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1918

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Do not store your cars for the winter without first bringing them in for our inspection.

We have added to our business an automobile repair branch. Our new department will be maintained with the care that has characterized all of the work of our shop. H. P. Jochimsen will be in charge of this work.

With best wishes to all of our Hood River Valley friends and customers for

A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

W. G. SNOW

HOOD RIVER,

OREGON

HOOD RIVER XMAS QUIET

KIDDIES MISS THE USUAL SNOWFALL

Day Coldest of the Year and Characterized by Sleet Storm in Late Afternoon—Dance Successful

Hood River folk celebrated Christmas of 1917 quietly. The prevailing weather was cold enough for the yuletide period, but the blanket of white that usually wraps lowland, gorge and range of the mid-Columbia was missing, much to the disappointment of the tots who still pin their faith in Santa Claus and who think the good old patron saint of all childhood finds comfort in a snow-covered earth. No adults were heard complaining. And then the elements did their best in the late afternoon to make up for the oversight of the snow. A heavy sleet storm prevailed, and in the miniature blizzard was the hint of a silver thaw. Numerous families were happy in having enlisted sons, husbands or fathers home for a holiday furlough. Others journeyed away to forts, posts or cantonments to join relatives in the celebration of the Christmas holiday. Town life was characterized by the presence of many students here from the northwest's institutions of higher education as well as the olive drab clad soldier boys.

A net sum of \$122.50 was the proceeds from a dance given at Heilbronner hall Christmas night by the Knitting Club, recently organized by girls and young matrons of the city for the purpose of aiding the soldiers and French war orphans. The proceeds will go to the orphan fund.

The big hall was beautifully decorated with greens of the Cascades and Christmas emblems. The olive drab of many officers and men home from near by post and cantonments for the holidays gave the big party a military significance.

LIVE NEWS FROM TWELFTH COMPANY

The following list of members were absent on furlough for the Christmas holidays: First Sgt. Baker, Sgt. Moe, Sgt. Foust, Sgt. Shoemaker, Cpl. Clark, Mus. Todd, L. Fisher, L. S. Howard, A. J. Lewis, H. L. Stiles, Myrtle Brown, Orrie Cushman, Clarence Ekstrom, E. Krueger, L. Nelson, Timothy O'Leary and Alvin Peters.

Those remaining here experienced a Christmas year with much different environments than ever before. Although every effort was made in making this Christmas a long remembrance nevertheless the longing to spend these days with the home folks was prevalent throughout the Company.

A stringed orchestra has been organized in the Company through the efforts of Lieut. Van Horn, who is a very enthusiastic promoter. Many of the men are talented with these types of instruments and promise very entertaining musicals this winter.

A dance will be given this evening for the officers and enlisted men and their guest. This will be the first dance held in the fort since the National Guard have been stationed here.

J. R. STEELE DIES VERY SUDDENLY

The Middle valley family and the friends of J. R. Steele, a pioneer rancher, were shocked Monday morning to receive news of his sudden death at a Portland hospital. Mr. Steele had been in Portland for two weeks attending to business. His family received a letter in which he stated that he was suffering from a cold. Until news of the death came it was not known that the illness was serious.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning at the Anderson undertaking parlors, interment following at Idlewild cemetery. Mr. Steele, who was 58 years of age, a native of Scotland, developed a number of tracts of the valley's finest orchards. He was a member of the board of directors of the East Fork Irrigation district.

Mr. Steele is survived by his widow, Mrs. Stanley Walters.

Rev. W. H. Boddy, of the Upper Valley Union church, officiated at the funeral services.

Pythians Visit the Locks

A large delegation of members of Waucoma Lodge, Knights of Pythias, visited Cascade Locks Thursday evening to be the guests of the Pythian lodge of that place. Members of the fraternal body, who were tendered a banquet, conducted degree work for the Cascade Locks lodge.

The visitors presented J. H. Hendricks, a pioneer resident of that place, with a veteran jewel. The journey was: Judge Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles; J. H. Hazlett, F. H. Blagdon, W. A. Isenberg, T. F. Johnson, Bert Stranahan, Arthur Howell, Jos. Frazier, Jr., F. W. Chindlund, Wm. Munroe, Ross Sherwood, H. O. Ferguson, A. C. Stevens, R. Roberts, F. H. Miller, Dr. W. M. Post, C. C. Anderson, S. M. Atkinson, F. H. Stanton and C. C. Cuddeford.

Alumni Meeting Saturday

The annual meeting of the High School Alumni Association will be held Saturday evening at the high school auditorium. A program of music and talks will be made. The senior class of the school will participate in the meeting.

The meeting will be attended by numerous students home from college for the vacation and by soldiers here on holiday furloughs.

New Member on Police Force

The police force has a new member, "Pat," a medium sized white and black spotted dog. Pat, owned by Deputy Clerk Francis, recently on first sight showed a decided fondness for Deputy Marshal Strazier, night officer, and ever since the dog has accompanied Mr. Frazier on his beat. At a word from

the officer Pat will enter the darkest alley, investigate an empty box car or penetrate the darkest corner of the freight yards. By the aid of the dog the task of dislodging tramps is an easy matter.

Pat last week further endeared himself to Mr. Frazier by giving needed assistance in the arrest of Harry Clark, a burly half-breed negro-Indian wanted. Chief of Police Carson has decorated Pat with a special star.

DAMAGE ON EAST FORK WAS SEVERE

Telephone lines having been put out of commission, it was not learned until Saturday that the flood waters of the East Fork had swept away the old Toll bridge, a landmark of the valley, which spans the East Fork south of Mount Hood store. The flood also did considerable damage to the concrete headworks of the East Fork Irrigation District, and a portion of the main canal, which parallels the river for some distance, was washed out.

QUESTIONNAIRES RETURNED CORRECT

The courthouse, with dozens of draft eligibles coming from all parts of the county to fill in the blanks of their questionnaires, has taken on an unusual activity. Because of the interest and application of members of the legal advisory board, Sheriff Johnson says that but two questionnaires have been returned with material errors. Members of the advisory board are stationed at the courthouse daily, and men under the draft are at all times provided with skilled advisors.

WEDDINGS

Wahrer-Bauer

Local friends have just received announcement of the wedding of Miss Antonia Bauer, formerly teacher in the Pine Grove school, and W. F. Wahrer, a Klamath Falls banker who was formerly cashier of the Hood River State Bank. The wedding occurred at Vancouver, Wash. Mr. Wahrer recently enlisted in the quartermaster's department of the aviation corps.

It was found, following his enlistment, that he would have to undergo a surgical operation, in order to continue his military duties. Mr. Wahrer is now confined to a Portland hospital.

Mrs. Wahrer, who has been teaching at Lexington, is here the guest of Miss Marian Howe, a former fellow teacher at Pine Grove.

Smith-Winchell

Friends have just received announcement of the wedding of Miss Maude Winchell, daughter of V. Winchell, prominent East Side orchardist, and Joseph Brander Smith, at Stevenson, Wash., on December 18. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home at Lewiston, Ida., where the bridegroom is in business.

Pineos Here

With Mrs. Pineo, who with their daughter, Margaret, had moved to the cantonment to join her husband, Lieut. Pineo, who has been stationed at Camp Lewis, has arrived to spend a 10-day furlough visiting friends. Lieut. Pineo is just out of the hospital. He was dangerously ill from a hemorrhage following an operation for removal of tonsils.

Lieut. and Mrs. Pineo, who had fear for the safety of relatives in the Halifax disaster, have received telegrams that allay their alarm. Marshall Pineo, a brother, a member of the Canadian Medical Reserve Corps en route to France and in Halifax at the time of the explosion, writes that he suffered minor wounds.

The Weather

On arising Friday morning the residents of the mid-Columbia, who Thursday, brilliant under a mid-winter sunshine and with the atmosphere dazzlingly clear after a week of steady rain, congratulated each other on the change in the weather, found that they had been too hasty with the exchange of felicitations. A cold rain, with huge snowflakes intermingled, was falling, and the surrounding rangitops of the Cascades had taken on their winter robe of white.

In the higher altitudes of the Upper Valley the snow had piled up to a depth of six inches Friday evening. The Underwood orchard district was covered with a light layer of snow.

Everson Withdraws From Case

A communication was received Monday morning by the office of the county clerk from Fred L. Everson, a Portland attorney, who announced his withdrawal as attorney of record in the case of J. L. Allen against Marshall Hill and wife, prominent and respected members of his former congregation, against whom the minister had filed suit to collect \$5,000, alleging that the elderly couple has defamed his character and had made obligatory his resignation from the pastorate. Mr. Everson assigned no reason for his withdrawal.

Students Here on Vacation

Twelve students of different Oregon institutions of higher education are at home for the Christmas holidays. The following are here from the University of Oregon: Misses Frances Baker, Elizabeth Carson, Helen Guttery and Thurston Laraway, Laurence Hershner and Chaffin Newton. Oregon Agricultural College students home for the Christmas vacation are: Misses Frances Castner and Esther and Myrtle Husbands and Earl Shank and Howard Cooper. Robert Waugh is home from Willamette University.

White Salmon Home Guard Organized

White Salmon Home Guard was organized last week with the following officers: J. W. Dickey, captain; J. O. Bildersbrand, first lieutenant; W. Case, second lieutenant. All the boys of the high school, besides 35 business men, joined the organization. Drilling is to take place every Thursday evening.

HOOD RIVER FOLK PATRIOTIC

CHRISTMAS DRIVE WAS SUCCESSFUL

County Has Been to the Forefront in All Win the War Movements—The Volunteers are Many

In the latest nationwide patriotic activity, the Christmas membership drive for the Red Cross, Hood River county's campaign has been successful, and the drive ended Monday evening with 1600 new memberships for 1918 in the hands of Manager Scott. While numerous men of the valley assisted in the drive the greater part of the soliciting was conducted by women. Despite the continued rain, the teams worked loyally. The "Oregon First" spirit has pervaded the Apple City and communities of orchardists, and since last April no patriotic appeal, be it for men, money or general support of the win-the-war movement has gone unheeded in Hood River county.

The fighting spirit first seized on the young men of the Hood River valley at the time of the Mexican border trouble in the late summer of 1916. At the instigation of Edward W. Van Horn, who is now first lieutenant of the organization, 12th Co., now stationed at Fort Canby, was mustered in. In the ranks of 12th Co. are 91 representative young business men and orchardists of the valley. Other commissioned officers of the artillery unit are Capt. Geo. R. Wilbur and Edw. E. Brosius.

In volunteers Hood River won a place in the front rank of Oregon counties. Fifty young men had already enlisted by the time the first draft was called, and the county was exempt under the first call. In the marines, the navy, companies of engineer regiments, aero squadrons and hospital units will be found young men of the Hood River valley. From December 1 to December 15 scores of young men volunteered their services, and the total number of Hood River men in the service reached close to 300.

Hood River Chapter of the American Red Cross was the first in the state outside of Portland to organize and receive a charter. The efficient Red Cross Chapter is the pride of the valley. The 1917 membership was 800, and 150 women of the city and outlying rural sections since last May have met each Wednesday at the rooms of the Commercial club, equipped with sewing machines and tables, to make bandages and hospital supplies. Classes in knitting have furnished 150 sets of knitted garments, and the Chapter also provided 219 Christmas boxes for soldiers. Funds for the purchase of materials have been raised by the ways and means committee, headed by Walter Kimball, who since last May has devoted a large share of his time to the work. The first Red Cross surplus, or rummage, sale was begun by the local Chapter. The sale netted the organization \$1,086.62. Through donations of strawberries, apples and vegetables the Red Cross Chapter has realized more than \$1,000.

In the order in which they came, Hood River citizens have responded respectively as follows to patriotic calls on their pocket books:

First Liberty Loan subscriptions, \$51,500.

Red Cross campaign, \$6,500, over-subscription of \$2,500.

First Y. M. C. A. war fund drive, \$400.

Second Liberty Loan, \$141,000, original quota \$125,000.

Second Y. M. C. A. war fund drive, \$2,469.44, quota \$1,500.

The county raised its quota of a library fund called for by the American Library Association. Hundreds of volumes were also collected here for distribution among soldiers.

The campaign of Superintendent Gibson resulted in practically 100 per cent of the families of the city and valley signing Hoover food pledge cards.

The war has brought about a marked unification in thought and action on the part of Hood River people. Far less social evens, dances, card parties and other such forms of entertainment, have been held here than in former years. The few such events that have occurred have been community affairs, planned for raising funds for patriotic purposes. The Red Cross ball will be long remembered as the most unique and most largely attended social event ever given in the valley.

Patronesses representing each orchard community and the city were appointed, and the affair was attended by representatives from every section. The proceeds of the big party netted the Red Cross more than \$500.

The Women's club, with its 150 members, has aided with every patriotic activity. The club women have just organized an auxiliary of the Red Cross Chapter, and classes will spend Friday of each week sewing and knitting. Auxiliary Red Cross classes work weekly in the making of bandages and supplies at Pine Grove, Odell, Parkdale and Dee.

Masonic Bodies Elect

Officers of the Hood River Lodge, A. F. & A. M., have been elected for the ensuing year as follows: T. F. Johnson, W. M.; Geo. R. Castner, S. W.; R. B. Bennett, J. W.; Truman Butler, Treas.; D. McDonald, Sec.; A. J. Derby.

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons elected the following officers: Geo. R. Castner, H. P.; J. K. Carson, K.; C. S. Field, S.; A. F. Howes, C. of H.; E. O. Blanchard, Treas.; A. D. Moo, Sec.

The Masonic organizations will hold joint installation on St. John's night, this evening.

Victoria Couple Here

Having leased the Belmont place on which F. H. Blalock formerly resided, Mr. and Mrs. Percy L. Manser arrived here last week from Victoria, B. C., to make their home. Mr. Manser, who is a skilled sign and show card writer, will spend a portion of his time here engaged in such work.

Special Eastern Star Meeting

The worthy Matron, Mrs. W. J. Baker, has called a special meeting of the Eastern Star Chapter for tomorrow evening. All members are urged to be present.



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