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We Finally Guessed One Right!

Our top story last week about the poor prospects for a white Christmas brought forth quite a few snickers and comments when not 12 hours after the paper got in the mail the snow began to fall, but for once our prognostication proved right. By Christmas day there was hardly a trace of the white stuff left which made us feel pretty proud of ourselves.

We don't mean by that statement that we're going into the business of trying to foretell what the weather is going to be—not on your life! We've tried on numerous occasions in the past and to the best of our recollection we've never before come out even close to being right, so we don't think we can be blamed too much if we sort of blow up a little after our latest attempt. The law of averages, though it doesn't seem to apply to Oregon weather, was bound to give us one good guess sometime if we kept trying long enough.

Up to date, we know of only one newspaper with a poorer record of weather guessing than we have, and that's the Oregonian. They've been trying for years and again just a few months ago they got caught on a bad prognostication and vowed editorially that they were going to give up the whole idea—which they probably won't do any more than we will. The only reason the Oregonian's weather forecasting record is worse than ours is because they've been at it longer, so consequently have had more chances to be wrong.

We say again, as we did a couple of years ago, that not only is it impossible to outguess the weather in Oregon but about half the time its nearly impossible to believe it even after we see it.

Our readers will have to suffer with us in the future, no doubt, because our one hit after so many misses is bound to give us strength to try our luck again one of these days. . . . going to rest on our laurels for a little while, though.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

The last figures from Oregon State College and U. S. D. A. show that the farmer has inherited another drop in the parity ratio. A skid in farm prices received was accompanied only by a slight dip in costs. This pushed the ratio between what the farmer got and what he paid on November 15 down to 81, lowest since 1940. In looking through some of the farm price reports, it is easy to figure out why. Beef cattle prices of eight major cattle markets average about five dollars below a year ago. Cattle receipts a week ago were about 7% lower than the same week last year. Hog prices at the eight major mid-western markets are nearly eight dollars below last year and the lowest in fourteen years. Hog receipts this week are 22% lower than the same week a year ago. Lamb prices from Denver, eastward, range from fifty cents to a dollar and a half lower than last year, averaging about a dollar lower. This weeks mar-

keting of sheep and lambs is nearly 10% smaller than a year ago. The hog-corn ration—the bushels of corn that a hundred pounds of hog would buy—fell to 11.2. This is 17% less than November 1954. With one of the larger grain crops in history, income to grain farmers has dropped too.

While at Oregon State College last week attending annual conference, some interesting research work being done there was found. One of the projects was being done with new tall Fescue plants that grow in the winter, double top seed yields, double present feeding values, or yield twice as much hay as present varieties. The Oregon State College "nursery" of 18,000 plants is working on several problems that must be worked out before varieties are released. Promising genetic lines must be brought together into a common plant and a quick in-

expensive measure of forage quality must be found. Protein content up to 25% in some test ranges double that of present varieties. Some varieties begin regrowth within an hour after clipping, others wait ten days before growing. If these qualities can be combined into one plant there are many possibilities for our farmers.

Morrow County Grange members and those who have access to the December 1955 National Grange Monthly should not miss reading the "Washington Report", found on page 8. Fred Bailey has done an excellent job of outlining the present farm situation.

Prospects for 1956 point to some further decline in net incomes for most farmers even though government payments may be increased. Production expenses may be a little lower for some, but this decrease probably will not go very far toward offsetting the drop in gross farm income. Recent figures show Oregon net farm income in 1954 was at least one-third less than the 1951 peak. Production expenses declined very little—about 3%.

For farmers who might have missed a recent announcement from the secretary of agriculture, in the Christmas rush, the Oregon State college agricultural economics department point out that only recently the secretary of agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson has indicated several major new elements in the administration's attack on the nation's farm problems. The basic proposals form the newest stage of our dynamic farm program, the secretary said. They will be spelled out in detail and augmented with additional and specific proposals when the administration submits its recommendations to congress next month.

These, as highlighted by the secretary are; a soil bank, providing for payments for establishing grass and trees, as well as for contract to keep soil bank acreage out of production of surplus crops, thus combining immediate aid for farmers with a long range conservation goal to benefit all citizens. Protection for family farms—liberalize credit for farmers who cannot obtain loans through ordinary channels. Broaden surplus disposal—increase of grants and donations at home and abroad; expansion of foreign market; enlarged and streamlined barter program; ex-

From Files of the Gazette Times December 31, 1925

The Misses Bernice and Elaine Sigsbee who are attending school in Portland, arriver home to spend the holiday season with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Sigsbee.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Benge was the scene on last evening of a very pleasant dinner party given in honor of their daughter, Miss Luola Benge and a number of her young lady friends. Those present were Misses Frances Parker, Helen Wells, Myra Wells, Gladys Benge, Velma Willis, Anna Wightman, Louise Thomson, Mary Patterson, Mary Crawford and Luola Benge.

Patterson and Son finished moving of the drug store to new quarters in the Heppner building on Upper Main street the last of the week and are getting nicely fixed up again.

John H. Padberg, Heppner Flat resident, is hoping for a good fall of snow now.

Expanded funds for removal of market gluts of parishables; stepped-up school lunch and armed service use. Strengthen commodity programs—easing up of controls, such as exemption of wheat from marketing quotas when fed on farm; new programs for corn, cotton and other commodities to stop further accumulation of surpluses and reduce carry-overs. New appropriations for research—request for important increase in funds to develop new markets, new crops, and new uses. Secretary Benson's announcement came as the National Agricultural Advisory Commission was nearing the end of its current two-day quarterly meeting and also followed discussion with the president.

Seven Oregon commodity groups and farm organizations held a preliminary meeting at Oregon State College a week ago to discuss the general principles of a soil bank. The major point of discussion was whether or not grazing or seed harvest would be allowed on soil bank acres. Both cattle and seed growers felt that such use of surplus acres would pose a serious threat to their industries, since it would tend to increase production even beyond current price depressing levels. General agreement was reached that the major burden of production adjustments would not fall on any one commodity. Last week the American Farm Bureau Federation recommended against grazing or harvesting of set aside acres. Another meeting at the college is planned for late January to make a more detailed study of soil bank proposals and to reach more definite conclusions.

Winds Cause Power Break at Boardman
No snow was on the ground here for Christmas, as a chinook wind melted all of it on Thursday of last week. Strong gusts of wind blew down several trees, one of them in the east end falling across a power line, and disrupting service for over three hours. Service was restored at about 5 p. m. Monday morning there was some fog, but it was all gone before 10 a. m. Tuesday the sun was shining and temperature was 42 above at 11 a. m. The Christmas program was presented by the school children in the gymnasium on Thursday, Dec. 22. Program was as follows: Christmas carolers, pupils of grades 5-8 sang "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "Sweetly Sleeping In a Manger," "O Holy Night," "Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Christmas Caroling Song," "Vesper Hymn," "Christmas Tree," and "Silent Night." Dance by the fairies and the green elves, by grades 1-4. Nativity Pageant by the high school pupils and the school band. Rhythm band of the first four grades, directed by Sandra Thorpe, 4th grade pupil. Saxophone solo, "O Holy Night," Maxine Sicard. A one-act play, "A Quiet Christmas", was presented by the freshman and sophomore classes. In the cast were Gerald Anderson, Barbara Gantenbein, Jim Aardapple, Sidney Cloud, Jerry Peck, Edna Hoffman, Wanda Forthman, Lorelei Hamil-

ton and Kathleen Duncan. The play was directed by Mrs. Freda Thayer, English teacher.

Following the program Mrs. Thayer was hostess for a steak dinner for members of the play cast at a local restaurant.

School children all held parties in their rooms on Friday morning, after which school was dismissed until Jan. 3, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ball and children, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ball and daughter Barbara, and Eud Ball and daughter Theresa, all of Westfir, spent the weekend at the home of the Men's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ball also visited at the home of Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kress. They returned to Westfir Tuesday morning, accompanied by Pat Kress, who will visit them until New Year's.

T/2c and Mrs. Gene Allen, of Port Townsend, Wash., arrived at the home of Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen, last Thursday for the holidays. Christmas Day Mrs. Allen was hostess for a family dinner at her home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. William McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Warran McConnell and three children of Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Allen and children Cammy and Bobbie. The Dalles; Mrs. Laura Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Baker and daughter Connie, Roy Rordell and Arthur Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bedord are the parents of a son born on Dec. 19 at Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston. He has been named Billie Bruce. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ferguson, Boardman and Mrs. Hattie Bedord, Missoula, Mont. The baby weighed eight pounds, 11 3/4 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Califf and sons, Estacada, visited last week at the home of Mrs. Califf's mother, Mrs. Louise Earwood.

Leo Skoubo and Leonard Olmstead, students at O. S. C., Corvallis, are spending Christmas vacation at their homes here.

Carol Hamilton, student nurse at Providence hospital in Portland, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hamilton, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Eades and son Larry left last week for Sunland, Calif., to spend Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Eades.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Ferguson, of Newport, are spending the holidays at the homes of their par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Armin Hug. Other Christmas visitors at the Ferguson home were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zunker and son, Kenneth, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Vern Moe and three children, Castle Rock, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ferguson, Donna and Chuck Ferguson, and Janice and Nelson Cruthers, Ordinance.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carpenter, La Grande, were Christmas visitors at the home of Mrs. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Zivney, Portland, were weekend visitors at the home of Zivney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zivney.

Mrs. Keith Tannehill, Philomah, is spending the Christmas vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tannehill.

Christmas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fortner were Mrs. Fortner's father, Fred

Lucas, North Bend, Wash., and their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Driscoll and three children, Janice, Tommy and Tim, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Lindsay and children, Sherry, Jimmy and Johnny, Heppner, and Mrs. Clyde Davis and daughters Louise and Ellen, Condon.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe are Mrs. Thorpe's brother, Lawrence Smith, Anchorage, Alaska, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Union, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sullivan and son Grady, Langlois.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Springer of Hood River visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash and two daughters were guests at the home of Mrs. Mildred Tucker on Monday evening.

SPECIAL
NEW YEAR'S DINNER
SUNDAY AND MONDAY
ELLA'S GRILL
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NEW YEAR'S EVE
DANCE
SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 31
Ione Legion Hall
MUSIC BY THE BLUENOTES
SUPPER SERVED

KIMA-KEPR TV PROGRAM, CHANNEL 19

- Thursday, December 29
- 6:00—Rin Tin Tin
 - 6:30—TV Newsroom
 - 6:45—Weather—Cartoon
 - 7:00—Cisco Kid
 - 7:30—Stories of the century
 - 8:00—Godfrey & Friends
 - 8:30—Climax
 - 9:30—TV Newsroom—Final
 - 9:45—T. B. A.
 - 10:00—Dr. Hudson Secret Journal
 - 10:30—Millionaire
 - 11:00—TV Theatre
 - 12:30—Nitecap News
- Friday, December 30
- 1:15—Here's Music
 - 1:30—On Your Account
 - 2:00—News & Chapel
 - 2:15—Homemaker Show
 - 3:00—Studio A
 - 3:15—Gary Moore
 - 3:30—Search for Tomorrow
 - 3:45—Love of Life
 - 4:00—Brighter Day
 - 4:15—4-H Show
 - 4:30—Lanf of Fun—Cartoon
 - 4:45—Holiday Inn
 - 5:15—Uncle Jimmy's Clubhouse
 - 5:30—Bar 29 Ranch
 - 6:00—Captain Zero
 - 6:30—TV Newsroom—Early
 - 6:45—Weather, Music Sampler
 - 7:00—Cavalcade of Sports

- 8:00—Racket Squad
- 8:30—Phil Silvers Show
- 9:00—TV Newsroom—Final
- 9:15—Powerland Story
- 9:30—T. B. A.
- 10:00—The Lineup
- 10:30—Dateline Europe
- 11:00—Hollywood Wrestling
- 12:00—Nitecap News

- Saturday, December 31
- 11:15—Blue-Gray football
 - 1:30—Roy Rogers Show
 - 2:00—PCC Basketball
 - 3:45—Western Playhouse
 - 4:45—Industry on Parade
 - 5:00—This is the Life
 - 5:30—Musical Harts
 - 5:45—T. B. A.
 - 6:00—Grand Ol' Opry
 - 7:30—T. B. A.
 - 8:00—Great Gildersleeve
 - 8:30—Jackie Gleason
 - 9:00—Two For The Money
 - 9:30—It's Always Jan
 - 10:00—George Gobel
 - 10:30—Hit Parade
 - 11:00—TV Theatre
 - 12:00—Nitecap News

NOTE—
Next Week's TV Schedule Failed To Arrive.

STAR THEATER, Heppner

Admission Prices: Adults 70c. Students 50c. Children 20c including Federal Tax. Sunday Shows continuous from 4 p. m. Other evenings start at 7:30. Boxoffice open until 9 p. m. Telephone 6-9278.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, December 29-30-31

RAGE AT DAWN

Randolph Scott, Forrest Tucker, Mala Powers, J. Carrol Naish, Edgar Buchanan. The Reno Brothers, who set the pattern of banditry for many later gangs, are the marauding force in this actionful, Technicolor western.

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HAPPY 1956!

Sunday-Monday, January 1-2

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Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray, Teter Ustinov, Joan Bennett, Basil Rathbone, Leo G. Carroll. This will make you look to your New Year's Resolutions! A story that soars high in stars and sparkle—it's one long laugh about the bad in the best of us! And especially, the good in the worst of us.

Sunday shows at 4, 6:15 and 8:30

Tuesday-Wednesday, January 3-4

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