



Ye Snooper's Column

Things About Nyssa's Shops

Up betimes and about our chores and was reminded how late the night lasts these days. But the shortest day has come and gone and we are headed for that long June day and weeks when the last glo wof the setting sun will be with us till bed time. There seems little hope now for a white Christmas, in fact, we may be needing pontoons to make our landings for our Christmas calling.

As always we liked the hominess and friendliness of the Nyssa merchants and business men as they set about getting their mail and making ready for the affairs of the day. Ernest Wilson's job of mail getting seems to have been taken over by "Hack." In fact home coming students added a bit of campus atmosphere to the town post office, the morning meeting place. There was the Boydell sprout, seemingly sprouted into adulthood overnight and others of the Wilson's family trees quick following his example.

But Lucien Wray tripped by hastily, head bent into the wind and package laden. Shoppers start early at his "five cents to a dollar emporium and Bernard Eastman always among the early. We've wondered of late whether his hand is cold or his suspender broken that he must keep the digits hidden in the trouser pocket and Emil Stunz his slow smile and soft voice always adds a special cheer to a friendly greeting. Dad Burroughs is usually present to lend an air of dignity, but this winter we have missed H. Q. Johnson and R. J. Davis. The lills of

the flesh have overtaken them and kept them at home for several weeks. R. J. we learned owes the Sunday school birthday box eighty one pennies as soon as he is able to attend again.

We have wondered of late as we listened to the thunder of the balls in the bowling alley and seen the line up of husbands there if perchance there will turn out to be a Rip Van Winkle in the lot. But me thinks when he does come home he had better think up a better story than old Rip concocted for his spouse after his prolonged French leave.

It has been our pleasure this week to find that we were remembered by so many friends with pretty cards with their sweet greeting for the Yule time. But perhaps the one that gave us the biggest thrill was the one that came from the family that last year found itself stranded, alone and hungry, camped out in the sage brush, without any friends, food or fuel. No Santa Claus was expected there last Christmas. But he did find them. Folks whom they knew not filled their larder, brought coal and faggots for the fire, warm clothing and even toys. The sick husband was taken to the hospital and later on they were sent to their old home and own people in Nebraska and now they are happy they did not give in vain. Far greater and more prosperous again. But sent a card in gratitude to all those who eased their lot. They who had a hand in easing can know that they did not give in vain. Far greater than the material gifts was the courage and faith in humanity this little family received.

This year no such need was brought to our attention that we might let others know of it also through this column and it is our sincere hope that none existed.

On Saturday we heard such sweet music coming from apparently no where that we poked our pate out side of the door to see what and where from and why for and discovered it came from the grade school where Leo Hollenberg the genial principal of that institution was giving an open air concert via the phonograph perched in the door way. Sweet were the carols and many did pause a smile on their lips to listen. Different this was indeed from scenes of which we read overseas. Where in under ground holes little ones gather to pretend there is no war and the Christ Child this day is more welcome to man than he was 1900 years ago, that in the years since he walked the earth man has learned the lessons of brotherly love he came to teach, and are more kind and generous one to the other. It seems a sorry world indeed and often we think Christ's work was all in vain. And yet it could not have been, with out his teaching and his promises twenty centuries ago that have lived at least in the hearts of a few, man's lot in this age of no belief and agnosticism and might make right" and Hitlerism and threat of dictatorships would be sorry indeed and not fit to perpetuate. But no threat nor torture has ever nor can ever blot out the Christ in a believing heart nor forever still that still small voice of truth. So the Christ has lived through the centuries and will continue to live and man to praise him when this war is ended and the Hitler and Mussolinis and the Fifth column and the political plotters have all become but black smudges on ancient history. May this New Year of 1941 see their end and the peace of Christ in power again. All day and all night the trains are running through the country side in many sections.

Where do they all come from and whence do they all go. The passengers come 1 hours late and in two or three sections till one can no longer say whether the morning train is the evening train or vice versa. Freight too whiz by, speedily as if the engineer had his mind set on getting home in time for Christmas dinner.

And here in Nyssa many have already come to eat the feast with their families, husbands home from distant work and sons and daughters home from school. There were good old fashioned meals with tur-

key or goose and plum pudding and jellies and pickles from pickles and tomatoes grown on the home plot and spiced just right and as no other pickle ever seems to be, potatoes sweet and Irish, and green vegetables and fruit and apples and sweets till towards the last to hold it all a button to be unmoored at the belt line.

But even such a feast must give out eventually and the family get down to plain living and regular eating again. And here is where the Wilson grocery store will come in handy. The busy mother is all fed up on cooking stuff for a few weeks to come and here at Barney's are fine foods easily prepared at reasonable costs as well as those fancy things that store carried for the festive board. If it be that there is to be an open house on New Year's day at thy domicile then there be procured at the Wilson Grocery mart all manner of edibles to make tasty and zinging snacks for the buffet table.

Or if it be that thy spouse and thee wilt be weary with much merry making and long for a bit of quiet enjoyment come New Year's day then at the Nyssa Theatre there will be a fine show where one can go and find pleasure to take a party for real entertainment.

This past week we didst cast a speculative and bargain spying eye over the counters of the Atkeson Apparel Shops and there did see some truly fine bargains in remnants of cotton goods in lengths ample enough to fashion a dress for the lady of the house and perhaps with some to spare to make up for a wee one or to wash a practical work apron and at prices far below the usual cost of such fine fashion yardage goods. No doubt there will be much left of them for the thrifty after Christmas shopper who is in the look out for after holiday week end specials.

It is our wish for a Happy New Year, three hundred and sixty five days of it for those who dwell in this Valley of Abundance.

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APPLE VALLEY

The celebration of the Christmas season was opened here Thursday afternoon when the Women's society of Christian Service held their party at the home of Mrs. J. H. Correll. There was a very good attendance of about twenty five ladies. Mrs. B. T. Osborne read the devotional service and Mrs. Tom Porterfield gave a beautiful Christmas story "Why the Chimes Rang." Gifts were exchanged among the adults and children. Mrs. Lloyd Caldwell and Mrs. R. E. Bailey were assistant hostesses and delicious refreshments were served at the close of a pleasant afternoon.

Friday afternoon the members of the seventh and eighth grades served cider and cookies in their room after the recess.

Friday evening the annual school Christmas program was presented at the Methodist church. The crowd was much smaller than in previous years but the church was comfortably filled. The two lower rooms had recitation and songs and Miss Hiekeys students put on two short plays entitled "Little Jim" and the "First Noel."

Treats were given to those attending the program.

Sunday morning one of the nicest Christmas services we remember was held at the M. E. church. The front of the church represented a star bedecked night sky with the New Star in the ascendency. To the left a medium sized Christmas tree The Christmas pageant portrayed the manager and cradle and the visit of the Shepherds and the Wise Men who brought gifts to the Babe and the visitation of the Angel to Mary. As part of the Pageant Star Robinson played Star of the East on the violin and Mrs. Poase sang "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" and singing by the congregation. This was followed by the candle lighting service and the sending out of those who had witnessed to the world. World service offerings were then received. Mrs. Osborne read the Christmas story as told by Luke.

The service was very effective and was put on without a hitch although members of the cast dropped out one by one with the flu and only sketchy rehearsals were possible.

Sunday afternoon several gathered at the church and carols were sung led by Mr. Wyatt a former resident. Mrs. Osborne again read the Christmas story and told of the Christmas customs in Sweden the native land of her parents.

After the singing the group went to the basement where refreshments were served.

John R. Peterson arrived at the parental Erick Peterson home Sunday morning to spend the holidays. John is attending school in Portland and likes the school very well.

Miss Mona Gee, Serena Norland and Yoskiye Otani all of Boise are at home for the holidays.

Mr. Boeton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston, Mrs. Roy Boston and Miss Mary Boston shopped in Caldwell Thursday afternoon.

Bowman Vertrees arrived from California Thursday on leave for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wagner and family spent Monday in Caldwell and Nampa.

The old school house one of the old landmarks is all torn down and moved away.

Many cases of flu are reported and most of those sick are school age children.

The little Hubbard girl was quite sick Sunday. She was cutting teeth and also had the flu. Mr. Hubbard was in New Meadows. The baby is better.

Mrs. J. H. Correll was a visitor in Caldwell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert are in Nampa for Christmas. Miss Alice Koffler one of the teachers here was married but will finish out the school term of teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and two daughters arrived at the C. D. Vertrees home Sunday. They will be at the Vertrees and D. A. Rogers homes for their vacation. Howard is employed at the Rio Tinto mine in Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Halton Stephens and their son of Portland are visitors at the home of Mrs. Ella Stephens.

Miss Mildred Leigh was very sick Thursday and still lingers on in a very weak condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meier and son, Albert and Donald Fisher returned Friday night from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Meier son, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Meier of Johnston, Colorado. After leaving Johnston, where Melvin is employed. They visited in Denver and stopped at Salt Lake City to visit the Mormon tabernacle. While away they encountered temperatures of 20 to 23 below zero.

John Smit was in charge at the Meier farm while they were away.

Miss Yuliah Vertrees, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vertrees and John W. Iiams younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Iiams, were married at the Methodist parsonage in Caldwell at five o'clock Monday evening, Dec. 22, 1940. Rev. Roseberry officiated and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Reed sister of the bride witnessed the ceremony. The bride attended school in Apple Valley and finished the Parma high school.

Later she graduated from Link's Business school in Boise. Since then she has been employed in the office of the Co-operative Creamery in Caldwell. She is a charming young lady and has a host of friends here and in Parma and Caldwell. John W. Iiams began his school career in Apple Valley where he finished grade school and later graduated from Parma high school and from the College of Idaho. He is employed at the Rio Tinto mine and with his bride will be at home there after a short wedding trip. The entire community wished them happiness.

KINGMAN KOLONY

Polyanna club met with Mrs. Mary Nichols on Wednesday afternoon. Santa Claus called in the afternoon and brought gifts for all present. At the close of the afternoon Mrs. Nichols served delicious refreshments. The next meeting will be with Miss May Beaumont on January 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shaw were in Nyssa on Friday.

Mrs. Phillip Dumrasky left for Wisconsin on Monday morning to spend Christmas with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shaw were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Sandy of Nyssa on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Elliott of Yakima, Washington and neice Joy Patterson of La Grande, Oregon are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the parental T. T. Elliott home.

Mrs. Lily Bach will leave on Thursday for Ogden, Utah to make an indefinite visit with her daughter, Mrs. Chester Stallings.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson and family were in Caldwell on Thursday and in Nyssa on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Nichols returned from Watson on Tuesday. They had been gone about three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lane and family and Mrs. Lily Bach were Sun-chols and family. Dudley Kurtz was day dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Nichols also a guest.

Miss Jeannette Martin and Mrs. Conrad Martin were shopping in Ontario on Friday and in Caldwell on Saturday.

Mrs. Dale Ashcraft and Mrs. Conrad Martin attended the meeting in Ontario on Friday afternoon in the old Clark, C. M. Beaumont and Wil- interest of mattress making.

Elmer Dutton, Robert Clark, Don- liam Toomb attended a meeting of the Malheur County Jersey Breed- ers association in Ontario Friday evening.

The Kingman Pinochle club met with Mrs. Frank Newbill on Thurs-

day afternoon. Mrs. Dave Mitchell received both high score prizes and traveling prizes.

The Home Economics club of the Kingman Grange met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Dutton on Tuesday afternoon. The new officers took over at this time for the coming year.

Mr. C. M. Beaumont attended a conservation meeting in Ontario on Thursday.

The Young People's class have postponed their Christmas program until December 29. It will be in the high school gymnasium. It will be at eight o'clock in the evening. The public is invited.

The local W. C. T. U. was well pleased to the response they received to their call for present for their Childrens home in Corvallis. They shipped a box weighing a hundred pounds or a little over.

LINCOLN HEIGHTS

A Christmas party was held at the Joe Blaknick home Thursday afternoon at which time the Patch and Chat club was entertained. Christmas gifts were exchanged and each of the children attending were presented with a favor. A luncheon was served at the close of the party.

The Lincoln school pupils assisted by their teachers, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Ingraham presented an interesting program to the public Thursday evening.

Lincoln Sunday school met Sunday morning with fifty-four attending. A program was presented and treats were given.

Miss Kathryn Nielson, who teaches at Harper, has arrived at the home of her parents where she will spend her vacation.

Miss Charleen Farley, who has been employed in Ontario for some time, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Farley and will remain until after the holidays.

Allen Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Avery Anderson, has been confined to his home suffering with an attack of pneumonia.

Rev. Roy Chandler was a Tuesday evening dinner guest at the Cook home.

The Bible Study services which Rev. Chandler has been conducting have been postponed until January 7th.

Ralph Barnes and Vern Smith attended a farm sale near Fruitland, Idaho, Friday.

The George Markham family visited at the Avery Anderson home Sunday afternoon.

School pupils attending Lincoln school and those attending high school at Ontario will enjoy a two weeks vacation.

Mrs. Annie Harris received word of the marriage of her son, Milo, to Miss Janet Yetter on December home in Oakland, California.

The young couple will make heir 8. The 4H club girls held their Christmas party at the home of their elader, Mrs. Jack Pettit on Monday afternoon. An exchange of gifts and a program was enjoyed. Lunch was served.

A number of Boulevard grange members of this community attended the turkey supper and Christmas party at the hall on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hendricks ton, will arrive to spend the holidays at the Chris Rookstool home.

Mr. and Mrs. Leverett Goodell and family will spend Christmas at the home of W. E. Goodell in Caldwell, Idaho.

and family of Sunnyside, Washington.

Mrs. Orin Hainline has been on the sick list.

MITCHELL BUTTE

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rust of Owyhee spent Thursday evening at the Lowe home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Marrs who had just returned from Star, Idaho were again called back due to a sudden relapse in the condition of Mr. Marr's father who is seventy six years old.

Those in the community sick with the flu are Mrs. Donald McGinnis, Mrs. Jane McGinnis and Mrs. Earnest Smith.

At the annual Christmas party of the pre-school P.-T. A. club which was entertained at the home of Mrs. Glenn McGinnis, eight members and one guest attended. Mrs. Frank Healey who became a member for the coming year was present.

The house was gaily decorated with yule tide colors and a tree held gifts for each member in the club. Officers were elected for the co- After a program of poems and car- Harold Fivecoat, vice president, Mrs. ming year. They are: President, Mrs. E. B. Smith, secretary, Charline Lin- nville, treasurer, Mrs. Ira Marrs.

Chairman of the sick committee, Mrs. Clyde Mitchell. The next meet- ing will be on January 7 at Char- line Linvilles.

Mr. James Connaughy who has spent the past month visiting relatives in Montana returned Wednes- day to the home of his son, How- ard Connaughy.

Mrs. T. M. Lowe had quite a scare in regard to her fifty year old wed- ding ring which she recently lost. After searching all the boxes and corners without success, she began to make pies and she heard something rattle in the flower sifter. Upon in- vestigating she found the noise was being made by her dear old ring. Mrs. Lowe's advise to brides is watch that ring finger as its looses its plu- mpsness and if you should lose your ring look where you are stationed a good part of the day.

Mr. Leo Chard was a business vi- sitor in Payette, Idaho, Thursday. The Reclamation and CCC crews are busy reinforcing the two places in the main canal. The one above Mendolias place that carries water to Adrian Flats and the one where the break was last summer.

Huston Dunaway is spending a few days at their ranch up by the dam.

Robert Marrs of Nampa, Idaho ar- rived Thursday to spend the holi- days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Marrs.

Mrs. Mattha Klingbach and daugh- ters of Owyhee visited at the L. M. Lowe home Saturday evening.

Mr. Stanton brought 400 head of his sheep from the hills to the sheds on the Dunaway place where he will feed this winter.

Mr. John Wall arrived Sunday from California where he has been working. He was joined by Mrs. Wal- is and sons from Creston at the Lowe home. They plan to spend the holidays with Lowes.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Chard and family of the Oregon Trail commu- nity visited Sunday at the E. B. Smith home.

BUENA VISTA

Dwight Wyckoff is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff. Dwight is at- tending O. S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Deal of Calloway, Nebraska, called at the H. L. Day home last week.

E. H. Jamison of Nampa called at the E. L. Jamison home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell, Alva Jr., and Donna Belle, Madeline and Odaleen Maw were Ontario visitors Thursday.

Jack Brodie returned from Corval- lis Friday and is spending the holi- days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamison.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff and Barbara Mrs. E. L. Jamison, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell have all been having the flu.

Mrs. Cecil Florea spent several days last week with a friend at Wil- der and while there was a Boise vi- sitor.

Tommy Ridder spent Saturday with Alva Goodell Jr.

E. L. Jamison was an Ontario vi- sitor Monday evening.

Donna and Dorothy Florea and Donna Belle Goodell attended an Christmas party given at the Ed Henderson home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wyckoff and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jamison Jack and Eris, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell, Alva, Jr., Donna Belle Ed- ward and Irvin Topliff attended the Christmas party given by the Chat- ter Box club Monday evening.

OPINIONS BY OUR READERS

Submitted by readers of The Journal and the opinions may or may not agree with the policy of The Journal. You are invited to send in your ideas on current questions.

To the Editor:

Warning to Trappers

To whom it May Concern:

Private or government trappers: We residents and farmers west of the CCC camp in Cow Hollow, have had our dogs caught in traps this winter. Our dogs will be missing for several days and we will go out and find them in a trap with a broken leg or a foot almost pinched off.

So from this time hereafter, when we find a dog caught in a trap, these trappers, when they run their lines, for every dog we find in a trap they will be minus a trap. Whether it be a government trap or a private one. These dogs have as much right on the public domain as anything else. These trappers instead of look- ing after their traps every day or two, look after them every week or two.

If Malheur county has a Humane society this will be a good time for them to exercise their authority. Let's see that these innocent pets be protected from these cold steel jaws and no care trappers.

(Signed)
Frank L. Parker.

RIVERVIEW

The Riverview Sunday school pre- sented a Christmas program for the community. There was candy and nuts for all the children.

Lorraine Osburn left to spend four days with relatives near Malheur Butte.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and family and Betty Blackburn are ill.

Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Kesler and family left for Bury, Idaho and they will continue to Utah to visit relatives.

Jackie and Ronnie Lyle left for Boise where they will visit their grandparents for the Christmas holi- days.

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