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*From This Corner...*

By T.M.B.

Christmas time is almost here. The merchants' shelves are loaded with a variety of gift merchandise to fit anyone's need, the alert ones are telling the public about them (through the Journal, of course), and the streets have been decorated overhead and on the light posts. This represents a lot of work and most of us take it for granted: I don't know who all is responsible but have seen Paul Penrod and some of his Idaho Power boys busy at this project, as well as Rex Voeller and Ralph Lowe. This, like most other civic projects, doesn't "just happen" but is made possible through the unpaid efforts of some public spirited people.

number of those "Could you loan me a dollar to get me a bite to eat?" One has never had the gall to ask for money to get another drink.

On the political front things have been some quieter since the politicians got home from Washington. The voters are getting it direct now. The presidential "timbers" have a lot to say and Rockefeller still has his feelers out, but Morse and Neuberger have been unusually quiet.

The last letter we had from Morse was about his Devon beef cattle and how his herd was one of the two top winners in a national show in Maryland. (It was sent postage free!) It was enlightening for those who are unfamiliar with his cattle—and I was—but most of us are much more familiar with his BULL. And we probably will get to know much more about this item since Sen. Neuberger announced in Portland that he planned to run for reelection in 1960, "God willing." (Morse promised months ago that he would stump the state against him if he ran.)

Some other events take place that, in late years, have come to mean Christmas time. The tippers seem to be a little more in evidence than is usual. We are strategically located for those who run out of funds after most of the regular businesses have closed and we get quite a

**They Had to Add Up**

The Oregon state board of equalization's report of 1953 stated, "The Assessors have been required to add up all the columns of the assessment rolls and show the aggregates. The County Boards are requested to see that this duty is not neglected by the Assessors."

It was probably disappointing to the Idaho Statesman, but the Thanksgiving figures on the traffic toll were considerably higher than for an ordinary weekend.

"In education, it is better to teach the pupil than the subject." —Herbert Shelley Good.

Whether it is on the road or in an argument, when you see red, stop.

Last week's issue of the Eastern Oregon Review of La Grande carried a long guest editorial by Vard L. Boylen on "feather-bedding." He called it a phony issue and said it was nothing more than "the protective conditions rail employees have negotiated over the years." In the next paragraph he said that the malicious charge about the "feather-bedding" had been directed against the firemen, and the rest of his article was a defense of them. He made a nice case for the firemen and we can see where it would be easy for a reader to follow him and get to thinking along his lines... and all because he said it was directed largely again the firemen—which just isn't the case.

"We are fortunate to be citizens of a country where we can say what we think without thinking." —John C. Vivian.

Crime costs the U.S. \$22 billion a year, the FBI reports.

**Time Changes a Lot of Things:**

1. The American Federation of Teachers has now given its approval to the use of force to maintain classroom discipline, when needed. The teachers said, "Force is not a desirable thing in itself but sometimes it just cannot be avoided."

2. Michigan, the sixth wealthiest state in the nation, is in real financial trouble. It would not be hard to convince a lot of the people living there that states can spend themselves into bankruptcy the same as individuals who live beyond their means.

3. The U.S. is now ready to test flying saucers, in spite of the fact that they refused to admit before that they ever existed. A recent UPI article says that they will be able to skim close to the ground, dart between trees, dip into valleys and generally hug the ground.

4. Football teams and players of the South and Southwest dominate the national scene, for a change. The Southwest conference three top teams, Arkansas, Texas and TCU are all playing in post-season bowl games.

There are some things about my ex-home state of which I am not proud. I am not proud of all the

publicity it has gained in connection with the segregation problem... nor am I proud of the present governor who is responsible for no small part of the loss of respect, by the people of the world, for Arkansas natives. Nor am I proud that Arkansas leads all states in population losses while the average of the U.S. shows a gain of approximately 15 percent in the past 10 years. But with farms growing larger and the small 40-acre landowners unable to make a living and with living conditions so uncertain for industrial workers, it is no wonder that the population is declining. People today insist on better living conditions than in the past... and if unable to pay for these better conditions through their own means, they will be provided through politicians by federal and state legislation.

But everything has not gone to "pot"... the Red Cross says that American servicemen away from home want home cooking for Christmas more than any other thing.

An old but timely thought for all of us... LET'S PUT THE CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS!

**CARD OF THANKS**

The family of Mrs. E. E. Cloninger wish to express their gratitude to friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness and remembrances.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank the many kind friends and neighbors for their calls, words and other expressions of sympathy and for their beautiful floral offerings during the illness and death of Mrs. Gertrude Boselly.

—Mr. S. E. Boselly  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Jungquist  
 Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jungquist  
 Mr. Jon Jungquist

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

TO BE HELD AT DEC. 13

**MEETING OF ODD FELLOWS**

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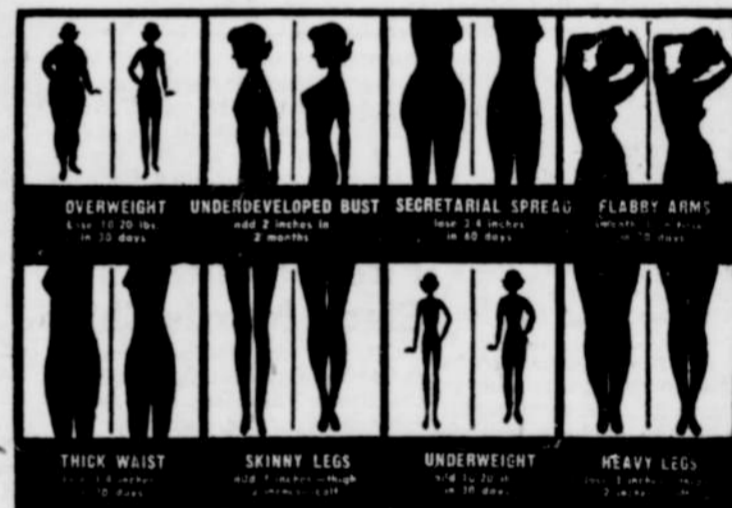
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