

EDITORIAL



Let's Make The Best Of It

Looking ahead into 1951 we can't truthfully follow the age-old precept of "Happy and Prosperous New Year" and other expressions appropriate to the season. Prosperity does not always bring happiness and in view of what lies ahead we can't see too much of either unless we can gear our thoughts to create a sense of happiness in waging a struggle to maintain peace in the world even if we have to undergo a titanic struggle to accomplish that status. Perhaps that is the definition for happiness and prosperity in the months ahead. Whatever the answer may be, there remains the fact that Americans have more to fight for in retaining their way of life than the peoples of most countries and unless we realize that fact and tighten our belts and face the situation resolutely and firmly we may in a few years find ourselves fighting for our very existence. Let us make the most of our position in the coming year, ever mindful that peace throughout the world is the foundation for happiness and prosperity.

Four-Acre Farms

There is little possibility that four-acre farms will become the rule in this country, particularly in Morrow county, but it could happen if the land owners fail to build up the soil. N. C. Anderson offers some sage advice in a paragraph of his county agent's office news which is worthy of passing on to our readers. Here it is:

Four-acre farms—how many farmers should

there be?

In Morrow County there are 505 farms. The average size of these farms is about 1980 acres. Now suppose that instead of 1980 acres per farm, the land were divided up until there is a farmer for each four acres. Then suppose that four out of every five people in the county lived on a farm. Add to that the problem of having most of this land owned by a landlord who takes from 50 to 90 percent of all that is produced on the farm. What kind of machinery would be used? How much interest would there be in conserving the soil? What incentive would there be to build a better farm? These questions do not apply to Morrow county, but they do indicate the condition in much of Asia. Half the people in the world live in Asia. Eight out of ten of these people are peasants. Few of them farm as much as four acres. Few of them own the land they farm. Few of them have any hope of ever owning the land they farm. Most of them live in hopeless poverty. In contrast, less than 20 percent of the people in the United States live on farms, which means that more than 80 percent of the people are able to follow other pursuits. But, even in the United States there is only so much land "and if the productivity of this land is not protected and improved, the less than 20 percent will not be able to continue to produce for themselves and the other 80 percent. Then we'll be headed in the direction of conditions in Asia." "Land ownership—pride in good farming—and faith in the future of agriculture together with constant and continuing effort to protect and improve the land will help to keep us from going in that direction."

30 Years Ago

**HEPPNER GAZETTE TIMES**  
December 30, 1920

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Haines of Ione will leave in a day or two for various points in Oregon before going to Los Angeles for a longer stay before going into business again. They recently sold the Ione hotel.

C. C. Haynie and family departed Wednesday morning for their new home in Fairfield, Ida., where Mr. Haynie will be cashier of a new national bank.

Mrs. Anna Borg of Portland is visiting this week at the home of her son Oscar in this city.

Addison Bennett, veteran newspaper man and itinerant correspondent of The Oregonian will be in Heppner for the weekend to attend the formal opening of Heppner's new hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Foley and the boys are in Heppner to be on hand for the festivities in connection with the opening of Hotel St. Patrick.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Chick gave a brilliant party at their home Tuesday evening for the younger set. Dancing was enjoyed during the course of the evening.

Representatives of both Umatilla and Morrow county met at Pine City Sunday. The Butte creek highway was the main topic of interest.

Miss Edith Edwards of Spokane is visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Edwards.

Additional Ione Items

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Mrs. Henry Turner returned home Friday of last week from Yakima where she was a patient in a hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Yarnell and daughter of Vancouver, Wn. spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yarnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Streeter spent Christmas in Pasco, Wash.

Mrs. Earl Morgan and Mrs. Earlene Williams of Portland spent the Christmas holidays with relatives here.

Pete Cannon was ill at his home last week.

Mrs. Walter Corley, Mrs. Ernest McCabe and Mrs. Pete Cannon spent Friday of last week in Walla Walla.

Christmas parties were held in the different rooms in the school Friday.

Teachers leaving during the holiday vacation were Mrs. Maureen Nelson and Hubert Thoreson, who went to North Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeBont to Forest Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis to Vale, Miss Barbara Johnson to Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Osbov and children are visiting in Hood River. School will reopen Jan. 2.

An operetta "The Lost Doll" presented by the Ione schools at a full house at the school gym Thursday evening. The scene of the operetta was Macy's gift shop and groups of children represented blocks, bells, bears, peppermint canes, yo-yos, Christmas trees, crowns, a train and dolls.

Lex Schools Put On Program With Christmas Flavor

The Lexington public schools held their Christmas program in the school auditorium last Wednesday night with a large crowd attending. First on the program was "Palace of the Ice King" by the first and second grades with the director Mrs. Palmer Sorlien. Second was an operetta "The Poor Little Rich Girl" by the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades, with Mrs. McClintock and Mrs. Balsler directors, with Mrs. Balsler as accompanist. Last on the program was an operetta "Why the Chimes Ring" by the high school, the place being a peasant's hut, with an immediate change to a cathedral. The cast of speakers included Richard Peck, Donald Hunt, Asa Way, an old woman, Betty Messenger, the priest, David Buchaman, a rich man, Robert Steagall, a courtier, Larry Henderson, scholar, Earl Miller, a young girl, Shirley Hunt, a proud woman, Pat Majeke, the king, John Edwards, the chorus consisted of 16 members of high school and 7th and 8th grades. The director was Mrs. Janet Rands. Also on the program were Christmas carols by the audience, and a duet by LaVerne Dyerson and Carroll Messenger. At the end of the program Santa appeared with his treats and a jolly time for the youngsters.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner are spending the Xmas holidays with their families Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hays and family at Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Warner at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Goodell and Mrs. Jim Gray spent the holidays in Cove.

The Rebekah and Oddfellow lodges held their Christmas party in the hall Thursday evening with Mrs. Earl Warner, Mrs. A. F. Majeke and Mrs. T. E. Messenger serving on the entertainment committee. Refreshments were served by the refreshment committee of Alice Majeke, Jo Irvin and Mrs. Robert Davidson.

The H. E. C. committee of the Lexington Grange met at the home of Mrs. Pearl Devine in Heppner Thursday afternoon with the following officers elected for the coming year: Mrs. Hortense Martin as president with Mrs. Pearl Devine as vice president and Mrs. Vernon Munkers secretary and Mrs. R. B. Rice as treasurer. After the meeting refreshments were served with an exchange of Xmas gifts. Mrs. Cecil Jones was presented a birthday cake made by Mrs. Norman Nelson.

Marvin Way was also a guest of his parents from Monmouth.

Mrs. Dan Way has been spending some time in the valley with her daughter June and family, helping care for her and the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schwab and daughters are visiting in Eugene.

Guests at the Newt O'Harra home over Christmas were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Harra and Mrs. O'Harra's mother Mrs. Weeks of Portland.

The Congregational and Christian Sunday school held their Christmas program at the church Sunday evening. First on the program was a carol. Joy to the World by the audience, next by high school class followed by songs by the beginner and primary classes; Star of the East, Christmas Meditations, solovox solos by Marilyn Munkers, Holy Child of Bethlehem, slide pictures followed by "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by the adult choir with the closing talk and prayer by Rev. Wetzell of Heppner followed by "Silent Night" by the audience.

Mrs. Betty Groves and three children are visiting in Salem over the holidays.

11 a. m., morning worship and communion.

For the evening service, it being New Year's eve, some special features have been planned. After the opening song service (at 7:30 p. m.) a motion picture, "Out of the Night" will be shown. This is an authentic, documentary film with sound and in natural color, based on the work of the Pacific Garden Mission of Chicago in dealing with the derelicts of Skid Row. Those who have seen the picture say it is one you cannot afford to miss.

Following the picture, a playlet, "At the Gate of the Year" will be presented by the young people, after which the annual election of church officers will be held. The remainder of the evening will be spent in social fellowship—games, refreshments, singing, etc. Everyone is cordially invited.

Thursday night, choir practice at 7 o'clock, followed by Bible study and prayer meeting at 8.

METHODIST CHURCH

J. Palmer Sorlien, Minister.  
Sunday December 31.  
Morning worship and sermon at 11 a. m. Special music by the choir. Mr. Oliver Creswick, director.

Sunday Church School at 9:45 a. m. Classes from three years old and over, also adult Bible class and Youth Fellowship class at this same hour.

Womans Society of Christian Service meets Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 8 p. m.

Thursday choir practice at 7:30 p. m.

Dec. 31, at 10 p. m. Watch Night Service. This service is for all the family. We will have movies, also a special film for the children. All are welcome.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Marshall (Bud) and small daughter Mona Lisa of Monmouth were Lexington visitors over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bloodworth and son Jim and Mrs. Roger Campbell attended the funeral of Mr. McGee in Enterprise Saturday.



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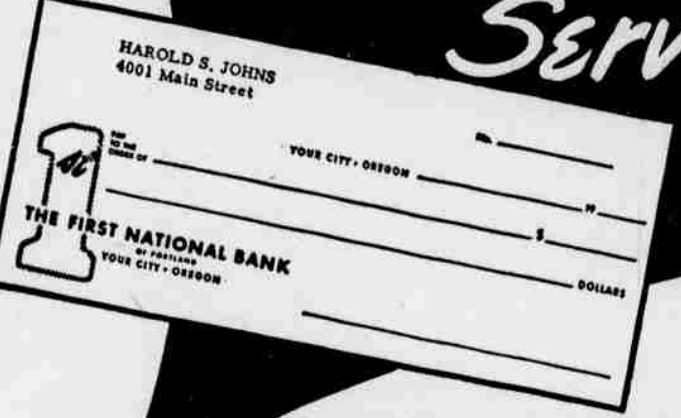
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CHURCHES

**ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH—Episcopal**  
Holy Communion 8 a. m.  
Church school 9:45 a. m.  
Holy Communion and sermon 11 a. m. A message from the bishop relative to "World Peace Sunday" will be read at this service.  
Week day services: Holy Communion Wednesday at 10 a. m. Friday at 7:30 a. m.  
No choir practices this week.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
R. J. McKowen, Pastor  
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