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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Until next Monday we will all go about our daily rounds saying "Merry Christmas" to our friends. We will mean it. It is the season for friendliness and for good wishes and it is a pleasant season, would that it could be extended.

We send millions of cards all of which say in one way or another, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Even that part of those cards that are engendered by commercial instincts stems from good wishes. It is one of our few times for taking an interest in our fellow man as an individual.

Interest in Christmas presents declines with age and the pleasure of giving takes place of the childish glee at receiving. There is no age limit on wishing the neighbors well, in hoping that their day is merry and their outlook bright for the new year. It is a nice thing to do this saying of "Merry Christmas"; it makes the speaker and the listener happy whether expressed verbally and simply or on a highly embossed card in poetic verse. We like it and here's a "Merry Christmas" from us to all of you.

SHORTEST DAY

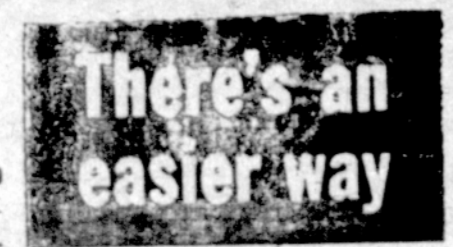
This should be the happiest day of the year because it is the shortest one. From now for six blessed months the days increase in length and the sun comes closer with each circuit.

Early watchers of the heavens found out years ago that the sun started northward at this time and they never failed to celebrate the event. The celebration was often associated with religion.

Probably the sun meant more to men when they lived in caves than it does when they live in furnace heated houses or go south with the birds. The promise of warm sun on his hairy back had a real meaning for the prognathous person who has by dint of talking and planning evolved himself into a fastidious financier riding on paved roads to work in a high series of caves he has constructed himself. He is probably no happier but he is able to indulge in laziness and take his ease in a manner that would have been fatal when he was a real caveman.

Even for modern man the realization that the days are going to be longer and warmer is pleasant although he may not be shivering around a feeble fire with his bawling mate and bawling offspring. If he be one who makes his living from tilling the soil longer days bring another growing season; if he be a householder there will be an end to furnace feeding when the sun gets high in the heavens at

midday; if he be a golfer he can look forward to that excuse for getting out in the sun.  
Happy day!



to send season's greetings



C. R. ANDERSON  
Grass Valley, Phone 232  
KEITH M. DONALD  
Wasco, Phone 557  
A Product of Standard Oil  
Company of California



and A Happy New Year  
Douma's Market

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
Build for yourself a strong box,  
Fashion each part with care  
When it's strong as your hand  
can make it,  
Put all your troubles there;  
Hide there all thought of your  
failures,  
And each bitter cup that you  
quaff;  
Lock all your heartaches within  
it,  
Then sit on the lid and laugh  
HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

RANCH & HOME STORE

Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year

From THE TAVERN

Marie Barnum  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cyphers

At this time may we extend  
to all of you our best wishes  
for Christmas and a Prosperous  
and Happy New Year.

We will be closed all day  
Dec. 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1

Arstill-Monroe Pontiac, Inc.



Merry  
Christmas  
is our wish

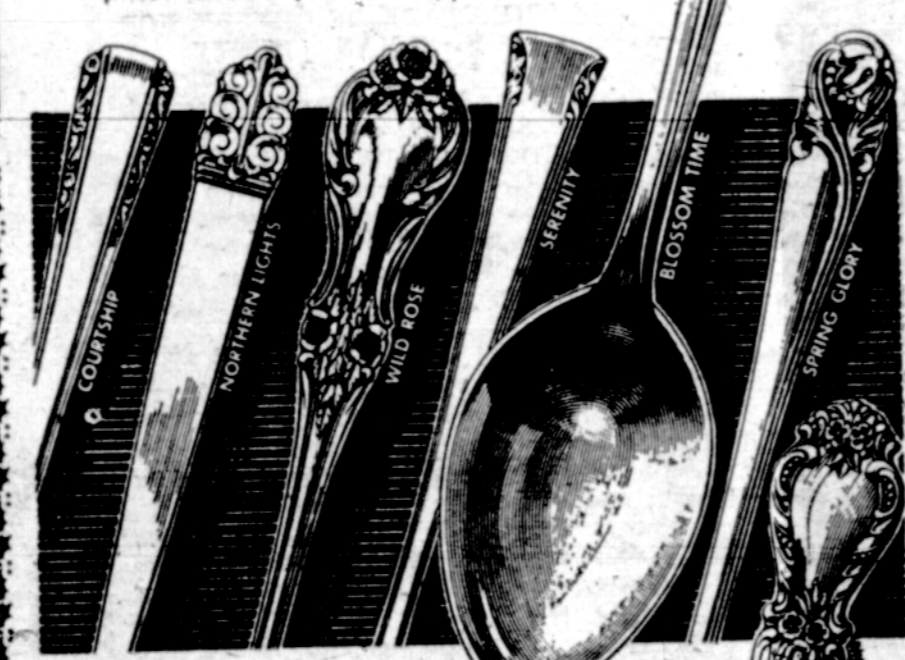
for you and  
Happy New Year too  
May & Son

Come see our collection of lovely  
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We have a magnificent assortment of beautiful  
International Sterling — including the two newest  
patterns!

We think you'll be especially excited by the two  
newest designs — youthful, modern Blossom Time  
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6-piece Place setting in Blossom Time or Brocade  
\$27.50 (Fed. Tax Incl.)

LAY CARLISLE, Jeweler  
THE DALLES, OREGON



ALL PATTERNS MADE IN THE U.S.A.

Early Thursday morning approximately two inches of snow fell on the ground, and was there to greet the people as they awakened from sleep. It was a wet snow, and the cars which had "nobbies" could get around, but otherwise chains were required. The goose hunters had fun that day too, with bucking the snow. The snow left peacefully, not

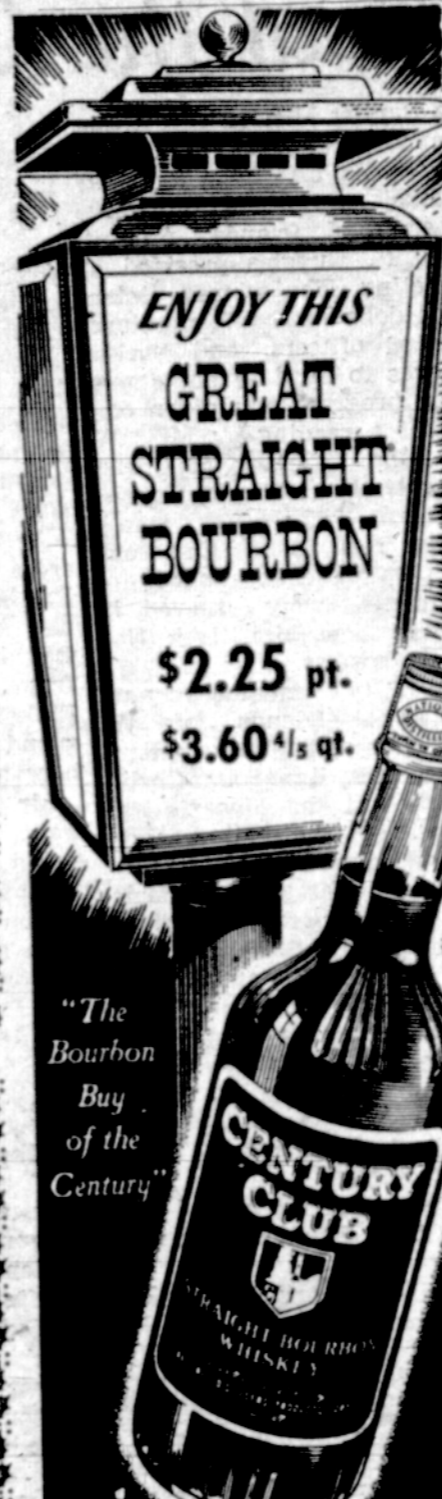
causing any trouble with drifts; and it was about gone by the first of the week. A rain fell during the night Saturday and early Sunday which hastened the snow on its way.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Kenneth W. Blau, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the

duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of the estate of the above named deceased, at the office of Geo. G. Updegraff, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to wit: December 8, 1950.

Margaret Blau  
Geo. G. Updegraff,  
Attorney for Administratrix



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Buy  
of the  
Century"

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National Distillers Products Corporation, N.Y.

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before December 31, 1950 may produce  
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ACCOUNTANT

Auditor — Income Tax — Municipal — General  
Suite 306-7-8-11-12 The Dalles, Oregon  
U. S. National Bank Bldg. DIAL 2724



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Here's An  
"Expert" Example!

When our Main Street parking problem cropped up again, we announced a strict one-hour parking policy, and swore in extra deputies to enforce it.

We also sent over to the State Capitol for a traffic expert, to give us pointers. He turned out to be real helpful—spent a whole afternoon with us talking about zoning and such. And when he left the building he found a ticket on his car for overtime parking!

Could have gotten sore, I guess—or asked us to "fix" the ticket. But instead, he insisted on going

over to the Sheriff's Office and paying his fine.

From where I sit, it's good to know people, like that young fellow, who refuse to be treated any different than anyone else. City people and farmers—those of us who prefer cider and those who'd rather have a cool glass of temperate beer—we're all entitled to the same privileges. That is, so long as what we do doesn't conflict with the law of the land.

Joe Marsh



The Story of  
The Nativity

will be told on a special broadcast of  
"NORTHWEST NEIGHBORS"

For this Christmas season, your "Northwest Neighbors" radio program will return for a special broadcast... the occasion is the sixteenth annual presentation of "The Story of the Nativity."

This program, long an institution in Pacific Northwest radio, is being returned this year as our way of wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

Listen to "THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY"

7:30 P.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

KOIN . . . . PORTLAND

KODL . . . . THE DALLES      KAST . . . . . ASTORIA  
KBND . . . . . BEND      KUJ . . . . WALLA WALLA  
KYAK . . . . . YAKIMA      KIHR . . . . HOOD RIVER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

KRCO . . . . . PRINEVILLE . . . . . 3:30 P.M.  
KREW . . . . . SUNNYSIDE . . . . . 1:00 P.M.  
KWRC . . . . . PENDLETON . . . . . 7:00 P.M.