



May the best of everything be yours this Christmas is our sincere wish. What happier thought to share with you at this season—

## Burnham & Burnham




WE CAN'T SAY MORE THAN . . . . . AND A MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Wm. H. SABIN, Owner Hermiston, Oregon




MAY YOU HAVE ALL THE JOYS OF AN OLD TIME CHRISTMAS

## Inland Cooperative



More and more sincere every year is our realization how much you and other friends like you have contributed toward our success, and we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts to even greater service in the future.

## UMATILLA CO-OP CREAMERY



As you gather with your loved ones this Christmas, we send our sincere greetings, and wishes for your success and happiness. Your thoughtfulness during the past year, your friendly courtesies we count as splendid things in our life. Not all the gain in any business can be entered in a cash register, or written in a ledger, and we are deeply appreciative of your friendship—our most treasured possession. May we be better neighbors during the coming year.

## Dr. W. Martin Marbut

### KNUTE ROCKNE LIVES AGAIN ON SCREEN

One of the most unusual screen stories in recent times will make its local debut at the Oasis theatre when Warner Bros.' new film, "Knute Rockne—All American," starts Wednesday, December 25.

It is a film life story of one of America's greatest and wisest heroes—Knute Rockne. The picture traces Rockne's life from his early childhood in Norway to his tragic death in 1931. His life was full of excitement, despair, love and triumph. The film, with Pat O'Brien cast as the Notre Dame football wizard, faithfully portrays those elements and keeps alive the true 'spirit of Rockne.' His vigor, his astute philosophy, the great teams he built, the developing of the famous 'Four Horsemen' are all told with a skillful blending of power and subtlety in "Knute Rockne—All American," O'Brien is said to have given such a realistic portrayal of the real "Rock" that Knute's closest friends were amazed at the startling likeness in even the smallest gesture.

The brilliant supporting cast consists of Gale Page as Bonnie, Knute's wife; Donald Crisp as Father Callahan, President of Notre Dame, and Ronald Reagan in the greatest role of his career, that of the renowned George Gipp. The players that portray the roles of the "Four Horsemen" have all seen action on the gridiron.

"Knute Rockne—All American" is more than just a great life story, it is a guide to something we should never forget—the true spirit of America.

### IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. C. Isom

The Irrigon and Boardman Granges held a joint installation of officers at the school auditorium last Wednesday evening, December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arnberg visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lamoreaux at Arlington last Sunday.

Miss June Stevens left Wednesday for Portland to spend a few days.

Earl Leach, who is now employed at Scott, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen left Sunday for Tacoma, Wn., where Mr. Allen will work at carpentering erecting barracks.

A short program and Christmas tree will be held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning.

The Pentecostal church will have a program and Christmas tree Sunday evening.

### TOWNSEND CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. Joe Udey

A very important meeting is to be held at the Legion hall December 20, at which time the yearly election will be held.

The dance committee gives a vote of thanks to each store in Hermiston for their donation which were given as a door prize at the last dance. Miss Florence Kowitz won the lucky number and Mrs. Henry Hooker won the hand-made pillow cases.

Since the weather has turned so cold the dance committee will announce their plans at a later date.

A Flash from Washington, D. C.—Dr. Townsend has just completed his plans for getting congressional action on the Townsend bill at the January session. Arriving from Chicago a few days ago he immediately went into a series of conferences with leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives. Details of procedure were threshed out and it is generally conceded that our bill will receive early consideration. Townsendites are encouraged and willing to fight on for this great recovery.

### A Burglar for Christmas

by Rolana Fligel

IT WAS midnight on Christmas Eve. Seven-year-old Jack, having baffled the sandman since eight o'clock, tossed back the covers and crept downstairs.

Now, at long last, he would learn the truth about Santa Claus. Man or myth? Chimney sweeper or a lovable old red-nosed gentleman?

When the clock struck one Jack was still sitting patiently in the chair by the fireplace, watching the embers glow and wane. Tinsel on the nearby Christmas tree glistened. It was all very exciting, but where was Kris Kringle?

The noise Jack heard a moment later might have been Santa but it didn't come from the chimney.

Quickly the boy jumped back in the shadows while he heard the dining room window raise slowly. A gust of cold air, heavy footsteps, and then Jack heard the window close.

Frightened, he crept forward until he could see where blue moonlight filtered into the dining room. There Jack saw—not Santa Claus but a masked burglar, systematically looting the silverware!

Seconds later his softly slipped feet carried the lad upstairs into his parents' bedroom. The boy shook his father.

"Dad!" he whispered loudly, eyes blazing. "Dad! Wake up!"

"Grrummph," came the sleepy answer.

"A burglar, Dad! Wake up! Call the police!"

Not waiting, Jack reached for the bedside telephone himself. His mother still slumbered.

"Operator?" he asked. "Send the police over to our house right away! There's a burglar downstairs!"

By that time it was out of Jack's hands. His parents were wide awake now, clinging to their hero



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son and listening. During the next two minutes they heard a stark drama—downstairs the dining room window opened and closed. In the distance, growing ever nearer, was the hum of a motor which they knew would be the police car.

They heard it stop outside. Then came a shout, "Stop thief!" A brief scuffle, and they knew the burglar was captured.

Next morning Jack was awakened by his father.

"Son," he began, eyes twinkling. "I forgot to ask last night how you happened to hear that burglar."

Jack blushed.

"I was downstairs, Dad, waiting for Santa Claus. Wanted to see if he really does come on Christmas eve."

His father laughed heartily. "But Jack!" he protested. "Don't you know that Santa Claus never comes when little boys and girls are watching? I'll bet he's been here by this time, though. Let's go see!"

Downstairs Jack's surprise was divided between two equally fascinating subjects. Around the Christmas tree were more presents than he'd ever seen before, including a brand new bicycle!

But off to one side was a jolly looking, blue-uniformed policeman.

"Sonny," the copper began. "That burglar you captured last night was 'Lightning Pete,' a most notorious house breaker."

Jack's jaw dropped. "Best of all," the policeman continued, "there's a \$500 reward for his capture, and it all belongs to you. Here's the check."

Jack could barely say "Thank you," so amazed was he.

"I guess," he finally mumbled, "that Santa Claus is wearing a blue uniform this year."

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### Shepherd Village Plays Bethlehem

Les Baux in France, a village of shepherds, puts on one of the most dramatic Christmas celebrations in the world, and has done it yearly for over a thousand years. The peasants act out the whole Bethlehem story with real oxen. Thousands of visitors come every Christmas eve to see the event.

### Christmas in Sweden

Sweden celebrates her Christmas December 24 with fish and rice porridge.



The Christmas Story is every new because it comes from the heart, just as the privilege of wishing you a Merry Christmas is always a pleasure for us.

## Chisholm Grain & Feed

### CHRISTMAS CHEER



### YEAR AFTER YEAR

We review the past years, and count our blessings again. Our greatest asset has been your friendship, and we take special pleasure in this greeting as a small token of our appreciation of you and your good will.

## Tum-A-Lum Lbr. Co.



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Thompson Drug Store



HAPPINESS - SUCCESS HEALTH - PROSPERITY Is our wish to you.

Estie's Beauty Shop Connor's Auto Repair



And we mean just exactly that—"Merry Christmas." May the fire on your hearth glow more brightly because of the happiness your friendship has brought to us in the past.

## Pete & Gladys, Eats



As humble as the shepherds who watched o'er their flocks, we add our Best Wishes during the holiday season. We sincerely hope that your every hope may be realized in the coming year.

## Hermiston Dairy

H. L. PAYNE, Owner