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HERMISTON METHODIST CHURCH

Walter A. MacArthur, Minister
The annual Christmas message will be delivered by the pastor Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, on the theme, "Decisive Babes of the World". Special music will also be featured at that hour.

Other services for the day include: Church School at 10 a. m. Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p. m. The annual Christmas program of the church school will be presented the evening beginning at 8 o'clock.

HERMISTON BAPTIST CHURCH

H. V. McGee, Pastor
The Christmas message will be told by our choir Sunday morning. This will be followed by a discourse titled, "The Christmas Star." Friday, December 24th, at 8:00 p. m., the Church School will present its program.

ward and their guest, Mrs. Lynn Easton.

Mrs. Jack Reuber and family of Stanfield were Sunday evening visitors at the Caldwell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Easton and small son Richard who have spent the past three weeks at the Woodward home were leaving Thursday to return to their home at Boyd.

Duane Lathrop, who has made his home at Irrigon for over a year with his sister, Mrs. Rucker, has returned to his place here. His granddaughter, Miss Barbara Hassey, is keeping house for him.

Rita and Billy Martin, twin eleven-year-olds, were honored at a birthday party at their home on Tuesday evening. Most of the Columbia children in that age group were present.

LaVelle Fix, small granddaughter of Mrs. Ben Fix, is reported to be ill of scarlet fever at her home at Ordinance.

Lewis Wilson's car has been sold to Mrs. Lester Wilson at Stanfield, and the money put into war bonds for Lewis who is now in training at Faragut.

U. O. D. NEWS

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The U.S.O. activities at Ordinance this week are taking on a very definite Christmas air. Craft classes and gymnasium classes are in the holiday spirit. Regular Tuesday classes will be held next week as usual. A community sing of Christmas Carols will be held at the Ordinance Community hall at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, December 21. In fact, the U. S. O. has plans for Ordinance which will fill the whole of next week and really bring the Spirit of the Holidays to Ordinance.

Back the boys! Buy Bonds and help to bring Victory nearer.

American Red Cross First Aid classes are being conducted for the Ambulance Corps at the U. S. O. on every Monday and Thursday evening until the course is completed.

The instructor is Fred I. Erickson of the Safety Branch. These classes are attended by several of the O.O.D. employees, namely Betty Miller of Fiscal, Dola Mae Daugherty and Maxine Huddleston of Time and Payroll, Mary Ellen Rumley and Virginia Herd of Plant Property.

L. C. Smith: "Throw me a dozen of

those trout one by one."
Erickson: "Why?"
L. C. Smith: "I've got to say I caught them and I can't lie about it."

Christmas Hazards Eliminated
You can do a lot to make your Christmas tree the safe scene of happy hours. Too often it has been the center of tragedy.

The following are some suggestions to follow in order to eliminate the hazard caused by Christmas trees and other decorations:

- Anchor the tree securely.
- Put the tree in water to prevent dryness.
- Attach electric lights to a wall socket, rather than to a lamp socket or chandelier.
- Properly repair old sets of lights.
- Do not place trees near fireplaces or stoves.
- Do not use cotton or other inflammable decorations without fireproofing them.
- Use metal waste paper baskets for discarded gift wrappings.
- Do not allow people with lighted cigarettes to get too near the tree.

Suggestions, as follows, have been sent out by the Army Service Forces giving directions for making fire resistant Christmas decorations.

"A mixture of 10 oz. of borax powder and 10 oz. of boric acid in 1 gallon of hot water applied by dipping or spraying, is a suitable treatment for fabrics and other decorative materials which are not exposed to the weather and where a soluble fire



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proofing agent may accordingly be used. Fabrics so treated do not become dusty or feel damp. The treatment does not affect colors, is non-poisonous and does not promote decay. A mixture of half borax powder and half boric acid is more effective than either borax powder or boric acid alone. Impregnation to the extent of 10 per cent of the weight of the fabric is the minimum recommended.

The Christmas tree may also be sprayed with the mixture of borax powder and boric acid. Dennison's flame-proof paper should be used for displays requiring use of paper. If flame-proof paper is not readily obtainable for decorative purposes the paper used should be carefully sprayed with the borax powder, boric acid, and water solution to be fire resistant."

COLUMBIA NEWS

By Mrs. Bob Woodward
C. L. Upham received word this week of the birth of a grandson, on December 11, at Portland. The baby the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Upham and has been named Gary Lamont.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Curtis and children were shopping in Pendleton on Monday. Other visitors there on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wood-



Let's help them get Home for Christmas

Please Don't Travel unless absolutely necessary During the Holiday Season

Buses will be crowded during the Christmas-New Year Holiday Season
On behalf of the men and women in uniform who will be going "Home for Christmas"—we ask that you forego all but the most necessary trips during this period. Thank You!
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No "Italian Style" Potatoes for our Boys in Italy!

ANOTHER WAY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST IS HELPING THE FIGHTING FORCES...

THEY'RE MASHED with BROWN GRAVY
Thanks to the American miracle of dehydration!



Their table may be an oil can or a busted ammunition case—but there's no question about the food. It's the real American, home-grown variety . . . and this year, more and more of it is going from right here in Washington and Oregon.

Potatoes are just *one* good example:

In spite of labor shortage, the acreage for this crop was almost doubled in the last year. Dehydration plants have been enlarged, too, ready for their job of reducing each 100-pound sack to a cargo-saving tin of only 15 pounds.

Yes, fighting food is all-important right now. The growers and processors are doing their jobs; it's up to all of us to give them *all* the help we can!



Low-cost PP&L electricity is doing its part on more than 12,500 farms, and in scores of packing and processing plants that have grown up throughout the territory we serve. For 33 busy years of Pacific Northwest progress, it has been our job to have power ready to serve each new agricultural industry as it was developed . . . and to help find more ways to cut production costs by putting cheap and dependable electricity to work!

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