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A CHRISTMAS WISH

I like to think that there will be
On Christmas Day, around each tree,
A feeling of the presence of
The Child God sent us with His love;
That there, beside each girl and boy,
He'll be, and sharing in their joy.

I like to think that, all the while,
The gifts unfold, I'll see Him smile;
And that He'll hear our carolling,
And know it's for the thanks we bring
To God the Father, for His birth,
To be among us on the Earth.

O, may our Christmas time be gay;
But let's remember it's His Day—
Let's find a place for prayer in it,
And so have Jesus share in it.

—Carl Helm

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

A large number of farm and town people have inquired about the possibilities of freezing damage to crops and trees and ornamentals. While a lot of damage has been done to crops in neighboring counties, it appears that damage here will not be too great to anything other than spring varieties seeded this fall. Grain that was frozen back in the Armistice day storm is making a nice regrowth. The freeze damage on ornamentals cannot be told completely at this time. It is best to do little or no pruning until later when danger of cold weather has passed. Plants like roses might be roughly cut back as not to be damaged by strong wind, but save the final cutting for March. Talking with C. O. Rawlings, horticulturist at Oregon State College, last week, he suggested in the case of many ornamentals and young fruit trees that there would be a good possibility of regrowth from the root. In this case he recommended cutting the young tree or ornamental back to the ground, starting over with a new growth from

the root.

From the big demand shown by Morrow county livestock men last week, the new Oregon State College bulletin, "Beef Cattle Equipment" was needed. The announcement of the availability of the new bulletin was made in this column two weeks ago. The bulletin includes a list of detailed plans available through the Oregon farm building plan service at Oregon College—cattle feeding shelter, wood or re-enforced concrete cattle guard, squeeze chute, hoof trimming stock, salt box, and self feeders for chopped hay, grain, meal, and mineral, also included in the booklet are tables showing required floor areas for all types of beef animals, feed requirements for breeding cows and weaners, recommended storage capacity for various feeds, and dimensions for feeding equipment.

The total number of farms in Oregon has been on the decline over the past ten years. In 1945 there were 63,125, in 1954 the

number had decreased to 54,442.

The Oregon state department of agriculture recently reported that the demand for bonafide producer meat tags is surprising livestock officials of the state department. When the department took over distribution of these tags on August 3, officials thought that 2,000 tags would last a year. Up to the end of November the department had issued nearly 9,000 tags. Tags are necessary now when red meat carcasses are moved from the farm. In 1954 only 1750 tags were requested. The tags are available in from one to six places in every county in the state, generally either from the state livestock brand inspectors or from the sheriff's office. They are available from those two sources here. They are free.

The executive committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association met Monday evening to make plans for their annual meeting which will be held this year on January 13 and 14. An interesting program is being developed for the meeting this year. The January 14th meeting will include a panel discussion on livestock marketing problems and methods of solution. Also included for the day's program are discussion on livestock care and management, including insect and disease control and a discussion on livestock feeding. The business meeting and committee reports will be held on the 14th, with the banquet that evening.

With Christmas only a few days away and the first of the year to follow, income tax reporting time will be here sooner than most would like. This is the time of year when farmers are spending some time going over their books and getting them in order for their tax report. This is a reminder that farm account books are available at cost at the county agent's office. Many farmers are using these account books to keep the good record needed during the year for ease of analyzing their farm business and in preparing income tax statements.

To the readers of this column we extend to all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that you have



INCOME TAX RETURNS

The estimated \$2.9 million increase in personal and corporate excise tax collections during the first five months of the 1955-56 fiscal year in no way gives a pattern of what total collections for the present fiscal year may be. The 1956 legislature made changes in tax laws, many effective January 1, 1956.

The increase in tax rates and lowering of exemptions and dependency credits applying to all of the 1955 tax year, payable in 1956, will increase anticipated revenue.

Many taxpayers are expected to take advantage of the quarterly payments, Ray Smith, state tax commissioner in charge of the income tax division, points out, with the result that such payments made after June 30, 1956 would be credited to the 1956-57 tax returns and not to the present fiscal year returns.

Already the new laws are showing the effect of payments from employees who are withholding on request of their employees at the two per cent rate and a few fiscal year returns from previously exempt "Skyscraper" corporations.

The tax commission this week released figures showing that

enjoyed the bits of farm happenings and news we have tried to present each week.

during the first five months of 1955 total personal income tax receipts were \$15,512,674 as compared with \$13,532,122 in the same period last year.

Total returns under the corporate excise tax were \$5,809,538 as compared with \$4,903,201 during the first five months of the 1954-55 fiscal year.

Other revenues collected covered amusement device taxes and collections under the forest products tax.

DORMAN RESIGNS

A significant piece of political news broke Friday when Harry S. Dorman, state director of finance and administration, sent his third request of the year to Gov. Patterson asking to be relieved of his duties, effective March 1, 1956.

The governor admitted that on two previous occasions Director Dorman had asked to leave, but he had reluctantly complied with the third request.

Gov. Douglas McKay appointed Dorman state budget director in 1949. When the legislature created the department of finance, in 1951 McKay appointed him director.

It was Dorman who sold the legislature his plan for a department of finance and administration. The Dorman design has been adopted by several states within recent years. He planned the state automobile pool which the legislature adopted and under Dorman's direction has been operating successfully.

Dorman served as a lieutenant colonel on General Eisenhower's staff in Europe for 24 months. Returning to Oregon he managed the campaign that made Douglas McKay governor. He says he has no plans for the future.

Christmas...

is a time for summing up
our blessings, for acknowledging
with gratitude the loyalty of
our friends, and for expressing
appreciation and good-wishes
that the Season will
be rich in rewards for you.



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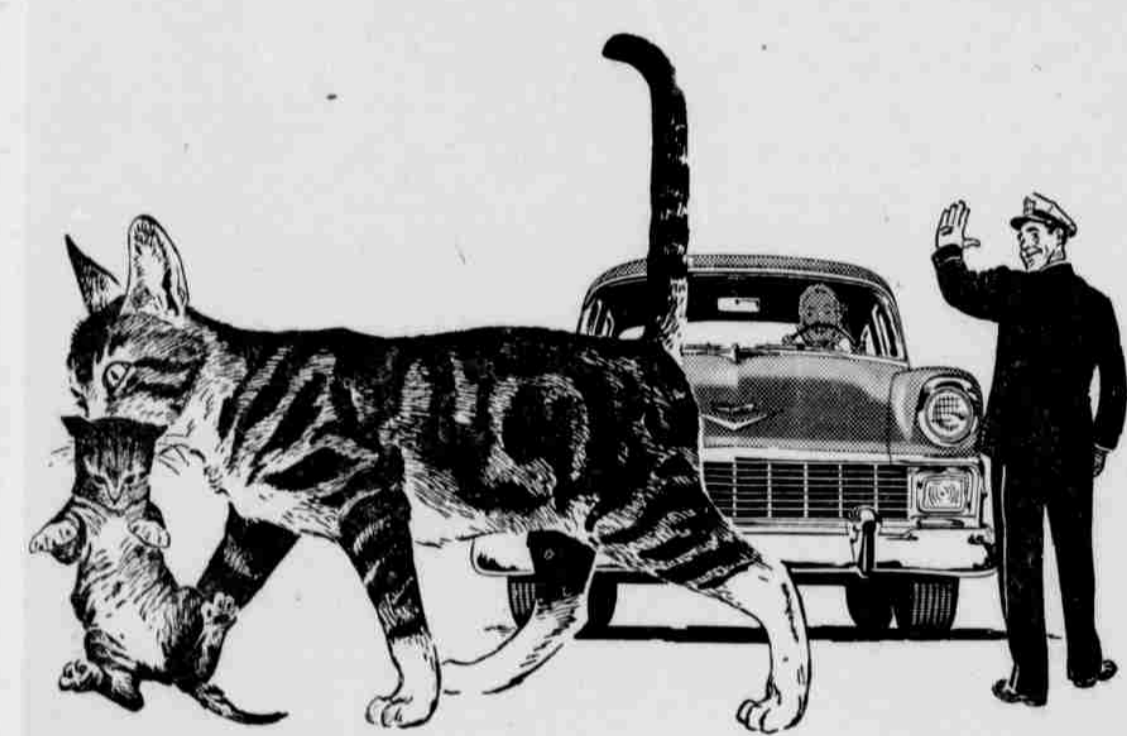
THE MARAUDERS
Dan Duryea, Jarna Lewis, Kennan Wynn, Jeff Richards. In Color. Rugged Western, filmed in Arizona.

LAND OF FURY
Filmed in Technicolor in the lush scenic splendor of the Antipodes, the story centers around the bold adventurous spirit of English pioneers to New Zealand.
REMEMBER: See this Thursday or Friday—NO SHOW CHRISTMAS EVE.

Sunday-Monday, December 25-26
LOVE IS A MANY SPLENDORED THING
William Holden, Jennifer Jones. CinemaScope-Color. Here is a many splendored bit of entertainment, capturing all the beauty and rapture of Han Suyin's personal story as she told it in her unforgettable best-seller.
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TO ONE AND ALL
Our best wishes for a Joyous Christmas in its true meaning and a New Year of prosperity and peace.

Tuesday-Wednesday, December 27-28
INTERRUPTED MELODY
Glenn Ford, Eleanor Parker. CinemaScope-Color. A great drama, with music, for into their lives came "the interrupted melody." The touching story of famous singing star Marjorie Lawrence.



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