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## ENTERING A NEW YEAR

We will enter the new year Friday night with many persons holding an optimistic view, others taking the pessimistic viewpoint and still others an indifferent attitude toward prospects for 1949.

Whatever our hopes or our fears, it will probably be just about the same as other years for the individuals, with a few modifications or developments that might occur in any other year.

With our economic conditions in a hodge-podge, no one would be so bold as to predict prosperity or depression nationally or internationally during the next 12 months unless it were the top flight economists and they don't seem to be much better forecasters than the pollsters.

We do know that we are entering the new year with some persons hoping that the United States will be able to avoid any possible depression by government control of our economic system. It failed in the United States, in Soviet Russia and in England. That kind of a plan of controlling supply and demand, the basis of our economic scheme, has failed and probably always will. Nature has provided some means of control, some bad and some good, but we are not willing to accept all of them.

The planners want to avoid the mountains of prosperity and the valleys of depression and remain on a rather straight line, but that has never happened in our individual lives—in finances, in health, in marital status and social relations. We must have poverty to appreciate riches, we must have illness to appreciate health, we must have struggle to appreciate rest. The little boy who said he wished every day were Christmas did not realize that he was asking that Christmas become commonplace and uninteresting.

Men's lives represent a battle from the time they are born until the instant of their death, so an economic system powered and kept alive by individuals involved in that system cannot progress calmly on an even keel without fluctuations.

Whatever our hopes for the new year, we should not put too much dependence in controlled economy. The efforts of our leaders to avoid economic chaos and relieve the people caught in the web of depression are laudable, but they are not cure-alls. The best method of giving maximum assurance of continued prosperity for the individual is to avoid lavishness during times of economic success and accumulate for future hard times that are almost as certain as death and taxes.

## GIRLS OF OWYHEE WIN STATE HONORS

OWYHEE, Dec. 30—Mrs. Harold Fivecoat announced that word has just been received that the two members of her 4-H cooking class who made the trip to Salem last September to demonstrate making Angel food cake, have been awarded the Skaggs scholarship given by Spafway stores and \$750 each. The girls are Bonita Langlois and...

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Derrick are spending the holidays in Zillah, Washington with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ashcraft, who are former Adrian residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Walters spent from Friday until Sunday in Boise with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Peutz and Wanda and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ditty were Christmas dinner guests in the William Peutz home Saturday.

Sunset valley hall was the scene of a large Christmas day get-together for members of the Schweizer families. The hall was decorated with two Christmas trees, a fireplace, holly wreaths, and evergreen boughs. The table was adorned with evergreen, angels, madonnas, and tall red and white tapers.

Turkey dinner was served to 32 persons. The children gave a program of recitations and songs and the entire group enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Stathopolis were hosts Christmas evening to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson and son of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Herring of Nyssa, and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Herring and family.

Mrs. Martha Klingback entertained Christmas evening for Mr. and Mrs. George Gregg and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gregg and children and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald and children.

Word has been received here that Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knottingham are parents of a boy, Donald Richard, born December 9. Mr. and Mrs. Knottingham are former Mitchell Butte residents now living in Coos Bay.

Mrs. Harold Fivecoat gave a Christmas party for her 4-H cooking class, Thursday evening. The seven girls present were served hot roast beef sandwiches, jello and cake and cocoa by the hostess.

Mearl Kygar arrived home from Klamath Falls Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kygar, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fletcher in Homedale Saturday. Kay McDonald stayed for a few days visit with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville McEwan and son were Christmas guests in the Bill McEwan home in Ontario. In the evening they visited in the home of Mrs. McEwan's mother, Mrs. Marie Tillman in Nyssa.

Hershal Gregg and children and Mrs. Annie Gregg left Thursday for Wapato, Washington, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lapler, grandparents of the Gregg children. Mrs. Gregg will visit a son, Ira Gregg, and family in Sunnyside before their return.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fivecoat and family attended a family reunion in Caldwell Sunday.

John Knottingham is visiting relatives in Linn, Washington this week.

Mildred Hite is here from La Grande to spend the holidays visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Groot and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Orrie of Nyssa called in the Clayton Patton home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Culbertson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Marie McClure and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Dorothy Slippy.

Members of the T. H. Brewer family held a reunion Christmas evening at the Keith Tallman home in Homedale. Saturday dinner was enjoyed by the group at the Donald Brewer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Hite and Ralph left Thursday for Seattle, where they spent a few days with Mrs. Hite's brother, Carl Schweizer and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner were hosts at dinner Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. Louis Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Nicholson and children and Sam Bradley. In the evening Mrs. Frank Raymond and sons were supper guests in the Claude Skinner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville McEwan and son were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Swan in Nyssa.

Mrs. Ralph Warfield of Baker spent a week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mars.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mettlen of Grand Island, Nebraska visited last week in the Ernie Smith home.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Mettlen are sister and brother.

Mrs. Art Mayes returned Friday from Nebraska, where she attended the funeral of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hislop of Fruitland were dinner guests in the Grant Patterson home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Patton, Jr. entertained at dinner Saturday for Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Crooker and family, Mrs. Ellis Walters, Lounie Hatch and Jim Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Slippy and sons spent Christmas day with Mrs. Slippy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Franklin of Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ditty were guests in the Jake Groot home in...

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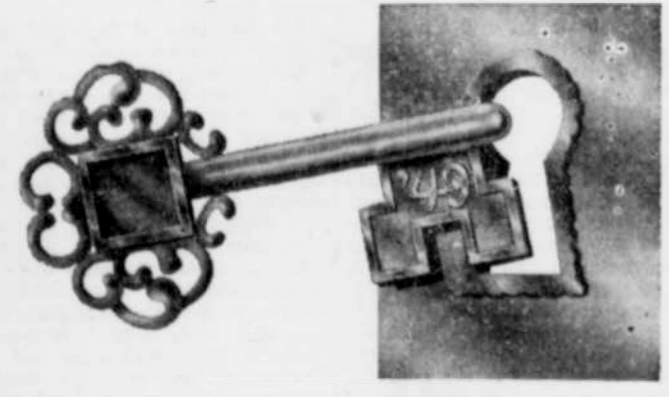
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