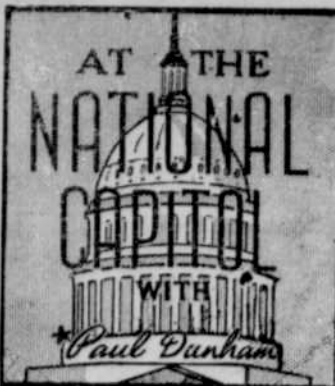




Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.--"Midwest Frontiers," issued for the Ja-



★ Above the clangor of the midnight bells one might hear the ringing of another bell, whose chimes mean "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In your pursuit of happiness during 1944 we wish for you the fullest measure of attainment.

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panese by the war relocation administration in Cleveland, O., carried an article in which the Japanese were invited to settle in the midwest and teach the farmers of that section fine points on agriculture and also teach the importance of taking baths. The paper explained that many of the farm houses are old and were built before the days of bathtubs. The Japs were also advised that many seasonal workers in the midwest do not take baths because they regard the practice as unhealthy.

The paper, which was not intended to fall into the hands of congressmen or the press, has caused a stir in congress and particularly among congressmen from the states of the middle west. It is considered just another blunder by WRA, and one congressman charged that it is an attempt to foment among the Japanese and bring them from the Pacific coast. Mostly the legislators are infuriated by the assertion that farm workers do not keep themselves clean and next to that by the appeal to the Japs that they teach the farmers how to be industrious, grade crops and prepare attractive packages of food for the market.

Only the American-born Jap appears to be pleased at this appeal to become teachers to farmers and instruct them in sanitation. Charge that failure to enforce anti-trust laws and the appointment of oil company executives as advisers to the petroleum administrator have placed the major oil companies in position to dominate the industry and eliminate independent operators was made on the floor of the house in a speech by Rep. John M. Coffee declared that at the Vacuum Oil company of New York and the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, together with their English affiliates, furnished the oil for Japan's stockpile built up in the period immediately preceding Pearl Harbor. On May 15, 1941, he said, these two companies agreed to increase Japan's quota from 400,000 tons of petroleum products a year to 1,800,000 tons "during the year then next ensuing."

The roster of advisers to Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes, he said, "is a blue book of major oil company executives," and he added, "Can you imagine this board

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doing anything, advising anything, against the best interests of the major oil companies?" This dominating position held by the major oil companies, he asserted, results in the strangling of the independent operators, their exclusion from potential productive fields and a consequent shortage of oil and gasoline at a time when an abundant supply is needed for war purposes.

The Coffee comments and criticism were made in connection with discussion of a second proposed agreement between the navy and Standard Oil for development of the Elk Hills naval reserve in California, the terms of which were strongly condemned as being unfavorable to the government. The first agreement which had been denounced on the floor of the house was finally declared illegal by the justice department. Two-thirds of the Elk Hills field is within the naval reserve while the remaining one-third is owned by Standard Oil of California.

There is a possibility that two investigations will be made of the liquor industry to determine the cause of the shortage of whiskey—one by the committee of house members and the other by a District of Columbia grand jury. The latter is certain, the former has been proposed. Under the law the internal revenue tax on whiskey is not collectible until the liquor is released from bond. It was asserted in house discussion of the subject that the distillers are holding whiskey in bond an undue length of time to avoid paying this tax and the shortage. The distillers insist that this practice is responsible for the entire capacity of their plants that the shortage is actual because is devoted to the production of industrial alcohol for war purposes. The truth should be revealed by the grand jury probe even if the house does not proceed with its plan for an investigation.

The G.O.P. high command were very jubilant when the battle broke out between Senator Guffey, Democrat, of Pennsylvania and the conservative anti-administration Democrats of the south over the soldiers' vote bill. The big-wigs of the Republican party thought the battle would split the Democrats wide open, which would give them a chance to capture some of the southern states for the G.O.P. in next year's presidential election. However, they don't think so now. While the anti-new deal Democrats will continue to holler their heads off against "that man," they will

still stick and vote the Democratic ticket.

Big Bend

The Wade P.T.A. will meet with Mrs. George Elfers Frida afternoon January 7.

The Christmas program at Lower Bend school presented by the teachers, Mrs. Baker and Miss Mary Weir, was held last Wednesday evening and the Wade program under the auspices of Mrs. Sugg and Mrs. Witty was held Thursday evening. Both schools are closed until January 3 for holiday vacation.

Mrs. N. S. Phelan entertained Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller, Corporal Jim Miller of Santa Barbara, and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Lee at a dinner party last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Cameron is a patient at Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario. Miss Margery Cameron of Boise is remaining at home during her mother's illness.

A large crowd attended the Butler sale last Wednesday and everything sold well. The Wade P. T. A. cleared a sum for their school fund.

The Jolly Junes held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Ellen Sparks in Adrian last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Butler visited friends in Boise. They are at the Troy home in Roswell at present and he is quite ill with influenza.

A great number of cases of influenza are reported in this vicinity. Among those who have been quite ill are Mrs. Gus Sillis and members of the Dyre Roberts family.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Lee left Thursday to spend Christmas with his mother at Bonneville.

Mrs. P. B. Anderson and Mrs. Della Bunnell went to Boise Friday to spend Christmas with relatives.

The Harvey and Leroy Bennett families spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bennett in Roswell.

Mrs. Walter Bishop and Mrs. Cyrus Bishop spent Thursday in Ontario on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller and Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gibson and Don, Arthur Holly and Lora Pillsbury were among the guests at a farewell Christmas party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Holly in Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brumbach, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brumbach and Mrs. N. S. Phelan were guests of

Mrs. John Bishop at Nyssa on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinterlinder and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Douglas of Nampa were guests in the Dyre Roberts home Christmas day.

Miss Laura Prosser of Boise spent her Christmas vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prosser.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones and children transacted business in Caldwell Monday.

Mrs. Walter Bishop and Mrs. E. H. Brumbach attended the Christmas party of Royal Neighbors held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Robinson in Roswell Monday evening.

NEWELL HEIGHTS

Mrs. Chub Morris of Butte, Montana arrived at the Carl Hill home Wednesday to spend Christmas with his wife and baby, who came earlier. Guests in the Hill home for Christmas included Mr. and Mrs. Chub Morris and baby, Linda Joyce, Mrs. Ruby Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hill and family and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevens and two sons, formerly of Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Morris and baby left for an over night visit in Nampa Sunday, going on to Butte Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Judd and Ellen and Maurice, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Overstreet, Sr., motored to Boise Christmas eve to spend the holiday week-end in the R. R. Overstreet, Jr., home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kurtz and Dudley and Joyce were also Christmas guests in Boise Saturday. They spent the day in the M. W. McLaughlin home.

The Jim Stevens family will move the first of the month to the Frank Crocker ranch in Owyhee. Mrs. Stevens, a sister of Mrs. Stanley Hill, moved from Colorado this month.

The Ray Griffith family who came with the Stevens' family, will farm the Wyckoff farm in the Richland district.

Mrs. Jim Norris visited her two daughters near Vale the past week. Jim and John Norris joined the family on Christmas day for a goose dinner.

Guests in the Leo Winn home over Christmas include their daughter and family of Prairie City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sugg and Carol Jean were dinner guests Christmas day in the Harvey Otis home in Adrian.

Tech. Sarg. Rudy Barry, a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hill, has landed in Florida after spending several months in South America and will arrive in Oregon soon on a 20-day furlough. His wife has been visiting her folks since Thanksgiving.

The Modern Pioneer club will meet the first Tuesday in January with Mrs. Carl Hill instead of in December.

The civil air patrol starts its third year of service today with a larger membership and higher level of activity than at any time in its history, the war department announced.

Founded on December 1, 1941, the CAP undertook active military assignments from an early stage. It was made an auxiliary of the army air forces' establishments across the country.

Reviewing the rapid progress of CAP, Lt. Col. Earle L. Johnson, air corps, national commander of the civil air patrol, made the following statement:

"Reports from the 48 state wings of CAP indicate that the organization is expanding rapidly to undertake new duties which have been assigned to it. Local units at more than 1,000 points have been

stepping up their training and recruiting programs. Many additional flights and squadrons are being formed in order to extend into new areas.

"Our flying missions have been undergoing some shifts, since the progress of the war has made it possible to withdraw men and planes from the antisubmarine duties and assign them at other points to help release army equipment and air crews for combat. A number of new CAP bases are being set up for such army work as courier service, to carry dispatches and supply parts, and 'tracking' to give aiming practice to the antiaircraft guns and searchlights. Some of the bases are in the west coast area, where

CAP previously was grounded early in the war."

NEUNER SUCCEEDS I. H. VANWINKLE

George Neuner, Sr. of McMinnville has been appointed by Governor Earl Snell as attorney general succeeding I. H. VanWinkle, who died recently.

Mr. Neuner, formerly of Douglas county, was United States attorney for Oregon for eight years. He is a former district attorney and city attorney. He served as assistant attorney general and also served in the house and senate.



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OUR FRIENDS
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PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

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★ Happy New Year to the people of this community! We want everyone to know that we regard the popularity of this store not only as an honor but as a grave responsibility. We will meet that responsibility by making every effort to improve our service in 1944.



Best Wishes

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Undue Optimism is hardly justified, but, looking into our crystal ball, we see better days ahead. In the light of this fact we say Happy New Year with the old-time spirit. May the best of everything come your way in 1944.

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