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## Those Dark Christmas Trees

Most Hepner residents and business houses deserve a word of commendation on the way they have voluntarily observed the request to conserve lights during the current power shortage. In nearly every case advertising signs have either been darkened entirely or the number of hours of their use has been shortened, and in many homes attempt is being made to turn off unnecessary lights.

There have been a few instances around the state where business men have rebelled and said in effect "If everybody isn't going to turn off their lights, why should I," but those towns have been few and far between and their somewhat selfish attitude certainly hasn't brought them any great glory.

No workman in Hepner has had his hours cut yet, due to lack of power to run his machines, but there are many in the Northwest who have, and it doesn't make for a very Merry Christmas when lack of work means no doll for some little girl or no truck for some boy. There are places where it will mean a pretty skimpy Christmas dinner, too.

We wouldn't ask anyone not to put lights on their Christmas tree, for it would seem awfully dim and dull next Thursday morning without them, but how would it be if we all just used them for a little while and then unplugged them? We think Christmas can be just as merry if they only burn for a few minutes and it can make the weeks after Christmas a lot merrier for some family who needs that power more than we do.

## A GI Explains . . .

There are many who have said during recent weeks and months that the boys who are fighting

this nation's current war have no understanding and belief in what they are fighting for. Also, that often the parents of some of the boys who will forever remain across the Pacific must feel that it was so unnecessary.

That many of us who hold those ideas could be wrong, is apparent from a letter the parents of a boy who has been killed in Korea recently received from a nephew who saw service in the past. He extends his deepest sympathy, then went on to say, ". . . We also wish to offer our thanks to you and Jerry for what he has done that the rest of us might continue to live happy lives here in America. "I would like to express some feeling I remembered as a former front line soldier.

"After the first scares of battle are over one loses his identity as a man with his personal petty fears and becomes some sort of a superman with little fear and lots of courage. You willingly, if not eagerly, go forward with your buddies to share the chances with fear in your mind but proud in your heart that you may be the one. It must be as near a perfect death as there can be to know that it is so near and yet to be proud of it—if it should come. I know this to be true from personal feeling and from the many stilled yet peaceful faces I have seen on the lines. As the best friend I have ever had told me, with his last breath, 'Tell my mother not to grieve for me, but to be proud of me.'

"I know I have been clumsy in putting these inner feelings into words, but I hope that it might somehow help for you to know how it must have been for Jerry. I know too, how unjust his death must seem to you, yet is it not good too that his soul now rests in heaven unscarred by a full lifetime here on earth. He can no longer be harmed by man—only helped by prayer." Yes, we could be wrong.



## SALEM'S MCKAY DAY

One of the few evening social events in Oregon's statehouse will honor Gov. and Mrs. Douglas McKay Dec. 29th.

"Everybody is invited," says W. L. Phillips, Sr., to say goodbye to the McKays prior to their departure to Washington, D. C. where Oregon's present chief executive will become Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The hours will be from 7 to 10 p. m.

Salem's Mayor Al Louckes is heading the steering committee that has planned the reception on the second floor of the Capitol facing the governor's offices, from 7 to 10 p. m. Justice James T. Brand will be in charge of the reception line. Miss Dorothea Steusloff will pass the guest book.

## TEACHERS TALK SALARIES

Increased price levels and taxes are absorbing whatever salary increases teachers are get-

ting," Dr. W. L. Van Loan, superintendent of Corvallis schools told more than 200 teachers, administrators and board members at a meeting of the Oregon Education Association in Salem last Saturday.

## STATE CAR POOL

Altho complaints of state cars being used by employees for their own benefit have decreased from five a week last year to one every three weeks this year, Harry Dorman, director of the state department of finance and administration, believes a state operated car pool will further reduce misuses and reduce expenses.

Dorman made suggestions for a state car pool several months ago and has just recently developed plans to be submitted to the legislature which would include a 24-hour-service garage on state-owned property only two blocks from the Capitol grounds and would accommodate approximately 170 cars.

Washing and servicing would be carried on by attendants during the night hours.

## HIT-RUN LAW DEFECTIVE

One of the first bills the 1953 Legislature probably will pass with an emergency clause will pertain to hit-and-run drivers who are getting away with murder. Several cases have been dis-

missed in court when an apprehended hit-and-run driver did not stop at the scene of an accident in which a pedestrian was killed.

The present law presupposes a collision between vehicles and does not cover pedestrians.

The loophole was covered in a bill introduced in the 1951 Legislature. In the last plastic hours of this tiring 116-day session it was overlooked and died in committee.

## RETIREMENT REGULATIONS

State employees have to work at least 600 hours per year or roughly 15 weeks to qualify for membership in the state retirement system, Attorney General George Neuner informed the Retirement Board Friday.

The board has asked for an official opinion, to clarify the term "employment" as far as the retirement system is concerned.

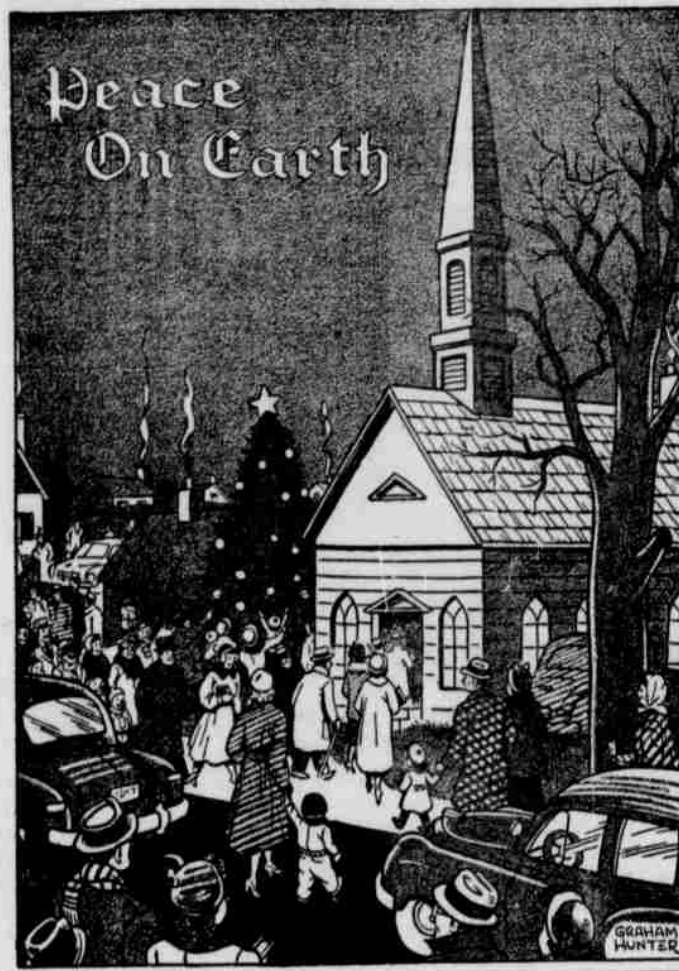
Deviation from the law, Neuner said, might allow any person who served one day or one hour a year to claim membership in the retirement system.

## RECENT LEGAL OPINIONS

A county court does not have authority to contract for the improvement, repair or maintenance of a road without advertising for bids thereon.

The tax increase, chapter 428 O. L., relating to motor transportation fees and taxes became due

## CHRISTMAS EVE



on November 5, 1952, and payment thereof is delinquent if not paid on or before December 31, 1952.

A driver of a motor vehicle may be "involved" in an accident within the meaning of Oregon Laws 1951, known as the motor vehicle safety responsibility act, altho his vehicle was never in actual physical contact with any other object.

The commissioner of labor is not required to accept the advice of the advisory committee appointed by the governor under the fair employment practices act, nor is the commissioner required to assign clerical personnel to assist the advisory committee in carrying out its duties.

## POWER SAWS BLAMED

Twenty three forest fires that destroyed 28,000 acres of timber in Oregon this year were caused by gasoline power saw operations, the State Forestry Department said this week.

Officials are contemplating putting special workers in the field to crack down on rule violations and advise safety measures in use of gasoline in the woods.



## LENA COOKERETTES

The meeting was held at the home of our leader, Mrs. Marie Martin, December 13. It was called to order by president Francine Francis.

We figured out the cost of five different recipes in our 4-H record book. We discussed our next subject for the next meeting.

Visitors were Mrs. Katherine Monagle and Mrs. Marion Brosnan. Five members were also present.

We planned to meet at the home of Francine Francis for our Christmas party, December 20.

Refreshments were served of ice cream, jelly, cake and cider by the hostess.

Janice Martin, Reporter.

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Sunday Dec. 28—New Years Sunday.

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. Adult Bible Class and Youth Fellowship Class at this same hour. Everyone Welcome. Mr. Oliver Creswick, Superintendent.

Watch Night Service Wednesday Dec. 31 at 10 p. m. Come and stay until 12:05 Midnight and see the New Year come.

Mrs. Clara Gertson expects to leave Wednesday for Portland where she will spend the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Goheen.

The Star-Spangled Banner became the National Anthem on March 3, 1931.

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