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With news favorable to the Allies, there should be no slackening of diligence and determination to win the war. Though the Nazis are on the run, and the Italians fleeing, and the Japanese making no new gains, no prophets can yet predict how long the battles, on land, in the air, on the sea and under the sea, will last. The job must be well finished before another Armistice is declared.

After that we will have the work, along with the other Allies, of re-organizing the affairs of the world. The reconstruction of new governments, the restoration of world finance, the facing of social problems, and the rehabilitation of cities and countries, will require more brains, deep interest in human welfare, and heavier finances than the conduct of the war. So far we have only begun the task that must end in a rebuilt, modern world.

After all, it has been only a regular Fall. We hope it will be one of those Winters that "aint".

From everywhere comes the report that Christmas season is even larger than usual. And that is just the way we are going to do the big battle that the other fellow asked for.

Let's Always Be Thankful . . .



AMONG the most cherished remembrances of the past year are the pleasant relationships we have enjoyed with the people of this community.

To old friends, to new friends, and to friends-to-be we extend the season's greetings. May all of you experience the choicest blessings of the Christmas season.

And A Very Happy New Year

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Giant 'Human Eye' in Health Drive Museum

A "human eye" larger than a man and a working model of the heart play their part in public health instruction in Cleveland's Museum of Health and Hygiene, the only institution of its kind in America.

Dr. Bruno Gebhard, director of the museum, believes that as a person acquires greater familiarity with his own organic structure, his interest in maintaining health increases.

As a result, the museum's exhibits consist largely of ingenious mechanical reproductions of human organs from which the layman may gain a knowledge of how his body works.

In the new institution people will learn by seeing. The visitor will be able to walk inside a model of a human eye, press a button and see the interior of the museum as it appears to a near-sighted person. By pressing other buttons it will look as it would to one who is farsighted, color blind or aged.

The public may start or stop a model of a heart, see how it is built and nourished, watch food in the process of digestion, or minutely observe the movement of muscles.

The museum will maintain a workshop for the manufacture of models of organs, now available only from Germany and Japan.

Official Language of State

Is American, Not English

American is the official language of Illinois, although citizens of the state may have overlooked the fact. It was brought out in a Chicago court the other day when an interpreter was being sworn. The clerk read the oath pledging the interpreter to translate faithfully from the Polish into the "American language." An attorney objected, saying that the English language was meant. The clerk produced a yellowed card on which the oath was printed. The word "English" had been crossed out and "American" substituted.

Then the bailiff spoke up. "I did that," he said, "when the general assembly made 'American' the official language in 1928." So the statute was hunted up and the bailiff's statement verified.

In this connection it is interesting to know that South American school children, asked whether they studied English in their schools, have answered, "Yes, but it is English, not American English."

There are books and dictionaries that note the differences between English as spoken by citizens of Great Britain and citizens of the United States of America, but there might still be difficulties in requiring anyone to speak only "American" in the courtroom.

Inventors Are the Pioneers

America's future lies in the hands of its inventors, Albert G. Burns of Chicago, president of the I.O.A., told inventors gathered for their annual convention in Los Angeles, recently.

"No matter how the war terminates, it is certain to be followed by a profound disturbance in this nation's economic structure," he said. "Latin America, if properly developed, will present something of a field for new enterprises, but mainly we must seek stabilization of our economic structure in further development of the greatest potential market in the world—our own internal United States."

"Inventors, creating new markets with their new wares, will be the pioneers of this development."

One of the oddities displayed was a child sized chair which by a few simple twists can be converted into a go-cart, a jumper, a walker or a high-chair.

Alimony a Racket

Alimony has become quite a racket, according to a psychologist, because of the combination of antiquated laws, shyster lawyers and neurotic women. Divorced women who jail their husbands, do it partly for spite, but most of them do it because they are psychopaths, according to a recent investigation.

One ex-wife had a private fortune of \$200,000 and still jailed her husband for failure to pay her \$60 a week. Another divorced woman had her husband jailed because he failed to pay her \$50 a week although he was making but \$45 a week.

This psychologist blames crooked lawyers for this dilemma, stating that divorced women are persuaded to jail their husbands by these crooks.

Wood and Wood

Maybe you've always thought that wood is, after all, just wood—so long as it burns, but your dealer has anywhere from 10 to 20 kinds of wood in his yard and each log has its own characteristics. Here are a few of them.

Ironwood; hard as iron, heavy as lead, burns hotter than coal, burns very slowly and completely leaving few ashes. Desert Juniper; peculiar to Southwest, it is one of the few hard, long-burning fire-place woods. Olive Root; used mainly for heat and popular for its economy. Gives as much heat as coal but is awkward to handle because it is bulky and chunky. Oak; main advantage of oak is that it can stand for years and lose none of its weight, and Fragrant Woods that is a group of hardwood.

UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

A defense meeting was called by our local chairman, Ussel Hiatt, at the gym Thursday night with about 250 attending. Speakers were Captain Alexander and Lieutenant Hoffman, both under Major Scott, and Lloyd Russel, chairman of the defense police of Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo and Umatilla. Mr. Hiatt urged all who have not done so to sign up with him for local defense.

Francis Stephens of Maryhill visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Stephens.

Mrs. George Kendler and Mary left Saturday for Rice Lake, Wisconsin, to spend Christmas with relatives. Miss Georgia Dennis of Nysa came Thursday to stay at Kendlers until they return.

Mrs. Jack Kester who underwent an appendectomy at The Dalles hospital is convalescing.

Corp. Delbert Van Schoiack arrived Thursday from Missouri where he was stationed to spend Christmas with his parents before going to Vancouver where he was transferred.

Diane McNabb, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McNabb, is quite ill in the Walla Walla hospital. She was taken up Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodenbough returned Friday from a few days in Portland.

Mary Margaret Kennedy and Betty Goff, who are students at Eastern Oregon College of Education, arrived home Friday for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Jeff Stephens came up from Portland Tuesday, returning Friday with her son Alva. They both returned Sunday where Mrs. Stephens will remain until after Christmas.

Virgil Johnson left Saturday for Roseburg where he will be employed at the airport. He stopped in Hood River and visited with his parents.

Mrs. Ussel Hiatt, Mrs. C. J. Miller, Mrs. Von Hiatt and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hiatt spent Friday in Pendleton shopping.

Albert Vieg and Leta Myers took his mother, Mrs. H. Vieg, to The Dalles where she will receive medical attention.

Mrs. Harriet Ford arrived Saturday from Hillsboro where she teaches school to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Blackly.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kooper and daughter of Twin Falls, Idaho, visited her mother Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ostrom and son spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Worn of La Grande spent Sunday at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper. The day was their grandson's first birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodenbough were Pendleton shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Byrnes spent Monday in Walla Walla.

Louise Jackson left Sunday for a few days in Portland.

Mrs. Walt Eckert passed away Saturday night. She had been to a party of the Standard Oil employees when she had a heart attack ending in death.

Mrs. Harry Rodenbough and daughter Doris spent Saturday in Pendleton.

Mrs. George Cooper and son Ronald and Mrs. Glenn Ostrom and son Gary Dean spent Monday in Pendleton.

Oliver McNabb, employed on the tug boat Kiehl is at the home of his parents for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Kelly and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Whisman and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rodenbough were Pendleton shoppers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kiefer and children left Sunday for Twin Falls where they will visit their parents. Mr. Kiefer returned Tuesday, but Mrs. Kiefer and children remained and will make their home in Twin Falls until he completes his work at the Ordnance Depot. They have been making their home at the Texaco cabins.

The public Christmas tree was held Monday night at the gym with a nice program and Santa Claus and treats for all.

IRRIGON NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. C. Isom

Mrs. Swearingen, who has been visiting her mother who was quite ill, returned home the last of the week. Sheriff Bowman, Judge Johnson and Mr. Turner of Heppner were here Monday afternoon fingerprinting those who had been appointed on committees in the various divisions of defense work.

Miss Lucile Jones, who is attending the Maryhurst college near Portland, returned Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Jones through the holiday season.

Don Houghten is home from Whitman college for the holiday season.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Community church held a bazaar and cooked food sale at the Harry Connor store in Hermiston report the patronage of the people very satisfactory. The ladies have high hopes of soon being able to finish the basement of their church which will then be available for a community center in working at Red Cross and other defense work. The help of the people is deeply appreciated by those in charge.

The Christmas tree and program Monday night at the Community church was a success in every sense of the word. The program consisted of songs, readings and a tableau representing the birth of Christ, directed by Mrs. Ed Adams and Mrs. Williams, was ably rendered by the Sunday School children, and Christmas songs by the audience were enjoyed by a packed house. Treats and popcorn candy and nuts were also the gift of the Sunday School. It is with stout hearts the work here is being carried on and with a goal ahead, both for the community and the country.

The students of the high school added to the pleasure of the program by singing Christmas carols outside during an intermission.

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COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Bob Woodward

Several children from the Methodist church primary classes, accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Alfred Quiring and Mrs. O. O. Felthouse, called Saturday afternoon on Mrs. Wilkes and Mrs. Barager to sing Christmas carols.

Nina Rae McCulley has arrived home from the university to spend the holidays.

Ruth McCulley is visiting a few days in Athena at the Joe Cannon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maffei were in Pendleton Friday of last week.

Doris Getchell has recently gone to Tacoma where she will be employed.

A party on Sunday afternoon at the Christley home honored Virgil Wilkes, manager of the Cooperative Service station, who has been given a leave of absence from the organization. The party was attended by the employees and their families and a gift was presented to Mr. Wilkes.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Seeley, Mr. and Mrs. James Collins, Virgil Osborne and family, Arthur Thompson and family, Ervin Wilbur, Marion Beck, Ruth Gifford, Ed Brosten, Marian Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wilkes and family, Mrs. Christley and son Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Reid of Walla Walla and Miss Barbara Reid of Granger will be Christmas guests at the J. H. Reid home.

Lynn Shaver made a business trip to Yakima last week.

Mrs. Mabel Weeks, Rachel and Junior were shopping in Pendleton Monday to visit at the home of Mrs. Weeks' daughter, Mrs. R. J. Wilbur.

The Lester Hammer family will be Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hammer entertained at a family dinner Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer on their ninth wedding anniversary.

A. M. Wilcox and Larry Haney were Saturday evening visitors at the

Carl Hammer home.

The sewing meetings sponsored by the Farm Bureau Auxiliary will be held regularly on Tuesday and Friday of each week at the clubrooms in Columbia park as long as the urgent need of such service continues and everyone interested will be welcome to attend. Two more sewing machines will be available after the holidays.

Mrs. W. A. Mikesell and Mrs. A. H. Cable were shopping in Pendleton last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Miller of Konnewick spent Monday at the R. B. Wilcox home and attended the Christmas program at Umatilla that evening. The Millers formerly lived in Umatilla.

Mr. and Mrs. William English have moved to Swiss Home, Oregon, where he is now employed in a sawmill.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Warren have gone to Milan, Missouri, to spend the holidays with Mr. Warren's mother.

Mrs. John Jendrzewski reports that her son, Lieutenant Walter Jendrzewski, has been in command of a Battery at Bellingham, Wn., since the start of the war.

Along the Diagonal—The J. H. Reids driving a new 5-passenger Ford coupe. . . windows framing lighted trees. . . a silent, shining message from neighbor to neighbor laden with wishes for a good Christmas.

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