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The Night Before Christmas

One of the best known of all Christmas poems is the "Night Before Christmas," but this version of it, which we are reprinting below is a new one to us. It was written by a member of the Los Angeles Fire Department and was printed in a current issue of an insurance magazine. It starts out the same as the old favorite poem does, but there is a different intent behind its rhyming than in the one so well known by most of us.

It was composed to impress the need for fire prevention and general carefulness around the home during the Christmas season, and it carries a message, which if observed in all homes during the next couple of weeks should help everyone to prevent a tragic or disastrous blaze that could well mean a very unpleasant "Night Before Christmas".

"Twas the night before Christmas,
when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
When down through the chimney, all covered with soot,
Came the "Spirit of Fire," an ugly galoot,
His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern,
As he looked around for something to burn,
What he saw made him grumble, his anger grew higher.

For there wasn't a thing that would start a good fire.

No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree,

It stood in the corner leaving the passageways free,

The lights that glowed brightly for Betty and Tim,

Had been hung with precaution so none touched a limb,

All the wiring was new, not a break could be seen,

And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green,

The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent

That the ornaments used must be fire resistant;

And mother had known the things to avoid,
Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid,

Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass,
Gave life to the tree; it really had class.

And would you believe it, right next to the tree,
Was a suitable box for holding debris;

A place to throw wrappings of paper and string,
From all of the gifts that Santa might bring.

The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust,
As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust,
For the folks in this home had paid close attention

To all the rules of good "Fire Prevention."



CATTLEMAN OF THE YEAR, Stephen Thompson receives his cattleman trophy from W. E. "Eb" Hughes, last Year's winner, at the Morrow County Livestock Association banquet last Saturday night.



GRASSMAN OF THE YEAR award is being received by Newt O'Harra, left, during presentation of trophies at Cattleman's banquet Saturday. Presenting the plaque is Kenneth Peck, who won this year's "Conservation Man" award. Mrs. O'Harra watches. (GT Photos)

ness in hind quarters, finally paralysis if hind quarters. Ewes will usually recover if lambs are born. Feeding molasses or grain for about six weeks before lambing time is usually a good preventative. Calcium gluconate will cure the disease. Drenching with a cup of kitchen syrup in a pint of warm water three or four times daily also helps.

Several weeks ago we discussed in this column the evident grain storage problem. In recent weeks, in fact every day, we see something which brings this closer to mind. Almost every organization and individuals are realizing this from day to day. On November 23, the Wheat Commission and Oregon Wheat Growers League met with the Dean of Agriculture of Oregon State College and Extension personnel to plan what might be done to relieve the storage in Oregon. All agreed that something must be done. The group agreed that there are three things that the wheat producer can do now. (1) Sell his wheat whenever the market price reaches the loan price or comes close to it. (2) Arrange for additional storage for next fall through farm storage. (3) Plan now how to use the extra barley for feed. It looked to this group like the wheat and barley that must be stored outside in Oregon, Washington, and northern Idaho, might be increased from six million bushels stored that way in '53 to fifty million bushels in 1954. Here in Oregon we will have 300,000 acres taken out of wheat. A survey shows that from 75 to 90 percent of this will be seeded to barley. Where will this be stored? The obvious answer is in the bins left empty by not growing wheat. Most of these bins are full of wheat, and it looks now as though they would still have some wheat left in them next July 1. Suppose

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Two practices that are quite similar, which will be found in the 1954 ACP Handbook, and A-5 and A-6. A-5 is the initial establishment of contour strip-cropping on non-terraced land to protect soil from water or wind erosion. The payment for this contour strip-cropping on non-terraced land is \$3 per acre for all land in the strip-cropping system. The strip-cropping can be of several kinds: (a) alternate strips of grain and row crops, (b) alternate strips of grain and fallow, (c) alternate strips of grain and grass or legumes, (d) alternate strips of

fallow and grass or legumes, or it could be in some cases a mixture of grain, fallow and grass. In addition to the strip cropping, the crop stubble must be left standing over winter.

Experience in the past few years has shown that strip-cropping in this county is a very effective erosion control method. The principal behind it of course is if water starts to run on the fallow land or on the newly seeded wheat land it tends to spread out and stop as it hits the strip of stubble or grass or alfalfa. This practice does not keep water from running off the land, but it tends to keep water from being real muddy when it runs off. Whenever a little rivulet strikes a piece of straw or grain stubble or a clump of grass it stops or slows down so that it drops the load of soil it is carrying. It can only carry soil if it is running rapidly and these strips tend to slow it down. A good example of the benefit of strip-cropping was illustrated in storms late this summer and this fall. Strip-cropped fields prevented any serious run-off depositing its load in the stubble while blocks of fallow were found to be eroded quite badly.

bit of leeway. It is usually best to make these strips fit the width of some particular implement that the operator has or some combination of implements. For example, if the combine is 16 feet wide and the drill 10 feet, then a pretty good width is 160 feet so that both implements will come out even at the edge of the strip. This practice, too, calls for the wheat stubble to be left standing over winter this year it is in wheat.

Strip-cropping has never carried the whole hearted approval of Oregon farmers probably because of the uneven land in most counties in the state. In certain counties in Montana and in certain parts of Canada one can travel for 50 or 75 miles and see any land that is not strip-cropped. In changing an all fallow

field to a strip-cropped field, it comes the threat of pregnancy disease that results from low blood sugar in ewes. Farm flocks use of nitrogen may be almost a necessity. In Morrow county this is a particularly troublesome disease under farm conditions. In the range flock, the ewes are generally given more exercise and are not allowed to get so fat as farm flocks that Frank Anderson of the Eightmile community says that since he has been reduced to only a fraction of what it was before.

Lambing time is near and with lagging behind the flock, weak-

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times
December 20, 1923

This paper is duly thankful to the great number of our subscribers who are dropping in and paying up on their subscriptions and renewals.

Orig Padberg, young farmer of Heppner flat, was a visitor in Heppner on Tuesday, doing some Christmas shopping.

Garnet Barratt underwent an operation at the Heppner Surgical hospital Monday morning for appendicitis, and is reported to be getting along well.

Hotel Heppner advertises special Christmas dinner from 12 to 2 and from 6 to 8 at \$1.00 per plate.

Heppner high school will play its first basketball game of the season tomorrow night with Stanfield on the home floor.

The work of removing the rock bluff at the South end of Main street to make way for the new grade, is now progressing in charge of the road crew.

The A-6 practice is for the initial establishment of field strip-cropping to protect soil from wind or water erosion. This practice allows for the payment by the government to the cooperating farmer of up to \$2 per acre on all land in the strip-cropping system. The difference between it and A-5 is that A-5 is on the contour and this is merely strips. The payment is only for the initial establishment of the strip-cropping, and once the payment has been made there will be no other payment for maintaining strip-cropping in any future year on the same field.

Strips must be less than 250 feet and more than 20 feet wide, which gives the farmer quite a



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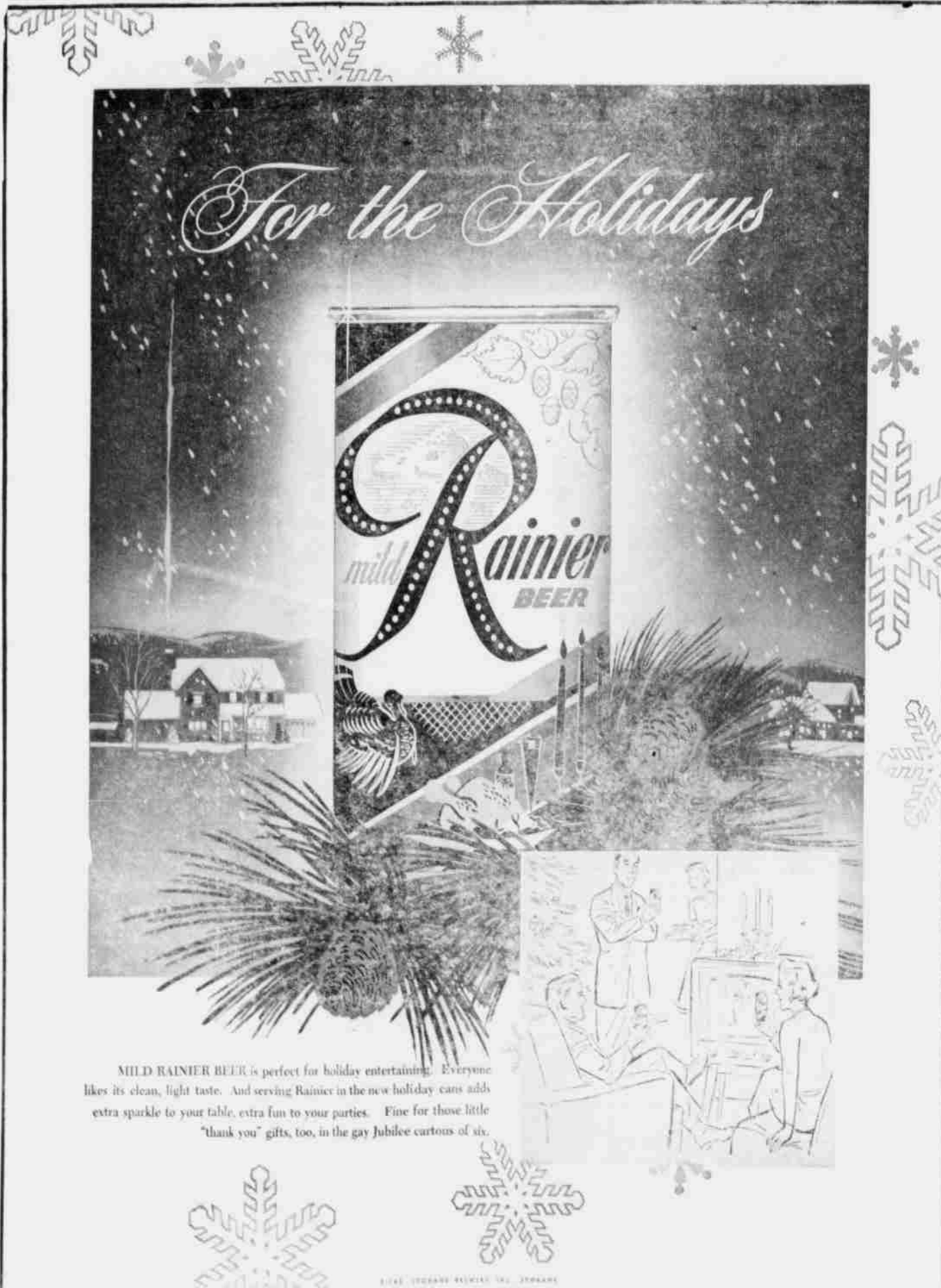
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come of the wheat gets shipped out so that most bins are about half full. Obviously we won't be putting barley in on top of the wheat with wheat worth ten for ten about 50% more than barley. Where is the barley going to go. A farmer can get a government loan on it provided it is suitably stored. It seems now that most growers won't qualify for that (Continued on Page Seven)

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