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Christmas shopping is on in full blast and three weeks to go. They will be busy weeks and those who delay will find stocks soon depleted, and will contribute to the rush of the last days. This is one year when all persons who intend to send presents by mail should be alert, not only in their own behalf, but with respect to those whom they wish to make happy, and with regard to the postal service which will be heavily burdened from now on until the last jammed days of the season.

The government is making special effort to carry all presents and messages to the boys in the service, but with ten millions of them away from home, all such efforts may be defeated if the folks at home put off and put off the hour of mailing. We cannot urge too strongly that your Christmas for them is here, and that it is your patriotic and lovable duty to send your share of cheer and good will to those who are doing and dying for our Christian civilization.

It is a short time until 1944, and the air and printed pages are full of political makings for the great campaign of next year. Men and principles and methods are being discussed, and as soon as the new year breaks, the average citizen will have much to think about and much to say. The fourth term seems to be conceded, but who will be Roosevelt's running mate, and the leading campaign slogans will occupy the minds of the Democratic party. The Republican party has the initial problem of selecting the right man for the head of their ticket. Wendell Willkie and Governor Brinker are already announced candidates and Thomas E. Dewey is in the background as a dark horse to stampede the convention. A new foreign policy and internationalism has set aside isolationism and is agreed on by both parties. This leaves domestic problems as the main issues for the coming campaign. These are many and they will mainly influence the markings of the ballots next November.

Main Street is looking up. One new business building is nearing completion, and another is contemplated soon. Three or four more are being considered. Residential housing for Hermiston has been carried forward as far as materials and priorities would permit, and more is needed, but expansion for business has been delayed.

Some businesses need space for expansion, others need better locations, and a few new businesses would come in if space were possible. The postoffice in particular, needs much better quarters. The growth of the town is natural, and its demands must be met, and will be met, if priorities can be overcome, materials secured and costs of construction can be made reasonable. The money is ready to do the work and the necessity for reasonable expansion is here.

ECHO NEWS ITEMS

By Mrs. W. H. Cravy

Mrs. Clayton Case, fifth grade teacher in Echo school, has gone to San Diego, Calif., to join her husband for a few days before he leaves for an overseas station. Mr. Case is a member of the Seabees and recently returned from several months service in western Alaska. Mrs. Campbell of Stanfield is substituting for Mrs. Case during the latter's absence.

Miss Vera Smith left Friday for Salem where she will be employed in the head office of Halverson Construction Co. She has been working for this firm at Pasco during a construction job which has just been completed.

Zoe McFaul writes her mother, Mrs. Nona McFaul, that he is still stationed in Iceland. He now has the rank of technical sergeant and reports that he has been very busy. Censorship regulations prevent his writing anything about the weather at this northern station.

Pupils of Echo high school who made the honor roll for the second six weeks period are: Mary Arnold, Mary L. Cotton, Jim Meehan, Ina Rauch, Eugene Berry, Mary Crow, Shirley Coleman, Leon Reese, Pauline Rauch, Dean Robertson, Bud Jordan, Oweta Hoke, Pat Stoughton, Dorothy Madison, Wilma Brown, Mary Madison, Burl Wattenburger, Frances Correa, Ethel Crow, Frances Finch, Joe Correa, Bob Meehan, Jack Correa, Sue Graves, Doris Rauch and Mary Tolar.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hollomon of Hermiston were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith.

Charles J. Gray Jr. of Wasco spent the Thanksgiving vacation here with his father Dr. C. L. Gray.

A Ladies Aid bazaar and food sale will be held at the Methodist church basement Saturday, December 4th, starting at 10:30 a. m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Floyd Mathers has returned from Portland and reports that Mrs. Mathers is recovering rapidly from her recent operation and is expected to be able to return home in about two weeks.

Gross receipts of the recent school carnival was \$350. The money will go into the student body and girls league funds.

A Christmas play, "Bird's Christmas Carol," will be presented by Echo school at the municipal Christmas program in the city hall on Christmas eve.

Petty Officer 2nd class Harold Liesegang arrived home Thanksgiving night to spend a 15 day furlough before being given further assignment. He has completed basic training at Camp Farragut, Idaho, and says he likes the service very much.

Echo school play, "Bolts and Nuts", will be staged at the city hall Friday evening, December 10.

Rene Meyers, who has completed basic navy training at Camp Farragut, Idaho, is now home for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Meyers. He has a 15-day furlough.

The regular monthly meeting of the Echo Farm Bureau will be held at Odd Fellows hall Friday evening, December 3. There will be a pot luck dinner followed by a business meeting at which Charles Griffin of Pendleton will talk on income tax returns and will answer questions on this puzzling subject. Mrs. Carl Weltzin, Mrs. Troy Coleman and Miss Emma Geisler have charge of the dinner arrangements.

Mrs. William Gorrell and son moved to Pullman, Wn., Saturday to join Mr. Gorrell, who is taking pre-flight aviation training at Washington State college. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Middleton and daughter Peppy Jo took Mrs. Gorrell to Pullman and returned home Sunday.

Harry Bartholomew, former Echo pastime proprietor, arrived Tuesday from San Francisco where he is now employed as a guard. He reports that Mrs. Bartholomew is now an officer in the WACs and is stationed at Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Bartholomew will be here for a few days to look after his pastime equipment, which has been stored in the Masonic building.

Sam Porter and crew from Pilot Rock are tagging sheep at the Harry Andrews farm and expect to start at the Cunha place Wednesday.

Mary Ruth "olar, who was ill with pneumonia in Pendleton hospital, is now convalescing at her home here.

Mrs. Otis McCarty, who has been visiting in Portland since October 18, returned home Tuesday.

Lloyd Fix, former Echo high school student, who has been working in the shipyards at Portland, reports that

he will be inducted into the armed service next week. His brother, Ensign Eldon Fix, has been in New York for two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheeler, who are employed on the Harry Andrews farm, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Portland and visited at Silverton before returning home.

Mrs. Gladys Corrigan left Wednesday for Portland where she has purchased a home since selling her farm property here.

(Held from last week)

The greatly increased number of wild geese in this neighborhood is becoming a positive menace to crops according to farmers in the wheat district. Thousands of the birds fly into the fields recently seeded to fall wheat and march down the furrows, pulling up the newly sprouted grain as they advance. Carl Weltzin, Joe Middleton and Tommy Loyd got their limit of the geese Sunday from a pit on the Weltzin place. Being near the top of a hill they were able to observe the usual morning flight of geese on the slope below. They state that several thousand of the birds landed in the field, spread out and cleared large acreage of every sprout of wheat. Mr. Weltzin says he will have to reseed a large part of the area attacked by the geese. He says the birds fly in during the recent cloudy weather about 9:00 a. m. and continue feeding until late afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gaskill have just received an interesting letter from Jack Gaskill, who is stationed somewhere in the middle east, presumably Africa, with the air corps as a ground repair man and welder. He has been several months at this station. Recently, he writes, he and 13 others were given three days off to go gazelle hunting but had no luck. Later he was more successful hunting grouse and bagged two good feeds of these birds. He also enjoyed a fox hunting trip on which he secured two foxes.

These animals, he says, are about the size of our local jack rabbits and the pelts have no fur value. So far he has received all letters and packages sent from Echo in good time.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Beland of Portland are spending a few weeks here at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Gray. Mr. Beland is a member of the merchant marine and has seen service in the Guadacanal waters for seven months as well as some time in the Aleutians.

Mrs. George Reichline (Nenza Gaskill) writes her parents that recently she and her husband went on a ten day hunting trip in northern Washington, but instead of returning home to Spokane acquired and started operating a bakery in the prosperous little town of Brewster. Mr. Reichline, who is a baker by trade, was contacted by Brewster people while en route to the hunting camp and in a few hours had taken over the Wilson Electric Bakery in that city and was turning out bread for the local trade.


Echo was well represented at the League of Oregon Cities conference in Pendleton Tuesday evening, which was attended by Mayor A. C. Ebert, Councilmen Berry, Gray, Liesegang and Middleton, and the recorder from the city council; Chairman Joe Middleton, Director Ramos and Supt. Larrive from Echo schools, and C. H. Eselstyn, representing the Echo Improvement association.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andrews, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartholomew and Os Baumgardner, drove to La Grande Monday to attend the Hereford sale. Others from this neighborhood who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Saylor, L. A. McClintock, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sires, Jess Correa Jr., Tom Able Jr., Tony Vey, and Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace, owners of the former Allen Thomson ranch at Butter Creek. Mr. McClintock purchased bulls and Mr. Vey bought six, including "Dandy", first in his class for which he paid \$700.

Echo Garden club held its regular pot luck dinner and business meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. William Helmick. Sixteen members were present.

Mrs. Fred Andrews Jr. drove to Pendleton Thursday to attend a meeting of the Womens club. She was accompanied by Mrs. Carl Weltzin, Mrs. William Helmick and Mrs. Homer Coppinger.

Get \$4 for \$3 out of your CHRISTMAS savings — invest in WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.



TOUGH LUCK

With so many home repair items on the critical list, now is no time to run into tough luck. A broken window may not be so bad, but a real fire or a bad windstorm could be very serious indeed. Replacements on many items are practically unobtainable. So be extra careful now about fire. Eliminate every possible hazard. AND be sure your insurance fully covers the present value of your home property. Check fire insurance, windstorm insurance, smoke damage insurance, hail insurance, etc. See that you are fully protected by adequate insurance limits. This agency offers its services to home owners. We will gladly, and without obligation on your part, check over your present insurance and submit recommendations regarding the kinds of protection you should have; and in amounts which will truly protect your investment. Why not see about it today?

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J. W. Stuart, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship hour, 11 a. m.
Young People's Society, 7 p. m.
Junior meeting, 7 p. m.
Evening worship hour, 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday night prayer and praise service at 7:45 p. m.

The question is asked, "What is your life?" Answer, "It is an investment." Most people live for this life alone, but Paul says, The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink (material things), but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Come and let us worship the Lord together.

HERMISTON BAPTIST CHURCH
H. V. McGe, pastor

"How Old Are You?" Perhaps you are wrong about your age. You may be younger or older. Hear this discourse Sunday at 11:00.

"The sins we are afraid to admit." How did Christ define the essence of sin? Sunday night at 8:00, we will discuss this subject.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Mayor of the City of Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon, pursuant to Ordinance No. 175 passed by the Council of said City and approved by the Mayor thereof on the 8th day of August, 1943, will on the 4th day of December, 1943, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the office of the Recorder of said City in Hermiston, Oregon, the following described parcel of land, to-wit:

Lot 3, Block 9, Original Town, now City of Hermiston, as located in Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 4 North, Range 28, E.W.M.

F. C. McKENZIE, Mayor of the City of Hermiston, Oregon.

(Nov. 25-Dec. 2)

F. J. HIBBARD

AUCTION SALE

1:00 P. M.

Tues., Dec. 7

3 Miles out on Butter Creek Road and then 1/2 Mile West Hermiston, Oregon

— LIVESTOCK —

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1 HEIFER CALF, yearling
1 SOW and 8 PIGS
RABBITS and Rabbit Hutches
200 New Hampshire Red Chickens

4000 Feet of USED LUMBER
SEVERAL CORDS of WOOD
15 TONS of ALFALFA HAY
1 HAY CHOPPER
BROODER HOUSE and Brooder Stoves
CHICKEN WIRE
WEED BURNER
1 DE LAVAL CREAM Separator
GARDEN TOOLS

— FURNITURE —

1 DINING ROOM TABLE and Five Chairs
1 GOOD PIANO AND BENCH
1 LIBRARY TABLE
2 DRESSERS
1 SEWING MACHINE
1 SINK — 1 WASHBOARD
RUGS — BIRD CAGES
FRUIT JARS and other articles too numerous to mention.

F. J. Hibbard, Owner

— Terms Cash —

NOTE: There will be livestock brought to this sale. Bring what you have.

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- COATS ● MUFFLERS
- TIES ● BILL FOLDS
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- GIRLS' SLACK SUITS
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