

For Christmas

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YOUNG CHARLIE SHELL, SON OF MR. AND MRS. LE-Verne Shell of Nyssa, seems to be in deep thought as he prepares to tell Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas. This is a time when a 'feller' can't afford to make a mistake! This photo was snapped by the Journal camera on the afternoon of Dec. 21, 1968 when Santa made his final appearance of the year. His three visitations were sponsored by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, and each child was given a candy cane.

701 GI BILL VETS AT OSU THIS FALL; 1947 TOTAL, 4895

A total of 701 veterans are enrolled at Oregon State university this fall under the Federal GI bill - about one-seventh the number on campus 20 years ago after World War II.

The total last fall was 527. During the 1946-47 OSU school year, the number of WW II veterans studying under the GI bill reached 4,895, reports from the registrar's office show. About 70 per cent of all students on campus that year were returned servicemen and women.

This fall's 701 total represents about five per cent of the record 14,523 enrollment. WW II is not completely past even today, however, it was

pointed out. Forty-four children of men killed or disabled in the service are enrolled this fall under the federal war orphans educational act.

Eight OSU students this fall are receiving federal veterans' rehabilitation benefits and six are attending under the state GI bill.

The Federal GI bill of today provides single veterans \$130 per month for full-time study. Married veterans get \$155 per month plus allowances for children.

We've made great medical progress in the last generation. What used to be merely an itch is now an allergy.

The average man's idea of a good sermon is one that goes over his head and hits a neighbor.

Joyous Christmas

It's the season for all to love, share and show they care. We care about you our loyal customers. Heartfelt thanks.

DENNY'S SHELL SERVICE

Why Pick Chimney? St. Nick Has Reasons

Why does Santa come down the chimney?

Of all the traditions connected with Santa, his unconventional mode of entry might seem the most puzzling. Surely the magical gift giver, who has the power to drive reindeer through the skies and who can cover the earth in a single night, could find an easier way to enter a house.

Like most of the lore of Christmas, Santa's choice of the chimney has several explanations. For instance, legend has it that the original Santa, St. Nicholas, presented three maidens with gifts of gold for a dowry. Modestly concealing his generosity, he tossed the gold down a chimney, in secret.

Another theory claims that Santa copied a goddess, who was the first to deliver gifts via a chimney. According to this legend, when the Vikings of Norway celebrated the Yuletide or winter solstice in their great halls, a festive feature of the occasion was the appearance of the goddess Hertha in the fireplace.

As her name indicates, Hertha was goddess of hearth and home, and most appropriately arrived by way of the chimney, to deliver her

Yuletide gifts of good luck and good cheer.

Still another explanation takes a practical point of view. Housewives of Northern Europe, cleaning house for the New Year, used to coax children to help with the chores by saying, "Let's clean the hearth. St. Nicholas will soon be coming down the chimney."

The children willingly set to work, and thus, says legend, a tradition was born. Even when he takes to helicopter or jet plane, Santa delivers his gifts by way of the chimney!

Churches Celebrate Holy Day

With special services, churches of this community celebrate Christmas - a holiday that is, first of all, a holy day. Festivals of light, music and prayer are dedicated to the birth of a Holy Child in Bethlehem, nearly two thousand years ago.

For Christian believers, each of these - light, music, prayer - has a special meaning associated with Christmas.

"And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Matthew 2:9-10.

The Star that guided the Wise Men shines as symbol of Christ, the Light of the world, and it in turn is symbolized by all the bright lights that twinkle at Christmas today.

Candlelight services reflect the radiance of the holiday, in Christian observances everywhere.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13-14.

Since the angelic chorus brought "glad tidings of great joy" to shepherds watching in the fields, hymns and carols of rejoicing have told of the wonder and glory of Christmas.

That the words of the angels composed the first of all Christmas carols is a thought repeated again and again in favorite songs of the season.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" makes this thought its theme, and another familiar carol, "It Came upon the Midnight Clear," is devoted to "that glorious song of old," on the night when "the world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing."

Christmas music in the churches celebrates the joy of the Nativity.

INJURED IN MISHAP

Mrs. Maurice (Fannie) Corey remained hospitalized at Malheur Memorial Monday, after suffering injuries in a two-car mishap on Dec. 18.

Oregon State Police reported that the car, driven by Mrs. Corey, skidded into the path of another vehicle, driven by Richard Meisinger, and occupied by Myron McCrady and George Jones, all of Nyssa.

Mrs. Corey suffered back injuries. Her husband who was riding with her, and the men in the other car were not injured.

Greetings

We're thankful for our many friends and wish them happiness at this very special time. Merry Christmas!

NYSSA TAVERN

GREETINGS

Christmastime is here again, and to all our friends we wish a holiday filled with great joy and good health. May the Day be an especially merry and bright one for you and the ones you hold dear.

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