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ICY COUNTRYSIDE HERE AT CHRISTMAS

Silver Thaw Causes Injuries to Two Women Because of Falls.

HAZARD TO TRAVEL

Christmas Tinge Given to Nature, and Folk Enjoy Entertainment, In Spite of Drawback.

Heppner enjoyed a silver Christmas, as did all of Morrow county, and the countryside is still covered with ice today. The silver thaw came on Christmas eve, making motivation hazardous in any manner and taking a toll in accidents while lending a Christmas tinge to nature.

Painful personal injuries were received in falls by Mrs. Pat Mollahan and Mrs. Edward Chinn. Mrs. Mollahan received a fractured arm, and Mrs. Chinn hurt her head. The latter fell on her back and head when coming out of the Elk-horn restaurant, owned by her husband, Tuesday evening. The injury caused her to remain in bed yesterday, and it was first feared she had received a fractured skull. Later examination by a physician showed this not to be the case, however, and her condition is reported improving.

Motorists were slowed down to a crawl, and several were landed in the ditch, though no bad accidents had been reported this morning. Some folk who had intended leaving town Tuesday, remained at home rather than attempt to drive on the ice. Among these were Senator J. G. Barratt and family. They had planned to go to Pendleton to spend Christmas with Mrs. Barratt's relatives, but returned after going but a short distance.

Long Experiment Shows Loss From Bad Cropping

The extent to which continuous cropping of soil, without rotation and without the addition of fertilizer is unprofitable in Oregon is shown in the summary of results of an unusual 21-year experimental study conducted at the Oregon Experiment station by Dr. W. L. Powers, chief of the soils department. The greatest profit was shown to come from rotated crops under irrigation, with the addition of barnyard manure. This method not only greatly increased the crop yield, but the water requirement of the soil was almost 50 per cent less than where continuous cropping without irrigation was practiced. Use of irrigation on land cropped continuously without rotation was found to be but little more profitable than continuous cropping without supplemental water.

The experiment shows that it is far more practical to follow practices that keep the soil productive than to attempt to restore lost fertility, as rebuilding exhausted land is a long-time and costly practice, Dr. Powers says. The detailed results of the study are compiled and discussed in Station Circular 113, "Soil Fertility in Relation to Productive Land," by Dr. Powers. It is available to Oregon farmers upon request.

INJURED IN FALL

F. W. Turner sustained a painful injury to his back Saturday afternoon when he slipped from a board and fell on a piece of pipe while crossing the creek near the J. J. Nys home. The fall knocked the wind out of him and he remained lying in a helpless condition for some fifteen minutes before Rod Thomson, who works at the Union Oil plant near by, came along and discovered him and helped him out of the predicament. A fractured rib was disclosed on examination, and Mr. Turner entered the hospital Tuesday evening for treatment, after attempting to "tough it out" for a couple of days.

Gladya Bengt Conder, who teaches in the junior high school at Medford, has arrived for the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eph Eskelson. E. H. Hedrick, former school superintendent here, is in charge of the Medford system, and Mrs. Conder reports the Hedricks and other ex-Heppnerites at Medford doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Benton and son Dick arrived Monday evening from Fort Benton, Mont., to spend Christmas at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH B. NICHOLS.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church in this city at 2:30 Saturday afternoon for W. R. Munkers who passed away Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. H. Gentry, in Portland. Alvin Kleinfield, pastor of the Christian church at Heppner, officiated, and interment was made in the Lexington cemetery. Arrangements were in charge of Phelps Funeral home of Heppner. Six of Mr. Munkers' grandsons acted as pallbearers. They were Vernon and Archie Munkers, Lee and Virgil Gentry, Russell and Laverne Wright.

William Riley Munkers, second son of B. F. and Marilla Hester Munkers, was born December 3, 1856, in Linn county, Oregon, ten miles from Albany and died at Portland December 18, 1935, at the age of 79 years and 15 days. His mother passed away when he was but six years of age, and he spent his boyhood days with his uncle, Preston Munkers, at Scio, Oregon. He was married December 10, 1876, to Miss Anna Marie Montgomery, and to them eight children were born. They lived in Linn county until October 10, 1883, spent that winter in western Oregon and on March 24, 1884, came to Morrow county and settled in the Eight Mile country where Mr. Munkers engaged in farming for fourteen years. On October 10, 1898, they moved to Lexington where they have since resided, with the exception of two years spent in Portland. Mr. Munkers was the last survivor of his father's family.

Morrow county's district attorney held with another convention speaker that it is just as much the duty of a prosecutor under his oath to see that a defendant is given a just trial as it is to seek convictions. He condemned any prosecutor who wittingly fails to produce evidence which might work to the defendant's advantage. The state's attorney is bound by oath to try all cases fairly, he said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Karl Miller entertained with a delightful party at their home last Monday evening. Eight tables of 50 were in play with high scores going to Mrs. L. A. Palmer and W. D. Campbell. The Christmas idea was carried out in the decorations and favors.

A Christmas program was presented at the Christian church on Sunday morning following the Bible school hour.

Rev. Joel R. Benton will be in Lexington Sunday and will conduct services at the Christian church at 11 a. m.

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PROSECUTOR CITES TRENDS OF JUSTICE

Notson Reports Matters Before State Conclave At Lions Meeting.

VIEWS NOT UPHELD

Holds Conservative Course on Procedure; Good 4-H Club Work Cited by Belanger.

Admitting conservatism as dean of Oregon district attorneys, S. E. Notson reported to the Lions Monday that he was not in thorough agreement with all resolutions passed at the state district attorneys' convention which he attended in Portland last week end. The resolutions, however, expressed the desires of the majority of the 26 district attorneys present and he expected they would be brought to the attention of the legislature by the association's legislative committee.

Mr. Notson did not concur with the resolution asking for admission of pictures or other evidence of a gruesome nature in trial of criminal cases. Such evidence tends to inflame the minds of jurors and hinders rather than aids the course of justice, he believed. He decried the tendency of younger prosecutors to throw lessons of past experience too readily into the discard, saying with one circuit judge who addressed the convention, that perfection in administering justice can only be approximated at best and radical departure from tried courses should be avoided.

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Among Lexington visitors in Pendleton last week were Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Slocum, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth and Beulah Nichols.

Mrs. Elmer Hunt and children have gone to San Francisco to spend the Christmas vacation.

Miss Betty Skyles is spending the holiday season at her home in Portland.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Changes Slated.
- Oregon Favored.
- State Fair Fee Raised.

By A. L. LINDBECK

GOOD ACTING SEEN

Bertrand Evans Central Figure in Dramatic Production, "The Finger of God," Comedy Given.

Salem.—Last week this writer intimated—based upon state house rumor—that Otto Hartwig might not be reappointed to the industrial accident commission. Also, that Jack Allen who relinquished his seat in the state senate some six or eight months ago to become state liquor administrator, might retire from public life along about the first of the new year to devote his time again to his private interests at Pendleton.

This week's budget of whisperings from old Dame Rumor has it that if and when Hartwig is replaced it will be by one J. C. Joy, Portland democrat, and that Otto Runte, now chief inspector for the state liquor administration, is slated to succeed Allen as administrator if and when he steps out of the picture.

Opposition to Hartwig, a highly popular and competent member of the accident commission, is understood to be entirely partisan. Democratic partisans are known to have been clamoring for some time for a second member on the commission which is now dominantly republican and Hartwig just happens to be the member whose term is expiring at this time rather than T. Morris Dunne, the other republican member whose term continues until January 2, 1937, unless he should be removed for cause. Hartwig is said to be entirely satisfactory to both employers and employees, many of whom are known to be urging the governor to reappoint him. He was formerly an influential labor leader in the state and is labor's representative on the board.

Speculation as to his possible reappointment is based largely upon the fact that the governor has not yet announced his re-appointment, which, in the ordinary course should have been announced along about the first of the present month.

If Allen retires as liquor administrator, as he probably will, it will be entirely of his own accord and in the interest of harmony within the organization. Allen is known to have clashed repeatedly with members of the liquor commission who have persisted in making his position uncomfortable by stripping him of various duties from time to time and conferring them upon Runte and Eugene Kelly who is said to be the liquor administrator in fact although Allen bears the title. Allen was in Salem during the early days of the recent special legislative session and it is understood at that time to have offered to resign but agreed to remain at the insistence of the Governor.

Since that time, however, W. L. Goslin, the governor's secretary, is said to have paid Allen a "purely social call" during which he suggested the advisability of the administrator's retirement. Friends of Allen among Democratic leaders in the state by that time, however, had rallied to his support and insisted upon his sticking by his guns which he has done so far—long enough to convince the public at least that he can stay indefinitely if he wants to.

Should Runte's promotion to the liquor administration materialize it will be over the strenuous protests of many influential Democrats with whom the chief investigator is not at all popular and the situation thus created would hold ample promise of future disturbances in liquor control circles.

Work on the new dormitory at the state school for blind was gotten under way this week. This announcement marks the culmination of a long fight on the part of the friends of blind wards of the state who have for years been housed in the frame administration building, long regarded as a serious fire hazard. The new building will be of brick construction, strictly fireproof throughout, 47 by 160 feet, one story with full basement. Completely furnished it will cost approximately \$31,950 with the federal government supplying \$31,950 through a PWA grant and the state putting up \$50,000 through an appropriation by the 1935 regular session. The building is to be completed within six months.

Oregon architects and Oregon materials for the new Oregon capitol is the challenge which Governor Martin has thrown into the face of the capitol reconstruction commission.

The governor's comment to Salem newspapermen was prompted by reports that out-of-state architects would be asked to compete for the honor of designing the new state house.

"There are plenty of brains right here in Oregon to design and supervise the new capitol without going to some other state to find an architect," the governor declared. "Oregon also has plenty of building materials such as marble, building stone, woods of all kinds—the finest the world affords. There is no justification whatever for going outside the state to buy anything we can produce ourselves."

"It's high time we Oregonians were waking up to the fact that we live in a state rich in natural resources of all kinds and I feel that now is the time to make a start toward a program of education that will not only sell Oregon to its own

HOT LUNCH BENEFIT IS WELL RECEIVED

One-Act Plays by Class and Faculty Net \$54 for Student Aid

GOOD ACTING SEEN

Bertrand Evans Central Figure in Dramatic Production, "The Finger of God," Comedy Given.

The school hot lunch fund was benefitted \$54.40 by three one-act plays presented last Thursday evening at the gym-auditorium by the public speaking class and faculty of the high school. Appreciation of the generous public response is expressed by Edward F. Bloom, superintendent.

Of exceptional quality was the faculty presentation, "The Finger of God," in which Bertrand Evans, Leone Rockhold and Claude Pevey portrayed roles in a highly dramatic production. Mr. Evans portrayed the central character, an embittered ex-convict who attains a position of high trust in an investment concern, and on the eve of absconding with all the company's funds is persuaded to desist through appeal to his better nature by a company secretary, taken by Miss Rockhold, thus evading a trap set for him by his detective-valet, played by Mr. Pevey.

"A Christmas Awakening," first of the speaking class productions, depicted the Christmas spirit overcoming the selfishness of an American household. Two members of the family, Ethyl Hughes and Norman King, return from college for the holidays, to find the mother, Jean Adkins, making out the gift list in a socially-proper manner; to find the father, Howard Cleveland, stoically untroubled about the holiday's arrival, and to find little daughter, Dora Bailey, and grandfather, Joe Stephens, the only ones imbued with the true Christmas spirit. The college daughter forgets her unfinished party dress, the college son loses his disappointment on being denied use of the family car, mother and father are moved to deeper emotions and little daughter and grandfather become more enraptured by the Christmas spirit as Uncle Henry, William McCaleb, calls to express sentiments of the day, and Christmas carols, sung by the chorus under direction of Miss Junia Leathers, drift through the open window.

In lighter vein was "What's Trumps," a skit depicting what would happen at a men's poker party if men played cards after the fashion of women. William McCaleb, Ernest Clark, Vernon Knowles and Marvin Casebeer portrayed the roles.

Between acts, songs were sung by the grade school chorus under the direction of Miss Leathers. The singing in harmony without accompaniment revealed much work, and it was well received by the audience.

Funds raised by the entertainment assure continuance of the serving of a hot dish each school day to students who must take their lunches to school. More than eighty such hot dishes are served each school day.

LaVerne Van Marter Has Spinal Meningitis

LaVerne Van Marter, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Van Marter, was reported today in a much improved condition with full recovery likely from an attack of spinal meningitis with which he was stricken last Thursday night. He was given a fourth injection of anti-toxin serum Monday, and his physician reported no more injections would probably be necessary.

La Verne, a mainstay in the high school basketball team, was at school Thursday. He was stricken that night, and was unconscious Friday morning. Serum was rushed from Portland by state police and injections were started immediately. Precautions were taken against spread of the infection, and with incubation period past no other cases have developed.

BROTHER TRANSFERRED

Dr. A. D. McMurdo has received word of the recent transfer of his brother, Lt. Col. Hew McMurdo, from Georgia to head the medical staff at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana hospital. Colonel McMurdo has been in the army medical corps for a number of years, and his latest recognition marks his high standing in the service.

Miss Anabel Turner, student at O. S. C., is expected home today having stopped over in Portland for a minor operation on her nose. Her sister, Miss Jeannette Turner, who teaches at Boardman, joined her in Portland and was expected to come home with her.

M. D. Clark was able to be up and about the house the first of the week after being confined to his home for two weeks by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wise motored to Toppenish, Wash., for Christmas with relatives, expecting to return home tomorrow.

IONE

By MRS. MARGARET BLAKE

The community Christmas program at the school gym Wednesday evening was well attended in spite of the bad weather. Several persons who were to have had parts in the program were unable to be present but in spite of these things a very nice Christmas exercise was presented. The numbers which were announced by Miss Maxine McCurdy, were as follows: Instrumental trio by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell and daughter Dorothy; "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," sung by members of the first and second grades; a reading by Helen Lundell; holly drill by some of the third and fourth grade members; Christmas pantomime by the high school girls with songs sung by the glee club; a pageant of the Christmas story by members of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, with songs by the grade school chorus; vocal solos by Miss Frances Troedson, and a group of Christmas songs by the high school glee club. While it was singing "Jingle Bells" Santa Claus came in with treats for everyone present.

School closed on Friday afternoon to reopen on December 30. All of the grade rooms and high school had Christmas trees and parties and presents in the afternoon. Most of the teachers left the same evening for their various homes to spend the holidays. Miss Lorraine Reed went to Mitchell, Miss Anita Baumgardner to Portland, Miss Helen Ralph to Salem, Mrs. Roy Brown to Hermiston and Mr. Christiansen to Mill City. Miss Dorothy Arrant remained until after the Christmas program when she went to Portland.

The Union Sunday school had a short program following the Sunday school hour at the Baptist church last Sunday. The primary classes sang "Away in a Manger," Maxine Ely spoke a piece and Misses Frances Troedson and Miriam Hale played and sang "Silent Night, Holy Night" as a duet. Oranges for all and candy for the little folks were distributed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle E. M. Wright of Baker are at the home of Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Grabbil.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blake of Kinzua spent Christmas at the E. J. Blake home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Moore departed Sunday for Portland to spend the holidays at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wrex Hickok. They were motored to Arlington by Walt Eubanks.

Miss Clara Nelson, a student at O. S. C., arrived home Saturday morning.

Mrs. Dan O'Hara of Kinzua has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Frances Troedson, a student at O. S. C., and Miss Linea Troedson, a teacher in a Portland high school, are at home for the holidays.

Buddy Warfield is visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cochran.

Miss Dot Crabtree of Salem is visiting friends here.

Clifford Yarnell is home from O. S. C. for the holidays.

Norman Swanson arrived from Spokane on Tuesday afternoon to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson motored to Arlington on Friday night to meet their daughters, Miss Eva Swanson and Mrs. Elmo McMillan with her daughter Beverly, who will spend the holidays here.

Francis Ely is home from Willamette university.

Alfred Balsiger of The Dalles spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Balsiger.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pomeranz of Los Angeles arrived on Wednesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clark.

Mrs. Nora Rivers spent last week at the home of H. O. Ely home. She departed Sunday for Spokane to spend Christmas at the home of her son Alfred, one-time garage operator here. She has spent the past few months in Honolulu at the home of her daughter, Ruth.

Frank Swaggart and party of Lena spent the night here on account of road conditions which made it impossible to be sure of reaching their home safely.

Dan O'Hara and E. J. Blake of Kinzua came over from that place Tuesday evening to spend Christmas with relatives here. Ten hours were required for the trip on account of the icy roads. Though they had no trouble themselves they helped numerous motorists back on to roads at various points on the highway.

Mrs. Etta Shippey has gone to Portland for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Florence Swanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kruse (Pearl Padberg) of Oswego announce the birth of a daughter on December 22.

1ST NATIONAL BANK PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

Third Dividend of 25 Per Cent Is Announced by Receiver.

\$60,380 NOW READY

Payment of Former Loan, and New Loan From RFC Responsible; Total Now 59 Percent.

Depositors of First National Bank of Heppner will declare there is a Santa Claus, with announcement today of another 25 percent dividend totalling \$60,380.60, checks for which have arrived from the comptroller's office and are available at the local office of J. L. Gault, receiver.

This, the third dividend, brings total liquidation of the First National bank to 59 percent. The first dividend of 14 percent was paid in 1933, and the second, 20 percent, was disbursed in 1934, resulting entirely from a loan made by the receiver through the comptroller of currency and the Reconstruction Finance corporation. The full liquidation of this loan permitted the receiver to apply for and obtain a second loan from RFC which largely supplied funds for the present disbursement, Mr. Gault announced.

Those having claims against the bank are advised by Mr. Gault that they must present their receiver's certificates to obtain their share of the dividend.

Liquidation of local banks, closed since October, 1932, so far has resulted in paying depositors of the Farmers and Stockgrowers National bank a hundred cents on the dollar, besides the 59 percent given First National depositors. The third dividend is the largest declared by the First National to date, and it marks favorable progress in the process of liquidation. Coming just at Christmas, it serves to lend much cheer to depositors and to the community generally.

Local Historical Data Compiled Under WPA

Portland.—(Special)—Work on "The American Guide," writers' division, professional and service projects section of the Works Progress administration, is under way in Morrow county with Heppner as headquarters, it was announced today by Alfred Powers, dean of the general extension division of the Oregon state system of higher education. Mr. Powers is state director of the writers' division with headquarters in Portland.

Mrs. Nellie Anderson has been appointed field worker for gathering and compiling data for Morrow county. Citizens possessing information of value to the Guide are asked to get in touch with her.

Material pertaining to historical cities, historical characters, living or dead; historical relics, or scenic spots of general or special interest, is especially desirable. In the opinion of Dean Powers, increased tourist travel as a result of information found in this guide book will more than repay a community for any assistance.

"We have a staff of general field workers on this project in Oregon, but there is room for hundreds of volunteers," says Dean Powers. "It is an undertaking in which every Oregon citizen may take justifiable pride and manifest keen interest, because he will share with many others credit for a project which will bring Oregon scenery and resources to the attention of world audience. Oregon will occupy a prominent place in the five volumes of 600 pages each which have been dedicated to the purpose of presenting to tourists an authentic guide book that will direct them to places and memories of lasting interest in the 48 states of the Union."

"This state will appear in one volume with Washington, California, Utah and Nevada. It is but natural that we should wish Oregon's showing to be second to none. This Guide will introduce Oregon to the rest of America more extensively than has ever before been done. Individuals and organizations, as well as school children, can be of much help in the preparation of this work. In such a widely cooperative effort we shall welcome suggestions and participation from every county and every town in the state."

OPENS WELDING SHOP

Harold Becket this week installed electric and acetylene welding machinery in the McMurdo building on May street where he is opening a new machine shop. He made a business trip to Portland the end of the week to purchase equipment. Mr. Becket has been with the Shively blacksmith shop for several years.

The E. F. Bloom family went to Pendleton Tuesday evening to spend Christmas with Mrs. Bloom's folks. They expected to go to Portland after Christmas to attend the state teachers' association convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gorgier were visitors in the city Saturday from the Ione section.

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