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THE HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON

With all of our readers we share and hold a mighty brief for Christmas.

Christmas is the seasoning of life; it imparts a wholesome flavor to more or less wearisome existence, and is something wholesomely relished by all classes of people. Christmas, in fact, reduces the masses into the masses.

It is the great leveler toward human sympathy, human interest and devotion.

It is a leveler unlike calamity or devastation, in that it brings men, women and children together in a spirit of charitable action and high idealism, without any element of loss in its connection.

In its deeper meaning Christmas is not a "day," nor is the Christmas season a mere period of time. It is an experience, an ideal, a fresh breath of Divinity blown across the sands of time and recurring each year to lend buoyancy and hope to mortal thought and aspiration.

One can and should enjoy the experiences that Christmas makes possible all thru the year.

Christmas is an institution of general observance which is centered around December 25—a mere dot on the calendar of time, but a bright spot in the schedule of life.

It has a deep and grand religious background for more than a half billion people throughout the world.

Even the non-Christians among us acknowledge reverently the day, and enter joyously and sympathetically into the festivities of the holiday season.

A whole month, December, takes on the atmosphere of the Yuletide.

For weeks afterward its sweet memories linger in the hearts of the people.

Commerce, the material life blood of the nation, is stimulated.

Ambitions are rekindled, all life is revived and freshened.

Love is openly demonstrated, children are made happy, and grownups are made as children.

That the business of those most fortunate is to make possible the sharing of all in the good things both materially and spiritually is the big and wonderful meaning of Christmas, for that was the mission of Him whose birthday we celebrate.

DIVIDED INTERESTS

Interest lately has been centered in the southern trip of President-elect Hoover, but we must not forget that President Coolidge is still in the White House, and as we say, "on the job."

No President ever satisfied all of the people any of the time, or one might say no President ever satisfied some of the people at any time. There is, however, a peculiarly fortunate trait in the American people to accept the will of the majority in the matter of selection of a president, which trait rebounds in good government and a comparatively contented people so far as their political destiny is concerned.

Compare this element of national stability with some of the upheavals in foreign countries, especially in Europe, and we find a wide difference in individual and national viewpoint. The Constitution of the United States is the great reason for such permanency and durability in government, because it guarantees equal rights to all in the exercise of citizenship.

President Coolidge's message to Congress will be said by many to be a sound document, conservative in statement and free from radical suggestion. Others, of course will pick out certain of its recommendations and press their claims for better solution to the national problems uppermost in the minds of Congress and the people. But however weak or however strong, however dignified or however unstately, however sound or however illogical the message may appear to men and women who have read it or know its contents, citizens generally will accept it as a sincere expression of opinion of a President of sober and practical disposition.

Congress may or may not follow the recommendations in the message. The President is not a dictator, and does not want to be dictator. His message can not be a final word either under law or consent of the people. But if it serves only as a means of bringing national problems to the attention of the people it will have served a purpose in itself. When the smoke of legislative battle clears away, few will remember the contents of the message except those parts which have been accepted and form the basis of congressional enactments. But the message of any President serves as a guide for action, and as a program for the business of administering the affairs of the country. President Coolidge has thus spoken officially, and having done so, all fair-minded citizens will accord his words that fairness and sincere consideration which has helped to make America the great country that it is.

HITEON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davies had as dinner guests Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Heineg and son of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Davies and children. The dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Van Heineg's birthday.

Hiteon pupils are busy practicing for their Christmas program which will be given Friday evening, December 21.

Mr. H. Hudson has had a very sick colt at his place here.

Word was received of the arrival of little Miss Nadine Lois Pomeroy on December 3. Mrs. Pomeroy was formerly Miss Lois Scott.

Hiteon Club met Wednesday, December 5 at the home of Mrs. Emily Peterson. Fifteen members answered roll call which was "Name a book read recently and give the author's name."

This was a business meeting, the last one for the year. The next meeting will be December 19 at the home of Lean Olson and each member is to bring a gift which will be put in a pie along with the four and twenty black-birds and when the pie is opened, well wait and see what happens.

A contest is on at school and a prize offered to the boy and girl selling the most Christmas seals. We hope to go over the top.

Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson and David Junior spent Monday evening at the Struthers home.

HAZELDALE NEWS

Miss Dolly Thain of Portland spent the week end with Jean Smith.

Hazeldale school, under the direction of Miss Gladys Hoskin, will present their Christmas program on Thursday evening, December 20.

Cooper Mt. under Miss Jean Smith will have their program and tree on Friday evening, December 21.

Mr. John Boland is a patient at the Smith hospital in Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolf and family of Cooper Mt. have moved to Eugene, Oregon, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Butsch and family of Portland visited friends around the neighborhood on Sunday.

Walter Cary is recovering from a recent operation.

Mrs. Cary and Maxine spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cary.

Friends will be glad to hear that Mr. Frank Salee is recovering from his recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Motherall spent the week end at Carlton, Ore.

Lawrence and Ed Day had as their guests recently Gene Turney of Portland, Frank Aschenbrenner and Dan Kern of Corvallis.

TREES READY FOR DISTRIBUTION AT FORESTRY DEPT.

About a half million little forest trees at the Oregon Forest Nursery are ready for distribution among the ranchers of Oregon. The following species are available; Black locust, green ash, box elder, Russian mulberry, Western yellow pine, Douglas fir, and Western red cedar. Any of these trees should do well west of the Cascades. All except the last two are suitable to planting in eastern Oregon.

The Oregon Forest Nursery is maintained jointly by the State Board of Forestry and the Federal Forest Service. The planting stock under the law, is for use among the ranchers of the size 12r shelter-belt and woodlot planting and cannot be used for ornamental planting. The stuff is now one and two years old. Consequently it is small on that account is easy to handle and inexpensive to transport. West of the Cascades the little trees can be planted at any time during the winter or spring when the ground can be worked. Fast of the mountains the material should go in the ground as early as the soil can be worked in the spring.

Those interested should write to the Oregon Forest Nursery, School of Forestry, Corvallis, Oregon.

POTATOES FOR LIVESTOCK

Hogs

Potatoes are more valuable cooked than raw for hog feeding. They should be cleaned to get rid of the dirt, then boiled until the skins begin to crack. They are more valuable when fed with some form of grain. One hundred pounds of grain to each 400 pounds of cooked potatoes is about the right proportion. Do not cook the grain. It is all right to mix the grain with the potatoes after the potatoes cool.

The hogs will eat potatoes raw, but it will require a higher proportion of grain when fed in that way. They are also likely to cause scouring more than if cooked.

Potatoes can be fed raw to sheep and beef cattle in limited amounts for fattening but always with grain. Unripe potatoes or sprouts from stored tubers should be avoided as they have a poisonous affect. Also avoid frozen tubers, as they are responsible for considerable death loss.

Raw potatoes can be run through an ensilage cutter and put in better form for feeding to cattle or sheep. Cattle can be fed as much as 20 to 25 pounds daily if with other feeds.

C. W. Robinson, Western Representative of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, will meet with the Guernsey breeders of Washington County December 19 (Wednesday) at 1:30 p. m. sharp, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at Hillsboro. Questions of grave importance to Washington County Guernsey breeders will be up for decision by those in attendance.

Besides Mr. Robinson has a message which should be of value to every live Guernsey breeder.

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Dispute Over Origin of Frontier Weapon

Two slightly different stories appear to have been passed down to posterity concerning the origin of the bowie knife, famous as a weapon in the days of Texas independence, says a writer in the Detroit News. One of these tales has it that the weapon was made by Jesse Chife, blacksmith, an employee of Rozen Bowie, father of the man generally known as the inventor.

Some time after the invention of the knife James engaged in an altercation with Maj. Norris Wright which resulted in Wright shooting at James. The latter was saved when a silver dollar in his pocket deflected the bullet. Drawing his own pistol, James aimed at Wright but the trigger snapped. His father then gave James the knife, saying, "This will never snap."

The other story of its origin gives to James Bowie entire credit. He is said to have made a model of the knife and a Louisiana blacksmith fashioned it for him. Major Wright appears in both stories, although in the second he is supposed to have shot Bowie in the leg. It was this circumstance, the second tale contends, that led James always to carry the knife on his person thereafter.

Introduced

When Gen. Hugh Lenox Scott was superintendent of West Point he frequently visited the White House to see President Roosevelt. Once he arrived to find the President conferring with many different groups. After progressing around the room from group to group, Roosevelt turned suddenly to Scott.

"I announced myself as 'Colonel Scott from West Point,'" relates the general in "Some Memories of a Soldier."

The President took the skirts of his long frock coat in each hand, and making a curtsy like a girl said—

"I am Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States," and he laughed loud enough to be heard outside."

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