

JEREMY CHRISTMAS

A Yuletide Story

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BASIN BRIEFS

Malin—Home Extension will not meet Tuesday, January 6. The date for low calorie meals will be announced later.

Visitors — Marie Raymond, Wave, stationed at Alameda, California, is a visitor at the home of her sister Mrs. Jack McFall and family of Bonanza.

First Child—Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Hankins of Bonanza are parents of a son, Lynden Lloyd, born December 17, weighing 6 lbs., 4 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Childs of Star, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hankins of Bonanza.

Spending—a few days in Bonanza was Mrs. Dwayne Gardner of Grass Valley, at the home of her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. King Hubble. Her husband is an employee of Weyerhaeuser Timber Company of Klamath Falls and spends weekend at the Hubble home.

Langel Valley — Mr. and Mrs. Sherdell Page of Corvallis spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vaden, on their way to New Mexico to visit his parents and other relatives for the holidays.

To California—Mr. and Mrs. Art Flager of Langel Valley are spending Christmas with relatives in Southern California.

Home—Mrs. Claude Shuck has returned to her home at Swan Lake after a week at Redding with her mother Mrs. Ella Byrnes and her two brothers and their families there.

Left—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams, Susan and Gary of Bonanza left December 18 for Live Oak to attend the wedding of their nephew, Arthur Cobeen.

Wedding — Mr. and Mrs. Clay Walker of Langel Valley are spending a few days in Eugene to attend the wedding of their granddaughter Sharon Gentry.

Prayer Week — Known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is being observed by the Alturas Baptist Church this week. The observance is in memory of Lottie Moon who for many years was a missionary to the Chinese. Her life was devoted to making people aware of the need of foreign mission work.

Hospitalized—In an Alturas hospital is Mrs. Edgar York who was stricken at her home recently. The York's daughter, Patricia, is spending her annual vacation with them. She is employed in Sacramento, California.

From Lancaster — are Mr. and Mrs. John Porter and son, houseguests of John's father, Carleton Porter of Parker Creek near Alturas. John is an instructor in the elementary school of Lancaster, California.

Do-chame—Which is commonly known to Modocers as papoose carrier, is among articles made by Mrs. Beulah Allen, Indian woman of Alturas, in the chamber of commerce office which is located in the Warner Hotel building. Mrs. Allen gathers the tule leaves and reeds and tans the deer hides used in these handmade articles.

Past Noble Grands — met with

Mrs. Harry Wilson, Alturas, for a game of Pedro and exchange of Christmas gifts Tuesday night, December 16. The members were accompanied by their husbands for a potluck dinner at 6:30. Game prizes went to Mrs. Roy Smith, high; Mrs. Della Pengelly, second; and Mrs. Grace Drown, low. The traveling prize furnished by Mrs. Donald Asher was drawn by Mrs. Drown. The attendance prize was drawn by Mrs. Asher. Mrs. O. P. Smelcer, president, conducted the business meeting.

First Meeting — of the Alturas Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, conducted by newly installed Worthy Matron Mrs. Arthur Hughes was held Wednesday night, December 17, in the Masonic temple. An exchange of gifts and refreshments concluded the evening activities.

Pelican Staff—member, Colleen Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Guy Young of Alturas, freshman student at the University of California, Berkeley, campus, is spending Christmas vacation with her parents, Danny Decious also is vacationing from the same campus with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Decious and his sister, Gay, who teaches in Roseville, California.

First Aid — elementary training will get under way at Silver Lake on Monday evening, January 5. Al Waterhouse of Lakeview and Ralph Jaskowski of Silver Lake will be instructors.

Moved To Bend — The Kay Seelen family left Fort Rock for Bend during the weekend. They have been at the Cabin Lake Ranger Station since June, 1957, where Seelen has been stationed by the U.S. Forest Service. Olivia was a seventh grader and Lora a third grader at Fort Rock school.

To Salem—for Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. John Pettus and Wanda who will go December 24 to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Beckett, Suallen and Jonathan, who stay with their grandparents while attending high school, will return with the family for the vacation period.

On Leave—is Pfc. Stan Emery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Emery who arrived at Silver Lake December 19 for two weeks. He is stationed at Camp Irwin, Barstow, California.

Initiation—Mrs. Dan Schumacher, Silver Lake, attended the initiation of her niece, Janet Henkle, Bend, into Job's Daughters Wednesday evening, December 17.

Dog Saves Man's Life

PORTLAND (AP) — The dog who came to dinner, and stayed, returned the favor Monday.

The barks of the shepherd awoke Roy Courtney, and the 73-year-old man fled from flames which leaped through his house.

The dog showed up a week ago and Courtney said he was lucky that he did not check the animal's license tag earlier.

After the first, Courtney checked, and called the dog's owner, Lee Roberts, 18.

After Roberts took the dog home, the local humane society said it will recommend the America Humane Society's medal of merit for the dog.

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Holmes Asks Resignation Of Tax Commission Aide

SALEM (AP) — Gov. Robert Holmes Monday asked Samuel Stewart to resign from the Oregon Tax Commission.

Stewart promptly said that he planned to submit his resignation today—"If I can get around to it."

Holmes said he sent Stewart a letter which said: "You have steadfastly refused to cooperate with the other two commissioners."

The letter, said Holmes, added: "When I re-appointed you I was given your own assurance that you would work in harmony with the other Tax Commission members; that you agree with my concept of re-organization of the commission; that you would seek to improve your public relations with the elected tax assessors of Oregon's 36 counties to help implement the re-appraisal program as harmoniously as possible."

"In my opinion you have failed to keep faith in each instance," Holmes said.

"You apparently are bent on having the state take over every function of the local assessors in violation of the Oregon spirit of home rule and have improperly used administration authority to attain such a goal," the governor said.

"I feel," said Holmes, "that your actions are damaging to sound tax administration and I want Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield to assume full responsibility if you are to continue in this job."

MERRILL—The Rev. John P. Phelan, pastor of St. Augustine's Church, has announced that Christmas Day services will begin with a High Mass at midnight. The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Clyde Fox and Don Miller, will sing carols beginning at 11:45 p.m. Christmas Eve and will follow singing the "Missa de Angelis" during the midnight services.

Christmas morning services will be held at 9 and 10:30 a.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 10:30 a.m. mass.

Confessions will be heard Wednesday, December 24, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. The Rev. J. O'Connor of Tulelake will conduct the afternoon confessions.

Dispensation to have the law of fast and abstinence on Tuesday, December 23, instead of December 24, the Vigil of Christmas, has been renewed. Friday, December 26, has also been dispensed from the law of abstinence in the diocese of Baker.

Sweden will write off 70 million kronor on the state loans granted Finland during World War II.

George Lacy, a man of the mountains who went to bed in 1916 and never got up, will be buried today.

Why did he spend the last 42 of his 71 years in bed? Nobody knows for sure. A neighbor said George got mad over sale of a pet. A sister blamed the measles.

Farmer Cal Escue, who lives in the remote Ezekiel Branch section of Lincoln County near the lacy's, said George threatened to go to bed if his father sold a pet calf. His father sold it. So George went to bed.

George's sister, Gerlie, didn't see it that way. She said George was "a big, stout fellow" before the whole family came down with the measles one year.

"He followed those ridges and made a regular path up and down them hunting. He loved to hunt possum, squirrel and coon. He was strong as a young bull and never sick or poorly."

"They put us to bed but we all got up later — that is, all except George. He couldn't get up. He lost his talk, too. A lot of people thought he was just acting contrary like, but I knew better. He stayed in bed even when spring plowing time came."

"Pap, he knew something was wrong with George then because he was not a lazy boy. Well, sir, I have never known what was wrong with George, except that the measles did it."

A week ago, George became ill, possibly with pneumonia. Sunday night he died, in the bed he lay in 42 years.

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New Boss Looks Like Santa To Capitol Job Seekers

WASHINGTON (AP) — To the job-hungry on Capitol Hill, Lacey C. Sharp looks a lot like Santa Claus.

Sharp is head of a group set up to help find new jobs for congressional aides whose Senate and House employers were defeated in the November elections.

The Democratic sweep sent about 650 secretaries and stenographers scrambling for new bosses among the incoming members. Competition is keen for the Capitol jobs. They pay from \$4,200 to \$13,300 for full time work, with top Senate jobs paying a few hundred dollars more than in the House.

Sharp, chairman of the Congressional Secretaries Club Placement Committee, said about two-thirds of those displaced by the November elections have found new jobs.

"I think we'll find jobs for about 100 more," Sharp said. This would reduce the casualty list to around 100. Some, mostly oldsters, have retired.

Sharp has no worry about his own job. A veteran of 22 years on Capitol Hill, he is top aide to Rep. W. R. Poage (D-Tex.) who is back for another two-year term.

When a senator is turned out of office, some 15 hired hands have to look for a job. When a House member is beaten, four to five office helpers lose out.

Hardest hit are administrative assistants to senators and top secretaries to congressmen.

New members like to bring in their chief aides from their home areas.

"The fellows who have held top-paying jobs are reluctant to take low-paying assignments," Sharp said.

Oldsters have trouble, too. Most new members want young aides.

Women workers have an easier time getting new jobs. This is because most have minor assignments.

New members want aides with know-how in dealing with constituents and federal agencies.

Sharp said a new member often will take employees from a predecessor who wore an opposite political label. Employees, too, have few competitors about working with a new boss with a different political affiliation.

However, some have drawn the line.

Quite a number of displaced workers have found jobs in private industry, with trade associations or in the executive department.

Few have given up and gone back home.

"You see," Sharp said, "they've all got Potomac fever."

Full-Time Parole Board Recommended For Oregon

SALEM (AP) — The Nation's Probation and Parole Assn. recommended today that Oregon move toward a full-time parole board.

The association, which has completed a long survey of Oregon's parole system, also recommended a big expansion in the parole program.

The present three-member parole board is non-salaried. The association recommended that, as an intermediate step toward obtaining a full-time salaried board, Oregon have a full-time board chairman plus two part-time members.

The association noted much progress since it made its last survey in 1953.

But it found that the board's 32 parole officers are overworked. It recommended employment of an additional 30 parole officers, that the officers be paid higher salaries, and that the standards for parole officers be increased.

It said the workload of parole officers should be 50 cases a month, compared with the present average of 71 cases.

It found that parole officers work an average of 44 hours overtime a month.

The association also suggested that the parole system be expanded so that many more prisoners be released under parole supervision, rather than have so many released after serving full sentences.

It also advocated that the parole system be extended to county jails, and that more pre-sentence investigations be made for the courts. The association said the parole board should have more frequent meetings, and that there should be hearings on parole violation cases. It said there should be more and earlier initial parole hearings. It added that the hearings now are too short.

Gov. Robert D. Holmes has long favored a full-time parole board. The recommendations will be submitted to the Legislature.

Living Costs Continue Hike

WASHINGTON (AP)—New government figures due today may show that living costs, steady for three straight months, have started upward again.

There were advance indications that higher prices for 1959 model automobiles may influence a small hike in the living cost index for November.

For three months the index has stayed at 123.7 per cent of the 1947-49 average, the base period. This is just a notch below the 123.9 record high set in July.

The higher new car prices were reflected somewhat in the October index, but this was tempered to some extent by the small number of new cars sold in October.

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