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—George Putnam.

Christian Faith Renewed

Mill City will observe Christmas in much the same manner as hundreds of like communities. Christmas is the time of year that we recall the deep meaning of the birth of Christ. The United States of America is a Christian nation. Mill City is a Christian community. It is very clear that there are no pagan gods holding the religious minds of our people. Christ is our recognized religious leader. Christmas each year recalls and re-tells His birth. Just as the rain falls on the just and the unjust, so also will the great promises given by Christ unfold here in Mill City.

The choking clouds of fear, hunger and strife will hang over the minds of those who bow their heads in prayer during Christmas. Those ugly things will bear down upon the millions as they live through another Christmas. Many die still unwarmed by any religious teaching. Since Mankind is on the march, it is very important that only the greatest of ideas shall be used. Christianity is one such avenue. The eternal search for understanding can in some measure be ended in the universal nature of Christianity. Man needs a feeling of kinship with the universe, and Christianity is such. Mill City's petition for Peace and Good Will on Earth is hereby submitted. We pray that it be granted.

Community Civic Servants

Mill City received a worthy asset when Mill City International Toastmistress club was chartered more than a year ago. This group is a newcomer to this community. Those who have an active role in the business of this vigorous and forward looking club are finding it adds much good to their daily lives. Since the Toastmistress club is an organization which permits active citizens another outlet for expression of their ideas, every encouragement should be given it.

Mill City Toastmistress club, itself, is aware that it occupies a responsible place in Mill City civic affairs. The club invited a representative group of citizens to a "Public Relations Dinner" last Thursday evening. Invitees saw and heard a Toastmistress club session. The strict discipline and obvious sense of the whole thing was clear cut. The activity in this club is conduct that can and will produce good results. Here is a forum for the free and unfettered voicing of ideas.

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ideas advanced in debating societies, public debates and public discussions peculiar to the era prior to the radio, telephone, daily newspapers and television. Toastmistress and Toastmaster clubs carry on the good things of a debating group, and have the goal of improving the speech delivery and personality of the club member. Mill City needs a Toastmaster club, too.

Editorial Comments

THE BONNEVILLE ADMINISTRATOR

There has been much speculation hereabouts as to whether Dr. Paul J. Raver would be replaced as Bonneville power administrator after Dwight D. Eisenhower is inaugurated and Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon becomes secretary of the interior. Dr. Raver has served in that position for thirteen years. He has been the center of a good many violent controversies revolving generally around issues of private power vs. public power, dams vs. fish and government vs. local initiative.

The political storm was at its height when Dr. Raver came from Illinois, where he was chairman of the state's commerce commission and professor of public utilities at Northwestern university, to succeed James D. Ross, deceased, in September, 1939. He has survived the winds and torrents, making many friends as well as some to-the-death opponents, working competently and with singular devotion toward the construction of a federal transmission system costing \$255,557,000 and delivering 61 per cent of the northwest's electric energy.

In recent years the relations between the Bonneville Power administration and its customers, including the privately owned utilities and big industrial users, have been greatly improved. We think both sides have a broader understanding of the essential partnership. They may not agree on sites for particular dams at all times, but they have joined on notable occasions to advance the federal dam building program on which a major share of private enterprise in Oregon and Washington is based.

Dr. Raver is an engineer, an administrator of considerable skill, and a public official dedicated to northwest development. He has probably never given serious thought to abandoning his comparatively low-paid work to earn large fees as a consultant, though the opportunities have been there for a long time. It is our observation that he has administered the Bonneville act to the best of his ability, under the interpretations laid down by the department of interior and legal counsel. The objections which private utilities have appear to stem chiefly from their belief that the law should be changed to give them and their customers a better break. It is our belief that Dr. Raver would administer an amended law with the same sincerity that he has administered the present law.

Governor McKay has worked closely

with Dr. Raver on the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency committee and doubtless has made his own appraisal. In our opinion, however, the interests of the northwest would be served by the retention of the present Bonneville administrator—at least for a period in which an effort should be made to set up a unifying agency of federal and state agencies to administer the entire river-use program. — From the Oregonian.

OBSCENITY AND LAW

Under federal law obviously obscene publications are banned from use of the United States mails. But in thousands of drugstores across the land hundreds of cheap, paper-covered books and "girlie" magazines exploiting sex, vice, and depravity are available to any juvenile who wants to spend his pocket money on them.

A house committee, under Rep. E. C. Gathings, has been investigating this condition. The testimony of the men who publish this filth has not been reassuring and holds out little hope for effective self-regulation by the industry in the near future.

Much of the material they publish stops short of being so obscene as to come under the federal ban on use of the mails, yet it is obviously a crude, commercial exploitation of sex.

The answer to this problem is not easy to find. Governor Dewey has twice vetoed as too vaguely worded New York state bills aimed at indecent and sensational publications, after the United States Supreme Court had already ruled that an earlier New York law was vague and violated the constitutional guarantee of a free press. All attempts at censorship run up against the fact that, beyond a certain point, the judgment of what is obscene is a subjective matter, and that censors, being human, are fallible.

Some of the publishers called before the house committee argued that there are "obscene" passages in Homer and the Bible, in Chaucer and Shakespeare. This shameless attempt to equate the frankness and many-sidedness of great writers with the cord commercialism of sensation-mongers illustrates the pitfalls that beset mechanical standards of censorship.

Against the most flagrant of the paper-covered books and magazines



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local police regulations and citizen protest may be effective within the framework of existing laws. But the Constitution of the United States insures that the main fight against unhealthy publications must be carried on by means other than censorship.—From Christian Science Monitor.

DANGER SPOTS FOR CHILDREN

The people of Levittown, N. Y., with bulldozers and hand shovel, filled a hole Sunday. The rain-filled pit had claimed the lives of two boys. It made a gripping news story, but if only it could have been written "The people of Levittown, N.Y., filled a hole last week, thereby saving the lives of two boys who would have fallen into it during the next seven days."

No such news story is possible, of course. But it is possible to predict where tragedy is likely to occur. An old well shaft, left uncovered, has resulted in tragedy that thoughtfulness and action could have prevented.

In our own city, and more especially on the fringe areas where drainage and street conditions are not always adequate, there are danger spots for children. Let's not wait for an accident to imprint the danger in our mind. How much better it is to drain the ditch or fill the pit before the child falls in.—From Oregon Statesman.

Carol Singers Invited To Presbyterian Church

This Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. there will be a gathering at the Presbyterian church of all who would be interested in singing Christmas carols.

Every young person and the "young in heart" are invited to come and join in the fun as the group goes out through the community singing the beloved carols of Christmas time.

After the caroling refreshments will be served at the Presbyterian manse.

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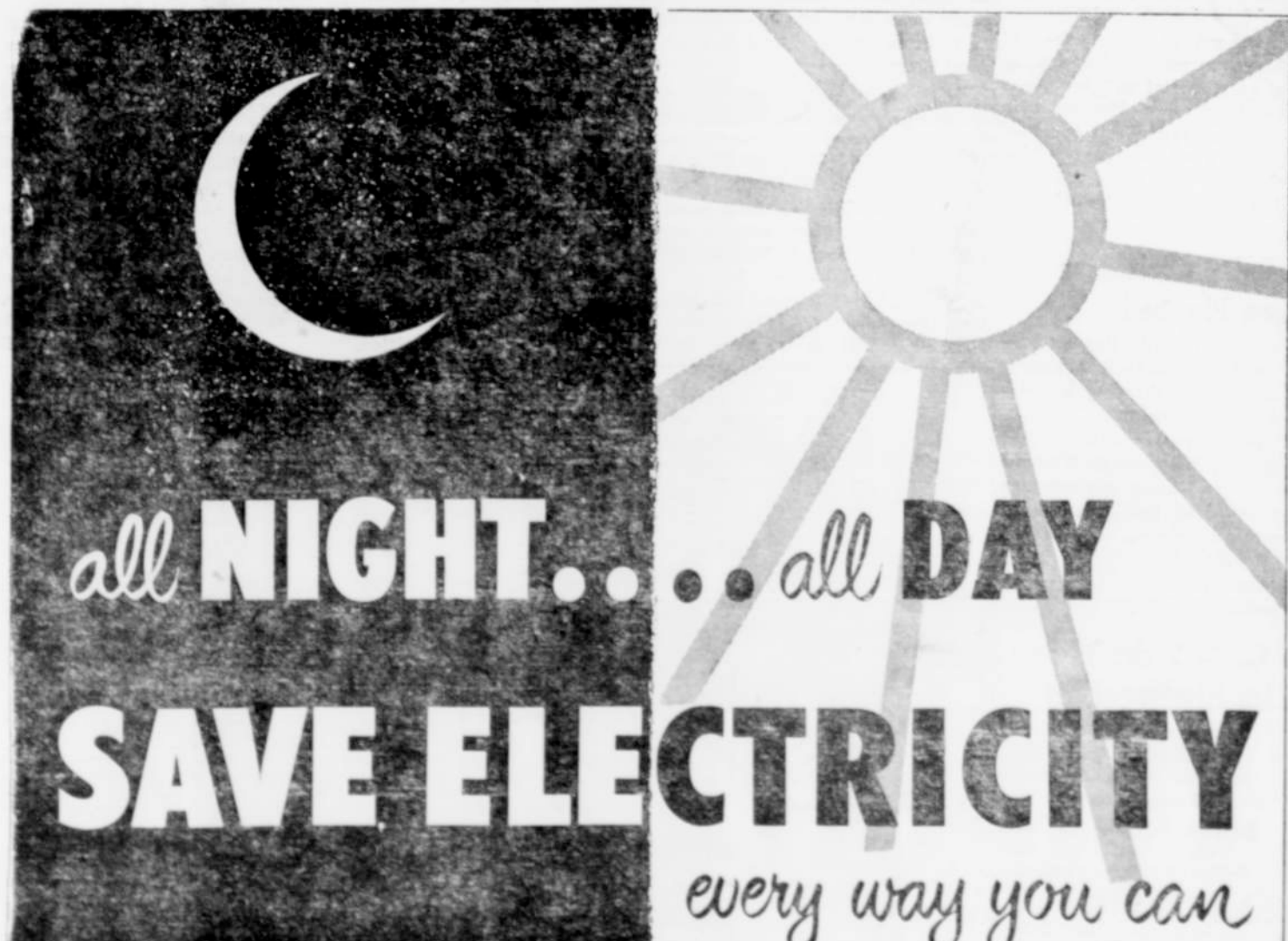
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