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KEEP ON
Backing the Attack
WITH WAR BONDS

a Happy New Year

TO YOU AND YOURS

THIS AND THAT
(By OLD TIMER)
To the Editor:

Uncle Sam is back again in the railroading business after the lapse of a quarter of a century.

Photos of Chiang Kai-shek never show him smoking a Roosevelt ciggie, a Churchill cigar or a Stalin pipe. Some one suggests that, maybe, the generalissimo goes for chawin' tobacco.

An eminent medical authority says that various methods of preventing colds have been found ineffective. Similar scientific study should be made of all those remedies that friends are always suggesting.

Uncle Zeke says he won't have to tighten his belt next year. He got six pairs of suspenders for Christmas.

A real shortage of manpower is apparent about the house when Mother wants the woodbox filled.

Stalin says our war production is most magnificent. Thanks, Joe—but Hitler has another name for it!

To a teetotaler those news stories about congressmen investigating the liquor shortage make mighty dry reading.

The government now owns one-fifth of the national area. It's getting so almost everybody has Uncle Sam for a neighbor.

Remember the old-fashioned demagogue who said we could make the rich pay all the taxes?

Bears are supposed to hibernate—but not so the Russian variety, as the Nazis can testify.

How about dusting off that old set of New Year resolutions?

Back in the 80's President Cleveland settled a rail strike in Chicago.

S. S. "Jacksonville" Launched Thursday

Swan Island's 45th tanker, the S. S. Jacksonville, was launched at Portland on December 23 at 11:30 o'clock. The 523-foot ship was christened by Mrs. Kenneth L. Smith, wife of the rate control manager for the three Kaiser Yards in this area.

Representing Jackson County at the launching was Miss Claire Hanley, secretary of the Pioneers' Society. Miss Hanley is a direct descendant of many of the early Oregon pioneers.

The S. S. Jacksonville is named for Jackson County, and the city has played an important part in the winning of the West.

Assisting at the launching were Mrs. Wilbur H. Dolton and Mrs. E. J. Goodrich, matrons of honor. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Charles Stanley Hook of the Episcopal Church of Vancouver, Wash.

CLAY DAVIS
and Companion
Are Invited to Be Guests of the
SOUTHERN OREGON MINER
to see
at the VARSITY THEATRE
(Friday and Saturday)
"YOUNGEST PROFESSION"
AND
"SONG OF THE SADDLE"
or
(Sunday, Monday, Tuesday)
"REAP WILD WIND"
Please call at the Miner Office
for Your Guest Tickets

TALENT NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hamison are spending a two weeks vacation in Los Angeles, visiting with relatives.

Inez Sewell spent a few days in Klamath Falls visiting her son and other relatives.

Jonah Barrett, who is employed at Merrill, is spending a few days at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hodapp and daughter, Mrs. Maxine Rowe of Central Point called on friends here Wednesday.

Miss Marie Fuver is spending a few days this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton and family in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook of Klamath Falls spent Christmas with Mr. Cook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cook.

Those who spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Clark and family of Ashland and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Brown of Teonesta, California and other relatives and friends of Medford called in the afternoon.

Harry Stearns of Ashland was a business caller in Talent, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Milburn of Grants Pass and 1st Lt. Walter McDonough stationed in Texas, called on friends in Talent Christmas morning. They were enroute to Ashland. Walter McDonough is Mrs. Milburn's son.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hervey and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cowdrey and family of Prospect spent the Christmas holiday in Talent.

Mrs. Virginia Holbrook of San Francisco left for her home Saturday evening after spending a week here visiting her mother, Mrs. Melissa Cameron and other relatives.

MRS. JANET W. BOOTH

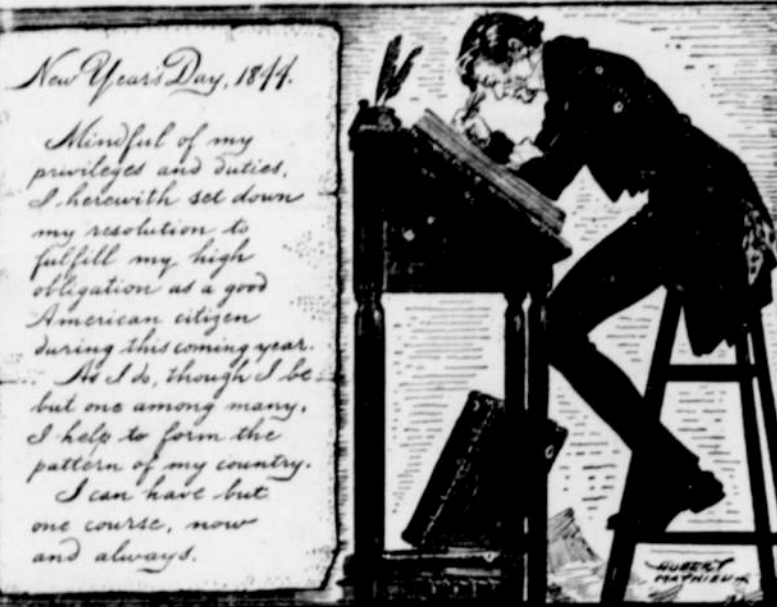
Funeral services were held at the Litwiller Funeral Home, Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Janet W. Booth, who passed away Dec. 26.

Mrs. Booth was born at Osseo, Wisconsin, January 4, 1869.

She came to Ashland in 1910. Survivors include her husband, W. D. Booth, their daughter, Mrs. Cecil Wilson and granddaughter, Janet Wilson of Berkeley.

Miss Jean Willard is home this week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Willard.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat



New Year's-1944 = My time for an Accounting

Annual Income	\$?
Annual Expenditure	The Same
<i>(Life as usual plus unnecessary spending)</i>	
Result	Worry and Want.
Annual Income	\$?
Annual Expenditure	Only enough for careful family living
Money to put into War Bonds, life insurance, savings accounts	To balance the account
Result	Happiness and Security

WHETSTONE—CLEMENTS

Miss Penelope Whetstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Whetstone, became the bride of Gus Clements of Brownsfield, Texas, on Christmas eve. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Clements was graduated from the local High School in 1940 and attended the Southern Oregon College of Education. Mr. Clements has been released from the army to raise cotton; so the young couple will make their home at Brownsfield, Texas.

Soldiers Guests Of Church Sunday

The Methodist Church had as their guests of honor last Sunday evening sixteen soldiers from Camp White. The soldiers favored the audience with a half hour of music, interspersed by scripture readings by Chaplain Roy H. Boldt, and prayer by Chaplain Cecil Ottinger. The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship presented the Christmas Play, "A Child Is Born."

Following the close of the service the soldiers and the Youth Fellowship Group went to the parsonage on Laurel Street where they spent a couple of hours getting acquainted while they joined in singing gospel hymns and choruses.

Mrs. Bruce, the hostess, assisted John Billings, served coffee, chocolate, popcorn balls, and delicious home made Christmas cookies.

The parsonage was decorated with an illuminated tree, holly, laurel, and bright candles. The table covered table, from which refreshments were served, was centered with an outdoor snow scene with reindeer and bear standing at the very center, balanced on either side by tall candle tapers. This was one of the most delightful occasions this church has had with soldiers as guests, and as they separated for the evening it was with the hopes that another such evening may be had together in the very near future.

GRIGG—DOEDING

Miss Juanita Fae Grigg and Donald A. Doeding, both from Illinois, were united in marriage Christmas Eve at the Burns Home on Van Ness with Judge Nell Burns officiating. The groom has been stationed at Camp White for the past ten months.

"Happy Yuletide" EMIGRANTS REACH END OF THE ROAD

The spirit of Christmas was prevalent on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at the Ashland USO and the soldiers and civilians all entered into the activities offered at the building and everyone seemed to be having a nappy yuletide.

In the afternoon of Christmas Eve Mrs. Wilmer Poley was kept busy helping soldiers do their last minute gift wrapping as other senior hostesses had done throughout the week.

The Christmas Eve party started out with a unique game of Bingo that was fun and an excellent "ice-breaker". This was followed by a short program in charge of Pvt. Chris Martes, 650th Engineers, as Master of Ceremonies. A reading by Pat Rawe, solo by Phyllis Blake with Carolyn Rose at the piano.

Special guests for the evening were from the 650th Engineers under the supervision of Lt. Martins. All soldiers wishing to attend any USO activities are welcome at any time, so there were lots of soldiers in the club besides the Engineers.

Santa, who was a very prominent citizen, gave forth presents to all soldiers and junior hostesses. The soldiers' presents were donated by patriotic citizens, organizations and all the schools.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and fresh doughnuts were served by the following senior hostesses - Mrs. Mary Rath, Mrs. Alice Willits, Mrs. Roy Frazier, Mrs. Bert Freeman and Mrs. Alice Piel.

Christmas Day was started at the Club with a breakfast, served by the fireside and later in the day a buffet supper of turkey and its trimmings was prepared by Pvt. Joe Daly and Pvt. Jack Dickerson, cooks from the 46th Field Hospital. Those helping to serve were Mr. and Mrs. Will Dodge, Mrs. Naomi Grunewald, Mrs. Alice Willits and Mrs. C. Mitchell. Desk hostesses for the entire day were Miss Edith Bork, Miss Louise Woodruff and Mrs. Marcella Rawe.

For the formal dance Christmas night, music was furnished by the 33rd General Hospital orchestra. Mrs. Frances Cook was soloist.

Senior hostesses, Mrs. Sid Reed and Mrs. Vern Cary served punch and cookies throughout the evening.

Methodist Church To Have Dinner

The Methodist Church will observe its annual New Year's custom of having a Dinner-program at 12:15 noon Jan. 1st. The members and friends of the church are requested, as in other years, to bring their dinners to the church dining room in the Church, where all will be seated at the table to enjoy the New Year fellowship.

The program this year will consist of readings, vocal and instrumental music, and moving pictures. The title of one of the pictures to be shown is "Unto the Hills," and is a true story of a boy from the Kentucky mountains. The other picture is called, "Deliver Us from Evil" and is the story of a boy in the poorer section of a great city.

All members and friends of the church are invited to bring their New Year Dinner, with table service, and enjoy this New Year occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Chaney, and Mr. and Mrs. John Billings were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Billings for Christmas dinner.

Arriving at the Dalles, the land party decided to take to the water too, for it seemed impossible to drive down the river or around Mt. Hood. The men felled trees and built rafts on which they loaded their wagons and other belongings. Some of the cattle were driven along the banks of the Columbia, while others were taken over Indian trails around Mt. Hood. All was easy sailing down the river until the Cascades was reached where a slow arduous portage had to be made.

The rainy season had set in; food was nearly gone, and the emigrants were in rags. Dr. McLoughlin, when informed of their plight, sent several boat loads of provisions to relieve their suffering.

Ft. Vancouver was reached early in November. From there the emigrants made their way to Oregon City from where they later set out in search of donation land claims in the Willamette and Tualatin Valleys.

The homespun suits in which the emigrants started were worn out. Clothing of buckskin took its place. The women even made dresses of the weather-beaten wagon sheets. There was no money in the country, except what the emigrants brought with them. Wheat and beaver skins were used as a medium of exchange.

Much privation and suffering were eliminated by the generosity of Dr. McLoughlin, who extended credit where needed, and gave words of cheer and welcome to the bedraggled emigrants. The closing entry in Nesmith's Diary consisted of three words "Went to Work."

Log cabin homes soon dotted the broad Valleys of the Willamette and Tualatin. And the Oregon Country became American by right of occupation.

The emigration of 1843 pushed our western border from the Missouri to the Pacific, and made a two-ocean country of the United States. In the light of past accomplishments the Oregon Country has been properly named, "Land of the Empire Builders. And the Old Oregon Trail has earned the title, "The Road that won an Empire." Thus ends the Saga of the Covered Wagons. This is "30".

Ed. Note: This completes the series of stories commemorating the Old Oregon Trail Centennial.

RECENT COURT NEWS

William Herman Morris was cited in by State Police to answer to the charge of failing to stop at an highway intersection. He was fined \$2.50 and costs.

Ellsworth Lee Garland of Talent was arrested for having no driver's license. Fined \$2.50 and costs.

Charles Wesley Rutledge of Klamath Falls was arrested for having no tail light. Fined \$1.50 and costs.

Glenn Frederick Brabbin of Talent was arrested for having no operator's license. Fined \$2.50 and costs.

Harry Lee Banta was arrested for disorderly conduct. Paid costs of \$4.50 and was sentenced to 30 days in County Jail.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Burns and two sons of Portland visited with Mr. Burns' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Burns Christmas Day and Sunday.

Miss Wilma Froman, student at Willamette University, is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Froman.

A United States Marine

FALLS ON GRENADE TO SAVE HIS SQUAD

WITH U. S. MARINES ON BOUGAINVILLE, Solomon Islands, Nov. 16 (Delayed) (AP) —Sergeant Herbert J. Thomas, of Charleston, W. Va., was one of the heroes of the early fighting on Bougainville. Thomas, leading a detail of nine men against a Japanese pillbox, threw a grenade which hit a tree and bounced back among his own men.

There was no time to pick it up and throw it again. Thomas hurled himself bodily on the grenade. He was killed by the explosion, but none of his men were hurt.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"

—JOHN 15:13