

# EAGLE EDITORIALS

## BABES IN ARMS, NOT BABES IN ARMIES—

THE COMING Monday will be designated by the calendar as January 1, 1940. To many of us the date will mean little of particular interest other than the passing of 1939 and the beginning of 1940 with its round of everyday activities in the pursuit of this or that objective.

But to others there may be this meaning. To them it may bring realization that ours is a nation unique in comparison with the warring countries of Europe. They now are engaged in combat which may mean the complete destruction of the loser. Every resource is being conscripted for use by those countries, the most valuable resource being that of citizens.

Methods of warfare lead to quick, sure destruction of life and in order to carry on the battle those lives must be replaced by others. Soon the ranks are being replaced by those of a more tender age and the process repeats itself until the age of those engaged in killing is as that of a child. Perhaps it will be remarked "how horrible." True, the thought is horrible. The thought in reality is not to be countenanced by any peace-loving nation but in reality it is true in those lands now in conflict.

To those who stop to consider may occur the thought that the year 1940 means another year of peace for the United States—another year of babes in arms, not in armies.

## NEW YEARS DAY AN EXCEPTION—

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES beginning with the Community Christmas tree and program held last Friday night in the Washington school, followed by churches' observance of the Nativity on Sunday, singing of carols Christmas eve, family tree and dinner on Christmas day ended quietly and almost reverently for families who might not have known the pleasure of Christmas had not the mill been reopened a few weeks ago.

New Year's usually is an anti-climax to Christmas and all its bright spirit of giving and receiving. This year should be an exception. The mill whistle blew during the years from 1932 to 1936 only on New Year's eve. After July 1936, Vernonia and surrounding communities heard the whistle during the week as well as on special occasions for hundreds of men were back at work to provide the necessities for their families.

This New Year's should be almost as joyous a one as that in the few years past when the whistle was working overtime when it heralded the coming of the New Year—a year with honest work in the spirit of giving to receive.

## PEOPLE DO WIN RADIO CONTESTS—

A NEWS article of last week's issue carried information regarding winners in the Professor Quiz question contest, winners in a limerick contest and the winner of an editorial contest. So often is heard the expression, "I have never won a contest," indicating that the competition, whatever it may be, is not so conducted that there is a chance for the entrants.

But last week's article would apparently indicate otherwise for the winners were people known to the community. They submitted their efforts to judges along with thousands of others and were chosen from the many offerings as worthy of mention.

The results would seem to indicate that the possibility of winning is still there.

## ANOTHER YEAR BROUGHT TO COMPLETION—

THIS ISSUE of The Eagle marks the completion of another volume of publication, Volume 16. The volume number for the past year has been listed at 16 which means that the 16th year of publication has been completed. It will be noted that the volume number is followed by the number of the issue which on this paper is 52, the number of weeks in the year. The coming week's publication will begin the new volume, 17, and will begin with the number 1 to mark the first week of the new series.

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## MAN'S HOUSE BURNS; TWO XMAS PARTIES HELD AT WILARK

WILARK—(Special to The Eagle)—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis from Corvallis, Richard an alumnus of Vernonia High, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. William Virtue were overnight visitors at Portland the past week.

Mrs. Blaine Cobat spent one day last week with her sister-in-law of Riverview.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hanna and daughter, Dorothy, were shoppers in Vernonia Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Roberts left Sunday to spend the holidays in Rainier.

Lester Roberts left for Rainier to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pearl and children, Glenna and Gerry, are spending the Christmas holidays at Goble.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fowler and daughter, Helen, are spending the holidays at Vancouver, Washington.

The shack belonging to Jack Townsend, bed maker for the bunk-houses, was burned to the ground

Christmas day around noon. The men who stayed home for Christmas fought the fire and saved the whole camp from burning; the shack that burned was right in among the men's bunk houses. Mr. Townsend's car was saved, though badly scorched.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Taylor held a Christmas tree party. They drew names and distributed Christmas packages Friday night, December 22. There were many nice gifts and they enjoyed the evening talking. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Hatfield and daughter, Jonnibel, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gay and Mr. and Mrs. Denny Ryves.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Sutherland and children, Connie and Bethine, of Vernonia spent the Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Woods.

There was a drawing of names of a group of people for a Christmas tree party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cantwell Wednesday, December 20. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Pearl and children, Glenna and Gerry, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Fowler and children, Edward and Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lindsay, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Fowler and daughter, Helen. They spent the remain-

der of the evening by having a program provided by the guests. Helen Fowler played a few solos on her cornet, Lorena Rae Cantwell played the piano, Frances Ann Cantwell played a number on the piano and Mrs. Glen Pearl accompanied the group on the piano for some group singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Floder were Vernonia shoppers Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis entertained with Christmas dinner at their home. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lane and children, Lewis, Annetta and Gloria, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis and Jean Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ray and children of Vernonia spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Ray's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atkins.

Bud Atkins took Lylath Van De Bogart home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her folks in Portland. Bud returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Stanley Olson and Mr. Harold Gay were Vernonia shoppers Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville McKinster were Christmas day guests at the Bill Lindsay home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapman spent Christmas day in Vernonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Palandri spent Christmas day with Mr. Palandri's family at Pittsburg.

Miss Pauline Rollins spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Chet Taylor.

Jean Lewis and some of her friends spent Friday evening skating at the Hillsboro Skating Rink.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wold are spending the Christmas holidays in Portland visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Troy are spending the holidays in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. George Plumb are spending the Christmas holidays away from home.

Mrs. Chet Taylor and Mrs. Bob Woods were Vernonia shoppers one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Cantwell and children, Frances Ann and Lorena Rae, are spending the holidays in

Goble, Oregon.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Olson and daughter, Betty, are spending the Christmas holidays in Vancouver, Washington visiting with Mrs. Olson's relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atkins were visiting relatives in Lafayette Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Atkins and son, Bud, spent Christmas Eve with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ray of Vernonia.

## JOAN MELLINGER ILL; TAYLORS MOTOR TO LEBANON FOR XMAS

STONEY POINT—(Special to The Eagle)—Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mellinger is very ill at her home. It is not known exactly what the trouble is.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis and son of Oregon City spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Mellinger.

Mrs. Maude DePue and daughter, Margaret, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Ray McGee and Mr. and Mrs. Lester McGee of Mist.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Taylor motored to Lebanon to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William McCormick. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Frys accompanied them down for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Browning and son, Otto, had Christmas dinner with the Louis Boeck, Jr. family. Also, visiting at the Brownings were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Creson of Coquille and William Boeck of Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Merrill left for San Francisco Tuesday morning after spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Byron Kirkbride and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gardner and nephew, Mr. Ralph Gardner and Mrs. Gardner were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hollett.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kirkbride were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Carlson and family.

Mrs. Otto Michener, son, Elmer, and Ralph Condit motored to Portland last Wednesday to meet Delmer Michener who came home from Salem Deaf school for the holidays.

Miss June Michener and Ellis Woolbridge of Portland are at the Michener home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bodell and sons were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hall and family.

Mrs. Etta Driscoll and children spent Thursday evening with the Clyde Carrick family and attended the Christmas program at Pleasant Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis and son, Harold, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turner were in Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riley and son of Kalama, Washington, were holiday visitors at the Carl Davis home. Also, calling on the Davises on Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackwell of Sheridan.

## ALASKA MAN HERE; SIXTH BOB CAT KILLED; XMAS VISITORS

RIVerview—(Special to The Eagle)—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cobat were at Lebanon, Oregon visiting Mrs. Cobat's sister, Mrs. Sherman Johnson.

Mrs. Noble Dunlap spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nancy and Mr. and Mrs. Noble Dunlap.

Melvin Paul and mother visited Mrs. Noble Dunlap Friday evening.

E. Anderson and Miss Vianna Anderson and Kenneth Krueder of Portland visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Atkins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Graves and Mrs. Alice Crawford spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Graves.

O. D. Hall killed his sixth bob cat of the season this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McMullin and family spent Christmas with Mrs. McMullin's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Christenson were in Portland Saturday.

Eugene Ester from Los Angeles is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Mills are here visiting Mrs. Artie Buckner.

Mrs. Virgil Drorbaugh and children visited Mrs. Claude Gibson Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Case of Portland were here Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Atkins.

Leonard Perry from Sitka, Alaska is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Huntley.

George Teel from Eugene is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Huntley. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Huntley were at Hillsboro over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Anderson and daughter, Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson from Glenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Eban John and daughter, Donna and Lea, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Roediger spent Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nelson were at Kennewick, Washington for Christmas. Mrs. Nelson's mother returned with her to stay for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Holmes spent Sunday and Monday visiting relatives and friends in Longview, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gwin and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gwin spent Christmas in Portland with their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Hellstine.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Williams and daughter, Nancy, and friend, Mr. Jensen, were here from San Francisco visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Cobat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bond and Clara were in Chehalis, Washington visiting Mrs. Bond's mother over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lynch spent to Portland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dren Lynch spent Christmas at the George Woods'.

Mrs. Kenneth Bell of Glenwood spent Christmas with Mr. Bell's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Grenia spent Christmas with her mother and father of Banks.

H. E. Parker and family were at Roseburg, Oregon for Christmas.

Bruce Dyer from Bend, Oregon is here staying with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coburn for Christmas and New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Coburn have moved from Porterfield's residence on Rock creek to Riverview. They have planned to make their home there.

## LODGES

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Mrs. Charles Bergerson III—  
 Mrs. Charles Bergerson suffered a stroke last week and is still critically ill. Gilbert Bergerson, former football star at O. S. C., now in mining business in Seattle came last week when his mother was so dangerously ill; he returned to his work Christmas day.

**Hartwicks in Forest Grove—**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwick and Maxine spent Christmas in Forest Grove with Mrs. Hartwick's sister, Mrs. Ellis McGraw, and her family.

**In St. Helens—**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howard spent Sunday in St. Helens visiting relatives of Mr. Howard.

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