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TRY A LITTLE TOLERANCE

Comes now the time of wassail and good fellowship when the oft repeated phrase of "Peace on Earth, good will to men" becomes timely and current. This is the season of Christmas, when the heart overflows with goodness, when we quite matter-of-factly show by unusual acts of kindness and humility the true Yuletide spirit.

This time of year, we look at our fellow men with a new light, a light of understanding and tolerance. Those are more severely buffeted by the winds and tides of Circumstance are recognized as fellow beings and our greetings to them, our contacts with them are warm and heartfelt.

Old animosities and annoyances are so easily forgot, under the influence of the Christmas tradition. And it gives us a warm feeling to be so beguiled and see our fellow humans likewise enchanted.

There is a matter, however, that might well deserve thinking even beyond the scope of the Christmas season. State and national governments have concerned themselves with it although not so fully as justice might warrant. That is the matter of blind prejudices which we hold against others because of color, national origin, religion or social status.

To expect a government to legislate its citizens into an attitude of decency and tolerance is expecting a great deal. In fact, it is expecting far too much. Such attitudes must spring from a wholesomeness within and not be imposed from without.

Government takes note of the persistent intolerance that is kept alive by slovenly thinking in passing such laws as FEPC or, in Oregon, the anti-discrimination ban on employment only because it is forced to do so. Certainly there is nothing admirable or heart-warming in the spectacle of one human being looking without reason at another with dislike or hatred in his heart. For a nation that boasts its Democracy and its sense of Justice, such an incident is considerably retrogressive.

The shamefulness of racial prejudice and the accompanying discrimination is that it can be so easily lessened and eventually cut out. What it principally requires is a sense of humility and consideration and a breadth of mind that sees all men as brothers.

Admitting that the swing of life in the United States is on the whole much more pleasant and more satisfying than anywhere on the face of the globe is not to deny our problems and our acknowledgement that we might improve ourselves.

The ugliness that grows out of discrimination and prejudicial attitudes is worse than propaganda ammunition for our enemies. It is like a scar tissue that grows around a deep wound. It hurts us, who might mentally disapprove of it without the courage and the forthrightness to do something about it.

So, not only during the Christmas season, when it is so apparent that intolerance can be subdued, but for the year around, here's a thought. When next the distorting, spirit-corrupting inclination of bigotry comes upon you, try a little tolerance.

You'll be surprised how easy and effective it is!

UN AND JERUSALEM

The United Nations is once more operating on the precept that its reach should exceed its grasp. By the decisive vote of the General Assembly, providing for an international regime in Jerusalem, UN goes beyond its proven powers. For the city is now held by the armed forces of Israel and Hashemite Jordan. Both have declared they will not surrender their "national territory" to the UN Trusteeship Council.

Some experienced statesmen doubt that UN can establish firm international control in the city where three great religions claim holy places. They fear that the defiance of the Jews and Arabs will prevent effective internationalization. And they argue that if the UN fails to impose its decision, it will be weaker than if it had not tried.

For these reasons, British and American representatives voted against the plan. But they were overpowered by a combination of Latin-American, Arab, and Soviet blocs.

The alternative seemed to be to abandon the claims of internationalism except as these could be obtained by accepting Jewish and Arab permission to control the holy places. The latest resolution returns squarely to the position of the original Palestine settlement adopted by the Assembly, which subordinated the claims of certain races or religions to the general international interest.

Lacking a police force of its own, UN was unable to enforce that settlement. Will it fail at Jerusalem? For success, world opinion must more actively support effective internationalization of the city and overcome Jewish and Arab defiance. Such a regime promises more of justice and of regard for the general good.

—Christian Science Monitor

NO LONGER A CANDIDATE

Of interest in the week's news was the item informing that Norman Thomas would not be a candidate in any of the ballots in 1952. This will be something new to a large percentage of the population of the U. S., as his name has been on every ballot as long as many have been interested in voting. Could it be that he feels the mission has been accomplished and that his socialistic platform has already been "out-socialized"?

MOST SIGNIFICANT DATE

The annual controversy rages again as to whether or not there is a Santa Claus and you need but look at some of the store windows to realize that there must be a number of converts to the "yea" side of the question.

The fable of Saint Nick, as the realists are happy to dub it, is a comfortable bit of fantasy which fools some of the people some of the time. And even the awakening to a more realistic view on the matter is not such a morale shattering experience that it need be condemned by psychologists as an anti-social delusion.

There is one thing, however, that seems more and more evident as Christmas after Christmas establishes an accelerating pattern.

So much attention is given to Christmas shopping and stand-offs for Santa Claus; of greeting cards and decorations and of holy wreaths and the Christmas Day menu. It would almost seem that the thrilling story of the Christ Child in the manger of Bethlehem is overlooked and that the deep religious overtones are only present in the singing of carols or a brief attendance at church.

Religion is as much a state of mind as it is a matter of orthodox form. The response to the message of Christianity is on a personal basis and unless there is that response, the message fails of its purpose.

We would not presume to tell one to read this selection or that selection. We can only pass on an enlightening experience which gives meaning and direction to the whole celebration of Christmas.

First, you take the Bible, perhaps the best known book on any shelf. There are a couple ways the story is told but, regardless of which book of the New Testament you choose, the story is significantly identical.

You find, re-reading the account of the Virgin Mary and Joseph, from their pilgrimage to Bethlehem and the Holy Birth in a manger, the real spirit of joy and peace on earth which the greeting cards accentuate. And the odds are that, once started with the story of Christ's birth, you won't put the Good Book down until you have completed the story of His miracles, His trials, His crucifixion and the Resurrection which gives meaning to Christ as the Son of God.

Whether there is belief or lack of belief, the story of Christ is vital to an understanding of the Christmas holiday. That it is deeply imprinted upon the consciousness of the people need not be questioned. That the significance of the celebration might easily escape some is a reflection of the degree to which the holiday is received.

Some 2,000 years or more since the event, the birth of Christ is easily the most important and significant date of the entire year, a time of devotion to the ideals of Christianity and a time for reawakening the joy at this Manifestation of Divinity.

WATER EVERYWHERE BUT—

With shortages of water in the East as well as California, it seems to us Oregonians there is water, water, everywhere but where it is most critically needed.

New Yorkers are going bathless and shaveless. New Jersey is trying austerity in the matter of thirst-quenching by H2O. Californians are casting covetous eyes at the Columbia River.

Say, man, how's your raincoat holding out?

A SLIDING RULE

Conservation and good land use practices prove a sliding rule by which an agricultural effort may be properly assessed.

DEPENDS ON VIEWPOINT

Safety lanes on city streets are effective ONLY when the driver as well as the pedestrian recognize the heavy yellow line.

LIKE A REVOLVING DOOR

The more we work, the more we earn. The more we earn, the more we spend. The more we spend, the less we have—and the harder we need to work to break even!

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Trouble with some of these "heavy drinkers", when they get started on a jollification they begin to get "light" in the head. And that's what crosses them up—light heavyweights!

WE ANXIOUSLY AWAIT

Now that we have a 'chicken-in-every-pot' pray tell—what can be the outcome of the last fishing expedition?—Guess we'll just have to wait until next spring when the rabbits will be separated from the hats.

Ore. Employment Service Offers Local Employees

The opening of a permanent full-time employment office in Washington County gives the employers of Beaverton, Tigard, and Sherwood a real opportunity to use this service to its fullest extent according to Alvin Elkins, local office manager at Hillsboro.

The file contains applications for employment from many people in the eastern end of the county, and can usually fill orders for help from local people—residents in eastern Washington County.

The Beaverton survey has been half completed, but its employers who have not yet been contacted are urged to refer any employment problems which might arise to the Hillsboro local office.

PTA Co. Council Hears Report

Washington County Council of the Parent-Teachers Association held its December meeting at the David Hill school in Hillsboro a week ago Tuesday, Dec. 13.

After the meeting was opened, pupils of the kindergarten at David Hill school sang several Christmas carols.

Mrs. Edgar F. Lemming of Cornelius, representing the "Friends of the Library" spoke on a county library and bookmobile. Mrs. Lemming said there were only five organized libraries in Washington county, and that 2½ of the people in the county have no established or organized library service.

Rev. W. Genne, Chaplain of Pacific University at Forest Grove spoke on the Parent-Teacher Association's part in Spiritual Education.

He stated "The whole matter of moral and spiritual growth is the concern of the P-T. A., and the tendency is for them to work more with the church."

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Net Income For Farm Families Continues Down

Oregon farm wives will have even fewer dollars to jingle in their purses during 1950.

Buying power of the farm family which started downward from its post-war peak in 1946 is expected to continue in that direction next year, believes an O.S.C. extension service home management specialist, Miss Mary Beth Minden. A folder summarizing the outlook, number HE 5-503, entitled, "Oregon Outlook for Farm Family Living in 1950," is available through county extension offices or by writing directly to the college.

On the brighter side, Miss Minden believes most farm net incomes will still be above pre-war levels. With wise planning, therefore, the expected 1950 farm income will support a good level of family living.

Prices for family living items which reached a peak in 1948 are expected to move slowly downward. The drop has been about 5 percent thus far, and will continue, the specialist predicts.

Although fewer dollars are in prospect, there are indications that farm families are not changing their money spending habits accordingly. Many families are continuing to live on a high income level despite reduced actual dollar income. Dipping into savings or going into debt will result, Miss Minden says.

The fact that Oregon farm indebtedness has been on the climb during the past three or four years points out this fact, Miss Minden declares.

In planning a sound financial course for 1950, she recommends a four-point program: live within probable incomes; pay debts on time; plan home improvements within income and savings; and plan home production of family used articles and produce in areas where greatest savings can be earned.

Debt beyond 25 percent of an established farm at today's value or 33 percent of total assets represented by an undeveloped farm is to be avoided.

MARKET FOR FARMLOT TIMBER UPS DEMAND

Farm timber throughout the Willamette Valley and vicinity is in large demand, according to Charles H. Ladd, senior forester of the state forestry.

Ladd states that a recent survey of the valley shows an improved market condition, with sawlogs, pulpwood, poles and numerous other products in good demand.

The forester points out that Willamette Valley woodland owners enjoy the definite advantages of easy logging and nearby markets which are reflected in greater stumpage returns. Under the present market, a forest owner can realize a good income from his tract and yet keep it productive by practicing good forestry.

All owners of small tracts of timber in Oregon are eligible to receive forestry advice, according to Ladd. The state forestry department is prepared to give on-the-ground assistance, on all forestry matters. The state extension service will provide forest products market information and educational material.

Any woodland owner wishing this service is urged to contact the State Forester in Salem, or Palmer Torvond, county agent at the courthouse in Hillsboro.

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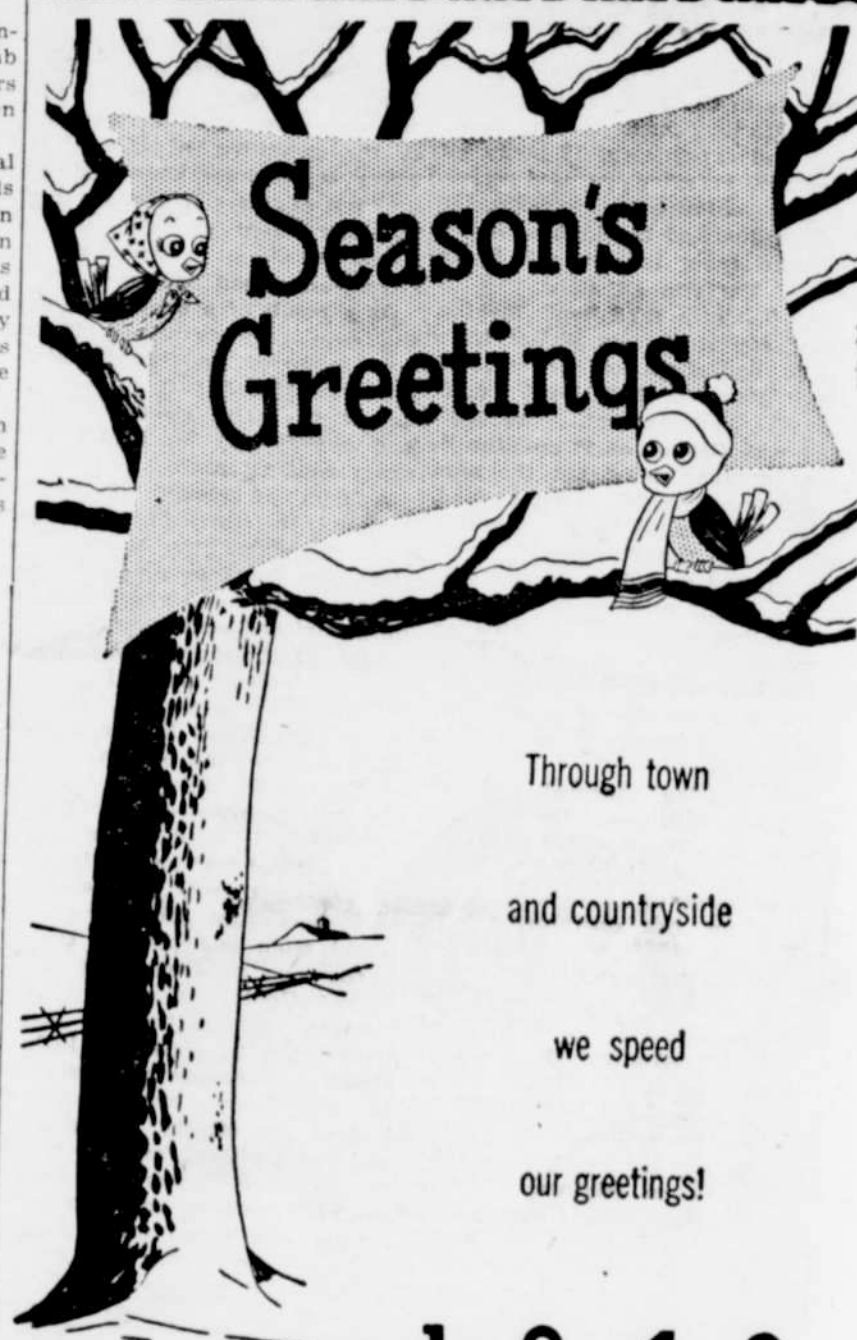
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