



The Snooper's Column

Things About Nyssa's Shops

Another Christmas has been sung in and sung out and all the carols laid away for another year.

And it is to that new year so nearly here that all eyes and the attention of the whole world is now turned.

What will it bring? War? Perhaps. Many of the words clearest thinkers say that it is inevitable and if so then it is only a matter of time till this country of ours will be sucked into its maelstrom.

We are wondering that if, by some great act of Divine Providence Hitler and Mussolini were to be out, wouldst the scene change. Such strange things have happened and we may yet see this hideous war spectre blotted out through no help of man.

But surely 'tis the time when Americans shouldst be of open minds and show charity to all those strangers who have made their homes in our land and shown themselves industrious and law abiding citizens. And not as in the last fracas become unreasoning bigots with a mob ruthlessness and injure innocent peoples because they do have a name or racial characteristic of the belligerents.

And we were reminded of this when we didst break bread with the Japanese at the dedication of their new hall on Monday.

Truly 'tis a lasting symbol of kindly fellowship and good will of these quiet and industrious people whose fathers and grandfathers came as yours and mine to build new homes in a new land. And was builded for the furtherance of America citizenship among them and of their coming generations.

They be Americans indeed the foods which didst weight down the tables at the supper hour were mostly American, such as one doest find at the church supper. Angel cakes and ham sandwiches and gelatines

and salads, baked beans and celery hearts. And the dances that the young folks enjoyed with their Caucasian school friends were American dances the very latest and all were dressed as sedate thoughtful Americans.

'Twould be folly indeed to count these peoples at any time as enemies. Let us be mindful to be ever just in our judgment.

And if that time shall come when our young manhood marches away again to the sound of the war drums their lads will be there too even as they were in 1918 and that same cold fear will stalk with these parents 'till another Armistice is come. Even as with us.

Art weary of the name of shopping and have vowed not to step thy foot over the threshold of a store for many a day. Tsh, tsh. Now is the time to be about it for there will be many a pretty on sale soon that can be purchased for but a fraction of its real value and for which during the year there is bound to come a real need.

And not the least among these bargains art the tires and auto accessories to be purchased at the Texaco store and service station at Fourth and Main.

And "Jimmy" at Ramseys market doest ever have fine grocery stocks at real saving prices. And thou canst not go wrong nor wilt thou find ought of which to complain if thou doest purchase the New Years feast from off his shelves.

And of course all have learned ere this of the bargain counter they do have each Friday and Saturday at the Nyssa Packing store where the cheaper cuts of meat may be purchased at real money saving prices. And these meats do not warrant a turned up nose of disdain for they be meaty and edible and for the large family with an over worked pocket book they do indeed offer nourishing meals at meager cost.

We didst this past week dust off the ice skates and rescue them from the moths to which they had been turned loose for many a cold snap and have enjoyed that exhilaration that comes with a good fast spin over frozen waters. Verily one doest shake the troubles of the day off their heels ere the skates come off again. And for a year lopper-off in the feel of ones bones 'tis greatly recommended.

And if it be skates that are needed then hippity-hop to the Baldridge Implement company store and there they wilt show thee some fine wares.

But to skate one must be snugly dressed with hands warmly gloved and toes covered so as not to freeze and at the Golden Rule mart they do have all of these things to fit thee and thy John and all of thy brood. Take a tip and try it some evening, build a glowing fire on the waters edge, keep a pot of coffee boiling there on and have some weiners ready to roast when hunger strikes which will be soon and often. 'Tis a treat for all and wilt not soon be forgotten in the annals of the family. And thou wilt forget that so many years have past by since thou were sixteen.

Alto this past week we didst by devious and various methods come into possession of some live chicks. At first we were at a loss to know what to do with them. Whether to let the ax fall quickly on the neck of each or to let them do a bit towards their own upkeep with the daily gift of an egg. We decided upon the latter so skipped over to the Nyssa lumber yard for a bit of timber to make them a house and truly when twas builded it must have suited for now they do all scratch merrily by day and at night contently climb upon the family perch for a bit of rest.

So wilt thy building needs be satisfied when thou doest purchase thy building necessities from John Ostrom at his Nyssa lumber yards on the Highway south of the Y.

But now speaking of the eggs, the feathered guests didst forget that they were maintained for profit and the eggs were of a very minus quantity so didst talk it over with Al Thompson and from him didst purloin a dab of his special egg mash. So now with a jolly cackle and with much ado the hens do daily lay the egg. If not golden 'tis at least most edible.

Dost feel akin to a fish frozen in a cake of ice when thou doest set forth on a journey in the family cabriolet what with the thermometer on the skid and no heater in the heap. Then stop ye at the Powell Service station and let them show thee there what a comfortable cab it will become after they have installed one of those late model car heaters they do traffic in.

Now that the Christmas tree wilt soon be gone the way of all flesh the house wilt be in need of cleaning. Not the spring variety perhaps but a good going over nevertheless and perhaps there wilt be a dollar or so that Santa has dropped into the family sugar-bowl on the top self that canst be used for a bit of much needed furniture. Then pay a visit to Tom Nordale at his furniture mart and there thou wilt be sure to find a bargain.

Now that the Christmas list have been cleared one may take time out for those little things needed every day in the year and of which we give little heed till the supply be exhausted. Tooth pastes and deodorants and soaps, those little things



SUNSET VALLEY

The Christmas play at the Owyhee school was enjoyed by many from the valley.

Mendiola had the hay he bought from Otto Wolfe chopped and hauled away to his sheep sheds.

Charles Schweizer is hauling clover chaff from Barney Verwolf's place and feeding it to his horses.

The Linville families spent Christmas day at the J. P. McGinnis home.

The Linville family moved this week to the Overstreet place.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lawrenson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cooper and son spent the Christmas holiday together.

Charles Wilson and son motored to the hot springs Saturday.

Verle Landreth spent Sunday at the home of Annie Louise Schweitzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Landreth had Christmas dinner at the Talbot home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, had Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wilson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Zurcher of Homedale for Christmas dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Landreth were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gueck in Caldwell Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cooper and son have moved into their place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Landreth are moving to the Landreth place in the Oregon Trail district.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Zercher and Mrs. Charles Wilson and son hiked to Mitchell Butte last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gee and family of Apple Valley were Christmas guests at the Kendall home.

John Lawson and Oscar Malenberg were midnight supper guests of the Ed Mortensen family Saturday.

Darrel Kendall is spending a few days at the Gee home in Apple Valley.

Mrs. John Vanderpool and children are spending the holidays at the home of her sister in New Plymouth.

Ed Mortensen spent Sunday at the Albert Nothice home.

John Vanderpool was a dinner guest at the Ira Chadd home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hazen of California is spending the week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Vern Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wilson had as Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. McGowen and family of Nampa, Mr. and Mrs. H. Estel and family of Cascade and Mr. and Mrs. G. Henton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stock, all of Wilder and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hazen of California.

Mr. and Mrs. Black spent the holiday in Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. McGowen, Vernon Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hazen motored to the Owyhee dam Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Case and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ditty motored to La Grande for the Christmas holidays.

Roy Pierce spent the week end with Robert Ditty.

Tressa Ditty was a Sunday guest

of Mrs. Claudia Graves Sunday. Ora Newgen of Wilder was a Sunday guest of the L. E. Newgen family.

Mr. Stanton and son left Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays at home in Boise.

The Hills families spent Christmas day at the A. R. Roberts home.

Bob Newgen is spending this week with his uncle in Wilder.

The Worthwhile club met at the home of Mrs. John Case on December 22 and had a Christmas party for the children of the members. Seventeen members were present with Mrs. Langley as a new member. Games were played and Santa Claus distributed candy to the children. The next meeting will be on January 5 at the home of Mrs. Leslie Ditty, with Mrs. Charles Ditty as hostess.

The Pleasant Hour club met at the home of Mrs. Earl Stricklin, Dec. 22. A delicious lunch was served and Christmas gifts were exchanged. Christmas gifts were exchanged. New officers were elected for the coming year. They were as follows: Mrs. Agnes Buffington, president; Mrs. Doris Chritton, vice-president; Mrs. Esther Stephens, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ursula Orr, chorister.

W. A. Mitchell was hurt badly in a wreck last week, when returning from a trip to Utah. He didn't see a sharp turn in the highway and hit a Snake river bridge and was thrown into the steering wheel. The other occupants of the car escaped without injury.

Mrs. DeVon Larson of Roosevelt, Utah, arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mitchell Tuesday night to spend the holidays.

Wm. Orr returned home last week after a three weeks visit to Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Buffington spent Christmas eve at the Neil Dimmick home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Cox of Ontario spent Christmas with the Neil Dimmicks.

Miss Ruth Cox spent Christmas with June Mitchell.

Len Buffington was a dinner guest of Lewis Mitchell, Christmas day.

Mrs. Lila Mitchell's father, John T. Moon and her brother, Ralph arrived here Saturday morning to spend the holidays.

Verna Mitchell spent Monday afternoon with Sally Fillingsness.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Flannigan left Thursday morning for Yakima, Wash., where they intend to spend the holidays. Howard Finger accompanied them.

The Andrew Eonger family had

Christmas dinner with the Olaf Fillingsness family.

Charles Chritton and family and the Earl Stricklin family had Sunday.

ner at the John Stricklin home

OREGON TRAIL

Santa's Air Line the Christmas operetta which was presented by the students of Oregon Trail school Friday evening was played to a packed house. Following the program Santa Claus arrived with a well filled sack and a big bag of candy and nuts for each pre-school child. These treats were sponsored by the Oregon Trail P. T. A.

A number of men are working on the new school room. Due to good weather the work is rapidly progressing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith and family, Mrs. C. A. Shoop and Helen, Alva Smith and Otis Atwood were guests at Christmas dinner at the Russell Talbot home near Mitchell Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. DeGroff and sons Hollis and Junior left Thursday for Riverside, Cal., to spend the holidays with Mr. DeGroff's parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Schweizer and daughter were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Holmes and family were dinner guests. Christmas at the Bill Toll home near Fruitland.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hart of Klamath Falls are visiting at the M. Hart home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beach of Nyssa and Glen and Wayne Ulrey were Christmas guests at the parental J. H. Ulrey home.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Choat and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nelson.

Jack McKee was a supper guest of Roy and Gilbert Holmes Saturday night.

Mrs. Wyatt Smith and sons and Alva Smith were in Ontario Thursday.

Mr. Snyder who has been shucking corn for Bill DeGroff left Friday from his home at Salem, Ore.

Ben and Nathaniel Ashby have been chopping and hauling their hay to the sugar factory at Nyssa.

Earl Chard went to Meridian Tuesday where he accompanied friends to Lucas, Kas. He plans to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Chard and other relatives and friends returning in about two weeks.

Roy and Gilbert Holmes were guests at dinner Christmas at the Frank Byers home.



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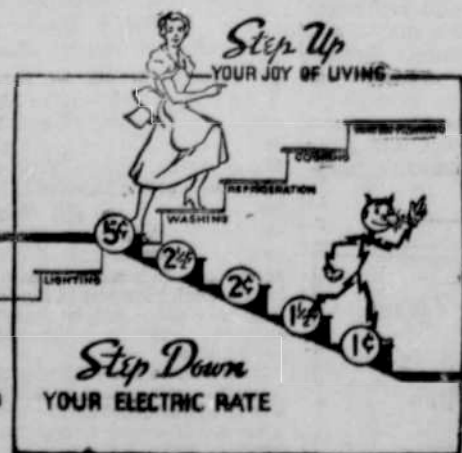
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