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Doesn't It Seem Strange?

The Christmas spirit is an annual blessing, too often set aside for practice in one month of the year. It brings out a glow of tolerance and brotherhood toward our fellows and frequently softens impatience and influences kindly, glowing thoughts.

Such a declaration has been made, time after time, by many. So it seems to be a rude awakening from what might have been accepted as a truism to hear criticisms and outraged remarks about this year's commercial practice of beginning the "shop early for Christmas" campaign far in advance of the actual Yuletide season.

It is true enough that there has been a general campaign by advertising means to encourage high Christmas sales volumes, starting the day after Halloween. The drums began thumping early and attention has been forcefully brought to the matter of gift purchases. Practically every line of trade has been represented in appeals to the buying public, regarding this desirable item or that.

Thanksgiving Day, one of the strictly American traditions which is steeped in national significance, suffered less major emphasis than the gift-buying phase of the Christmas holiday. In fact, before the day of thanks was over, the mellow strains of Christmas carols had already started coming in, via radio.

Customarily, it would be expected that the month of December would largely concentrate on various phases of Christmas spirit. It wouldn't seem right and proper, otherwise, because people perhaps unknowingly depend upon such emphasis to properly appreciate the traditional spirit of the occasion.

So, doesn't it seem strange that, with the lengthening scope of Christmas emphasis, some remark unkindly?

Yes, doesn't it seem strange?

Caution And Good Health

The hazards of driving are intensified by the encroachments of winter. This warning plainly showed in the prevalence of ice and fog, on the late evening of Thanksgiving Day. Motorists had best take stock of this condition and take steps to safeguard themselves and their vehicles.

Against freezing weather, and many are of the opinion that this year will offer its share, the forethought of anti-freeze in radiators will pay welcome dividends, on the morning after a hard freeze.

Newcomers to winter, in the Tualatin Valley will perhaps learn of a local road condition, before this winter is over, when the highway is one sheet of ice-secum. Sorry will be he who departs from the safer practice of driving with one wheel on the dirt, rather than trying to "make time" for some personal reason.

In the blankets of fog that are becoming more and more prevalent as December moves along, disaster lurks near the impatient and thoughtless.

Many a motorist neglects to turn on his lights, when he first runs into fog, and so fails to warn traffic coming from the opposite direction of his approach. An impatient driver seeking to sneak around the slow car ahead of him, also invites accident in the fog. No matter how bright the lights, heavy fog can obscure them.

Caution is more than a suggestion. It is a token of common sense. And motorists find, with caution, good health and safe arrival.

Settlers at Fanno Creek Marked New County Era

SERIOUS MINDED FARMERS CHANGED TREND TO INTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCE

By Hervey S. Robinson
(Continued from last week)

When Augustus Fanno began to look for a homestead in 1847, he first went up the Willamette Valley to Butteville, then he realized that the future metropolis of the Northwest would be built at the head of navigation, somewhere below the falls of the Willamette. From Linn City (now West Linn) he found and followed a well beaten and much traveled Indian trail leading across the low hills to the Tualatin Plains and on across the Plains and the Coast Range of mountains to Tillamook Bay.

He followed this trail for about twelve miles, through a region quite heavily timbered, but free from underbrush and fallen trees so that anyone could easily drive a wagon where he could get between the trees. He selected for his homestead a spot, eight miles west of a little settlement on the Willamette called Portland. It was a beautiful country.

David Douglas, a naturalist with the Hudson's Bay Company had described it some years before as a place where thousands of ring-necked pigeons came to feed on the salt marshes and the deer and elk came in great numbers to drink. All kinds of large and small game and fish were abundant.

He hired Indians to carry his supplies, pigs, calves, chickens and nursery stock from Oregon City (there was as yet no road from Portland). He found the Indians good workers and reliable. With their help, he cleared land and put up crude buildings of logs and hand-hewn boards.

His nearest neighbor was five miles away. The wolves howled and the panthers screamed in the woods, which came almost to his cabin door. That made little difference to him so long as they didn't bother his pigs. He shot deer and other game from his dooryard. This was the greatest game country in the world.

When the war with Mexico came to an end and the gold fever began to subside, immigration to Oregon was resumed. In 1849, Thomas Denney, with his brothers, Robert and Aaron arrived from southern Indiana, accompanied by their unmarried sister, Rebecca. The Denney brothers took claims adjacent to Fanno's and Augustus, whose wife had died at Linn City shortly after their arrival in 1846, soon cultivated the acquaintance of his fair neighbor. In 1850 they were married and began to make a home on that homestead claim.

That same immigration of 1849 brought the Hicklins, Felix, John and James. During the next three years came Samuel and James M. Stott and Thomas A. Stott. These people all came from the same neighborhood in southern Indiana

and they were all related to one another.

They settled in the same locality and became neighbors of the Fanno's and Denney's. Others, who came at the same time and settled on adjoining claims were: the Tuckers, Thomas H. and William; the McKays, James and Thomas; J. W. Robinson; John Gault; James Davies, John and Allen Richardson, Wilson Tigard and Alexander Gustin. Mr. Fanno found himself surrounded by very agreeable neighbors, to many of whom he was related by his marriage to Rebecca Denney.

The coming of these settlers marked the beginning of a new era in the economic history of Washington County. The earlier settlers, the retired mountain men on the North Plains, had been indifferent farmers, concerned more with politics than with industry. The independent missionaries had done a wonderful job in bringing the civilizing factors of religion and education to the region but their farming operations were a secondary consideration. The immigrants of 1849 and the fifties really began to develop the resources of the country.

The time was most opportune. The gold miners of California were calling for produce, lumber and ships in unlimited quantities and at fabulous prices. Sawmills were set up by the newcomers, shipbuilding began. Intensive specialized farming was introduced. Orchards and vineyards were started. Flour mills ran day and night. Roads were built to the river ports to permit hauling of lumber, flour and produce to shipping points.

In all of these activities the

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HOLIDAY VISITORS

Guests over the holidays at the V. M. Philips home were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peterson.

Also guests on Thanksgiving Day were Mrs. Waldo Silver of West Linn and Mrs. T. Silver of Vancouver, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. T. Philip of Portland.

MISS LEANNE CATHERINE

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ferris of Scholls Ferry Road are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Friday, November 26th at Wilcox Memorial Hospital. The little girl who has been named Leanne Catherine weighed 6 lb., 11 oz.

Both mother and baby are fine.

FAMILY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stark and family enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Taylor of Cornelius.

BACK FROM HOSPITAL

Mr. J. H. Richter of Watson Ave., has returned from ten days hospitalization caused by pneumonia and complications. He is getting along fine now.

Mr. Richter first was taken to Good Samaritan hospital and later moved to Physicians and Surgeons hospital in Portland.

DRIVE TO SPRINGBROOK

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fanno and family drove to Springbrook for Thanksgiving holiday at the home of Mrs. Fanno's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Green.

Also attending the family dinner were Rev. and Mrs. Merle Green of Vancouver, Wash.

FROM MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. Everett White have arrived from Missouri to visit at the home of Mr. White's brother, Ernest White of Scholls Road.

The brothers are twins and will celebrate their birth date together on December 15th.

Settlers of eastern Washington county played an active part, as we shall see in succeeding installments.

(Continued next week)

BIG DOINGS

Don't forget the spaghetti dinner and bazaar at McKay School December 3. Dinner served from 6-8 p.m.

TO KELLOGG, IDAHO

Mrs. W. S. Huff is spending several weeks in Kellogg, Idaho at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shutt and family.

NO HOLIDAY JOY

Gwen Horney spent her holiday season recuperating from a tonsilectomy performed earlier in the week.

McKAY BOYS CLUB

The third and fourth grade boys of McKay school are organizing a club under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Fanno. Mrs. L. V. Lukas will assist in making the arrangements for refreshments to be served at each meeting. The boys will do handcraft work and enjoy picnics and hikes.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Thanksgiving fellowship dinner was enjoyed Tuesday evening November 16th, in the basement of the Church of Christ.

The dinner was sponsored by the Loyal Bereans and the Win-One Sunday School classes. Approximately 150 persons were served a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings, while Eleanor Malar, at the piano filled the room with soft music.

Entertainment for the evening were songs by Eleanor Malar, a reading by Mrs. Reavis, piano solo by Irma Lee Kleppin and a pantomime put on by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ely, Elmer Walters, Joyce Jarmillo, David Springer, Mr. McKeel and read by Mrs. Springer. Group singing with the spirit of friendliness rounded out the evening of fellowship.

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Oregon agriculture is a basic industry upon which much of our prosperity depends.

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Is She in Glory?

HER FUNERAL—There in a pine box lay her body cold in death. And, said the man brought in to conduct the service—"This woman ever aimed for the higher things and so, by that she is even now in paradise." But even as you and I, the woman had done some sin and by that she was out in eternal night, for the wages of even one sin is eternal separation from God.

SINS PASSED OVER—Egypt had so sinned that God would slay all the first-born. But to save His own People, God had them kill a lamb and put its blood on the door post. The People believed God, obeyed him and killed their lamb and put its blood on the doorpost. Under the blood on the doorpost they were safe and saved.

Came the day when God himself offered up a Lamb—Jesus Christ, his only-born Son—"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD THAT TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD."—John 1:29. By Christ's blood, sins so long covered over were washed away and the sins of us today cleansed away. Believe God, that Christ's blood makes clean your page and believing, God gives you eternal life with new days for now and here.

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