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## The Inevitable Christmas Spirit

Saleslady in a local store somewhat glumly remarked the other day, "I just can't get the Christmas spirit this year."

The remark is nothing new. It is heard many times, and most of us have said essentially the same thing.

But, ah! The Christmas spirit is here, and some of us know it not. It wouldn't have been surprising to return to that same store and to hear the same saleslady humming, almost without her knowledge, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

Or there is the case of the person who decides that "I'm just not giving anything this year." But as he goes around and sees an article that hits the spot for a loved one, he has made the purchase before he knows it.

For the Christmas spirit is here. There is something a little mystical and magic about it. As the hustle and bustle of preparation intensifies in the little time left, there are more smiles upon faces as one meets another on the sidewalk.

The stereotyped old greeting "Merry Christmas!" never seems to find any better method of being said, and despite the millions of times it has been repeated it conveys a sincere ring of good will.

Yes, the great day may have slipped up on us, and it may find us short on preparation, but when it finally arrives, it will be Christmas, all right, and the spirit of the day, observing the anniversary of the birth of Christ, will be evident throughout the Christian world.

## On Going to the Movies

This is the time of year when admissions are light in the movie business, as can well be imagined with all the Christmas events in progress.

It gets to a point where it is pretty tough for a local exhibitor to keep going. Television has taken its toll to make it nip and tuck anyway.

It has been a blow to those small communities which have lost their theaters. There are few avenues of public entertainment in a small town, and the theater has been the standby for years.

Hollywood has produced some very poor movies, to be sure, but it has also produced some classics, such as "Ben Hur," "The Ten Commandments," "Treasure of Sierra Madre," "Best Years of Our Lives," and others.

Oddly enough, of the many movies we've seen, we only remember the good ones—the ones which had some substance.

A community is fortunate to have a good theater with a good operator—one with a public conscience. We have noted in our local theater advertisements that when a movie comes along that the management believes isn't good for children, Mrs. George will so state, even though she stands to lose admissions as a result. If you read her program, you'll find that she evaluates many of the forthcoming movies for you without trying to capitalize on some sensational title.

Picking up the program for January, we note that St. Monica's Guild of All Saints' Episcopal church is sponsoring a movie, "Francis of Assisi," on January 9 and 10, showing willingness of the management to cooperate with local groups and bring worthwhile entertainment. "Ben Hur" is also coming in January.

The community should do its best to support its movie theater and its management. They are a credit to the area, important as an attraction to our town, and enjoyable as an entertainment medium.

## Definition: American Enterprise

Bill Davidson of the Toppenish, Wn., Review, says, "American enterprise is the art of making toeless shoes a fashion rather than a calamity."

## Lexington Program Observes Christmas

LEXINGTON—The Lexington Christian-Congregational Sunday schools held their Christmas program at the Christian church on Sunday night. The program consisted of prelude music by Betty Marquardt, followed by a welcome and prayer by Rev. Walter Smith. The program started with the pre-school class singing, assisted by their teachers, Rena and Bill Marquardt. Primary class, with teacher Gerry Messenger, sang and gave some readings. Junior I sang songs and had a duet, "We Three Kings of Orient Are," by Billy Olsen and Ricky Marquardt, with Dollie Smith as teacher. Junior II class read scripture on the prophecy of Christ's birth and presented songs with teachers Homer and Majo Hughes. The King Teens and Ambassador class sang two numbers. The junior choir members are Leora Van Winkle, Jeanette Ledbetter, Joyce Peck, Gene Wallace, Dick

Wallace, Billy Klinger, Kenny Jones, David Cooper and Billy Van Winkle. In the senior choir are Gerry Messenger, Carl Marquardt, Rena Marquardt, Betty Marquardt, and they were accompanied by Theresa Munkers at the piano and Betty Marquardt on the accordion. Following this fine program the film "Prince of Peace" was shown.

Sunday morning classes were held as scheduled with the Christmas treats being handed out at this time.

## Barratts Move South

Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Barratt left about 10 days ago for their new home at Mesa, Ariz., near Phoenix. They will spend Christmas in the house they recently built there.

They sold their business, Barratt Sales Co., to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin earlier this fall. Barratt, a native of Heppner, said before leaving that he and Mrs. Barratt hope to return to their home here for three months each summer.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IF YOU are one of those who have already started to wish that the cold winter would come to an end, we have sad news for you. Today, Thursday, December 21, is the first official day of winter.

SEEING Dr. A. D. McMurdo on the street the other day with a sock extending from one foot, we felt gravely sympathetic. He was just recovering from a broken collarbone, and we surmised that he had now hurt his foot. After all, we had heard a report that the doctor had been out ice skating.

But when we caught up with him, he relieved our mind.

"No," he laughed, "I didn't hurt my foot. If you put a sock on the end of your shoe, it is the best thing in the world to keep from slipping on the ice."

As to ice skating, he regretfully reported that he hadn't been out, although he wanted to go. The healing collarbone didn't stop him, but the melting ice did.

WE HEARD one report that folks were ice skating on the Willow Creek road over the weekend, the combination of moisture and temperature giving it the appearance of a frozen lake.

MEANWHILE Elmer Schmidt has been trying to locate his skates from the last person who "borrowed" them. He offered to run an ad in the paper for recovery, but we agreed to put out an S. O. S. for him in this column. Will the person who borrowed them please bring them back so Elmer can go out and break his arm the next time it freezes?

SAW AN item in the East Oregonian tonight that said someone in Pendleton belonged to 21 organizations, making him the most "organized" man in town. I wonder if we have some here who can beat that? For instance, we'd hate to keep up with Judge Oscar Peterson. He is attending some meeting or another all the time, so it seems. You can't go to many public functions without seeing the judge there, and you never hear him complain about it either.

WE'VE HEARD a great many compliments about some of the beautifully-decorated store windows in town. Of course, quite a number of our local people know that talent for decorating a number of these artistic windows is that of Ron Reid, owner of Ron's Flowers. Merchants, knowing his skill, often call on him to help out. In one case we know, Ron worked until 4 a. m. to get a store window ready for Christmas Opening. Both he and Helen Cox have beautiful things in their shops for Christmas, by the way, and should not be overlooked by frantic shoppers.

CHRISTMAS is the time when we think about sharing and helping others. We heard a report about a local man who has been helping others and would like to pass it on.

The man is Robert (Bob) Lowe, who has driven the ambulance here since 1950 except for the period that it was under private ownership. He is back at it now that Oliver Creswick turned it back to the county.

During his time as driver, Lowe has brought in nearly 500 patients on emergency calls. He has carried persons down the fire escape of a burning nursing home in Pendleton, and he has taken injured from roadside ditches after auto accidents. Bob has answered calls to wrecks on the Columbia River highway and has gone as far afield as Weiser, Idaho, Spokane, Wn., and

Eugene. On these calls he has administered first aid many times, and although he has brought in many in critical condition, only one has died enroute to the hospital, this person succumbing just as he neared the county courthouse, only a few blocks from the hospital.

Bob was born in England and came to Heppner in 1913, his mother being a member of the Hynd family. He was a member of the Church of England but now belongs to the Episcopal church. When he starts to bring in someone seriously ill or injured, Bob says a prayer for them as he gets underway. When they are safely delivered, he says a prayer of thanksgiving.

"I'm glad to help people and glad to be a Good Samaritan," he says. "I don't want a lot of praise and publicity."

Nevertheless, we, the people, can be thankful that there are men like Bob.

EVERYONE HERE knows that nothing is tougher on athletic teams of Heppner and Ione schools than to lose to the other. This is because of the traditional rivalry that exists and is so typical of towns lying close together.

Thus, it was a mighty bitter pill for the Mustangs to drop the game Friday to the Cardinals, but we admired the sportsmanship that prevailed between the teams. When Lee Padberg went out on personal fouls, members of the Cards were quick to go over and shake his hand. This brought a responding grin of appreciation from Padberg, who played a mighty fine ball game.

There is nothing wrong with having this real desire to win—that's part of the spirit of competition. However, it is good to see our athletic teams win gracefully and lose gracefully.

WE, TOO, wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

## Soroptimists Pack Holiday Gift Boxes

Holiday gift boxes of homemade candies and cookies were packed for veterans and the needy by members of the Soroptimist club Monday evening at the annual Christmas party. Miss Leta Humphreys was hostess to the group at her home which was gayly decorated for the occasion.

Large boxes of the holiday treats were sent to the Veterans hospital in Walla Walla, Wn., dinner basket and toys were packed for a needy family in Irrigon and several small baskets of treats for bachelor men in the area who do not have close relatives living here.

Birthdays of members during November and December were remembered with the serving of birthday cake, and Christmas carols were sung to the accompaniment of Miss Humphreys at the organ. The recording, "The Littlest Angel," was enjoyed by those attending.

## Lutheran Candlelight Set Christmas Eve

Hope and Valby Lutheran churches will usher in Christmas with a special candlelight and carol service on Christmas eve. The times are set for 6:00 p. m. at Valby and for 8:00 p. m. at Hope, with an invitation extended to anyone wishing to worship the Christ at either church.

Festival worship services will be conducted at the usual times on Sunday morning, 9:00 a. m. at Valby and 11:00 a. m. at Hope.

## Wedding In Pasco Unites Marcia Woolley And Daniel Lathim

BOARDMAN—Miss Marcia Lou Woolley became the bride of Daniel Arthur Lathim at a 4 p. m. ceremony at the First Methodist church in Pasco, Wn., November 24. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woolley of Pasco, and former residents of Boardman, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Lathim of Kahlotus, Wn. The double ring service was performed by the Rev. Paul Ashbrook in a setting of two fifteen branched candelabrum and beauty baskets filled with bronze pom pom chrysanthemums. Family pews were marked with tangerine colored ribbon.

Miss Pat Smith sang "A Wedding Prayer" and "For You Alone," accompanied by Miss Dianne Bentson, who also played the wedding marches.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of silk organza arranged over taffeta, net and tulle. The lace insets were dusted with pearls and crystal. The basque bodice was fashioned with a portrait neckline and long sleeves. The wide sweeping skirt was poufed in back above a chapel train held in place with a bow. The bouffant veil was attached to a beaded crown fashioned of rose point lace. She carried a cascade bouquet of white chrysanthemums and pom poms with accents of leather fern and white satin.

Miss Judy Hutchinson was maid of honor, and wore chrom-spun taffeta sheath with matching pillbox hat, accented with a large matching rose. She carried a colonial nosegay of bronze chrysanthemums and pom poms. Mrs. John Manning, sister of the groom was bridesmaid and wore a Sonora pink sheath and pillbox hat, and carried a nosegay of bronze chrysanthemums and pom poms.

Delbert Lathim, cousin of the groom, on leave from Fort Bragg, N. C., was best man. Ushers and candlelighters were Judy Lathim and Billy Lathim, brothers of the groom, and John Manning, brother-in-law of the groom.

Richard Lathim, cousin of the groom, was ringbearer, and the flower girl was Lynn Eickmeyer, dressed in pale green taffeta. She carried a small cascade bouquet of bronze pom poms fashioned like the bride's bouquet.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in Hatten Hall with 150 guests attending. Yellow pom pom chrysanthemums were arranged around the three-tiered cake, and other decorations were of bronze mums and pom poms. After the first traditional piece of cake was cut by the couple it was cut and served by Miss Hutchinson. Mrs. Robert Glen presided at the coffee urn, and Miss Gloria Hue poured the punch. Miss Bentson and Miss Jerry Lynn Bell were in charge of the gift table.

Mrs. Glen and the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Robert A. Eades of Hood River both had gardenia corsages.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Woolley wore a beige cascaded suit with brown accessories and the bridegroom's mother wore royal blue taffeta with white accessories. Both had corsages of Sanora roses.

For going away the bride wore a blue wool sheath with black accessories and a Sanora rose corsage.

The bride is a graduate of

Pasco High school where she was active in musical circles. The bridegroom is a graduate of Kahlotus High school. Following a wedding trip to Spokane they are making their home at 1704 N. Arthur, Apt. 5, in Pasco.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jon Lathim of Thompson Falls, Mont., brother and sister-in-law of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Eades, uncle and aunt of the bride, of Boardman. Others attending from Boardman were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marlow and W. W. Hartle.

Mrs. Lyle (Neva) Matteson is recuperating at her home following major surgery recently at Pioneer Memorial hospital. She plans to resume her duties as saleslady at the local J. C. Penney store in February which will mark her 18th year with the Penney store.

Phone your news items to 6-9228.

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## A Christmas Wish

No matter how often it's said, it always has a wonderful meaning — "A Merry Merry Christmas." This we wish for you, with all good things the season holds.

As we depart for Arizona, we wish to leave our most sincere good wishes for all our friends here. We invite you all to drop in and visit us should you be down our way, and we will always be happy to hear from you.

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