

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Benton were holiday visitors at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Jones. They expected to leave soon for northern Montana where Mr. Benton, Christian minister, has accepted a pastorate. They have been located at Marshfield for the last two years.

Thomas Gonty arrived Saturday from Los Angeles where he has been employed in an airplane factory following completion of a special course in airplane construction. He had not learned of the serious illness of his father, E. N. Gonty, until arrival here.

The Adolph Hayden family of Stanfield and John Clouston family of Lakeview were holiday visitors at the home of Mrs. S. P. Devin, mother of Mrs. Hayden and Mrs. Clouston.

Howard Keithley entered Morrow General hospital Sunday, suffering an attack of pneumonia. He was tagging sheep for Emil Groshens when he took ill the end of the week.

Miss Irene Beamer spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Clara Gertson, coming from her studies at Corvallis.

Creed Owen left Saturday night for Willamette valley and coast points to visit daughters and other relatives for about a month.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton will be at the HEPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty of Blackhorse at Heppner hospital December 31, a 6½ pound girl.

November Rankings Cited in Cities' Safety

Portland, Marshfield, Cottage Grove and Ontario continued to be the safest cities in Oregon through the month of November, as shown by the standings in the 1940 Cities Traffic safety contest, it was revealed today at the office of Earl Snell, secretary of state and sponsor of the contest.

Portland led cities in the first division with Salem taking second place away from Astoria which dropped to fifth place. Klamath Falls was in the third place with Medford fourth and Eugene sixth.

Marshfield held first place in the second division for the fourth consecutive month while Corvallis was second for the second consecutive month. La Grande was third; Bend, fourth; Pendleton, fifth; Baker, sixth; Albany, seventh; Oregon City, eighth; The Dalles, ninth.

In the third division, Cottage Grove was first with Newberg second and Coquille third, moving up from sixth place in October. Other cities in this division were in the following order: McMinnville, North Bend, Hood River, Dallas, Tillamook, Roseburg, Prineville, Toledo, Hillsboro, Silverton, St. Helens, Grants Pass, Burns, Ashland, Springfield.

Ontario led cities in the fourth division with Union second and Reedsport third. Other cities were ranked in the following order: Myrtle Point, Oswego, Heppner, West Linn, Beaverton, Bandon, Woodburn, Newport, Gladstone, Gresham, Forest Grove, Sheridan, Enterprise, Milwaukie, Seaside, Vernonia, Lebanon, Independence, Milton, and Lakeview.

In the contest, each city is competing against its own record, Snell explained. The accident experience for the past three years is used as a basic normal and the experience for the current year is compared to that basis. Standings depend on the percentage of improvement or lack of improvement made by each city.

At the end of the year, when final accident reports are in, cities will be ranked and the winning city in each division will receive a set of highway plaques, suitable for display at city entrances.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riggs and son Clark departed yesterday for their home at Cottage Grove, Mr. Riggs driving up for his family who spent the holidays at the home of Mrs. Riggs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark.

H. C. Vogler, Jr., county commissioner of Connell, Wash., was a Friday visitor in the city. Mr. Vogler recently purchased property on Butter creek.

Malheur To Get First Unit for Mattress Making

Malheur county program planning committee, in conference with the county court, representative business men, and other agencies, has approved the proposed mattress-making project, making Malheur the first county to undertake the program in this state, announces W. L. Teutsch, assistant director of extension at Oregon State college.

A carload of surplus cotton, enough to make close to 500 mattresses, has been ordered by the Agricultural Adjustment administration, which arranges for materials through the Surplus Marketing administration.

The extension service, which is in charge of the educational features of the program, is now training project leaders and will be ready to start the program of actual mattress-making in Malheur county either late in February or early March.

Malheur county leaders estimate that about 700 mattresses will be made there by low-income rural families who can qualify under the program for free materials. The only charge will be a small fee, set at 75 cents in Malheur county, to cover incidental expenses of carrying on the project.

Each family will make its own mattress at a central place where necessary equipment, materials and instruction will be furnished. The FSA is cooperating in the program.

Those who took part in the meeting where final arrangements were made expressed general approval of the project, said Teutsch, with the motion to accept having been made by George Aiken, mayor of Ontario and a representative business man of that city.

Similar meetings to consider extending the program to Deschutes and Klamath counties will be held in Redmond, January 3, and Klamath Falls, January 4. Extension to other parts of the state will follow later.

Pendleton PCA Meet Set for Jan. 16

The Pendleton Production Credit association will hold its seventh annual meeting at the Vert Memorial building in Pendleton on Thursday, January 16th, Secretary-Treasurer W. E. Moore announced today.

The date and place was selected by the association's board of directors at its monthly meeting which was attended by R. A. Thompson of Heppner, who is the Morrow county director.

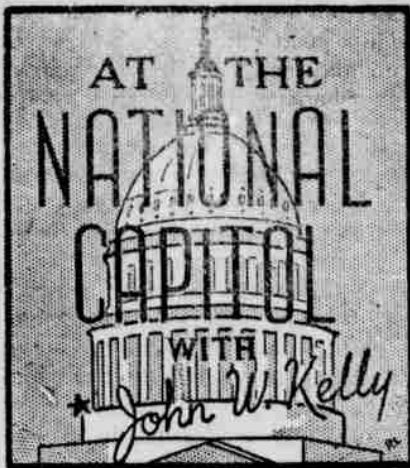
The association serves farmers and stockmen in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Grant counties. The Wallowa county members are furnishing the meat for an elk dinner to be served at noon and an attendance of 250 is expected.

Reports of the year's business, the largest in the association's history, will be given at the meeting; two directors will be elected to succeed board members whose terms expire, and a varied program of speaking will be presented, Moore said.

BWD Test Charts Go Out

The state department of agriculture animal division is now sending out BWD testing charts to all poultry owners who took the pulorum blood test instructions at the state college recently. Holders of the charts will test only their own flocks or the flocks of those from whom they are working.

Use the G-T want ads for results.



Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Unless the United States watches its step it will be in the European war before the end of 1941. No one in congress, at this date, favors war but the prodding comes from interventionists who are not in congress but who are pounding on the White House door urging action.

Under law, only congress can issue a declaration of war, but this country can become involved without congress turning a hand. There is nothing to prevent Germany from declaring war against the United States, in which case we would be in. Herr Hitler recognizes that the administration is furnishing supplies of military character to England and that most of the American people are against him, and if he wishes to consider that cause for war against this country he may do so. There are, also, other methods.

Under President Roosevelt's proposed policy to aid Great Britain in sending material on lease or mortgage, a submarine could sink a boatload of this equipment, which would still be owned by the United States, and such an act might influence the American people to the point of demanding that congress declare war. England, it should be recalled, declared a state of war to exist, but Hitler created the situation in a plan to throw the blame for war upon his enemy. Sinking a boatload of American munitions enroute to the British might again serve this end.

Whatever the outcome, the year 1941 will be important. Production for home defense will not reach its stride until early next winter—come ten months distant. Long before then many things may occur. Insiders at Washington expect Herr Hitler to attempt an invasion of the British isles within 90 to 120 days. Regardless of the issue, such an undertaking will have a powerful influence upon this country and particularly upon congress as well as the president. It is this expectation of an attempted invasion that has alarmed the high command over the laggard production of airplanes, for planes more than any other implement of war are required by the British for both defense and offense.

Troops have been injected with serum to immunize them against tropical diseases. This is the first step toward fitting them to hold bases in the Caribbean and on the west coast near the equator. Troops are now being shipped to several points from the Atlantic seaboard and the Pacific coast will be the jumping off place for soldiers destined to the far-flung islands. In Portland are two recently acquired passenger liners being revamped into troop ships. They will be manned by the Oregon naval reserve and are destined for somewhere.

Two mine layers and a net tender are under contract in Portland to be used on the Pacific coast. The net tender is to look after the large steel nets, now being fabricated and which will guard strategic points, such as the Bellingham navy yard. The mine layers will be almost as large as light cruisers and will cost approximately \$12,000,000. These vessels will require hundreds of skilled mechanics. They will probably be completed in the spring of 1942.

It is the considered opinion of members of congress that very little business will be done in the new congress that is not directly connected with national defense. There will be heavy appropriations for defense and a tax measure calculated to raise revenue to, in part, pay for the outlay. The tax bill, to be prepared after March 15 (the committee wishes to know how current revenue

is coming in) will be the heaviest that this country has yet experienced, but it is believed to be only a starter. It will be designed to catch everyone for something.

USHA is to make a loan of \$375,000 to Clackamas county with which to build 100 houses for low income families in Milwaukie. This will be about \$3,850 per residence, provided the site is furnished by the county, and for that sum a very excellent house "to eliminate slums" can be provided. Similar offers of loans to other communities have been rejected. . . . Some 100-odd communities in Oregon and Washington were listed for millions of dollars for airports several months ago. Out of this list ten Oregon and nine Washington towns were given priority. The remainder were left holding the bag. The CAA was given \$40,000,000 for the entire country, when the estimate totaled more than a half billion. Under the plea of national defense a few more communities may be assisted with their airports, but this is uncertain. . . . Friday, January 3, witnesses the opening of the new congress, which will be one of the most important in this generation.

Delicious Apple Needs Other Pollen To Yield

Cross pollination is essential for the successful production of Starking Delicious apples commercially, according to tests conducted at the Hood River branch experiment station. This variety is practically self sterile and produces unsatisfactory yields when planted in large blocks without suitable pollinizers.

In controlled pollination experiments in the Sidney Babson orchards as well as on the station plots, the best pollinizers proved to be Blackmack and Blackjon varieties, although Spitzenberg and Newton, Golden Delicious and Ortleby gave good results.

Of little or no value in pollenizing the Starking Delicious were Gravenstein, Stamared and Blaxtayan. These gave from nothing to less than 8% set when their pollen was applied to the Delicious blossoms. Blackjon and Blackmack gave from 63% to 97% set of fruit.

There is a prospect that it will run continuously on account of the threat of war.

SHIP BY TRUCK
The Dalles Freight Line, Inc.
 SERVICE BETWEEN
PORTLAND : THE DALLES : HEPNER
 AND WAY POINTS
Arrive Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
 Warehouse: KANE'S GARAGE Carl D. Spickerman, Agent

The STAR REPORTER
 Thursday, January 2
STRIKE UP THE BAND
 with Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Paul Whiteman and his Orchestra, June Preisser, William Tracy
 No item has been spared to make this musical-comedy top entertainment for everyone.

Friday-Saturday
YOUTH WILL BE SERVED
 with Jane Withers, Jane Darwell, Robert Conway, Joe Brown, Jr.
 Wholesome family entertainment with vim, vigor and vitality.
 plus
SKY MURDER
 Further adventures with Walter Pidgeon as "Nick Carter" and Donald Meek as "Bartholomew the Bee Man."

Sunday-Monday
BRIGHAM YOUNG
 with Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Dean Jagger, Brian Donlevy, Jane Darwell, John Carradine, Mary Astor
 The nation's frontier as it is pushed Westward by men and women of courage, faith and conviction.

Tuesday
BARGAIN NIGHT: Adults, 20c each; Children, 2 for 10c
FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS
 with Weaver Brothers and Elviry, Cliff Edwards
 Hillbilly songs, comedy and romance.
 Also "Congomania"

Wed.-Thu., Jan. 8-9
ARISE MY LOVE
 with Claudette Colbert, Ray Milland, Walter Abel, Dick Purcell, Dennis O'Keefe
 Exciting action and snappy dialogue mark this fine comedy-drama.

STAR THEATER
 Heppner, Oregon