



Ye Snooper's Column

Things About Nyssa's Shops

Since everyone has expounded on the failure of the Italian forces in Greece we may as well get in our two bits worth. It seems to us that the rank and file of the Italian people must have a lot more good old horse sense than they have received credit for since the advance and onslaught of their bald headed ill duce.

Those Italian boys and their young officers are like the Hebrew pedler. They ain't mad at nobody and no threat of Mussolini nor taunt of Hitler can get their dander up. At least not at the Greeks. They're next door neighbors, just a puddle of water between Tony's sister. She marries that Greek and move to his country and they have many bambino's. Tony, he likes those bambino's and Greece has done them no wrong. These men do not want Greece nor any part of it. Why should Mussolini send them to take it for some one else. Perhaps still in their minds are the horrors of that Ethiopian campaign and their stomachs wretch at the thought of war. Why should they sacrifice their lives, their sight, their health for something they do not want and betray their neighbors and friends in the doing of it? Surely not because some foreign dictator cracks a raw hide on them. No better be taken prisoner, be fed some good hot soup and stay whole, than writhe like some tortured wounded animal on a muddy road perhaps to die horribly and alone.

They are happy people these every day Italian folk for they must be like their cousins and brothers that we have seen in this country. A simple laughter loving people liking the simple things, family picnics, cheese rolling on the green, fishing parties parties where the whole clan can go, a clam bake, to sit on a sunny step and chat. We remember talking to the young garbage collector one day and watched his face light as if from the glow of an inner candle light as he spoke of the opera he had seen the night before and later we talked with him again of a showing of an early Italian art big footed, curly readed fellow he was reeking with an odor as unmistakable as a load of beet plup and we had seen at the gallery. A huge he talked of music and song and fine painting as the average American boy would of baseball. And the fisher folk, who flock to the wharf when each day the little snacks set out for the days catch, all talking and laughing and waving. Quick they are to take offense and will fight at the drop of a hat but to march in war on a friendly nation. That is something different and we do not believe these Italian soldiers are willing to slaughter their innocent neighbor.

With the Greek soldiers it is different. They protect their land, their families, their liberty, their honor, and their very lives. They must fight or go under. If the invader comes they must kill him. This Grecian campaign has given us a ray of hope. Perhaps ill timed and misplaced but nevertheless we have been warmed by it, that perhaps the peoples of the nations themselves may wake up and refuse to fight under these mad man dictators. Even as did the armies of the Czar in the last war.

It's a docile bunch of laddies that troop to school and homeward these days, for Principal Hollenferg did take a hand in their rock throwing propensities and soon showed them the errors of their ways. Also there seems to be much less of the gang spirit evidenced among them. But life is not yet all drabness for them for there yet remain a few mud puddles when the sunshines or a fine coating of ice to slide over when it freezes.

How fast they grow. Chubby babes with their first school books tucked under their arm, they passed our windows for the first time three years ago and now they have sprouted up into gangly boys. And that senior class. Some of them just getting their first suits then. And now they are come to man's estate. Some of them already talk of army service when school days are done. And we wonder if sometime there will come a generation to the earth who will not know of war before their journey is ended.

It is a strange tale that the "Farm Wife" told in her Sunday column of this Michael grass affair. We had wondered about it of late and were glad to learn the truth, sordid and unlovely as it is.

Which brings us again to the great benefits of our constitution, its freedom of speech and its unbridled press. In no other land could such a story be told or published and the perpetrators there of not thrown in a concentration camp or say "Good morning and fare fell" before a firing squad. Surely we do dwell in the land of the blest. Aye verily. But it is every man's duty and privilege to so guard this, our heritage of freedom and religion, speech and press that by no subterfuge they can ever be taken from us.

And 'twas a fine talk they did have at the high school Thursday eve last when that round table forum got together to discuss things as each man saw them. It was a shame that so few were there, for any one may put a question or state his mind on most anything if he but bides his time. 'Tis a fine clearing house for free thinking and no begrudges his brother, his own thoughts or the free expression of them. Tonight there is to be another and every Thursday night here after we hope. The men didst invite the ladies also.

The other morn we didst watch the wind which the smoke down to the roof and up again as though a bunch of naughty demons might be hidden and playing tag in it. But we were gladdened too to remember that if such a gale didst set a fire we didst have a fine and unself lot of firemen who wouldst soon extinguish it and then if the householder had been wise he wouldst suffer but little loss for he would have long since been insured on his holdings with one of our fine insurance agencies here in Nyssa. No finer nor more reliable can be found anywhere in the land. There is Frank Morgan at his realty office and Don and Jessie Graham at their, both on Main between First and Second and then there is Bernard Eastman farther down near where Third and Main do meet. Sweet is the sense of security that reliable paid up insurance doest give.

And out further yet where Main doest become the hiway and turn north stands the Nyssa Traders store where Merchandise both used and new may be purchased at prices than none can duplicate. It is a fine lot of new lamps we have spied out in their new show window.

And Frank Warren and his Peggy didst do a snappy business always at their Peggy's Pantry on Main near First where fresh candies and light lunches with steaming coffee on tap couldst be had and with a smile and jiffy time service but now tis crowded most of the time with hungry folks licking their lips in sweet anticipation of one of the "Juicy Jumbos." Surely, they are first class stick-to-the-ribsers. So pepper uppers to jaded appetites. So reasonable too as to give the whole family a treat some supper time and save the little moher a bit of extra chore.

We didst pause for a chat with our good friend Tom Nordale the week past and must wait for a pleasant till he hadst ceased showing and selling a fair customer one of those luscious looking comfy seating and sleeping davenos he doest carry there. The lady didst like the blue and we would have chosen a henna or golden brown tone but that wast a matter of color for Tom doest have them, both in fine cut velour that wouldst add charm and grace to any living room.

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BIG BEND

Mr. V. Mendiola of Ontario was transacting business in this vicinity Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Brumbach and children of Pendleton arrived Wednesday for a week-end visit with relatives in Bend, Boise and Nyssa.

Miss Virginia Miller who attends Eastern Oregon College at La Grande arrived home Wednesday evening to spend her Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller.

Miss Betty Baldrige who teaches in Fruitland high school spent the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baldrige.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Parker, Iola Parker, Kenneth Parker, Leola Hines and Henry Hatch and Elmer Parker and Geraldine of Caldwell were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker in Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerritt Muntjewerff and Marie of Adrian were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Case Muntjewerff Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller entertained a large gathering of relatives Thanksgiving day. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Holly and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Holly and sons of Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gibson and sons and Arthur Holly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baldrige and Betty were dinner guests in Will Robinson's home in Roswell Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sweet and Will Van de Water of Wilder were guests in R. L. Haworth home Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Brumbach and children of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Pheland and Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop of Nyssa were dinner guests in the Brumbach home Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Robert Weir and Betty went to Westfall Wednesday for Miss Mary Weir who teaches there.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert La Rue and children of Vale were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Lora Pillsbury on Thanksgiving day entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weir and family.

Mr. Ben Taylor of Hammett spent Saturday visiting his sister, Mrs. N. S. Pheland.

Joe Brumbach returned home from Great Falls, Montana, Saturday night where he was working on construction jobs.

A number of old friends attended the funeral of Mr. Charles Ware of Roswell, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Sweet and Herman Timm attended the homecoming celebration held at the Roswell Baptists church Sunday.

The Walker and Viri Bishop families enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the former's home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Miller and Jim accompanied Miss Virginia Miller on her return trip to La Grande Sunday.

Miss Flora Prosser, who attends business college in Boise spent her Thanksgiving vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Prosser.

Wade P.-T. A. will meet Friday afternoon on December 6, at the home of Mrs. Robert Weir.

Electricity was installed in the Dyre Roberts home last Friday.

E. H. Brumbach and Claud Schrack transacted business in Nampa Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Sparks teacher at the Wade school and Mrs. Clyde Steelman, president of Wade P.-T. A. presented a Thanksgiving program at the school house Wednesday evening which was greatly enjoyed by the large crowd present. Doughnuts and coffee were served to all. After a series of games, in which all took part, were presided over by Mrs. Walter Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Baldrige entertained Birthday club at their home Sunday which was enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Lora Pillsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Plin Case, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Woods, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brumbach, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robinson of Roswell and B. G. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Riggs and sons of Parma and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bennett and family were Sunday guests in Dyre Roberts home.

Mrs. E. E. Parker and son Elmer, of Caldwell were Nyssa visitors on Monday to consult her doctor.

Mrs. Gretchen Hatch and Merle of Adrian spent Monday visiting in E. E. Parker home.

JORDAN VALLEY

Jordan Valley is having real winter weather early this year. There is about two inches of snow in town. South Mountain has seven inches of snow. Nov. 21 it was 4 below zero at eight o'clock in the morning and Nov. 22 it was six below zero at eight in the morning.

Miss Byrl Gussman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gussman were married to Kenneth Reed of Homedale last week. They expect to make their home at Homedale.

Roy Fugati of Portland and Harold Dobyns of Pendleton both of the U. S. Biological Survey were business visitors in Jordan Valley for several days and they attended the stock meeting on Saturday.

Mrs. Ellis Bennett and Mrs. Merle Bennett of Burns, Oregon spent a couple of days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett last week.

The J. V. Grange held a meeting last Friday night and elected new officers. Mr. Everett Jones, master, Mr. Tom Opufe, secretary, Mrs. Nora Wise, lecturer, and Miss Marie Anderson, steward.

Pearl Duncan is driving a new 1941 sedan.

Miss Dorothy Shea from Boise was visiting with her parents this week-end.

John Elordi was a visitor here last week-end.

Misses Emilia Fehela and Rosie Agaire from Boise were visiting friends and relatives here last week-end.

Paulino Zatica is the proud owner of a new bicycle which he won.

Mrs. Ed Maher, who has been sick in the hospital at Boise the past week has been able to come home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Scott and family from Caldwell were visiting their friends and relatives here last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Barr and son have gone on a two weeks vacation visiting friends at Marlo, Oregon. Mr. Barr is a foreman at the local CCC camp.

P. L. Larrinaga accompanied by Mrs. James Eiguren and Miss Mary Mallee were in Caldwell all day on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mert Borders and children from Wilder have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Iris Anawalt the past week.

Mrs. John Calgacorta left Sunday for Boise where she will be under doctor's care.

Miss Louisa Yturaspil, who has been employed in Pendleton the past year, has come home for a brief visit.

A carnival and dance was given Saturday by the grade school. A large crowd attended. The bean game drew the largest crowd while next in line came the dart game. The lunch stand was busy all the time.

An electric iron was given as door prize and was won by Mrs. James Eiguren. Some of the other nice gifts won at the beano game were won by Mr. James Eiguren, electric table lamp; Henery Pretwell, electric table lamp; Mayann Wrotten, electric toaster; Mrs. Erda Chestnut, electric iron and a blanket by Mrs. C. A. Pretwell. There was a sixteen lb.

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turkey raffled. One had to guess how many kernels of corn it would eat in ten minutes by giving it ten at a time.

G. T. Campbell, deputy fire marshal from the office of the State fire marshal, visited here last Wednesday. He was accompanied by Mrs. Kathryn Claypool, county school superintendent.

A number of suggestions were made for both the grade and high school buildings as well as the gym. Dr. Jones was a business visitor at Boise last Wednesday.

ADRIAN

K. I. Peterson returned home from Buhi, Thursday afternoon after attending the funeral of Mr. Hatfield.

Miss Molstrum spent Thanksgiving vacation with her parents near Adams, Oregon.

The Mary and Martha Society of the Kingman Kolony community church will give a supper in connection with a bazaar given by the Home Economics club of Kingman Grange Wednesday, December 4.

Supper will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock and a program will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartley and son of Nyssa were dinner guests at the D. W. Patch home Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McPartland spent Thanksgiving and the week-end with his parents in Richland.

The D. W. Patch family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. Patch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Patch of Wieser.

Miss Ellen McConnell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McConnell of Kuna.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Fleishman and their son and two daughters spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Duke Rohland. They arrived Wednesday morning from LaGrande and returned home Friday morning.

Miss Della Patch of Seattle spent Thursday and Friday morning at the home of her brother, Mr. D. W. Patch.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Deffer and family visited relatives in Weiser on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aucker and family and Miss Erma Points were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the K. I. Peterson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mayden and family and Mrs. Scotas of Nyssa were callers at the Everett Points home Friday.

Visits From California

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rasp, Miss Doris Ann Miller and Billy Lee Statler spent Friday and Saturday at the Jack Moran home, enroute from Salinas, California to Bliss, Idaho and Kingfish, Okla.

UNPAID HOSPITAL BILLS

Nov. 27, 1940.

The sisters of Holy Rosary Hospital wish to inform the public that during the past five years \$335,000 worth of unpaid bills have accumulated. The sisters realize that many of their debtors have never been and are not in a position to fulfill their obligation towards the Hospital, they know also that there are hundreds who could pay and so far have not done so. To this latter class they now appeal for full payment or part payment or at least an explanation.

Third floor of Hospital is now being remodelled and arranged to accommodate and care for ten or twelve maternity patients. Heretofore, that floor was used as living quarters for the sisters. They are now inconvenienced until some arrangements can be made for a home for them. Help rendered in any way by the people shall be deeply appreciated.

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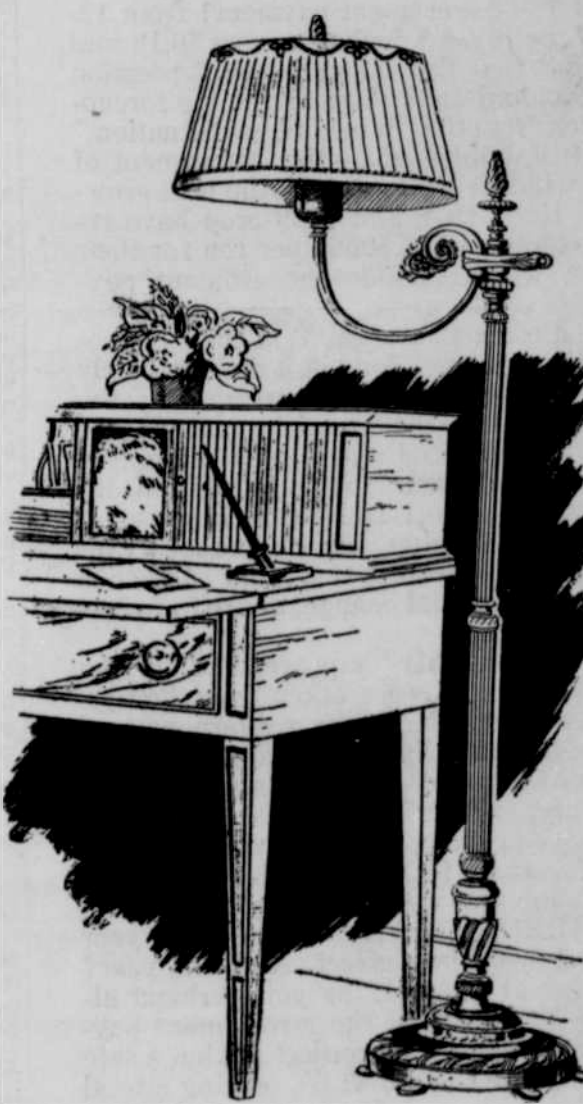
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