



Ye Snooper's Column

Things About Nyssa's Shops

Comes that season again when so much of the world will pause to honor the birth of the babe, born into the world the incarnate Christ, Jesus of Nazareth.

A man of sorrows He has been called. And today if He were here to walk among us surely He would weep. So far has civilization strayed from His simple teaching of brotherly love. Neighbors torturing, maiming and killing each other that the greed and pride of place and power of a few may be satisfied. Fertile fields devastated and great forests mutilated with guns of warring nations, old people homeless and little children orphans, a race of people enslaved behind barbed wire entanglements, more miserable than beasts in a snare. None are safe and no nation secure in its peace.

And yet perhaps the man, Jesus, would see a faint light of hope. For some are fighting fundamentally for the precepts that He taught. Fighting for the maintenance of greater freedom of the individual. For the continuance of the freedom of thought and speech for all men, the right of the press to print the truth in news, the right of each man and woman to work out their own salvation and in so doing find happiness and contentment of soul and security of their being in the political scheme, the right of each individual to worship his God as he sees fit. And perhaps the man would know that when all the terror is ended as it will be some day, there will have emerged a wiser generation who in wisdom will create new governments based on the principle of His that no good is except the good that God bestows and that no lasting good can come to the individual or the group unless it blesses all.

But here in this community all this world turmoil seems a thing far apart. What with the glowing Christmas lights twinkling out their happy welcome from city streets and lighted gardens. And has seen the specially decorated windows of this year. The warm glow of the lighted hearth fire at the Wilson grocery store. Jack Frost merrily blowing a puff of frost at the Idaho Power and all the color and sparkle of Christmas gifts on display in every merchant's window.

And inside there is a gala assortment of all sorts of colorful and useful things. And every boy and girl already knows that Gambles store near Third on Main is of a surety headquarters for Santa. Nothing has been forgotten in that

line, and especially desired by the youthful males are their electric trains with every conceivable type of new gadgets and accessory. And if one of these is to make its first appearance at thine homestead then by all means clear off a spot that will be big enough for the heir apparent but also for the lord and master of the manor to stretch out too, for a doughnut to the hole he'll be found there most of the time.

And at the Nyssa Pharmacy we did spy out some extra fine fitted kits for the male traveler, if one there be in the household, flat leather zippered affairs, that will keep the shaving paraphernalia and comb and brush in one place and brought home intact, rather than left for picker uppers in dressing rooms and hotel accommodations. And forget not that here they have a full assortment of wrappings and gay Christmas cards.

And for the little lady, be she young, old or fat and forty there is at that emporium the most alluring display of perfumes and toilet waters. Nothing is more elevating to the self esteem of les femmes than a sweet odor and as sweetly tantalizing to the male nostril. An aspiring boy friend could not go wrong on such a gift.

And at Barney Wilson's grocery store we did find some of the most tempting mixes of Christmas candies. Such a store as didst remind one of the long ago days when we didst watch for enough light to show through the window that we knew we could bounce out to find what Santa had left and yet not be sent back to bed for arising in the middle of the night. Such delicacies have a twang of spice and crisp crunch all of their own. Some old-fashioned chewy taffy there was also. And at Wilson's we didst spy it out. And boxes of deep-colored, fragrant oranges and bins of nuts and baskets of red apples and packaged figs and dates. And at prices that mother and Dad can afford enough for a taste for themselves as well.

Now we be with the wearing of pajamas and slacks a good bit like we are with cigarette smoking. We feel that they do not become us so give them no place but to those that wish them we bear no malice nor criticism. And at Mrs. Atkeson's apparel shop we didst see on display the loveliest color combinations in lounging pajamas and in the heavy long-wearing satins that are so easily kept clean. Styles formal enough for guest entertaining as well as intimate combinations for sleeping.

And at the McClure brothers' bakery has seen the fine baked things that can be given as gifts. Sweet, crisp cookies, fruit cakes just dripping fruit, doughnuts and pies. Any one of them done up in gay wrappings would be a happy addition to any Christmas day collection.

And we do marvel after each rain at the affinity of the small boy for the mud puddle. He will go out of his way a block to walk through one and the more splashy they are the better. What's a mere pair of wet feet and soiled clothes to the joy of that splash and if some rocks are handy even a better job of personal besmearment can be accomplished. We watch them from our window and till the last drop is dried in the hole there is a dally parade through its muddy waters.

And surely these constant wettings cannot help but rot the stitchings and loosen the soles from their moorings, but 'tis not too sad a state of affairs at that since the Abbott shoe mending shop is so handy, reasonable and dependable. And what could be nicer to a harried mother than a shoe mending order from this same establishment.

And speaking of useful gifts, a fine full sack of the excellent long-burning Williams coal that Mr. Hughey doest carry at the Jackson lumber yard will go a long way in making a happy hearthstone in many a home this Yuletide. For without a warm fire Christmas cheer must be lacking.

'Tis the shortest day in all the year and 'tis well for if the sun got much farther away there would be no daylight at all, so late even now does it shine over one hill and set so soon again over another. But winter has dilly-dallied along so long without real threat that now

'twill not last too long if we do get a bit of a nip. For already the fall and spring plowing are being mentioned in the same breath and before we know it spring lambing will have started. To those new in this area who have not visited the sheep sheds in lambing time, 'tis a sight that should not be missed. One that we did not ourselves see until two years ago. The efficiency and tender care that are given to the newborn lamb and its mother by their keepers shows why the word "shepherd" was used so frequently throughout the old testament when man wanted to explain God's tender care of his children.

And perhaps no other place can be proven so well mans tender care towards his brother than at the drug store. Where so much that has been discovered as cure and pain easer has been done by unselfish men and women who have spent their lives in research and investigation that others lives may be more comfortable and perhaps prolonged. Few have grown rich at it; a few attained fame. Their work must have compensated for the time and sacrifice it took. And at the Owyhee Drug store they do have on hand at all times registered and competent pharmacists to fill prescriptions and dispense drugs. Too, they do have a tidy lunch counter and neat service at which one may obtain those things required to sustain life. A tasty cup of coffee about hits the spot any snappy afternoon. And will relieve the tired shopper of that down-at-the-heel feeling.

'Tis a long time since we ordered our Christmas bird at the Nyssa Packing company, but we know that 'twill be of the finest for we have never yet been disappointed in any that we have purchased from that establishment and they have been not a few. But even if thou hast delayed in this ordering they will have many extras on hand so that thy family can feast as befits the occasion.

And it is the wish in our heart that Old Santa will find love, health and happiness at each fireside when he calls at your homes this year.

A very Merry, Merry Christmas to you.

OWYHEE

Many pupils are out of school with the flu making Christmas preparations for a program rather difficult.

Mrs. John Wall of the Ridgeview school spent the week-end at the T. M. Lowe home at Mitchell Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters left for a vacation and to visit relatives in the Oakland, Calif., vicinity Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bradley took Mrs. A. C. Bradley to spend the winter with her daughter in Lewiston until Monday visiting there.

The West family from Nyssa is living in the tenant house on the Chas. Bradley ranch and helping Mr. Bradley while Hjalmer Scott and H. H. Carroll, who have been working for him, have gone for a visit to Nebraska and Missouri, respectively.

ARCADIA

Marjorie Holaday daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Holaday, was married last week to Carl Strand and is leaving this week for his home in Kansas.

The Ellis Warner family have all been down with the flu. The oldest Garrison boy is doing the chores.

Angelo Marostica have moved into the big ranch house where Angelo Bishop lived. Tom Marsh and family have moved to the Marostica place. The Van Zelf family have moved to Parma and Fay Corn and family to the Van Zelf place.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Zelf and daughter have gone to New York to spend the holidays. Mrs. Quirina Van Zelf and Nick and John are staying at their place while they are away.

The Ira Ure family went to Boise Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brockus and son left for the southern part of Kansas to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Otis Bullard and Mrs. Anna Dail went shopping in Payette last week.

Mrs. Jack Schenk and son called on Mrs. J. N. Hickey Sunday afternoon.

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Joe Waud sold his hay to the sugar company and had it chopped and hauled last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooper of Ontario called on Mrs. Clarence Barrett Friday.

Nick Smit is staying with his son John and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barrett's sons are located at Sherman, Texas, and opened a new store in Paris, Texas, Dec. 15.

Mrs. Chas. Splawn called on Mrs. Nordale in Nyssa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eason and Granton's daughter Erlene are leaving Thursday morning for Delta, Colorado, to spend the Christmas vacation.

Harmon Horton of Weiser called on Mr. and Mrs. Murle Thomas last week. He had not been in this locality since he herded sheep in 1908 and so was astonished at the change made. All he remembered was sage brush.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Splawn attended the turkey shoot at Ontario Sunday.

John Smit shelled corn for John Molenaar at Ontario last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vest and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Vest went on a business trip to Vale, Ontario and Payette. Mrs. Clarence Barrett went along to do some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duyn visited Mr. and Mrs. Henk Van Egmund at Vale last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stradley visited at Joe Gilmore's in Ontario Saturday.

Kenneth and Edward Tibbitt spent Tuesday at Granton Easons.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schenk and Max Moore went to Weiser Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Goodrich of New Plymouth spent Sunday at Jake Bodmers and went boat riding

last week from Nebraska where she has been visiting for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Strong spent Sunday at J. M. Wagons.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Butler have a new baby boy born Dec. 15. Her mother, Mrs. Zack Walker, is caring for the mother and baby at the Butler home.

Mrs. W. E. Holaday had an operation at the hospital Saturday morning.

George Moeller sold his clover seed Monday. Mr. Garrison helped him haul it to Adrian.

Lee Dail, who works on the survey crew for the Bonneville dam, was transferred to Pendleton. His mother is staying with Mrs. Theo Matherly while he is away.

Mrs. Virgil Holaday and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Playford of Nyssa called on Mr. and Mrs. George Moeller Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wagoner called Sunday evening.

Visitors at the Vernon Butler home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Maule and sons David and Darry of Payette, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vanderpool and daughters, Pauline Payne and Zack Walker of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duyn visited Mr. and Mrs. John Smit in Vale Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Williams and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brewer and Woodrow left Friday for Twin Falls and returned Sunday evening.

Mrs. Bill Hipp went to Boise Saturday and came back Sunday.

Roger Orris of Jamieson visited Lloyd Orris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Reccla, Mr. and Mrs. Settino Marostica and family, Mrs. Zanogolio, and Joe and Louise visited Angelo Marosticas on Sunday afternoon.

Hugh Glasgow and family of Harper and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Salser and father of Nyssa spent Sunday at Elmer Stradeys.

Marie Smit of Vale visited her cousin, Mary Smit over the week-end.

Mrs. Sheff White returned home in the afternoon.

Frank Wilcott had a hundred turkeys picked Monday and that many again Wednesday.

Nadine Maynard, sister of Mrs. Perle Richard, went to Los Angeles last Saturday.

Mother Arrives—

Mrs. Betty Sellinger of Sacramento, Calif., arrived on Tuesday afternoon to spend the holiday season with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butte.

May the Sound of Joyous Carols Ring throughout your home, On this, Our Saviour's Natal Day.



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