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Advance of Time.

WITHIN a few hours 1936 will have slipped hopelessly away, and none may gainsay its events. At midnight the new year will dawn, and wrapped up in its cherubim features will be reflected all the hope and ambitions of everyone everywhere. The transition period brings to mind again the passing of frustrating moments, each of which shortens the life of the individual; and places renewed emphasis upon the necessity for planning that the moments of the new year may be more fruitfully utilized ere they, too, are beyond recall.

Nineteen thirty-six has seen some individuals reach the apex of man's highest ambitions, others to sink into the deepest depths of oblivion, while between the extremes the human race has experienced in varied degrees all the feelings and emotions of which it is capable. About the maelstrom's edges and upon its surface at intervals have appeared multitudinous faces and events, some to be swept swiftly back in the undertow while others were permitted to remain for longer intervals—some, mayhap, indefinitely.

History will pay tribute to Franklin D. Roosevelt, the most popular president of his country since Washington, and to James Aloysius Farley, the keenest political-analytical mind of the century. In its pages will be reserved a place for another historic love affair which shook a nation—yea, a world—that of King Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. It will mournfully relate the Spanish revolution, the most heathenish war of modern times.

The drama of 1936 is fraught with incidents of strong emotion, of clashes of wills, of shattering or realization of hopes and desires. It has seen the strong grow stronger, the weak become weaker, or vice versa, as heredity and environment have molded the course of each individual. Man has faced misfortune and disaster, and he has conquered or succumbed. In some places he has ignored the tools placed at his command; in others, for want thereof, he has created tools and gone ahead. Throughout its course, however, 1936 has contributed but little to the sum total of human knowledge. In comparatively few places man has made conquests and discoveries which mark the frontiers of the future. But in these lie much of the hope for 1937, for through them man will expand and be provided with the blood of life—for life is conquest, life is change.

Each individual has much power to determine the course of conquest and change within his own life, and it is in the exercising of these powers that he may find his share of happiness. May it be the privilege of this newspaper to record for everyone within its field the greatest share of happiness in 1937.

In High Place.

MORROW county may feel just pride in her county school superintendent, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, who this week was given the high-

est position possible for state teachers to bestow, that of president of Oregon State Teachers association. Such an honor is not empty for it carries the responsibility of guiding the destinies for a year of a large and effective organization. Neither is the honor bestowed without show of merit. In the state teachers' fraternity are some of the best minds in the state, and the association as a whole represents the minds the people have chosen to guide the education of their children, in every case the best obtainable. That Mrs. Rodgers has shown herself worthy of leading this group is a high tribute to her ability and intelligence.

Mrs. Rodgers is to be congratulated for proving herself capable of the high position, and Morrow county may count herself fortunate in having one so worthy at the head of her schools.

Let's Pull Together.

LAST week Condon Globe-Times editorialized in support of Heppner-Wasco secondary highway No. 206 as an important road link which ties up the county seats of Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties, as well as provides a shorter route to market for produce of the Condon section. The Condon paper's comment was immediately inspired by a demand of farmers in the Ferry canyon and Ajax sections of Gilliam county.

Like the Gilliam farmers, residents along this route in Morrow county have made frequent demands for its improvement. As cited by the Condon paper, the distance from Heppner to Condon over this route is 47 miles as against 100 miles over the only improved road, that by way of Arlington.

Improvement of the road would shorten the distance from Condon to Portland by 16 to 20 miles, it was cited. Heppnerites could reach Portland by this route at a saving of some thirty miles. However, until the road is brought somewhere near to the standard of the Oregon-Washington and Columbia river highways, it is doubtful whether it would be so much used by people here.

The immediate need is to provide a good all-year market road over the route. This would reflect benefits to all cities on the road, including Heppner, and therefore should have wholehearted support here. Latest word is that a project has been outlined for completing the grade and surfacing between Heppner and Condon, and that this has been approved by the state highway commission and submitted to PWA with hope that it can be made a federal-aid project under the public works act.

Now is a go dotime for all people immediately interested to get together and pull for the road's completion.

Hardman Students To Present Play

Hardman high school will present "Speed," a three-act farce comedy, at the school auditorium Jan. 2, beginning at 7:30. Mrs. Marie Clary, the high school teacher who has given many fine plays at Hardman, is directing the production.

The cast follows: Mrs. Emma Lambert, who runs "Barge Inn," Loes Stevens; Emil Lambert, her charming daughter, Pat Bleakman; Slim Williams, who is in love with Enid, Marvin Saddler; Idora Evans, who is maid of all work at the inn, Frances Inskeep; Harold Orr, a publicity man, Donald Robison; Marlene Orr, his wife who is given to exaggerating, Opal Hastings; Miss Ivy Trask, a guest at the inn, Delsie Bleakman; Rollo Jones (Speed), who gets into hot water and can't get out, Roland Farrens; Zella Fiery of the Daily Bugle, Dolly Farrens; Emery Jones, who is accustomed to having his own way, Raymond McDonald.

Come and laugh and dance afterwards at the I. O. O. F. hall to the tunes of Harry Peterson's orchestra.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends who assisted us at the time of our bereavement, and for the expressions of sympathy. We especially thank the Rebekahs for their thoughtful help. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Wyland, Eppler Dickey.

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By MARGARET BLAKE

Long awaited moisture in the form of snow fell around Ione the day after Christmas. About two inches here with a heavier blanket north and west of the town makes everyone hope that more is just around the corner. The ground was in excellent condition to get the full benefit of what fell.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Padberg had their sons Earl and Cecil of Portland with them on Christmas day.

Clarence Linn of Vernonia spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn, returning to his work immediately afterward.

Miss Virginia Griffith has been quite ill at her home.

G. A. Yarnell and Mrs. Glen Yarnell and her daughter and son, all of Bickleton, Wash., spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Yarnell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Rankin and sons, Fred, Stewart and Marvin, spent last Sunday at the E. C. Heliker ranch.

At the meeting of Willows grange last Saturday night at Cecil two resolutions were approved, one asking that 35% of the gasoline tax money be used to improve roads used for school bus and rural mail routes, the other for agricultural and horticultural protection from strikes.

J. O. Kincaid was recommended for fire insurance agent for Willows grange for 1937, and George Krebs was appointed chairman of the agricultural committee for the coming year.

A program of Christmas carols, musical numbers, tableaux and readings was given after which Santa Claus arrived and entertained the little ones while his helpers distributed treats to all.

An officers' round table conference will be held at the Cecil hall on New Year's eve, about 8 o'clock. Following the conference a watch party will be the order of the evening. Grangers with their families and friends will enjoy a social time and a clam chowder feed will be served at midnight. Ladies are asked to bring the "makings" for the chowder.

Clifford Yarnell of O. S. C. is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Yarnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergevin motored to Gibbon for Christmas to attend a family reunion at the home of Mr. Bergevin's parents.

Miss Harriet Heliker is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Heliker. She will

resume her studies at Northwestern Business college in Portland on January 4.

Miss Margaret McDevitt of Bend is at the home of M. J. Fitzpatrick.

Members of the Ione post of the American Legion and Auxiliary with their families enjoyed a pot luck supper in the club rooms of the Legion hall last Wednesday evening. About forty persons enjoyed a fine supper and later a program and games.

Mrs. Fred Zielke and son Frederick went to Enterprise on Monday night and will visit relatives there until Sunday.

Mrs. Minnie Farrens has gone to California to visit a son and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Keithley Blake and daughter of Kinzua spent two days of last week at the Earl Blake home.

Miss Minnie Normoyle, who teaches in Athena, arrived at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beckner, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlow Martin and sons of Moro are visiting relatives here and at Lexington.

Huston Bryson spent Christmas eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bryson, returning to his work at Stiles on the Deschutes Christmas afternoon.

W. F. Palmateer who has been undergoing medical treatment in the hospital at Heppner was brought home to his daughter, Mrs. H. O. Ely, Tuesday.

W. A. Hayes departed last Friday night for Texas to spend a few weeks at his old home with his mother.

Mrs. A. W. Lundell has returned from La Grande where she has been attending E. O. N. S. She will not return to school until next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ture Peterson returned from Astoria Monday evening.

Donald McElligott is home from school near Portland.

Mrs. Lana Padberg had as guests for the holidays her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kruse and their daughter Karen Lee of Oswego, also her daughter, Mrs. Opal Cason and her children, Bobby and Guyla May, of Portland.

Norman Swanson spent several days of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson, returning to his work in Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Misner of Thornton, Wash., were at the Fred Mankin home for Christmas, returning to their home Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Gabbert and children, Dwight and Patty Ann, were also

guests of the Mankins. Mr. Gabbert went on to Chicago on Friday night, taking the streamliner from Pendleton. Mrs. Gabbert and the children remained until Monday when they returned to their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason entertained at their home Sunday with a dinner in honor of Mr. Mason's sister, Miss Ella Mason of Portland, who has been their guest during the holidays. Miss Mason returned to Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Tucker went to Portland for a few days last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howk at Condon.

Miss Dot Crabtree of Salem is visiting friends here.

Leora K. Wyland Funeral Rites Held

Funeral services were held from Phelps Funeral Home chapel in this city at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon for Leora K. Wyland, who died at the home of her son, E. K. Wyland, at Grandview, Wash., the Wednesday previous. Rev. E. D. Greeley, Church of God minister, conducted the services, attended by many relatives and friends of the deceased. Interment was in Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Wyland was a pioneer of this county. Born Leora Keen Keithly at St. Louis, Mo., in 1867, she came to Morrow county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Keithly, when six years of age. She was married to James Huston Wyland at Hardman on November 6, 1884. To them were born Ernest Keithly, James Stewart, Wyland, Eppler Dickey and Naomi Saling, two of whom, Ernest Keithly and Eppler Dickey, survive. Three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one brother, Sterling Keithly, of Ono, Cal., also survive.

Mrs. Wyland was early converted to Christ and was a charter member of Church of God at Heppner. She was aged 69 years and 21 days.

Misses Leta and Evelyn Humphreys and Rose Leibbrand left by motor Saturday for Eugene, from where Miss Evelyn expected to go on to Los Angeles to resume her work after spending Christmas here.

Dr. J. H. McCrady went to Cle Elum, Wash., to spend Christmas with his parents. He returned home Sunday, reporting some six inches of snow about Cle Elum.

Reviewing 1936

by A. B. CHAPIN.

