



Ye Snooper's Column

Things About Nyssa's Shops

We did on Saturday evening with our permanent escort attend the carnival given by the high school students at the gym. And verily they had converted the place into a veritable white way, with gay paper streamers and festooned booths. And didst watch the youngsters big apple and jitterbug. And didst think them not unlike the turkey trot, the Texas Tommy, and bunny hug we did at one time execute with a nicety. A bit of a change in the tempo perhaps. But unless the generations slow down a bit the grace and rhythm of the waltz will be as out-moded in another decade as the minuet, the polka and schottische.

With Christmas time so near at hand, 'tis the wish in each one's heart that all may partake of its cheer. That there may be no little ones on that day left heart-sick because they were too poor for Santa to find, no hearth that is not lighted and warmed on that day and no table devoid bare for the Yuletide. And so if there be any readers who know of families lacking in the root-of-all-evil that it takes to get these things and will send their names and where they live to the Snooper as soon as possible, she will try to find a way that Christmas and its cheer may not be found wanting in any home in our town or on the land this year.

Last spring when we spoke of a family in want, quick was the response from everywhere to care for them so we do know that it is not because unselfish folk are lacking but rather that they do not know of the other's need.

And we did read again of the death of a little child, crushed beneath the wheels of a great truck. Because the driver, a law-abiding person in every way, evidently didst feel that traffic laws like the ten commandments were made for the other fellow to obey. For we are told by good authority that in Idaho, as in this state, all traffic must come to a stop when a school bus stops, until the little folk are safe across the road. According to witnesses of this last tragedy, this rule was disobeyed. And a heart-broken family weeps over the lost one. So futile, when the thing has been done, to repeat that great word "If." "If only I had stopped." When all that is left to say is that "I am sorry." Words that never yet have righted a wrong, healed a wound, nor undone a mistake. Much less do they bring life to a crushed little body.

All fall we have watched the huge beet trucks driving into town, everyone of them going too fast to stop if an emergency presented itself, at least one out of ten not even slowing down at the Adrian highway intersection, others zooming around the north curve far over on the wrong side of the yellow line. And yet every man driving one is a friend and neighbor living in this vicinity, many have families and little ones of their own.

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What is it that makes for this mad haste? Suppose a few minutes are lost on the highway. The beet will keep, the factory carry on. It seems to be a fever that gets into the nervous system as it does in a crowd when the fire whistle blows until the nervous responses are not normal. But better the stop and a little slower every trip than one that will end in that mighty and useless word "If" and the little sentence "I'm sorry" wrung from a wracked soul.

He is a wee little lad, scarcely reaches the top of our counter as he stretches tip-toe to talk over its top. He's not very fat and there is no healthy pink in his cheeks and his little hands are long and bony as he trudges back hauling a sack of old rags each week. But he is clean and there is a smile in his blue eyes when we weigh the rags. Six pounds, thirty cents. "Um-m, gee" as 'twere a whole fortune he had made. We do not know his name and asked his one day if all the rags were from home and he said, "No, a lady in the country gives me some." But wherever his home and how meagre the living, we know that he must have a fine mother. For she has just a manly little son.

And what with the sun shining warm at midday as though spring had done a hop and a skip over winter still the evenings do hold a frosty nip so that a cup of something hot ere we trundle home ward from visiting or show is at a most welcome suggestion. And at the Owyhee Drug store just next door to the Nyssa theatre they do serve light lunches and hot coffee and chocolate that are a tasty bit and will keep the innards warm and the spirits cheered for the drive home even though the family domicile be on the last lane on the farthest bench. And 'tis a neat and filling bowl of chili they do ladle out and much in demand.

And at the bakery already they have made their fruit cakes, luscious in richness and filled with fine fruits and nuts, so that busy mother need not take precious time out and mess up the whole house preparing these Christmas dainties. Fine they are for family use and sweet they are for gifts.

And with the warm open winter season much can be done on the farm that oft must be delayed until spring. That is if the farmer be among the lucky ones who has money on hand for seed and other required et ceteras. In any case, now is the time to repair the machine and equipment worn thin through the last harvest season. And oft a screw here, a bolt there or a bit of welding and the old gadget is renewed again and fit for another season's use. And 'tis here that Slim Newell is a good guy to see for he does a first class job of electric welding as well as every other type of machinery fixing, at his Nyssa Auto shop on the highway north of the Y.

Now, too, is the time to make sure that the coal bins at the family manse art filled to the brim. For when comes a cold spell the rush on the supply bins will exhaust them to the last lump and one may perhaps need to wait for their supply till a new trainload arrives. And hast ever noticed how those cars take their own sweet time about arriving when the thermometer takes a sudden nose dive? But at the Thompson fuel and feed yard where they do traffic in the clean, cozy warmth-giving coal, they have just received a new shipment of the carbon hunks of all sizes to fit stove and furnace.

In winter time perhaps more than any other one does need medicines and drugs quickly. A cold sneaks up and lays us low at bedtime, the heavy dinner gives us a pain in the tummy, in the middle of the night. Well, worry not for at the Nyssa Pharmacy they do carry a full line of drugs and pain stoppers and they have day and night service to protect their customers. Efficiently and cheerfully will they fill a needed prescription or get whatever is needed be it noon time or deep night.

One of the most convenient, modern shopping services is that lay-away plan now provided by most merchants where one can make their Christmas selections early and have the merchandise put away ere it is shop worn and thumb marked and then pay for it when the pay

check has arrived and the coffers are a bit fuller again. Then come Christmas and everyone has been cared for and no feelings hurt and without too great a drain on the family poke at the last instant.

And at Mrs. Atkeson's apparel shop they have this plan working throughout the year and now already there are piled high on those lay-away shelves all manner of merchandise that will go into Santa's bags on Christmas eve. Particularly lovely right now are the lingerie and negligees for la femmes of all ages, sizes and colors. Shell pinks and turquois blue, yellows with a glint of the sun in their silken folds, warm wine red tones and fuschia shades.

Last week also at the Polar Cold Storage we didst take a peek at the row of fine hams and bacon that Rock Shelton had cured there for the Shelton manor. Verily from the looks of them there will be no famine in that household for years to come. Rows of sweet-savored pork still smelling of the maple and the apple woods used in the curing. All uniformly colored and tender and toothsome as a butter-nut, we trow. 'Tis just one of the fine services and meat preserving devices of this popular storage plant.

Just this past week we didst notice one noon one of the dogs in the back yard tossing what we thought to be a bit of turkey wing about in great glee. But when we took a good look, found that it was a wee bird he must have caught as it came down to feed o' the crumbs the flock have come to expect. Never before have the canines molested the little feathered ones. And this one was not yet dead. So we took it in, made a nest for it with a bit of feed and water close beside. Toward evening it seemed to perk up a bit, but after dinner we found it dead, already stiffening and cold. And wished that we had known more of bird lore that perhaps we might have saved its life and its sweet song.

Now Ed Prunyn may not know much about bird anatomy, although he does a bit of fancy hunting comes the autumn season, but he sure knows the aches and pains the grunts and groans of a motor, be it of the 1940 variety or a model T. And knowing the cause he and his cohorts do a right smart job of repair so that the trouble will not again pop up for a long time.

And now is the time that every man-of-the-farm has his weather eye towards needed machinery for the coming year. Of course, given his choice, he would choose all that that is newest in everything, but often the dollars will not stretch that far and 'tis the wiser course to take something that is used providing they are purchased from a reliable dealer and this is just what one does when they purchase used farm machinery from the Nyssa Implement company on Goode avenue near First. And 'tis a choice lot of new implements that they do traffic in as well.

We didst hear this past week a man say that when his son was able to walk he wouldst get him an electric train for his Christmas present. For all his boy life he had wanted one and never had Santa called with his longed-for gift. And



We have memories of other years when we had to almost by force pull our own spouse away from some young friends electric train on Christmas morn so engrossed do they and the dad be over the movements of these miniature carriers. But so long as the Gamble store is open here in Nyssa there will be every boy, and his dad to play with electric trains and plenty for even on Christmas day. And they also have that lay-away plan at the Gamble store where George Hennehan is the Big Chief.

And in laying away, forget not to tell them to lay away the fatted turkey or goose at the Nyssa Packing company store for the Yuletide feast. Then 'twill be sure to be tasty and tender and of just the right size for your needs.

And already one canst begin to put aside the things needed for the family Christmas get-together so that when the final day shall come there need be no mad scramble after staples and extras for the festive board. And at the grocery mart, owned and operated by Barney Wilson on Main near Second there is a supply of every imaginable goodie for that day and every day. And not only goodies but the stand-bies as well so that every meal may be a well-balanced and nourishing one.

When day is done and evening shadows fall and the radio pouring forth nonsensities, hie thee and thy John to the Nyssa theatre where thou both without fail will enjoy the evening through with their fine pictures and cinema entertainment.

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SUNSET VALLEY—The new house being built for Otto Wolfe to replace the one destroyed by fire this fall, is near completion.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reed and two children left last week end for Greeley, Colo., for a visit with relatives. They expect to be gone till spring. The Reeds formerly lived near Greeley.

The Worthwhile club met at Rebecca Dais's on Thursday, with 15 members and one visitor. The afternoon was spent sewing for the hostess. The club will meet at Mary Newgen's on Dec 14.

Ira Chadd and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pomeroy were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bolitho.

Don Nottingham's infant son has been quite ill of the flu. Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Newgen visited in the Dick Scott home in Apple Valley Sunday. Mrs. E. E. Cloninger was bit by a sheep dog Sunday. The wounds

were not serious. The Emory Hobson family visited Mrs. Hobson's mother in Ridgeville, Wash., last week-end.

Mrs. Ted Pomeroy, who is teaching near Buhl, Idaho, visited her husband several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudd Robb and family visited in Portland last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dais were Sunday dinner guests in the Kenneth Lorensen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lester Zurcher and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zurcher of Homedale at a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Case and Phyllis visited Mr. and Mrs. George Plank in Nampa Sunday. Mr. Case's brother of La Grande also joined them there for dinner.

Naomi Lorensen, Ethel and Norma Jean Davis were entertained at an cyster supper in the Frank Parker home in Cow Hollow Sunday evening.

R. W. Bolitho was a Nampa business visitor Saturday and also visited his mother near Kuna.

Bill Peutz of Owyhee was a Sunday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Landreth.

Clint Snyder has completed a new house on his place just south of Roy Warrens.

Chas. A. and Lester Ditty motored to La Grande Saturday and returned Monday. Mrs. Leslie Ditty and two children returned with them after having spent the past four weeks visiting her mother there.

Jean Lorensen and Willard Whitman were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Chapin.

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