

# EDITORIAL

## A Merry Christmas Must Be A Safe Christmas

Countless tragedies can be prevented this holiday season if a few simple rules for fire safety, offered by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, are followed by the American people.

Keep your tree outdoors until you are ready to install it. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas. Place it in a cool part of the house, and if there is a heat inlet nearby, shut it off.

Under no circumstances use cotton or paper decorations on the tree or elsewhere in the house. And above all, use no candles. Use only electric lights, whose cords are not frayed, and which bear the band of approval of the underwriters' laboratories. Do not leave tree lights burning unless there is an adult in the house. Take the tree down as soon as needles start falling.

Do not place room decorations around chairs or sofas where people may smoke. It is preferable to have them near ceiling level.

These rules are equally vital for churches, clubs, and other places of holiday assembly. In addition, care must be taken that trees or other decorations do not interfere with either regular or emergency exits.

So—remember that a Merry Christmas must also be a safe Christmas. Following these simple rules will accomplish it.

## The Future Is In Their Hands

A statement made by Frank Merrill, state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, when speaking before the group at the Charter Night banquet here Saturday evening was one to provoke thought. He said it is up to the young men to save the world from the tangled political mess it is in today.

In this it seems the young men are charged with performing a two-fold duty. Having been home scarcely two years from saving the world for democracy, they are confronted with a really bigger task, that of just plain saving the world. Led into a war that was not of their making, they gave what they had for a cause which at the time was the only thing to do. But while they were risking their lives on the field of battle there was a weakening of the political front at home so that by the time the boys got back they found themselves confronted by a type of warfare in which they were not schooled. But having won a shooting war they were not willing to sit idly by and see the fruits of the victory wasted and they have taken up the study of politics with the same vigor that characterized their wartime efforts and it will not be surprising to see the veterans of World War II taking the leadership in national affairs in a few years.

There is good reason for the veterans to want a hand in governmental affairs. They have a better understanding of what war is than those who stayed behind to help provide them with materiel and food. They do not want their sons and daughters involved in the things they went through. What is true of American veterans can be said of the young men of other lands. They, too, want peace.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce came into being following World War I. Since 1920 it has grown to a membership of 150,000, with 1200 chapters. There are Jaycee chapters in every state of the Union and in 35 foreign countries. New chapters are coming into being here and there throughout the country, and doubtless in the foreign lands, and this organization by taking as one of its main projects the subject of peace can easily become the nucleus for a world-

wide campaign to make war an unpopular pastime. This is of enough importance that many more of the young men between the ages of 21 and 35 should give consideration to affiliating with an organization that has for its objective the improvement and development of the community and the improvement and benefit of young men.

## Price Control Not the Answer

The notion that this or any other country can have "limited" price control is one of the most dangerous fallacies ever propounded, says an exchange.

Price control must be a whole hog or none proposition. All industries and all working groups are in some way or another interdependent. If price control is established at any place in the complex economic machine, the entire machine will be immediately affected. The normal processes of production and distribution will be thrown out of balance. And the next step—as modern history abundantly proves—will be more and more controls, and more and more progress toward the police state and a wholly regimented economy.

William Henry Chamberlain, distinguished foreign correspondent and historian, recently wrote in the Wall Street Journal, the "experience of Britain and France proves beyond all reasonable doubt the dismal failure of attempts to eliminate the normal workings of the free market and the pricing system." In these countries, the black markets have become major scandals. The productivity of labor, industry and agriculture have all declined—no one works to capacity when initiative is unrewarded. That is the classic experience with rationing, price control, and other structures which destroy a free supply and demand economy.

In this country, says the exchange, prices are a fair reflection of present-day wages, purchasing power, consumer demand, the public debt, and all other factors which enter into the question. Everything is produced in competition—and everything is sold in competition between retail stores of many kinds, all of which are aggressively after public favor and patronage. That is what a free economy and a free market mean. And it is the only system that will efficiently supply the needs of a nation, with a minimum of shortages and a maximum of service.

## Let's Fill The Ship

The Northwest's own contribution to the relief of war-torn countries has begun to roll towards the terminals where the great ship will load. The movement started earlier at other points throughout this great productive region has been given impetus by local subscriptions this week, with the expectation that the campaign can be pretty well cleaned up by this Saturday.

Food donations can best be handled by sending in or handing cash subscriptions to the committee. By this statement it must not be taken that donations of products are not acceptable. Not at all. But cash subscriptions sent to the central committee in Portland by the local committee will make it possible to purchase case lots of food at the terminal, thus saving time of freight shipments from upstate points.

The time is short to make the deadline, so drop whatever you are doing this minute (the minute you may be reading this, that is) and attend to that donation. It is an opportunity for every citizen to do a little something towards relieving the suffering of millions of people and at the same time make a contribution towards world peace. Let's fill the ship to the gun's.

Only 15 per cent of the world's resources for the great bulk of the remaining resources is war are within the Russian sphere of control, within the American-British sphere.

# 30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times

December 20, 1917  
A quiet wedding was solemnized in this city last week by Judge C. C. Patterson when Miss Mary Morgan and William E. McCaleb of Arlington were united in marriage.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Orrian Wright and Pearl LeTrace.

Miss Fay Bartholomew became the bride of Henry Mackie Isaacs at an impressive home wedding in Portland Monday afternoon. The bride, daughter of Mrs. E. R. Swinburne, is a former Heppner girl.

Joe, nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Logan of Cecil, passed away at the Heppner Sanatorium last Saturday following an operation for appendicitis.

Thomas E. Chidsey has received the appointment as deputy sheriff to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Willard Herrin several months ago.

Range conditions were never better at this time of year, according to George Sperry, veteran stockman. Mr. Sperry says he has 300 acres of range where the grass is from three to four inches high. His cattle are grazing on this at the present time.

The second number of the Lyceum course will appear in the high school auditorium on the evening of December 28. Baldy Strang and company are the entertainers.

Mrs. Alfred Anderson and little son of Eight Mile left last week for her old home in Gentry, Ark., where they will spend the winter with her parents. Alfred was in town a few days ago wishing he had accompanied them.

The city of Heppner is preparing to take care of the drainage problem on Main street by having property owners put in culverts.

Henry E. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Peterson, was among the soldiers stationed at Camp Mills. Camp Mills has been condemned as a training camp and the soldiers are being moved.

After spending six weeks of delightful travel through the middle west and east, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bucknum have returned to their home in this city. The main objective was a visit to their old home in Binghamton, N. Y.

Pauline Nordling gave a party to a number of her friends last Saturday afternoon, it being her eleventh birthday. Those present were Ruth and Zada Tash, Lucille and Eleanor McDuffee, Annie and Marjorie French, Luola Bengt, Velma Fell and Rachel Scherzinger.

Miss Lela Campbell has resigned her position in the Heppner postoffice after a number of years of continuous service. Her place has been taken by Miss Muriel McCarty.

governor is Richard L. Neuberger, Portland.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry, Ashland republican, who last week announced he would be a candidate to succeed himself may have a rival in Public Utilities Commissioner George Flagg, republican, who holds the highest-salaried appointive state job in Oregon. Then Flagg may run for state treasurer. His friends say he cannot make up his mind. His present salary is the same as those of the secretary of state and the state treasurer. What bothers the commissioner is that he may not retain his \$7500 job if the next governor wants someone else.

State Senator Walter J. Pearson, Portland democrat, announced he was a candidate for state treasurer several weeks ago. The friends of Mayor Earl Riley, Portland republican, say he will announce his candidacy for state treasurer any day now.

There will be 18 or 19 state senators to elect instead of the usual 15, more than have been replaced at any one election in the past ninety years. The vacancies were caused by the deaths of Senator Lee Patterson, Multnomah; Senator Merie Chessman, and by the resignation of Senator Earl Newberry appointed by Governor John Hall to succeed the late Robert S. Farrell, Jr., secretary of state.

## OREGON PAYROLLS SAG

Payrolls reported to the state industrial accident commission took a drop in November from totals the previous month. According to J. D. Berwick has announced. The November payroll was \$47,409,167 as compared with \$52,105,515 in October. The total for November a year ago was \$52,722,417.

November payrolls in Multnomah county alone totaled \$15,961,170 as compared with \$19,175,571 for October. The Multnomah total for November, 1946 was \$17,186,678.

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**Capital Parade**

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POLITICAL ACCOLADE

Already the longest in the history of the state the May primary election ballot is growing longer day by day. If the enthusiasm of friends of presidential candidates maintains its present pitch the names of Dewey, Warren, Stassen, Taft, Eisenhower, MacArthur, Vandenberg and probably others will be at the top of the yard-long ticket. Candidates and combinations of candidates are hatching like flying ants—some red, too. Anything can happen.

The Oregon primary law permits two methods of placing a candidate's name on the ballot, either by the declaration of the candidate, approved by the chairman and secretary of the central committee of the party to which he subscribes or by a petition of 1000 names presented to the secretary of state. By the last method a candidate's name may be placed on the ticket without the consent of the candidate. This has happened to presidential candidates before and is most likely to happen to more than one at the coming primary election.

Governor Earl Warren recently was elected to a second term by the heaviest majority ever given a California governor. At the primary election he had been accorded both the republican and democratic nominations. The popularity of this big Westerner baffles politicians of the old school. He has no machine, no blocs, or political bird-dogs on California's payroll. Before you mistrust this being press agent overtime, I advise you to get used to it, for you will be hearing a lot more just like it. It is reliable high-majority appraisal by those who know him—industrialists and workers, wets and dries, both sides of controversial issues. It is a good guess he will carry the coast states.

State Senator Douglas McKay, Salem republican, is the only candidate who has announced he will run for governor. State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, Portland republican, is expected to an-

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**A STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR ON THE QUESTION OF LOADING ZONES**

Since the city established a loading zone in front of the Odd-fellows building there has been complaint from different sources because of a shortage of parking space for cars. The zone occupies but two car spaces and was reserved at the request of business concerns in that vicinity which have no rear entrances for receiving or delivering stocks of goods.

At the time this zone was established, the council ordered loading zones in other blocks along Main street which to date have not been blocked out but will be at an early date.

The city is merely trying to cooperate with the business houses in providing better facilities for receiving and delivering goods and it is not the intent of either the city government or the business houses to inconvenience patrons of the stores or visitors to the city. There is usually ample parking space on side streets and Heppner is not such a big town that walking distances are out of reason.

CONLEY LANHAM, Mayor.

**CHURCH WEDDING SET FOR DECEMBER 23**

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Olson announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Alice Lucile to Edwin Stanley Tucker, son of Mrs. Mildred Tucker, which will be an event of Tuesday, December 23, at 7 o'clock at the Heppner Church of Christ. A reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents following the wedding ceremony.

The bride-to-be is a native of Des Moines, Iowa and has been a resident of Heppner for the past two years. The groom is a native of Heppner.

Mrs. Carmel Broadfoot was hostess for a stork shower Friday evening at her home on K street, complimenting Mrs. Jack Miller. Fourteen guests were present.