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"Orchids"

MORROW county was favored this week by the larger part of a page in the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin containing feature material written by A. W. Nelson, the "roving reporter." The material, by and large, is flattering, as may be expected in a newspaper promoting circulation into a wider field for increased advertising revenues and assisting business interests of its city in competing against business interests of other larger places appealing to trade of the same territory. Mr. Nelson in at least one instance waxes a little too enthusiastic, however. In reporting that "at least 250 persons" were lost in the Heppner flood, he is exaggerating a sad memory of many of our people. The completed check following the disaster listed 221 persons who lost their lives. In most other respects, Morrow county qualifies for Mr. Nelson's high opinions, and in fact, visitors from our neighboring larger cities will find much attraction here—possibly even from a trading standpoint that compares very favorably with that in Walla Walla, or may we say, Pendleton.

Beware the Criminal!

NUMEROUS thefts recently of automobile tires, gasoline, and other articles of value from parked automobiles is cause for our people to arise from their complacency and come to a realization that it "can be done here." The situation is not an indictment of our law-enforcing officers. They are trained and competent. It is, however, an indictment against the general tolerance and forbearance of a peace-loving community, and of the people permitting themselves to neglect ordinary measures of precaution.

We are prone to become too trusting in a small community where most everyone is worthy of trust, thereby affording the criminal a little too fertile field. Actions of individuals generally are not suspected, property is handled a bit too carelessly and insufficient check on its identity is made, complicating the work of officers in its recovery, if stolen, and in locating the thief.

The numerous recent thefts makes it imperative that everyone cooperate in watching suspicious actions of individuals, in keeping descriptions of property left in a position to be stolen and to take more precaution against leaving anything of value where it may serve as a temptation to a criminally-minded person.

An epidemic of thefts arises occasionally in a small community but they cannot long endure. The culprit, if he remains, cannot long escape detection, for the more intimate life of the entire populace of the small community hastens his rise to the surface. An awakened spirit of watchfulness on the part of

our peace-loving citizens will speed the criminal on his way, however.

LEXINGTON NEWS

Churches Present Christmas Rites

By Bertha Hunt

A large crowd enjoyed the Christmas program presented Sunday evening by the Christian and Congregational Sunday schools at the Christian church. The following program was given: Song, "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," congregation; Prayer, W. F. Barnett; Recitation of Welcome-Laurene Van Winkle; song, "Ring Beautiful Bells," by beginners; song, "Little Stars," primary department; musical reading, "Legend of a Twilight Bell," Mrs. Wm. D. Campbell; "The Lord Has Come," in song and tableaux, juniors and intermediate classes; solo, "No Room in the Inn," Mrs. Trina Parker; play, "Golden Gifts," intermediates.

Ruth McMillan is reported to be recovering nicely from her recent operation.

J. S. Henderson of Stanfield is visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Errett Hummel of Ione were visiting at the Wm. D. Campbell residence Sunday evening.

Clarence Wren of The Dalles and Carl Wren, with the U. S. army, stationed at Vancouver Barracks, are visiting their father, Jim Wren.

Orville Cutsforth made a short trip to Portland last week.

Business visitors in Pendleton Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner and Sam McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Campbell, Miss Mary Alice Reed and Mrs. Sarah White attended the joint installation and turkey banquet of the Masons and Eastern Star at Heppner Monday evening.

Miss Dona Barnett is ill at her home.

Members of the Rebecca lodge held their annual Christmas party at their lodge rooms Friday night. Games were played during the evening and Christmas gifts were exchanged. Twenty-seven were present. Refreshments of salad, sandwiches and coffee were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Henderson were Pendleton visitors Tuesday.

Friends of Mrs. Eva Lane will be glad to know that she has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ryan this week are Mr. Ryan's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ryan; his brother and sisters, Buddy, Bernadine and Maxine Ryan; another sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Frase, all of Kansas; and Jack Ryan, also a brother, from Kinzua.

Mrs. E. C. Daugherty and small son Jerry Mac have returned home from Heppner.

Kenneth and Paul Smouse, students at O. S. C. and U. of O. respectively, returned home Saturday. They were accompanied by Beulah Nichols, also a student at Oregon State college. Other Oregon State students home for the holidays are Ellen and Norman Nelson, Kenneth Peck and Paul Brown.

Elmer Hunt and son Claire were business visitors in Hardman Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall and son Winfred motored to Portland the last of the week and visited at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wickersham. Mrs. J. G. Johnson accompanied them to Portland and went on to Corvallis to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Daugherty have gone to Spokane to spend a few weeks with relatives. They were accompanied as far as Connell, Wn., by Mrs. Vester Lane who will spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Elsie Beach and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beach and daughter Kay left Monday for Phoenix, Arizona, where they expect to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Ryan and Mrs. Eslee Walker and children motored to Arlington Friday afternoon where Mrs. Ryan took the train for Oregon City to visit relatives until Tuesday.

Mrs. Adella Duran has been ill at her home here for the past three weeks.

T. W. Cutsforth, who has spent

Local Happenings

John Gavin, pioneer attorney of The Dalles, was a Heppner visitor Sunday. A friend of the late Sam E. Van Vactor, he was interested in seeing the original Van Vactor home in Heppner. He recalled first coming to Heppner a couple of years after the big flood and has had occasion to visit here many times since. He has been a strong advocate of the development of a port for ocean vessels at The Dalles and was looking forward with interest to the initial opening of the sealocks at Bonneville dam on the 27th of the month.

Francis Nickerson, U. of O. student and law major who has been helping bring fisticuff laurels to his alma mater and also taking a hand in steering the destinies of the Emerald, school paper, as night editor, is spending Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson.

Rod Thomson began a vacation the first of the week from his position with the local Union Oil company plant, before going to Athena on transfer to a similar position with the company.

Miss Frances Wilkinson, student at St. Mary's academy in Portland, is home for the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkinson.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton, will be at the HEPPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29th.

some time with relatives in this community, returned to his home at Salem last week. He was accompanied as far as Portland by Mrs. Orville Cutsforth and Edna Rauch who returned home on Friday.

Miss Ruth Cowins, who recently returned home from the Eastern Oregon Normal school at La Grande, spent the week end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Allyn.

Woodrow and Wilma Tucker drove to Umatilla and returned with Elsie Tucker, teacher in the Umatilla schools, who is home for the holidays.

School News

By Wilma Tucker

The local basketball team met Irigon on the opponent's floor and was defeated with a score of 30-9.

The girls' gym class defeated the seventh and eighth grade boys' gym class in a game of volley ball with a final score of 21-13. The girls will be given a party as a reward for their efforts.

Correction: The date for the high school play, "Tiptoe Inn," has not yet been set. The date previously given was January 8.

Much to the disgust of the boys the new curtains have been completed and are now beautifying the upstairs rooms as they wave merrily in the breeze when windows are open.

The students are looking forward to the Christmas vacation; they feel that Pete Kinger will suffer from a nervous breakdown if he does not get a rest!

Bernard McMurdo is home from his studies at Oregon State college to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo.

Werner Rietmann was transacting business in the city yesterday from the farm in the Ione district, reporting a half inch of new snow there.

Carl Dietlaf was hauling materials to his farm near town on Balm fork the first of the week for the construction of a new barn.

Joe Green, University of Oregon student, is home from Eugene to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green.

Don Turner is home from his studies at University of Oregon to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner.

Mrs. Walter Eubanks was in the city Tuesday from the Ione home.

Mrs. Peggy Aiken left yesterday on her return to Oakland, Cal., after spending several weeks here with relatives and friends.

Cyrus Aiken and sister, Mrs. Chas. Corder, of Portland visited over Sunday at the home of their mother, Mrs. Lillie Aiken.

Louis Gilliam is home from Oregon State college to spend Christmas vacation at the home of his father, Len L. Gilliam.

Ray and Walter Wright were among folks of the Rhea creek section transacting business in the city Tuesday.

Miss Ilene Kilkenny is home for Christmas vacation from her studies at University of Oregon, Eugene.

Potted plants at all times, phone 1332; will deliver. 15tf

THE STAR Reporter

May the
wonderful joy
of Christmas
be yours till the
New Year's in



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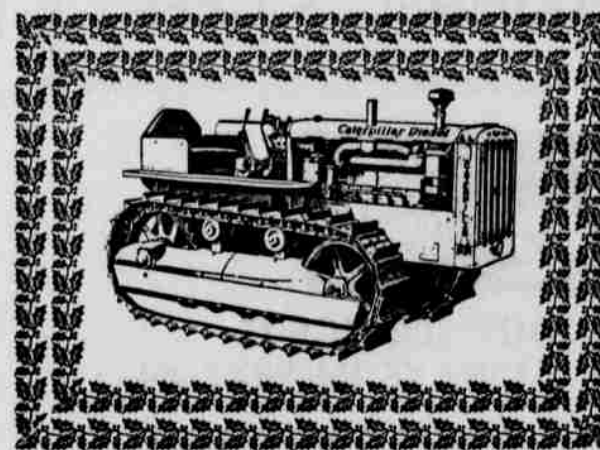
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