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The Carols' Appeal

CHRISTMAS is an institution of humanity. Thus it is, with its message of good will, there appears a rift in the clouds of despair with arrival of a new Christmas day; yet hearts are burdened with thoughts of Luzon, of Hong Kong and of Wake—those outposts where the true Christmas spirit is now being defended against races whose acknowledgement of a supreme being has learned not the liberation of the human soul.

Black things of the water but yesterday lurked close to the shores of America. Their vile spurn sapped the blood of men who might today have enjoyed the hearthglow of a home where the carols mean peace on earth and good will toward men.

Is it incongruous, then, that the carols should sound in a world that now knows no peace; where, as never before in history, man sheds fire and destruction upon man instead of the good will that is taught? We think not.

The lesson is needed now as never before. The carols this year ring a challenge to their own destiny, to the future of all free men. They shall, they must survive. They will continue to sound free and clear on

the crisp Christmas air through the years to come, winning their right to existence not through bombshell and torpedo, but through grace and charm, through beauty unexcelled—through what must be the greatest appeal, the ultimate goal of man if existence upon this world is to be justified.

It remains for no man to lay the course which his brother shall follow to the ultimate goal. The dictator places himself in the stead of God, or else he could not long hope for awe-inspired following upon which his rule must depend. The carols ring the hope that every man has the right to his own conscience, to untrammelled use of his God-given talents, to expression of imagination and reason in the interest of human welfare. The carols tell of tolerance, of "peace on earth, good will toward men." They carry an inspired message of hope to liberty-loving people everywhere.

This Christmas the carols tell not of the sorrow and bloodshed, of lost loved ones and broken homes, but they relate their tales of heroism and of the peace that must follow if man shall continue his place on earth. Today the carols ring a challenge. They ask that their sponsors give of their money for "victory" bonds; that they give of their substance to create materials of war in their defense; yea, that one's precious life be sacrificed, if need be, to make the world safe for love, for life, for liberty.

These are the carols' appeal.

FILBERT OUTPUT GROWS

Oregon now has approximately 23,500 acres of walnuts and 11,600 acres of filberts, according to estimates contained in the current agricultural situation and outlook report issued by Oregon State college. Average filbert production for the period 1926-1930 was only 162 tons per year. Estimated production for 1941 is 5,030 tons, mostly in Oregon. Total supply of filberts has not increased, however, as imports of filberts decreased from 5,140 tons per year, shelled, to 753 tons shelled for the 1940-41 importing year.

LEXINGTON NEWS

Two Lex Youths Wed in Portland

By MARGARET SCOTT

Word has been received of the marriages of Dit Warner and Jack McMillan in Portland.

Charles Breshears and daughter Helen and Vera Whillock spent Thursday in Pendleton.

Howard Eubanks of Ione is employed at Henderson's garage.

Monday evening the grade school presented an operetta before a large crowd in the local high school. After the performance Santa Claus gave candy sacks to all the children.

Each room in grade school had a Christmas party Tuesday afternoon with exchange of gifts and refreshments. The high school boys entertained the high school girls with a banquet last Friday evening and they exchanged gifts at this time. The local teachers departed for their various homes Tuesday afternoon for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Berta Cantwell is a guest at the Eslie Walker home.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gray have gone to Eureka to spend the holidays with relatives.

Maud Pointer and Edna Turner are visiting in San Francisco.

Dorothy Peck is home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mary Buchanan of The Dalles is visiting her parents here.

IONE NEWS

Christmas Spirit Rife At Ione Despite War

By MRS. ELMER GRIFFITH

War clouds have not dampened the Christmas spirit in Ione. Lighted Christmas trees are to be seen through many windows, and there are some very beautiful silhouette pictures in the windows. At the J. E. Swanson home there is a lovely out-door tree. The Union Sunday school had a public tree at the church Sunday evening. An enjoyable program was presented, which featured the Sunday school pupils, and ended with a beautiful candle lighting ceremony.

The community tree was on Monday evening at the school house, and school children of the grades presented several numbers under the supervision of their teachers. Groups of high school girls and of high school boys sang fine old Christmas carols on the balcony between numbers, and later both grade and high school pupils sang in a group on the stage. There was some solo work, also. In conclusion, the band played several numbers. Mrs. L. E. Dick, Jr., is the musical director.

Miss Betty Jean Mankin returned home Sunday from Oklahoma where she had been attending the Oklahoma State College for Women at Chikasa. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mankin. Mrs. Mankin's mother, Mrs. Dwight Misner of Thornton, Wash., arrived Monday, and Mr. Misner will come in time for Christmas. Other guests will be Mrs. Mankin's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Gabbert and family of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCabe and son James, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eubanks visited last week in

Forest Grove with Robert McCabe and family.

Mrs. Omar Rietmann is enjoying a visit from her niece, Frances Merritt, of Redmond.

Frank Lindsey of Morgan has returned from a visit to Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ely and children, Francine and Fayne of Morgan departed Tuesday noon for Portland where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ely's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Palmateer and family of Morgan left Wednesday morning for Estacada, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Palmateer's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beers.

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Thompson and little son left Wednesday after the close of school for Salem, where they will spend the holidays. They were accompanied by Miss Marjorie Sell and Miss Geneva Piluso who were going to their homes in

Salem and Portland for the Christmas vacation.

Among college students who arrived home the last of the week for a two week vacation were Clifford Carlson, Thelma Nelson and Ted Peterson from U. of O., Katherine Griffith from O. C. E. at Monmouth, Helen Lindsay and Fred Hoskins, Jr. from E. O. C. E. at La Grande, and Jane Huston from U. of O. and Norman Bergstrom from Pacific.

Mrs. O. E. Peterson and sons Donald and Gerald who are spending the winter in Portland are here for the holidays.

Miss Ruth Crawford who teaches near Hood River is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wate Crawford.

Mrs. Oscar Peterson and children of Portland are visiting over the holidays with her husband, Oscar Peterson, at the ranch near Ione.



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS—

May your Christmas be very happy, indeed.

SCOTTY'S SUPER-CREAMED ICE CREAM PARLOR



We would like to say it to all our friends individually, but may we tell it here... **A Very Merry Christmas.**

BRADEN-BELL TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT CO.



"A NEW BORN KING"

May He rule supreme o'er all the world is our Christmas wish.

HEPPNER BAKERY



THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

May she lighten the hearts of all this Christmas

SKUZESKI'S



MAY SANTA RULE

—in the hearts of all men this Christmas time is our greeting.

MERRILL'S CAFE



THIS CHRISTMAS...

Would that all men hearken anew to the message of Bethlehem's Angels...

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