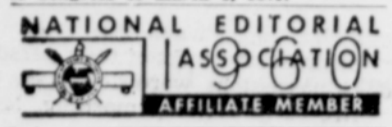


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A NEW YEAR

Anyone writing about the coming new year must be impressed more by similarities it will have than by the differences. When it is over we will most likely call it just another year.

There will be differences, of course, but mostly minor ones. The president will have hair and will be more carefree about money—other peoples, that is; the Russians will go right on being Russians; foreigners of all kinds will promote disturbances when short of dollars; most of the year will be too dry to suit wheat farmers; congress will talk and argue waiting to find out what the voters think; state legislatures will do the same and will guess wrong more often; money will be hard to get and harder to keep; some women will wear attractive clothes and those without the nerve or the figure for them will be snooty; we will build more highways for more cars and more speed and cry about accidents they cause; those who enjoy complaining will complain and those who prefer to be happy will blunder on ahead without considering bad omens.

In other words, it will be a year enough like those that have gone before that any adult can recognize the similarity.

O HAPPY DAY

The other day the lights went out, the juice was off, the flow of electric current halted by some weather disturbance. It was just the occasion we had been waiting for.

Down in the basement is an old fashioned cook stove, a big, black kitchen range, doomed to be hidden in the dark because it was old fashioned. Respect for aged things had caused it to be attached to the flue, however.

As is the case with every basement, not ready for a party, there were things to burn lying about. And a streak of caution has preserved a small supply of wood and coal against just such an emergency. So we built a fire. Ah, there's a world of comfort in an old kitchen range. A chair tilted against the cement wall, feet in the oven, the glint of a cherry blaze from the firebox and we did not care whether they turned on the electricity or not.

Had we been assured that the outage would last a half day or so we would have put on a crock of beans and made everything perfect, and additionally so by a small baking of johnny cake.

But before we were half done with enjoying the afternoon the furnace began to roar, the lights glared red, the party was over. Too bad. We've not had a nicer journey in months than this little trip into the past.

MATHEMATICS

Sometimes we wish humans had never discovered the rules about counting. Of course, the ability to add has a certain value when computing the grocery bill or figuring interest but mathematics has been expanded far beyond its proper use.

The writers of the American Declaration of Independence gave a big boost to the improper use of arithmetic when they wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal;..." Even a cursory examination of the persons known by anyone will make the statement absurd. Men are not the same, nor are they equal, not in any way; neither in size, in speed, in looks, in intelligence, in pride.

Such a statement is opposed to the Christian theory that man is an individual with the responsibility for his actions. What price ambition if equality is the end anyway.

An excess of democracy causes the United States to divide its lawmakers on a mathematical formula. A beggar counts as much as a banker; a farmer as much as a forger; a bum the same as a business man. Otherwise those with less representation call themselves second class citizens and threaten political re-

praisal. But there are second class citizens, far too many of them. They know nothing of government, take all they can get from it, give as little as they must. Our mathematical method makes them as valuable at the polls as the most productive citizen.

We'd better find a way to give more political power to the people who work and save, who produce more than they consume. Otherwise we are going to succumb to mathematics, even before another evidence of it—atomic power—destroys us.

END OF AN ERA

George Bell post, American Legion, will not be host to the dancers of Sherman County and a part of Wasco County on New Year's Eve in the Kent Legion hall. The Kent New Year's dance has been a feature of the area since the big hall was built in the 1920's, shortly after the end of World War I.

It gave Sherman countians an opportunity to indulge in the unrestrained conduct favored by many Americans at date changing time.

Times have changed. The burly and sometimes auffy citizens who came to full maturity in the twenties made the dance a huge success. They liked to go outside around the cars to find a jug of ice cold moonshine sitting behind a car wheel and down its inflammatory contents with a group of zinc-stomached friends. They seemed to be indestructible, these survivors of prohibition's hardships, but age—or store whiskey—slowed them down until they neither dance nor drink.

The New Year's Ball has faded with their decline. Faded, also, and long ago, was the habit of settling arguments with flying fists during the dance. Men have come out the door so fast they missed both porch and steps. But then, some would always rather fight than dance and may be were better at it.

The sons of the generation who patronized the big ball in profitable numbers prefer a milder kind of amusement. They jiggle at their dancing instead of gliding; they want their drinks brot to them well watered; heat and comfort are their demand. We suspect that a few drops of raw moonshine, even that from the stills of the most respected moonshiners, would stop their digestive apparatus for good.

Economics has finally put a stop to the Kent dance. Nothing else could. Let this brief editorial be its obituary. It was a grand party, and unrestrained; those who made it were tough in sinew and stomach; independent and intemperate; and they sometimes practiced a brand of hell that came straight from headquarters.

DEPRESSED AREAS

We understand that an effort will be made by the government sometime next spring to give financial aid to what is now called depressed areas. These are generally defined as places where the unemployment is above a certain percentage.

Such conditions are usually caused for some very good reasons. For instance, an area might become depressed if all the timber had been cut off, or if the local mill burned down and it was economically more feasible to haul to another mill. If labor costs were to become so high it was no longer possible to cut profitably a similar situation would arise.

The same effect could be caused by the closing of a mine which had run out, or a mill that was so old fashioned it could not stand competition. In other words areas do not become depressed without cause.

If the government provides palliative aid by sending food to residents it can be of no help other than that and it might keep them there when moving was indicated.

It is impossible for the government to recharge a mine or grow a crop of timber more quickly than nature's design. The best aid in such a case would be to provide transportation away from the place. Some do not want to move and would like to be fed and clothed right there. Doing that for them would be disgraceful.

Generally the reasons for depressed areas are economic and the cure is to recognize the problem. If work has run out the people can go to where there is some.

Progress is made by change, not by retaining conditions after the reasons for them have changed. The billions to be spent for this sort of aid will probably be wasted.

Farmers, no matter what they want from government, can have a cheerful period now—until they find out they won't get it.

Chauffeurs Must Get License To Drive For Pay

Oregon chauffeurs have only a few more days to renew their licenses for 1961, the Department of Motor Vehicles reminded today.

Current licenses expire Dec. 31, and the agency said applications are lagging behind the usual number received each year.

Applications are available at all branch offices or from license examiners of the department. The fee is \$1.

The state has approximately 42,000 persons licensed as chauffeurs.

WANT ADS

FOR RENT: Partly furnished house in Grass Valley. E. M. Eslinger. 5-6p

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Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 114 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Florence Thompson, N. G. Helen Martin, Secretary

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Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A. 1 Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Ronald Powell, W. M. Clyde Gillmor, Secretary

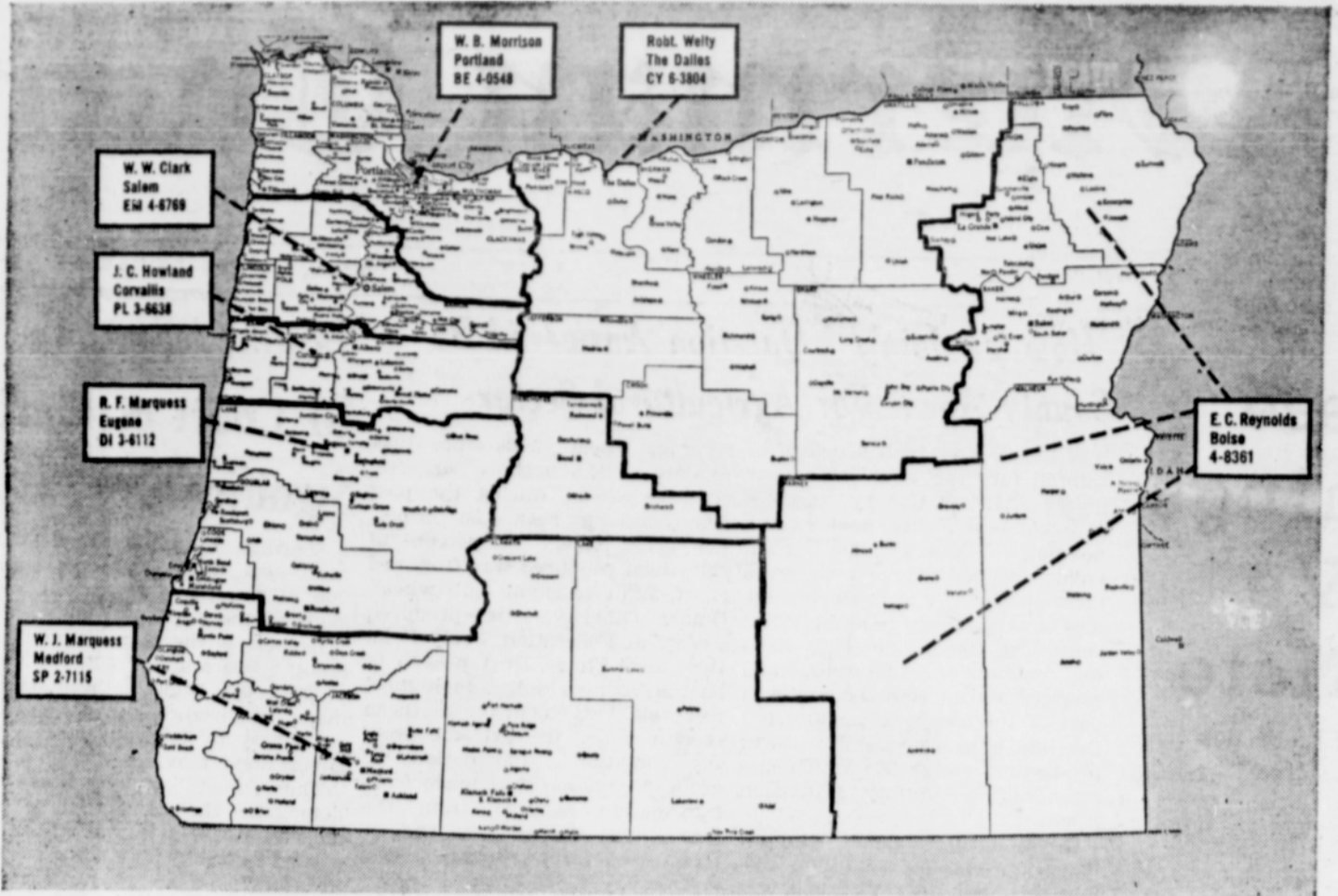
HARLANDVIEW GRANGE Meets First and Third Saturdays each month at 8:00 p. m. Laura Sather, Master Florence Bruckert, Sec'y.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78 O.E.S. Meets every second Thursday each month. Visiting members invited. Moro, Ore Erma Johnson, W.M. Dorothy Heater, Secretary

Taylor LODGE A. F. & A. M. Wasco Meets First and Third Tuesdays. Visiting brethren welcome. Harland McDonald, W. M. Vernon Root, Secretary

Competence and Equipment come first as the qualifying factors in funeral service.

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Clip This New Map for Use in Case of Public Disaster

The Consulting Engineers Association of Oregon has issued this new version of a state-wide public disaster map, showing new telephone numbers of disaster contact engineers in Oregon's seven districts. These engineers are members of CEAO's Public Disaster Committee, which was formed more than a year ago, following the explosion in downtown Roseburg. In event of disaster, such as fire, flood, earthquake, explosion or enemy attack, a call to the disaster contact engineer will bring immediate help to determine what buildings and utilities are safe, and for how long. This map should be saved for emergency use.



This picture of the Biggs service station that burned Monday morning was taken in 1959 when turned there to camp nearer the "Oregon Trail Calvacade" river.

ASC COMMITTEE WILL HOLD T O PRACTICES

County and community ASC committee members and agency representatives met recently to draw up the 1961 ACP program. The practices for next year will be essentially the same as for the past year. The weed control practice will be continued with some adjustments in recommendations and procedures. A request is being made for a 80% assistance program or establishment of strip

cropping. The initial stubble mulch practice as started last year will be continued.

Office manager, Ralph Busse, received notice this week of the ACP fund allocations for 1961. Sherman County's initial allocation has been set at \$32,238. These funds will be used to assist and share with farmers the establishment of conservation practices during the forthcoming year.

Farmers applying for weed con-

rol will need to make every effort to control or keep from seeding all perennial weeds on his farm. A farmer who is doing work only on a portion of the ranch will need to step up his program to include his entire operation. An operator might sterilize a portion of his morning glory infestation. The rest would need to be sprayed with 2,4-D or cultivated to not allow seeding and infestation of adjacent or neighboring land.

SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL THREE DOLLARS A YEAR

WASHINGTON, AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

The very plan foisted on this country by the State Dept. to keep Japan and other so-called "free" Oriental nations going communist may in the long run send them into the communist camp.

This, of course, is an ironical viewpoint to come into being, but the validity of this viewpoint again reflects the fuzzy-headed thinking in the U.S. State Dept. which has perhaps become the C. W. Harder greatest asylum ever known for Ivy League products untainted with any practical experience.

Senator John Pastore in a recent talk pointed out what is happening, and the outlook is rather grim.

It has so far been the government policy to encourage the Japs and other cheap labor oriental manufacturers to gear their entire economy to dumping goods into the U. S. market. One of these days, Senator Pastore points out, they will find the American market has been lost to them, because as they presently dump cheaply priced goods onto these shores, they are also destroying employment in America.

Hence, U. S. unemployment will stop the market for Jap goods, causing a severe crisis in the orient which could cause them to turn communist.

Senator Pastore claims in the past 10 years unrestricted imports have closed 750 American

textile mills to throw over a third of a million Americans out of work.

And it would appear that this destruction of American firms and Americans' jobs is being rapidly accelerated. Mr. J. Craig Smith, President of Avondale mills in Alabama recently revealed some interesting, if not alarming data, on subject.

According to his figures, imports of manufactured cotton products into the United States ran around the equivalent of 85 to 95 thousand bales of cotton per year, which apparently was not an unmanageable volume.

But apparently by 1954 the modern machinery given to the Japs by the American foreign give away programs came into production, as in that year the imports jumped to the equivalent of over 100,000 bales.

In 1956 this shot up to 225,000 bales, by 1959 to 350,400 bales and from the figures so far available, when the final figures are in, it looks as if in 1960 the staggering total of 560,000 bales was reached.

Under the law, the American producer, complying with a \$1 per hour minimum wage, must pay as a minimum ten times as much for labor as his Japanese counterpart, and 23% more for his raw cotton due to a U. S. government subsidy paid on American grown cotton exported into the world markets.

Of course, what is happening on cotton textiles is also happening in many other fields. So, it does not look like it will be very long before the U. S. State Dept. will have accomplished two results; widespread unemployment in America, riots in Tokyo.



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Notice is hereby given that Emily von Borstel, administratrix of the Estate of Amandus D. von Borstel, deceased, has filed her Final Accounting and petition for determination of heirs, and distribution of property of estate and closing estate, and that Friday, the 3rd day of February, 1961 at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. on said date in the County Court Room in the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections, if any there be.

Emily von Borstel, Administratrix of the Estate of Amandus von Borstel, deceased. Brown & Van Vactor The Dalles, Oregon Attorneys for Estate Dec. 30, 1960 & Jan. 6, 13, 20, 1961

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Sarah Leah Richelderfer, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting administrator of the Estate of Sarah Leah Richelderfer, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, in Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: December 9, 1960.

David R. Richelderfer T. Lester Johnson Attorney for administrator Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1960