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A Happier New Year

Will the New Year prove to be happier than the old?

Not every New Year has measured up to the expectations that greeted it. 1929, in particular, was ushered in with high hopes that the era of prosperity would last and the quota of prosperity would increase until every one-car family had two cars in the garage and every soup-bone customer at a butcher shop could afford chicken. Toward the close of that year came the great crash, the beginning of the depression.

From then on for three consecutive years each New Year turned out to be not so happy as the one before it, and the customary greetings were uttered either with fingers crossed or with hopes that never were realized.

Whether because of the New Deal or nature's own course in healing its wounds, there has been improvement since the middle of 1933—not steady, to be sure, and with many a slip-back that has made folks wonder if the corner to prosperity ever would be rounded—but improvement nevertheless. The optimism that greets

1935 has a foundation that no other like feeling has had since the depression began. Back of 1934 lay an all-time low when the doors of every bank in the nation were closed by executive order, and a recovery of such limited duration that it might prove to be only a flurry. Back of 1935 lies a year and a half of progress.

For Vernonia the outlook is indeed much rosier than it has been since the community was stunned by the tidings that the Central Coal and Coke company, parent company of the Oregon-American, had gone bankrupt. For three New Years there was no visible indication that the mill would ever reopen. In fact, if memory serves rightly, it was along about one gloomy New Year's day when the rumor was current that the whole plant was to be loaded on flat cars and shipped off to St. Helens or somewhere. Of solider basis was the report that negotiations were afoot for the sale of the Oregon-American timber to interests that would log to the Columbia and force a permanent shut-down of the mill.

In course of time the wild rumors melted away, and the incipient negotiations for sale of the timber came to nothing. Pessimism gave way to optimism, and New Years in 1934 came with hopes of receiver's operation. Though the anticipated order to start was never received, it was apparent that abandonment was not being contemplated, and that was a step forward. Now with 1935 comes a further and more substantial advance—court approval, already granted, of a plan for reorganization that is under way. Though the date of reopening has not been announced, and in fact may not yet be known even to the company's high officials, there is good reason for confidence that some time during 1935 the whistle will blow, men will flock to work, and a big pay-roll will again be distributed throughout the community.

So both nationally and locally there is reason to expect a Happier New Year.

Natal

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gillette, Orval Leisure and George Dyke all went to their homes in Chelalis, Wash., over the holidays.

Mrs. Mary Peterson with her two grandsons, Floyd Deeds and Clarence Lindsay, came home from Eugene for the Christmas vacation. The boys are attending the university there and their grandmother keeps house for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Osborn spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ira Peterson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Neurer spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsay.

Our teacher, Miss Grace Condit, had her Christmas school program Friday evening. The pupils will enjoy a vacation until January 2.

Otis Seal spent Christmas with his family in St. Helens.

Noble Dunlap and his son Floyd motored to Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Harding drove to Kelso, Wash., to spend Christmas with Mr. Harding's folks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lindsay and their son Clarence enjoyed Christmas dinner at the old home place with Mr. and Mrs. N. Dunlap and their mother, Mrs. N. Peterson.

Orin Riggs went to Houlton to spend the holidays with his family.

Snow fell in this vicinity Wednesday morning, the day after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larsen from Stayton, Ore., had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Neurer. The Larsens were on their way to Seaside. Mrs. Neurer and Mr. Larsen are cousins.

Victor Berg and his brother-in-law, Howard Larson, from Birkenfeld, are working for Mathews felling timber.

cludes over 15,000,000 acres in Oregon. Over two million acres of this is O. & C. lands. In announcing the order, Secretary of the Interior Ickes stated that it was for the purpose of effectuating the conservation aims of the Taylor grazing act, with the intention of classifying the land to its proper use. It is hoped that this can be accomplished within the next six months.

While the executive order was for the avowed purpose of simplifying the administration of the grazing act, nevertheless, it coincides with the recommendations of forest agencies throughout Oregon which have urged for some time the withdrawal of such lands, especially the O. & C. lands from homestead entry pending classification.

Taking up of homesteads on O. & C. lands that are typically forest in nature and are unable to produce agricultural crops has added to county costs in road and school development and also contributed to a distinct fire hazard. In addition to this many of these homesteaders, unable to make a living, are on the relief rolls. Forest agencies for some time have strongly urged that these lands be withdrawn until they can be classified as to their use and following such classification, homestead entry permitted only on those lands which are adapted to agricultural development.

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**Ten Years
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Vernonia Eagle, Dec. 26, 1924

From this date the city water collector, Eugene E. Marsh, will have his office in the former bank building, and the city council will meet in this building.

Happy Thompson and family partook of Christmas turkey in Portland.

Mrs. Mike Miller and son are spending Christmas in Salem.

Judge and Mrs. Harris are spending Christmas in St. Helens.

Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh have returned to St. Helens, having sold their place here to Mr. Bate-man.

Next Monday Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gressman will move to Spring-

field. Besides his law practice, Mr. Gressman filled the Christian church pulpit every Sunday.

Floren Mills, Weston Sheeley, Herman Dixon, Earl Condit, Hazel Malmsten and Alvin Parker are home from college for the holidays.

Officers of Vernonia post 119 for the coming year are M. E. Carkin, commander; Wm. Folger, vice-commander; Eugene Thompson, adjutant; H. E. McGraw, finance officer; Guy Shield, sergeant at arms; Fred Brewer, chaplain. Commander Carkin appointed A. L. Kullander, J. C. Lindley and J. H. Graham on the executive committee. New members are Lee Schwab, Bert Hawkins and P. Zannotto.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cumhings and daughter Betty spent Christmas in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Stanton of Toledo visited Mrs. Stanton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lindsley, at Keasey and Mr. Stanton's parents at Timber the first of the week.

Mrs. Otto Boeck has been in Vernonia for the past week taking care of Mr. Boeck's mother.

The program given by the pupils of the Rock Creek and Pleas-

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