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## A New Congress and Its Great Problems

The new 179th congress convened yesterday. The personnel is little changed from that of the last congress and the political setup is the same. The conditions, however, under which this congress must work are greatly changed. The problems which this body of national legislators must meet are the greatest that have ever confronted our nation.

The immediate and most important is the determination of a definite foreign policy. We cannot escape dealing with the affairs of practically all the nations of the world. We went along during the earlier part of the war under the Atlantic Charter, with provisions against aggression and for self determination of weaker nations, but England has broken these principles without accord from us, and both England and Russia are playing power politics, thus delaying the progress of the war and giving us the brunt of the fighting.

We organized at Dumbarton Oakes, but nothing so far has been developed effectively from that plan. We have met serious losses and defeats on the Western Front and now are facing with the strong probabilities of all of this year at war in Europe. We are supplying most of the man power along with the major portion of material, and yet have very little control of the shaping of things to come. Congress finds itself confronted with strong and early action on this problem if we are to get on successfully with the war.

We are told that a meeting of the big three will iron out these difficulties in February. We have been led to believe that the new secretary of state and his assistants will take a more positive position, and that they have the brains and courage and experience to give us our proper place in world affairs. Along with all this the new congress will have to show greater strategy, courage and statesmanship in creating a foreign policy than many preceding congresses. If they do not, the rising tide of isolationism, which we thought dead, will flood the nation. The newspapers, which have contained little on the subject, will now be filled with discussions and declarations, which should be read and studied in the interest of public opinion, the reaction from which may spur the congress and administrative official to greater action.

## ECHO NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Asa Bowman, who has been at the Pendleton hospital for some time, is said to be improving and is expected home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crary, who spent the holidays in Portland, returned home Sunday.

Pfc. Blair Coleman is home for a furlough visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Coleman, arriving here the day before Christmas. He made the trip by plane from Washington. Since his last visit home he has been in camps in southern California, Texas, Louisiana and Aberdeen, Md. He is

now in a tank recovery battalion and expects to be sent overseas soon after his furlough. Since coming from Alaska he has taken training in radar and diesel operation.

Mrs. Mabel Vaughn of Stanfield has been appointed teacher of the seventh and eighth grades in Echo schools in place of Mrs. Cleaver of La Grande, who resigned recently because of the illness of her husband. Mrs. Vaughn is the third teacher to occupy this position since school started in September.

Mrs. Earl B. Cotton returned home last week from Idaho, where she was nursing her father, who underwent an operation recently in a hospital at Ontario. He is now

convalescing at his home in Idaho. Bud Jordan, who is now stationed at Camp Lewis, spent Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jordan. His wife, who is employed at Pendleton, is spending a few days with Bud at Camp Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver are anxiously awaiting news from their son, Paul, who is supposed to be with the armed forces in the severe fighting on the western front in Belgium. No word has been received from him since November 29.

Rev. Earl B. Cotton is reported to be ill with a cold.

Mrs. P. G. Rumpel of Etzikom, Alberta, Canada, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. Z. Penney. She arrived here December 15 and will return to Canada January 12.

Mrs. Charles Laughlin has received news indicating that her son Ted is now overseas or on his way across.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Z. Penney report that their son, Pfc. Louis Penney, is now in New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ebert spent Christmas in Heppner at the home of their son, Arnold Ebert.

## UMATILLA NEWS

By Mrs. Glenn Ostrom

Umatilla was saddened Tuesday from the death of a former high school student, James Linn, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Linn, now of Ordinance. His car had gone over a bank, catching fire with him pinned underneath. The accident occurred about one mile from here on the Hermiston highway in the same spot that another such accident occurred in which Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dexter and two children lost their lives. James attended school here last year when his parents lived west of town, and was famous for his violin playing.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Lavendar and children returned to their home in Longview Friday after spending a week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mustard.

Alva Stephens of the merchant marines spent a day last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Stephens. He expected to have a five day leave but was called back to his ship in Portland.

Mrs. Al Vieg and Joan Byrnes spent Wednesday in Poplar Grove with the former's parents.

Mrs. Oliver McNabb and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Al Lavendar and children spent Wednesday visiting their sister, N/c Betty Mustard in Pendleton.

Mrs. M. B. Eller and Mrs. Glenn Ostrom and sons, Gary and Vane, spent Thursday in Pasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis and sons of Portland spent several days of last week visiting friends here.

S/Sgt. Darwin Shaw spent Friday and Saturday here visiting before going back to a camp in California.

Mrs. Bernice Johnson and children of Ontario spent the Christmas week here with their mother and father, Mrs. George Sampson and Virgil Johnson.

Word was received here of the birth of a daughter, Judy Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Eleven (Frances Chapman) of Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Gordon of Pendleton was a New Year's day guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hull. N/C Agnes Kennedy returned to her duties in La Grande after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kennedy.

Mrs. M. B. Eller and Mrs. Merle Martin and daughter Sue spent Tuesday in Pendleton.

N/c Betty Mustard and a friend, N/c Irene Herd of Pendleton spent from Saturday afternoon to Monday at the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mustard.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Martin had as their guest Sunday and Monday her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Painter and a sister and her family.

Pfc. Dean Newgard of Walla Walla spent the week end here with his wife.

Mrs. George Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Les Utley spent Tuesday in Pendleton.

School doors opened again Tuesday after a 11-day Christmas vacation. Teachers returned were Superintendent and Mrs. Chapman and children, Roe Hunsaker from Portland, Mrs. Delcia Cornett and daughter Harlene from San Diego, where they visited, Mr. Cornett who is in the marine hospital there, Ina Gilbert from Pendleton, and Mrs. Alice Hanson and Patsy from Spokane.

Jean Jordan, who attends St. Josephs Academy in Pendleton, spent the holidays with her mother, Sally Jordan and Dickie.

Patsy Rice returned to her home in Portland to resume her duties in a beauty school after spending the holidays here with friends.

Mrs. Thomas Tucker returned from Portland where she had spent since Christmas.

Miss Ann Mary Sherlock has returned to her studies at Mt. Angels after spending Christmas week here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Stephens.

Miss Mary Shonnon has returned to Whitman College after visiting here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shannon over the holidays.

## STANFIELD NEWS

By Mrs. Ruse Hedrick

The I.O.O.F. lodge installed the following officers on January 3, with Will T. Reeves, deputy grand master, acting as installing officer and H. L. Hedrick as grand marshal: Nathan Bard, Noble Grand; William Swaney, Vice Grand; John Heckman, secretary, and Ed. Fredereckson, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Espinala entertained on New Year's day at their home with a turkey dinner for a return party for the following families: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Correa Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jess Correa Jr. and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dumond and children, Manuel Picancos, Mr. and Mrs. George Binder of Hermiston.

Mrs. Roy Duncan is improving at the Hermiston hospital.

Mrs. Clara B. Drew is visiting Sgt. Drew at Harvard, Nebraska, who is assigned there after two years overseas duty. Meanwhile Mary Lou is living at the Ware home on the project.

Mrs. Hans Rynning and Karen Ann returned last Friday to their home in Seattle. Esther remained to help care for her father, William Fredrickson who is quite ill.

Mrs. Clute of Portland is the house guest of her daughter, Mrs. Emil Zivney.

Mrs. Lafe Hammack is quite ill at her home on the schoolhouse hill.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Duncan was buried Saturday, December 30, at the Echo cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kragh and Beverly came from Eugene Saturday night for a week end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Owsley, who formerly operated a hotel in Idaho, have purchased the A. S. Gonseth farm on the project, and the Pierce family that had been living there have moved to Ordinance.

Janice Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harmon, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis last week at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla, and at the same time is convalescing from undulant fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Norton and children returned Saturday from their vacation spent at North Bend.

Velda Wedge, an employee of the government from Honolulu is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Coffman, for a month.

Mrs. C. B. Greene is a patient at St. Anthony's hospital, and is improving.

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Too late for last week was this guest list for Christmas dinner at the Loren Kenison home: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Trumbull of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mynott, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, Blanche Thorsen and Clyde Kenison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greathouse entertained at dinner on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starkweather and daughters Evelyn and Jessie, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Robertson and their daughter, Mrs. Loren Miller.

The A. F. and A. M. lodge installed the following officers on December 21 at Stanfield hall: Worshipful Master, Claude McCall; Senior Warden, Don Childs; Junior Warden, Harry McCormick; secretary, Glenn Jackson; treasurer, M. Refvem; Mr. and Mrs. Deacon, Dorsey Johnson; Junior Deacon, Roy Duncan; Senior Steward, Vernon Waid; Junior Steward, Wilbur Pierce; Tyler, Collie Tillory; Marshal, John Heckman; Chaplain, John Spencer.

The Eastern Star will install their newly elected officers January 10th, with Grand Matron, Mrs. Hazel Folsom of Pendleton, as installing officer and Frank Sloan as installing patron, Frankie Lane of Pendleton, installing marshal and Mrs. R. H. Seaton of La Grande, installing chaplain, and Mrs. George Story of Pendleton as organist. The Queen Esther chapter officers to be installed are: Worthy Matron, Rachel Jackson; Worthy Patron, Miles Baragar; Associate Matron, Inez McCormick; Associate Patron, Dorsay Johnson, and secretary, Nettie Sloan, all of Stanfield. Others are: Treasurer, Nell Arnold; Conductress, Eleanor Dudley; Associate Conductress, Catherine Sommerer; Marshal, Grace Plass; Chaplain, Bess Humphreys; Organist, Chloe Refvem; Adah, Pauline Moyer; Ruth, Frances Ebert; Esther, Inez Hoffman; Martha, Dena Tillory; Electa, Helen Casper; Warden, Thelma Harkenrider; Sentinel, Claude McCall.

The Woman's Study club met on December 28th with only a small turnout, but the subjects treated were much enjoyed. Mrs. Loughary gave a thumb sketch of the book, "It's a Cinch, Sgt. Finch" and "Looking Ahead", and Mrs. Peters read articles on "Youth and its Problems after the War." Ten dollars was voted to the scholarship Loan Fund.

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