

Cash Help Needed To Help Indigent

There appears to be the likelihood of a dire need statewide for private contributions to help the indigent due to the present shortage of welfare funds, according to County Judge Paul Jones, chairman of the Morrow County Welfare Commission.

Public assistance is now being completely denied in some areas and curtailed in others, he said. For instance, non-disabled women without children as well as couples are ineligible for aid. Several previously allowable items for such as needed transportation, laundry or phone (with some exceptions) have been eliminated.

Lowell Chally, Administrator for Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties, said that a special hardship exists where a family does not have Oregon residence or that of another state. Present regulations prevent issuing of more than 14 days emergency assistance in this instance. It appears increasing statewide unemployment is cutting into available funds, Chally said. Therefore, the welfare appropri-

ations have to be spread out to accommodate more people than anticipated within this fiscal year. Under Oregon statutes a county cannot spend more than has been budgeted.

A possible stop-gap to meet emergency needs has been taken up with the Morrow County Public Welfare Commission, according to Judge Jones. Those wishing to make a cash contribution should contact Ted Smith, Heppner, Oregon. He is the representative for the Salvation Army as well as the Morrow County Relief Committee. Smith said that limited funds are available in some areas that public assistance cannot cover.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Holland and family will spend the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. Holland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wither, and family in Eugene. Mrs. Holland's younger brother, Eric, plans to accompany them home to enjoy the remainder of his Christmas vacation here.

Poinsettias Now \$150,000 Business

During the holiday season, all eyes turn toward a curious looking plant of Mexican and South American origin called the poinsettia. According to the Agri-Business Council, poinsettia growing is a \$150,000 business in Oregon.

Over 175,000 poinsettia plants are grown by a dozen major Oregon nurseries each Christmas season. The majority of these colorful plants will adorn homes and offices throughout Oregon, while the remaining 25 percent will be exported to Idaho and Washington.

The state's largest poinsettia grower is Klupenger Nursery Greenhouses in Aurora, where 33,000 poinsettia plants are now in full bloom. Ron Klupenger notes that 8 varieties, in a range of colors from yellow and soft pink to deep crimson, are awaiting shipment to retail outlets.

The most popular variety is the Paul Mickelson which, with proper care, can retain its blooms throughout the summer months. Klupenger gives poinsettia fanciers 3 tips to add

Safe Driving Rules Needed to Prevent Grief on Ski Trips

Indifference to the common-sense rules of safe driving can make a winter skiing trip more dangerous than the highest ski jump, warned the Oregon Traffic Safety Commission.

Many Oregon skiers have come to grief far from the look-ed-for slopes because they didn't make sure their car was working properly before starting out. Heaters, windshield wipers, defrosters, chains, tires, steering lights and brakes are especially important for safe operation.

Carry tire chains and use them where necessary. It's a good idea to check chains before starting out. Many motorists discover too late that chains don't fit or need repair. And don't be oversold on new studied tires. There will still be many instances where chains are a "must".

The Commission advised inexperienced drivers new to snow

beauty to their plants: Give the plant plenty of light, water it only when dry, and keep it in the coolest room in the house at a temperature of about 68 degrees.

and winter conditions to be especially alert. Start and stop slowly. Drive at speeds that will allow you to maintain complete control over your vehicle on snowy or icy roads. If the car starts to skid, turn in the direction of the skid.

Keep well over to your side of the road and pass only when

you have a clear view ahead. If a stop is necessary, pull completely off the traveled portion of the highway.

The Commission reminded skiers that a car left standing in a ski area parking lot needs to have its ice covered windows completely cleaned for a

safe trip home. "A little extra care and preparation can help make the trip much more rewarding. After all, the most dangerous part of skiing is getting there and back!", the Commission concluded.

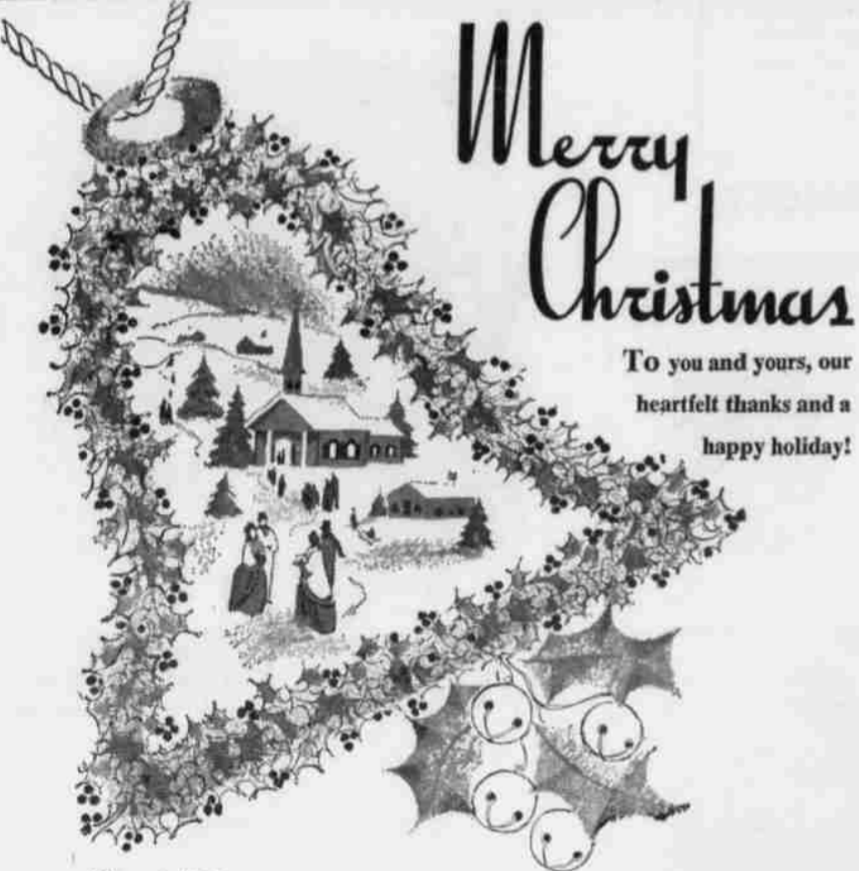
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Leslie Ledington Serves on Yorktown

Fireman Apprentice Leslie N. Ledington, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor H. Ledington of Spray, has completed a refresher training course off the coast of San Diego, Calif., aboard the anti-submarine warfare support aircraft carrier USS Yorktown.

During the training period the ship stressed combat readiness and held drills in fighting simulated fires. They also held general quarters drills for mock bomb, rocket and torpedo attacks.

Prior to its current operating schedule with the First Fleet, the Yorktown underwent a seven-month overhaul at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.



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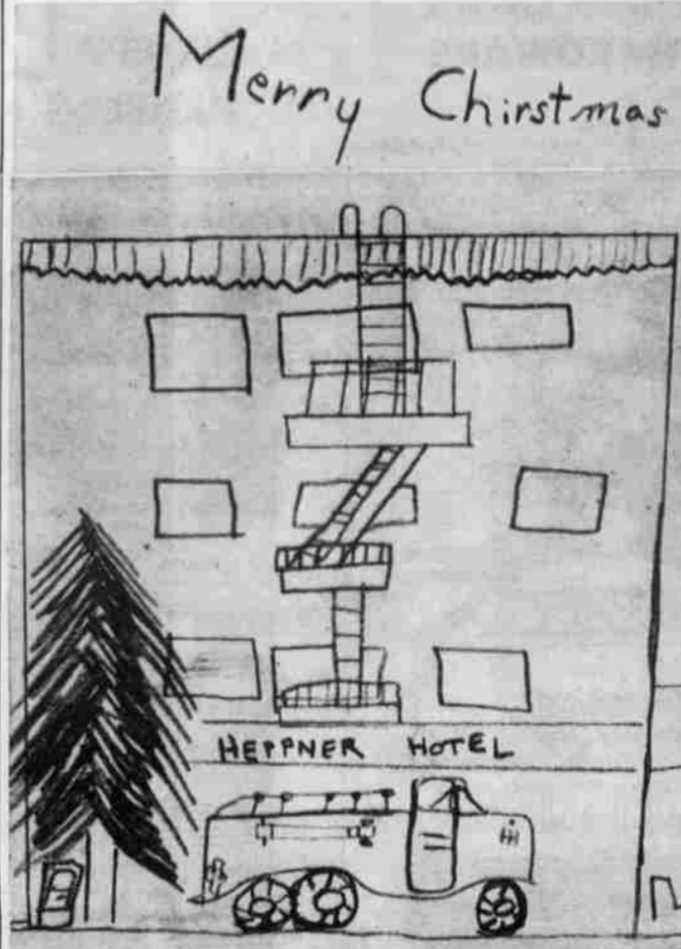
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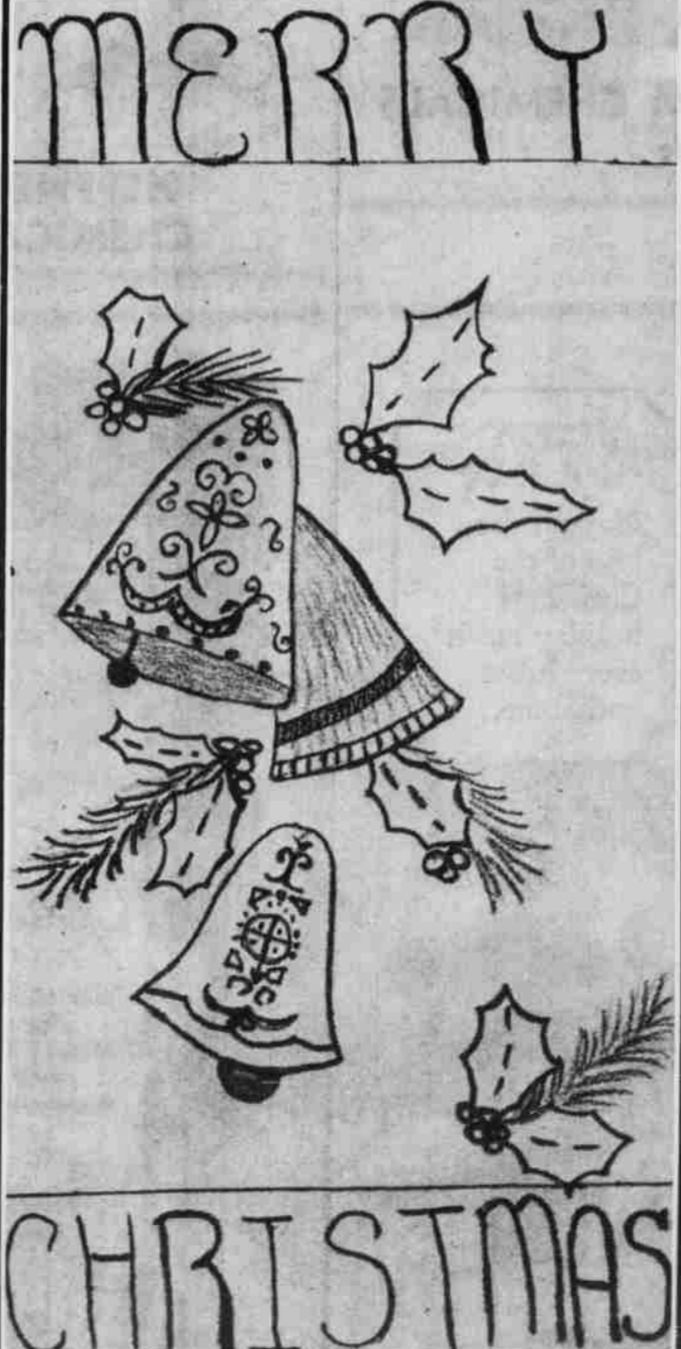
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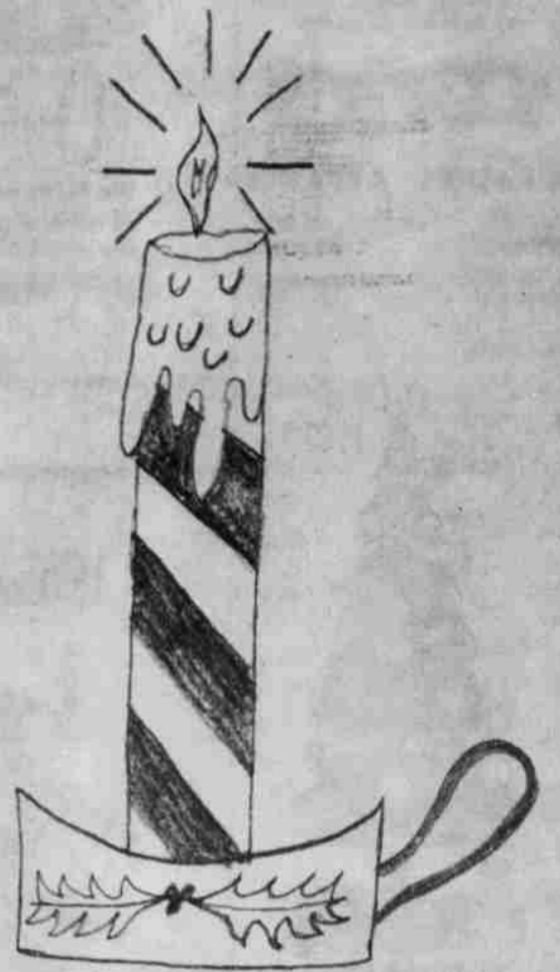
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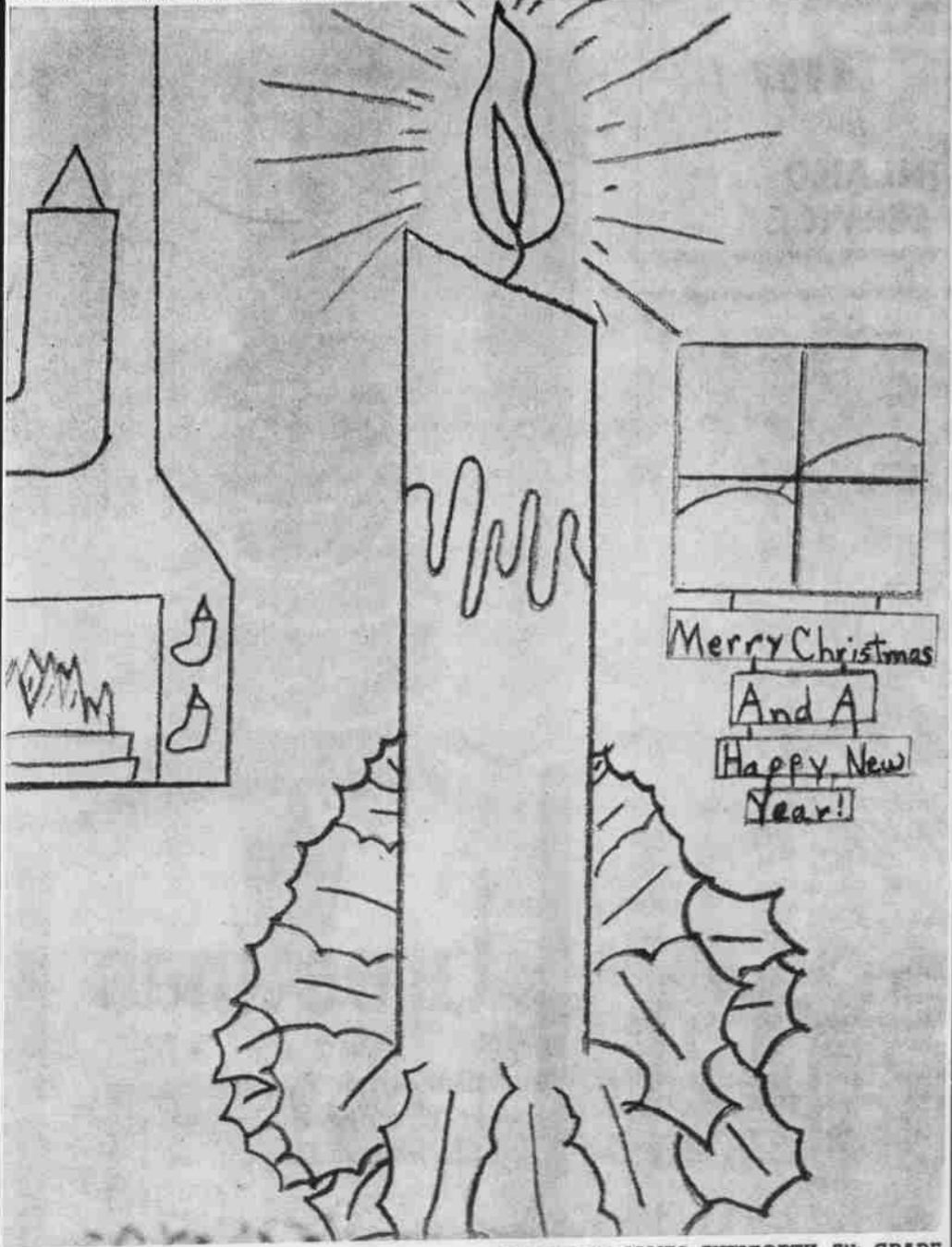
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