherman county this month with relatives and friends. Mrs. Campbell is a sister to Mrs. G. B. Bourhill.

Invitations are out for a bachelor's New Years dinner at the farm of Kenny and Belshe. Those interested in the entertainment are Wilford Belshe, Clarence Mersinger, James and Charles Kenny.

There is no doubt but that these young men will demonstrate the efficiency of bachelor's hall.

Mrs. Agnes Brisbane is very ill at her home in Moro from pneumonia.

Kelly's Column Grass Valley Sees, Hears Yule Program

Continued from page one. illumination. A farmer, to obtain kerosene, which is rationed, must travel to his local board and struggle with a questionnaire and try to answer questions which are all but unanswerable; such as how many gallons of kerosene were used in December 1941, and the square feet of the dwelling to be illuminated. Farmers usually go to a store and buy a can of kerosene and keep no record of the amount used. As for knowing the number of square feet in a farmhouse, it never occurred to them to find out.

Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard now knows that unless relief is extended the farmers there will be a heavy decrease in food production next year (the vital year in this war), but as yet his department has not taken a bold stand to demand farm labor from the labor pool. The military says it is not concerned with the farm help problem, but is insistent upon obtaining all the food it requires. However, when the manpower situation is straightened out the farms will have their quota. That much is certain.

Attorney Reports

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of the record developed before the Interstate Commerce Commission before the board should determine finally for or against requisition. No answer or acknowledgment of this telegram having been received, you sent your officers along with Mr. Wendell Balgier to Washington to get, if possible, the board to revoke or to modify its order of requisition. These gentlemen with the cooperation of your Senators and others worked to such good effect that the board appears to have postponed its order of requisition indefinitely or at least until the Interstate Commerce Commission shall have decided the abandonment proceeding on the merits. At any rate the branch is still being operated and the embargoes that the Union Pacific issued in contemplation of early dismantling of the branch have been lifted. But for the mission these three men accomplished I am certain that the branch would be in process of being dismantled today.

Incidentally I should explain that the board could enforce its order of requisition, even if the Commission should decide against abandonment. But the Union Pacific cannot lawfully abandon the branch and its operation permanently, unless the Commission should authorize it on its merits.

Your secretary accompanied me to Washington to attend the oral argument, which was heard by Division 4, consisting of Commissioners Porter, Mahaffie and Miller. Your secretary's advice and assistance on the trip and in Washington were of material benefit to me and I am grateful that you decided to have him accompany me. Mr. Elmer B. Collins Commerce Counsel for the Union Pacific and I were each allotted 45 minutes to argue for our respective sides. The Commissioners evinced keen interest and all asked questions in the course of the argument and I believe they have a good understanding of the essential facts and points of law involved. I would guess that a final decision at a reasonably early date may be anticipated.

In conclusion let me say how greatly I appreciate the fine cooperation I have received throughout from you, your officers, and the other witnesses for the protestants. But for your efforts I am convinced that the branch would be out of operation today and well along in the process of being dismantled.

William C. McCulloch

Many Lose Licenses To Drive Cars

A total of 1229 persons lost their driver's licenses during the first eleven months of 1942 as a result of revocation and suspension proceedings following conviction for traffic violations in Oregon and out of state court. It was announced today at the secretary of state's office.

Of the total 1151 were revocations and 148 suspensions. Driving while intoxicated, hit and run cases, driving with license revoked or suspended and unsatisfied judgments rising from traffic accidents accounted for most of the cases.

During the month of November there were 165 suspensions and revocations of which 65 cases were revocations. These actions are mandatory on the part of the secretary of state following convictions for traffic violations.

Grass Valley Sees, Hears Yule Program

There was a very good attendance at the Christmas program given by the grade school pupils at the civic auditorium Monday afternoon. The program included the following numbers: Selections by the grade school band under the direction of Clyde Simpson; selections by the Moro-Grass Valley band under Mr. Simpson; A recitation, "O Come All Ye Faithful" recitation by Ina Mae Ziegler, Santa is Coming; The Night Before Christmas by Dopey, Butch and Keith; A clarinet trio, "Melody in F" by Anasjan Knighten, Dean Wilcox and John Buether; Deaf Uncle Sam, a playlet; A read ing, Just Before Christmas, by Stephen Bibby; Song, Santa Claus Land, by grades 1-2-3; A playlet, Christmas Journey; Dear Santa, by Clarence May; Saxophone duet "In the Old Dutch Garden" by Lila Lee Alley and George DeMoss; Christmas Thoughts, by the 1st grade; recitation, Mrs. Santa Claus by Helen Simon; A lullaby for four girls; a dialogue, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus; "The Plight of Santa Claus" a poem by Alfred Kock; a reading, A Good Boy by Butch Karnes and a play "Too Much Christmas".

The Eastern Star met last Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall after the regular meeting and in open session installed the following officers: Vivian Ball, worthy matron; Ted Ball, worthy patron; Velma Bibby, associate matron; A. A. Dunlap, associate patron; Ellen Reynolds, conductress; Mauna Clevenger, associate conductress; Alta May, secretary. Wallace May, treasurer; Ethel Clodfelter, Esther; Vesta Eakin, Electa; Dorothy Dunlap, chaplain and Dean Reynolds, warden. Alta May was the installing officer. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Eakin were in The Dalles Saturday to meet their daughter, Ellen, a student at Willamette university, who is home to spend the Christmas holiday and week end visiting her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May and son, Clarence, motored to The Dalles Sunday to bring Mrs. L. D. May home from the hospital after an illness of ten days.

Mrs. Dell Eakin was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith Monday.

Miss Vivian Fritts, who is attending normal school at Monmouth, came home Friday to be with her parents over Christmas.

Don Cox was a visitor in The Dalles Sunday.

Kenneth Barnett and Robert Schilling were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Barnett and daughters, Ethel and Margaret and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barnett were shoppers in The Dalles one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis May and family of The Dalles came up Saturday to spend the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Pike.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coyle were business visitors at Moro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin and children motored to Dufur Wednesday where Mr. Eakin was installing officer for the Masons that evening. They returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and daughter, Judy, returned the first of last week from Portland where they spent several days.

Herman Ziegler and Clair Balzer were shoppers in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mrs. A. F. Balzer was hostess to members of the Grass Valley club at a dinner and luncheon Monday.

Mr. Edison Sutherland of Pullman, Wash., Mrs. Edgar Alley and Mrs. Kenneth Barnett, at her home Wednesday at a 1:30 dessert luncheon. Contract was in play at four tables with high scoring honors held by Mrs. Etha Schilling, the guest prize was won by Mrs. Sutherland. The hostess was presented with a gift from the club, the day being her birthday.

Robert Ziegler, a student at OSC at Corvallis came home Wednesday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler.

C. W. Fields and Mrs. Elma Rawle were visitors in The Dalles one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bibby returned home Friday from Portland and Cornelius where they visited his mother, Mrs. Frances Bibby, Mr. and Mrs. Art Bibby and

FARM TRACTORS IN WARTIME

More Tractor Power for More Work (Last of a Series of Six Articles)

By A. P. Peck Managing Editor, Scientific American

Only by keeping his machinery—and particularly his tractors in the best working shape can the farmer do his full share in the prosecution of the war. This means that he must search out ways of getting more power from his tractor so that by coupling this greater power with longer hours and harder work, he can produce the greatest possible yield from his land.



A. P. Peck

In this series of articles has been told how scientific tests have shown that tractors using gasoline for fuel can produce more power than the same tractors burning distillate or kerosene. Not only that, but gasoline-burning tractors run cooler, idle better, wear longer, give less trouble from all sources. And all this is true even when gasoline is used in a tractor designed to burn such low-grade fuels as distillate or kerosene. Tests have shown that, with only minor adjustments, the tractor will give as much as 12 percent more power with gasoline than with lower grade fuel. By converting a low compression tractor engine to a high compression type by installing "altitude" pistons or cylinder heads, it becomes possible to get as much as 30 percent more power from the converted unit.

Of course, there is the matter of cost to be considered. Gasoline costs more than distillate or kerosene in most states. But that is only the beginning of the argument. To take the financial side first: In most of the important farming states there is a tax refund on gasoline destined for tractor use. This refund reduces the price difference to a very narrow margin. And since, as we have shown in these articles, crankcase oil is

children and Mrs. Edison Sutherland motored to Tygh Valley Sunday where they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Art Muller.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles left Thursday to spend Christmas and the week end with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Boyce in Portland.

The Baptist Sunday school held its Christmas program at the church Sunday afternoon.

Shelton Fritts received word recently that his father had passed away at his home in Mountain City, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Eakin, Glen Karnes, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, L. K. Smith, King Fritts and Mr. and Mrs. John Buether were in The Dalles shopping Friday.

Among shoppers in The Dalles Saturday were Mrs. Dean Reynolds and son, Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne, and daughter, Leone, Ben Payne, Mrs. I. D. Pike, Ross Fields, Doris Newcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barnett, Robert Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newcomb, Mrs. A. F. Balzer and William Beck.

Gene Reynolds, a student at OSC came home last Tuesday to spend the Christmas vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Reynolds.

Eugene Courtney of The Dalles was a visitor here Tuesday. Bill Ball went to The Dalles Friday to meet his sister, Doro-

thy, who is attending Eastern Oregon College of Education at LaGrande who came home to spend the Christmas holidays as guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Smith were in The Dalles Wednesday bringing her mother, Mrs. John Hays back home after spending several months with her daughters, Mrs. Roy Feely and Mrs. Arch Zehner there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bayer and Mrs. Edna Alley were in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs. Wren Hogue and Evelyn Olds were visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mrs. Glen Perry returned home Tuesday from New York where she had spent several months with her husband who has now been sent to an unannounced destination.

Carl P. Linn of Spokane, Wash., arrived Saturday to visit his wife and daughter.

Christmas vacation started for the grade school pupils Wednesday when Miss Harriet Cole left for Forest Grove where she will spend Christmas and the weekend visiting friends, Miss Emma Jean Scholl left for her home in Enterprise to spend Christmas and the week end with her parents, Mrs. Linn and daughter and Mr. Linn left for home to spend the holiday and weekend visiting his parents.

State Fair Dates Set

Subject to such military restrictions as may prevail next fall, an Oregon state fair will be held on the usual date—the week starting Labor day. The Labor day opening for the 1943 fair was set by the state board of agriculture at its mid-December meeting in Salem, reports the chairman E. A. Geary of Klamath Falls.

The board gave considerable attention to the financial report of the state department of agriculture as presented by the director, who reported that increasing demands upon the department have strained severely department finances. Greater demands for sanitary inspection and milk inspection, coupled with aid being given to the army in the procurement of milk and foods, are chiefly responsible for the drain upon department funds.

The board agreed that the legislature should be asked for additional funds to carry the administrative and sanitary costs of the department and that funds from the self sustaining activities should not be drawn upon for a portion of the administrative costs as well as they are subject to the state tithe. The state appropriation to the department has remained unchanged for six years during which work has become much heavier.

C. L. Poley, M.D.

Physician & Surgeon The Dalles Hospital

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 75 O.E.S. Moro, Oregon

Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited. Marie Hoskinson, W. M. Pauline Douma, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.

Darwin Van Gilder, W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secretary

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall. Trained and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Paul May, N. G. Percy Thompson, Sec.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon Meets 2d & 4th Tuesday of each month. Visiting members welcome. Lucille May, N. G. Lawrence Johnston, Sec.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING Notice hereby is given that the undersigned Executrix of the will of John D. Patjens, deceased, has filed her final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County and that Saturday the 9th day of January, 1943 at 10 a. m. in the county court room of the Court House at Moro, Oregon has been fixed as the time and place for hearing said account.

KATHERINE JACOB formerly Katherine Andrews, executrix of the will of John D. Patjens, deceased, F. L. Phipps, The Dalles, Oregon Attorney for Executrix. 12-11-11

NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL REPORT Notice is hereby given that by order of the County Court of Sherman County, Oregon, Saturday December 26, 1942, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, and the county court room in the county court house in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing all objections to the final report filed by George N. McDonald as executor of the will and estate of Neil McDonald, deceased, and the settlement thereof.

George McDonald, Executor 11-27-12-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the Estate of S. A. Hall, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed administratrix of the Estate of S. A. Hall, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: December 4, 1942.

Lilah Hall Administratrix Date of last publication Dec. 25,

DEPENDABILITY In these times more than usual it is important to have a dependable grocer-- In wartime prices and quality and even quantities are subject to change. Quality here will be good, prices will be fair and quantities what is allowed. Zeigler's Quality Store Grass Valley Bank-by-Mail Save Time by using this Modern Deposit Plan Quick - Easy - Safe Write or Call for Complete Information The Dalles Branch of the United States National Bank Head Office, Portland, Oregon MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION