

EDITORIAL

Mail Gifts by December 1

This is a bit of belated advice but there still is time to act if that action is prompt. The post office department is urging that all Christmas gifts going by mail be sent by December 1. That does not mean that you should delay sending them until that particular date. Rather it is the deadline for receiving your parcels at the sending postoffice with any notion of them reaching their destination by December 25. Shortages of manpower, unprecedented volumes of Christmas mailing, wartime demands upon transportation facilities will prevent handling and delivery of gifts in time for Christmas unless gifts are mailed by the deadline of December 1, postal officials declare.

Over 40,000 postal employes have entered the armed services, creating a serious shortage in trained personnel. Facilities simply are not available to transport and deliver, in the last three weeks before Christmas, the tremendous quantities of mail that in peace times have been moved in that period.

If further proof is needed that you should mail early, read these figures presented in a report of the Post Office Railway Mail Service for the Western division, showing increases in Pacific coast Christmas holiday bulk mails: 1941, 1,566,433 bags; 1942 1,976,117 bags; 1943, over 2,272,533 bags, and 1944, an estimated 2,827,000 bags. From these figures it would appear that if one wishes to say "Merry Christmas" with a gift it will be necessary to mail it now—not Dec. 2.

Getting a Bid In

Encouraging news relative to a proposed flood dam on Willow creek has been received by the Morrow county court. This plan was submitted several years ago to the United States engineering department and while receiving some reco-

gnition was not carried far enough to give local authorities encouragement over the eventual outcome.

Word from Senator Guv Gordon is to the effect that the flood dam is under consideration by the regional engineer who is collecting data on federal participation projects to be combined with reports from other sections of the country in preparation of a bill to be presented to congress on postwar appropriations. Acceptance of the Willow creek flood control proposal does not necessarily mean that it will be constructed in the near future or at an early date following the coming of the peace. By having a bid in now it may mean that it will be constructed as soon as funds are available depending on congressional action.

The county court looks upon the flood dam as a possible postwar activity to absorb surplus labor when the boys come home. This and a highway and country road program will be the main public enterprises to offer employment within the county. For that reason the court is putting things in line to get a fair share of the federal aid that doubtless will be available after the war.

Let's Back Our Thankfulness

This is Thanksgiving day all over America and in many parts of the world where our fighting forces are winning freedom for oppressed peoples. It should be a day of rejoicing but instead is one of sorrow—sorrow for the young American lives that have been lost, for the homes that have been broken. But there is a brighter side, something for which we are thankful. Our forces are advancing on all fronts and are slowly forcing the enemies of all mankind to withdraw from their ill-gotten territory. How long it will take to end the strife no one knows. It may be in a few months or it may take a few years. We can only hope that peace will come by next Thanksgiving time.

MEETINGS TO CLOSE

Interest in the evangelistic meetings has kept the Church of Christ filled each evening since the opening night, Nov 5. They are drawing to a close and Sunday will be the opportunity to hear the evangelistic team. Willie White and Clifford Snyder. A potluck dinner will be held at the church Sunday following the morning service.

The union Thanksgiving service will be held at 10 a. m. this morning in the Church of Christ with Rev. Bennie Howe presenting the message.

HOME FROM SERVICE

Howard Bryant has been released from the army hospital where he has been ill for some time and has been given a medical discharge. He and Mrs. Bryant arrived in Heppner Tuesday from California.

RETURNING HOME TODAY

Mrs. Lloyd Burkenbine and little son will return to Heppner today from a Pendleton hospital. The young man was born Nov. 12.

WEEK-END IN CITY

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner and Mrs. Ethel Adams went to Portland Friday on a business trip and remained until Sunday. Mrs. Adams' parents have recently sold their home in Portland and Mrs. Adams went to assist them. The mayor disposed of his duties in time for him and Mrs. Turner to attend the presentation of the Ballet Russe in the auditorium Saturday evening which was a rare treat.

HOME FOR THANKSGIVING

Robert L. Scrivner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner is enjoying a furlough at home. He is assigned to the aviation medical school at Randolph Field Texas.

Col. Ernest Winchester arrived in Pendleton Saturday night and was met there by his wife. He will report back to Oklahoma City in a few days after having Thanksgiving in Heppner. Cpl Winchester has a 10-day furlough.

For all the blessings we have received during the past year we should be more than thankful. We should be ready to back our thankfulness with substantial purchases of war bonds to assure our fighting forces that we are grateful for what they are doing, make tomorrow a brighter and fatter day by investing in war bonds the first thing in the morning.



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