

COLLEGES OF STATE PLEDGED TO BOLSTER NATION'S DEFENSE

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—All of the forces and facilities of the different units of the state system of higher education were pledged to state and federal leaders in the national defense and preparedness program by Dr. Charles D. Byrne, chancellor of the system, in a recent talk before the annual agricultural conference on the Oregon State college campus.

"I am sure I speak for the state board of higher education, the respective institutions and every division thereof in committing our forces and facilities, without reservation and with devotion, to assist the state and nation in whatever efforts are called for in civilian defense, food production and conservation and other services on the home front and to an all-out national preparedness program as determined by our national leaders," Dr. Byrne said.

It behooves all institutions of the system to gear themselves immediately to make a maximum contribution to this preparedness program, he explained, because, he added, in so doing, "we may yet contribute to a peaceful solution of the present crisis and avoid the terrific consequences of another world war."

Although the state institutions are meeting their two greatest objectives, high quality education and broad public service, very successfully, Dr. Byrne outlined three additional challenges in statewide service. These, he said, are in the fields of labor education, citizen-

ship education and recreational and cultural programs.

From the standpoint of educational objectives, he cited the improved quality of the instructional program as evidenced by increased graduate and foreign enrollments, better academic training of staffs, voluntary contributions of more than \$300,000 for research and scholarships last year and accreditation of the new dental school in Portland.

He called attention to the effective off-campus public service of the different institutions to agriculture, industry and in the general development, socially and economically, of all the people.

Speaking directly of the agricultural staff members of Oregon State college, he said that, after experience in three different regions of the U.S., he knows of no agricultural experiment station and extension service that "has done so much with so little in facilities and financial resources over the years."

Govt. Offers Dry Land Farms; Vets Have Preference

BOISE, IDAHO—Liberal credit terms requiring 20 per cent down and the balance to be paid in 20 years will be extended by the Bureau of Reclamation to purchasers at the forthcoming sale of 30 Government-owned farm units in the Columbia Basin Project situated near Moses Lake, Washington, Regional Director H. T. Nelson said here today.

Nelson reminded World War II veterans who have preference in the purchase and other interested parties that the closing date for submitting applications is January 8, 1951. With almost three weeks remaining before the deadline, applications have already been submitted from 18 states. Since the announcement of the land sale was made, requests for application blanks have been received from nearly every state in the union.

The Regional Director further pointed out that as this is a public land sale, only a 45-day filing period is required as compared to Bureau homestead drawings when the law requires that applicants be given a 90-day filing period. A public drawing will be held sometime in March 1951, to determine the order in which applicants will be considered and the order in which they may choose their farms.

Prices for the farm units, which vary in size from 40 to 125 acres, will range from approximately \$400 to \$800, their current appraised dryland value. A ten-year development period is allowed to the new settlers before they will be required to start paying irrigation construction charges. However, operation and maintenance charges on a graduated scale will be assessed during this period.

This subdivision, approximately 2 to 5 miles wide, is officially known as Block 40. It will receive initial irrigation water in the Spring of 1952, through the huge new 65-mile irrigation system which originates at Grand Coulee Dam.

In explaining the qualifications required District Manager H. A. Parker of the Columbia Basin Project said that the applicants must have a net worth of \$4,000, and two years of farming experience since reaching 15 years of age. The previous net worth required to qualify

in project sales—\$3,700—has been raised, partly to reflect recent increases in the cost of items needed to develop new land.

Parker emphasized that there are no public land homesteads available on the Columbia Basin Project because the Bureau has had to purchase most of the land from private owners at the appraised dryland values.

Copies of the announcement and application blanks may be obtained from the Ephrata Office, from the Bureau of Reclamation, Box 837, Boise, Idaho, and from the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Society Submits Reminder As To Real Christmas

The Narberth Society of St. Edward's Seminary, at Kenmore, Washington, extends to all readers its sincere wish for a Holy Christmas and most prosperous New Year.

In this season, the society further submits a reminder as to the real Christmas meaning and stresses the goodness of mutual service. Included in the greeting sent by Joseph A. Graaf, is the following message:

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Christmas—the magic word—what memories it conjures up. The wild rush of the crowded stores, the push and pull of the toy counter, the garland and holly strewn windows, wreathed and candied yule, carols of near and far, Christmas trees lighted and tinselled; Santa Claus of fancy and of flesh, reindeer prancing across the imaginations of children young and old; the whirl of snow crystals, the crunch of them underfoot, the jack frost on the windows, the icicle bedecked and flake covered gables; gift wrapped packages, nuts in assortment, sugar candies, plum pudding, the roasted gobbler, and the merry laughter of bright eyed youngsters; all these are of Christmas. All these we love.

Surely with so much, nothing is lacking. But look, there is no Christ-Child; the Prince of Peace is not there. It is only when the multi-colored mufflers, fur-collared and flanneled coats, heavy tweeds and mackinaws are donned and paths turned toward the stable, adorned by the hands and gifts of the poor and of the rich, that Christmas finds its full meaning.

Selfishness alone should find no dwelling at Christmas. Alongside the giving of Christ, what is of ourselves fades. But the stable awaits us. The Infant Christ is there to receive us.

If our life is tattered, He shall restore it. If our life is sorrowful, in our giving He shall make it full of joy. If hate has found a part in our heart, His love shall convert it to stronger love. He shall teach us the way of peace and of good will.

For the peace to be found, the peace to men of good will, cannot be found outside the stable. The answer to a troubled, selfish and war-ridden world lies in giving as the Omnipotent God gave Himself one clear starry night long ago. There you find it in Bethlehem's cave amid the joyous singing of the angels, the warm breath of the sheep and the donkeys, the admiration of the simple shepherds, and the adoration of Mary and Joseph.

To the stable then go to seek peace. There look for Christ the Savior. There find with Mary and Joseph, kneeling and pondering in adoration and humble prayer, the meaning of Christmas.

Farmers' Union Meet Discusses Threats To U.S.

Are corporation farms and big insurance companies a threat to our free enterprise system? These were among questions tossed about in lively discussion at the December meeting of the Farmers Union Cedar Mill local held Tuesday night (Dec. 19) at Barnes school.

A request for blood donors from the Red Cross was read by President A. R. Ringe, and members were asked to contact either the blood mobile or the Portland center to give in this emergency.

Mrs. Ringe reported that the state Farmers Union Junior leader, Mrs. Jessie Ulin, hopes a plan may be evolved whereby each local may provide a scholarship for junior members to attend summer camp. Members were favorable to all ideas for developing the Farmer's Union youth program.

The Junior Reserve study text "Peoples of the Earth" by Ambree, is providing young members with an understanding of other peoples not of our skin or culture.

A. L. Whitaker, legislative chairman, was elected delegate to the Farmers Union state convention to be held in Woodburn February 20-22. Lorene Smurthwaite was elected alternate.

LIBERTY AND ORDER

The only liberty that is valuable is a liberty connected with order; that not only exists with order and virtue, but which cannot exist at all without them. Burke

SPARK WILL BURN

If the true spark of religious and civil liberty be kindled, it will burn. Human agency cannot extinguish it. Daniel Webster

Pic-Tours of Europe

OSLO, NORWAY, SITE OF THE 1952 WINTER OLYMPICS, COMBINES THE PLEASURES OF LIFE IN A WORLD CAPITAL WITH THE DELIGHTS OF WINTER SPORTS.

A WHITE FAIRY-TALE LAND OF ROLLING FORESTS, GENTLE SLOPES, AND FLOOD-LIGHTED SKI HILLS, IS LESS THAN HALF AN HOUR AWAY.

HUMAN INTEREST TRIPS TO EUROPE

MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO COMBINE THE FUN OF SIGHT-SEEING WITH THE PLEASURE OF MEETING EUROPEANS WITH WHOM VISITORS CAN MAKE FRIENDS AND DISCUSS HOBBIES AND MUTUAL INTERESTS.

WHEN THE CANALS ARE FROZEN, WINTER VISITORS CAN TOUR THE NETHERLANDS, HANS BRINKERS COUNTRY, ON SKATES, SKIMMING THROUGH PICTURESQUE FARM LAND AND BUSTLING CITIES, AND STOPPING FOR REFRESHMENTS AT GAILY DECORATED BOOTHS ALONG THE WAY.

Food Donations Assure Joy For Family In Need

CEDAR MILL—The family night Christmas party sponsored by Cedar Mill Community club was attended by a crowd of nearly 200 at the school, Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. Children were entertained in the basement with movies during a short business meeting.

Main business consisted of election of officers for 1951. They are: V. C. Miner, president; Clifford Martin, vice president; Mrs. W. M. Perrault, secretary and Mrs. L. W. Kingsley. Installation of new officers will be held at the January meeting.

A program featuring a Christmas theme consisted of a community sing of Christmas carols accompanied by the Spring Serenaders a local orchestra comprised of Al Greathouse, Bill Bruce, Ross Bruce and Jack Miner.

Concluding the program was a one act comedy play titled "Santa on Trial". Treats were distributed to all children by Santa and refreshments served to all.

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