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In approaching a new year we must take leave of the old being permitted to have but one year at a time. The year we are preparing to shed like a snake's skin has served us reasonably well but has turned up with many surprises.

As to the weather it was bad. The winter was one of worst experienced and made even the old timers remember their best stories about "back in...". While it brought moisture, it sent it down the creek and off the frozen and thirsty fields. The spring was cold and dry and the grain came up slowly and with hesitation about breaking into so forbidding a world. Then rain was forgotten and had it not been for savings made by the earth from the prodigality of other years the wheat crop would have been poor indeed.

Surprisingly it was a very good crop and better than 1949 deserved with its weather actions. It was a rough and hardy year and one that could turn its back on needy acres and leave them without rain.

The burning of the Moro elevator was another surprising occurrence during 1949 but the loss was well and quickly repaired.

Years like 1949 could become very monotonous because a mere seven inches of moisture would not long keep even our successful dry land agriculture going. There have been worse years but this one will rate below the line that notes the average. Farmers made money and lost markets and moisture, both of which are more essential to continued success.

We can always hope that the next year will be better and we do that even though the passing year was well nigh perfect. And as for the weather we might as well wish for nothing has any more effect. However, in general, the year now on the front porch and getting ready to knock will be just as good as we make it—or just as bad.

**A THOUGHT**

When William Teutsch was here to attend a meeting this month he remarked to a group of farmers that perhaps some of our problems came from trying to retain a horse and buggy social structure in an automobile age. School and social and community matters were under discussion at the time, it is understood.

This is not written to hastily agree with Mr. Teutsch but to start a brief analysis of his remark to see if it may be right. He does get about the state regularly and has more than average ability to observe and evaluate.

There is the matter of organizations. We have lots of them, so many that there is hardly a night when social duties do not call. Each town has its own quota of lodges and societies and clubs. Most of them are small and many are in constant danger of oblivion. A few officers who struggle less actively than the others, an unfortunate party, and a reorganization is needed to effect a revival.

The county's towns are small and very proud. To give up or to lose a social group would be fought vigorously. Actually it would be possible to meet anywhere with greater ease than the founders of these same clubs or lodges experienced when they bundled themselves in great coats, pulled on their chaps and set out to follow the fences to town and the lodge meeting.

Experience finds that social meetings are better attended where some hardship is necessary. The man who can attend a meeting by driving thereto in a heated car is less likely to go than if he must sacrifice something of comfort to be on hand. This may or may not mean that we would have better lodges if there was but one of each in the county. Actually, it appears, people do not like to drive their cars. They resist going out at night except for short distances.

Oddly there are more woman's clubs in small towns than in the larger ones. Sherman county has four. Perhaps some of these social and fraternal groups only exist in small places; if we want to keep them we must keep them small.

Actually Sherman county isn't too large but that it could restrict itself to one of each, neither in population nor area. There are other activities we could use if our communities were larger or co-operative.

Maybe Mr. Teutsch is right and maybe a change in personal habits of the citizens is necessary before anything could be done about it anyway. We remember some efforts to consolidate the American Legion posts of the county into one, efforts that resulted in a few good meetings and no results. And any social reformer knows that the habits of people are the hardest thing about them to change. Our society is still full of pagan practices about which we have changed little but the name and the reason therefore.

**THE YELLOW PINEAPPLE**

It would certainly be easier to write about the latest episode in the pineapple case at The Dalles with anger than with understanding, yet it may be that more understanding would lead to greater anger.

It started last summer when through ignorance and gullibility The Dalles was unprepared to stop a riot. It jumped into public concern when The Dalles officialdom cravenly gave up to the mob. Latest was the trial wherein the gangsters pled guilty and were fined a moderate \$200 apiece which was paid by the union. There is probably no one who thinks the guilty plea and the sentence were made without an understanding between law breakers and law enforcers. Such collusion is seldom, if ever, in the public interest.

The good burghers of the river town who attain their comparatively modest living by trading with travelers who go up and down the river and the producers who live on the nearby hills appear unconcerned over the settlement, preferring probably, a settlement of some kind to continued strife. It is typical of business men—unfortunately—that they are often more aroused over a threat to profits than to principle.

One understands why critics of the United States refer to it as a "nation of shop keepers". One also understands why it is possible for communists and other fifth columnists to take over a nation. One even can better understand the success of the new deal. A show of force, an attack on some disliked group or personage, (in Germany it was the Jews, in America the capitalists), continued profits even at public expense, and a nation whose principles are not kept foremost can be taken over by few bold men.

There is no need to argue it can't happen here. It did, right in our own front yard, in a community that might at one time have boasted of its western independence and individualism and adherence to pioneer standards.

But one can hope that there is a majority in The Dalles which respects the recent history of the town and will see that in the future the town will adhere more closely to the principles that made The Dalles possible. Perhaps there will be enough to eventually remove the blot of yellow pineapple from the city's shield.

**CENSUS**

Early next year a group of political appointees will make the rounds to every house and every office asking questions usually considered to be nobody's business. They will want to know your age and worse, your wife's, and where you were born and some other things seldom given except in police court or when joining the army.

Presumably it is all valuable and it used to be made public so anyone could get the information. That is not correct now for the bureau of the census charges for some of its information.

It will be a very expensive job—as are all jobs done by the federal government—and it will give work to thousands. There is always an amusing thing about the census that will prevail again in 1950 we are sure. That is the reactions to boastful Chambers of Commerce when their cities' population is found to be less than has been claimed for the past four or five years. We Americans like to see the deflation of an overfilled chest.

Information obtained by the census takers are presumed to be confidential and neither the tax gatherers nor the FBI are supposedly allowed to scan the lists whereon is written the names, addresses, ages, occupa-

**Oregon 4-H'ers Win National Honors**

FOUR of Oregon's state winners in 1949 received national honors for superior records of achievement in their respective 4-H awards programs. Brief outlines of their records follow:



**Margaret Schafer**, 16, of Milwaukie, National 4-H Canning winner, has canned 1,136 jars of fresh fruits and vegetables. She not only has done all the canning for her family, but has helped friends, neighbors and relatives as well. Margaret's award of a \$300 college scholarship was provided by Kerr Glass Mfg. Corp.

**Eugene Evers**, 18, of Forest Grove, National 4-H Dairy Production winner, has been taking care of a herd of 30 dairy cattle in addition to his swine and sheep. Eugene has shown grand champion Holsteins at both county and state fairs. His award of a \$300 college scholarship was provided by these programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

tions, home ownerships, matrimonial status or other personal details of John and Jane Doe.

This latter point will not be important to dwellers in small towns for all the neighbors know all about them anyway.

So the census taker cometh and it may be surprising how much he wants to know and how much of it the citizen doesn't know himself.

**NEWS FROM RUFUS**

By Mrs. George L. Fox

The children were let out of school Friday noon after they had their Christmas party at the school house Friday morning. Vacation time lasts until Tuesday, January 3.

A large crowd attended the Christmas program at Rufus school Thursday evening. The program was a trumpet duet by Paul Blackburne and Vincent Rice, "Silent Night... The primary room gave a play, "Christmas Toy Shop". The primary room and the upper grades sang "Here Comes Santa Claus" accompanied by Dorothy Blackburne. Carolyn Tom recited "Dolly Elizabeth", Neal Eaton "A Christmas Telephone". The upper grades gave two different plays, "Paul Spits Th Atom" and "Wilbur Takes His Medicine". The high school chorus sang "Deck the Halls", "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing", "Winter Wonderland", "White Christmas", "O Come All Ye Faithful", accompanied by Mrs. Ernie Engles. Miss Jean Lloyd was the director of the singing. Santa Claus full of smiles came forth and presented bags of candy to the children.

The grange Christmas program was under the direction of Mrs. Sadie Rich and Mrs. Harland McDonald which was as follows: incident music, a candlelight opening ceremony, a welcome by Mrs. McDonald, song "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" by all Mrs. Sadie Rich gave the origin and sang the song, "Silent Night, Holy Night". A skit "Pa Puts Up the Christmas Tree" (characters: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, Frank Smith, Joe Morris, Mrs. Joe Morris, Glen Thompson, with Mrs. H. McDonald as reader), Stacy Wilson sang, "Oh Holy Night!"

and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by Mrs. Charles Wilson. Mrs. Catherine Bolce gave the reading "The Story of The Bells". A song, "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" by all. Mrs. Sade Rich gave a reading "The Downfall of Santa Claus". Robert Davis gave a guitar solo "Echo In The Hills". Irving Mobley gave a vocal solo accompanied by Mrs. Bolce, and entitled, "The Last Mile Home". There was a game in which eight people gave a demonstration on how folks opened Christmas presents. The group sang "Jingle Bells" and then Santa dressed in full costume appeared to hand out the presents for the children and cellophane bags of candy, nuts, and organes to all. There was also a gift exchange of the older folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Tate of The Dalles spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tate and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats had for dinner Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beck and children, Lois Coats, their daughter attending college in Colorado, and their daughter, Nell, a student at Monmouth College of Ed-

and children Patty and Douglas. of Portland came Friday to spend the week end at the home of Mrs. Klock's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Morris. The Klocks returned home Monday evening. The P-TA at Rufus will meet at the Rufus school house Monday evening at 8 p. m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler were hosts to relatives for Christmas dinner who were all able to come except Mr. and Mrs. Francis Medler;

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC ISOLATED TRACT — PUBLIC LAND SALE**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, OREGON DISTRICT, LAND OFFICE Portland 18, December 6, 1949

NOTICE is hereby given that under provisions of section 2455, R. S., as amended by section 14 of the act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat., 1274), pursuant to the application of Thomas S. Reese, Serial No. Oregon 01280, there will be offered, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$5.00 per acre, at a public sale to be held at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on the 31st day of January next, at this office, the following tracts of land:

T. 2 S., R. 18 E., W. M., Oregon, sec. 10, SW¼ NE¼ and SE¼ NW¼.

Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail. Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at this office prior to the hour fixed for the sale. These bids must be accompanied by certified checks or post-office money orders for the amounts of the bids and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes. The envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner substantially as follows: "Public sale bid, Serial No. Oregon 01280, Sale 10:00 a. m., January 31, 1950."

The person making the highest bid will be required to pay immediately the amount thereof. Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

Any person entitled to claim a preference right under the first proviso to said section 14 as an owner of contiguous land must assert his claim within 30 days from the date of public offering and conditional sale to the highest bidder and at the expiration of said preference right period, if no such right has been asserted, the highest bidder will be declared the purchaser of the land.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Tonic For The Missus

The missus came marching in with a new hat yesterday. She was as happy as a circus poster.

I've learned one thing about the hats she buys. A hat is a tonic to her. If she's feeling blue, nothing gives her a lift like a new hat. Now, I could trade in my old grey fedora without raising my blood pressure a notch. But I'll admit that more than once I've bought a new briar pipe I didn't need—just because life was getting a little bit monotonous.

With Buck Howell it's something else again. When Buck's feeling

low, he gets over it by blowing on a broken-down clarinet he hasn't mastered in twenty years.

From where I sit, different people are always going to respond to different things in different ways. So let's keep a friendly understanding of what other folks get out of a new hat, an old clarinet, a chocolate soda or a temperate glass of sparkling beer or ale now and then.

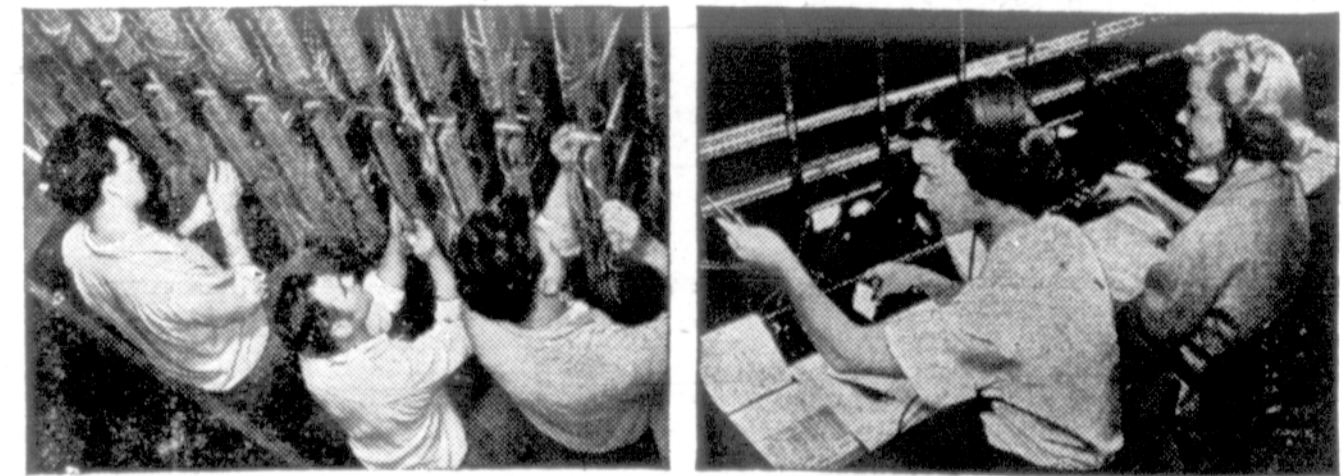
Joe Marsh

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U.S. BUREAU OF THE CENSUS AREA XIII

Since the war, Pacific Telephone gained as many telephones in the West as in the previous 19 years.

West's four-millionth telephone goes to work



1. Takes a lot of equipment to serve 4,000,000 telephones making 22,000,000 calls a day. And in just the few high-speed years since the war, we've almost doubled our facilities as measured in dollars. And those dollars have produced results. It took 45 years to install our first million telephones, 17 years to install the second million, 6 years for the third... and only 3 1/2 years for the fourth.

2. Service keeps on improving as we add this new equipment. Today you can get the dial tone or the operator quickly in almost every exchange. Long Distance calls, nine out of ten of them, go through while you stay on the line... often in half a minute if you know the number. It's a good record. But we won't be satisfied until everyone who wants service has it... the best service ever.

3. Your own telephone today is more valuable as a result of the many we've added. You can call more of the people you want to call—more can call you. And your telephone does its work, big jobs and small, for only a few pennies a call. It's one of the best buys you can make with your dollars today.



The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company