

Gate City JOURNAL Edited By DICK YOST SPORTS

Boisean Pulpit Guest Sunday at Methodist Church

Guest speaker at the Community Methodist church Sunday morning was the Rev. Harry Wilson of Boise, who filled the local pulpit during the third week of the absence of the regular minister, the Rev. Vernon L. Taylor who is vacationing in Nebraska.

An offertory bass solo was sung by Oscar Bratton, accompanied by Phyllis Cheldelin, who also served as guest church pianist.

First of the three Sundays of the pastor's absence was observed as Laymen's Sunday, with Mrs. Gene Grasty and John Wulf making conference reports.

On the second Sunday, Aug. 9, Dr. Charles Donaldson, former district superintendent, occupied the pulpit. Dick Yost conducted the services all three Sundays.

The Rev. Taylor and his family will return to Nyssa some time this week, and the pastor will be in his pulpit Sunday morning.

Owyhee Lake Lauded as "Angler's Paradise"; Facilities Deplored

By Dick Yost
"If I had only one day left in which to fish, I would spend it on Owyhee Reservoir. . . . is the way Ted Trueblood, prominent Northwest sports writer, begins his article, "My Favorite Spot—Owyhee Reservoir in Eastern Oregon."

Published in the July, 1953, issue of Field and Stream, the article is considered the most complete description of the 52-mile long body of water ever set in print.

In that opening paragraph of his article, Trueblood says:

"Owyhee has frozen me, broiled me and frustrated me. It has abused me. I have suffered there. Owyhee is like a woman, a thing of moods and whims and fancies, a tease or an angel. But I have been rewarded and I would go back."

The author presents a vivid picture of the variability of weather on the reservoir and at the same time lauds the fantastic scenery bordering the body of water. Trueblood calls it spectacular.

"Red-tinted sandstone cliffs tower over some of the bays. Black basal-

juts up above others. It is always something of a thrill to nose into a new cove, find a camping spot and prepare to spend the night."

According to Trueblood, "the nicest way to fish Owyhee. . . is to put a camp outfit and several days' food in a boat and then start up the lake, fishing as you go."

Ending his article on the same note on which he begins it (" . . . if I had but one day left to fish I'd spend it there"), Trueblood signs off with: "I know I might get rained, hailed or snowed on. I might have to sit on the bank all night, waiting for the wind to die. I might not catch a bass. On the other hand, it might turn out to be a nice day."

The current issue of Sports Afield also carries a two-page spread picture story of Owyhee lake fishing by Trueblood, entitled "Where to Catch Largemouth Bass", in which he states that "Owyhee Reservoir . . . gave me the fishing I'll never forget".

Another sports writer, Joe Van Wormer, has discovered the Owyhee and has had his written account of it published in the Sunday Oregonian magazine section, under date of July 12, under the title of "The Owyhee Needs More Fishermen."

This writer calls Owyhee reservoir, which "provides big crappies by the bushel and wonderful scenery", a "fabulous angler's paradise".

Van Wormer, who devotes most of his article to expounding the virtues of the crappie and its abundance in Owyhee reservoir, is also awed by the rugged and scenic country surrounding it.

He, as does Trueblood, points out the need for development of more facilities to make the lake more accessible to fishermen.

1st Scrimmage Set for Aug. 24

First football scrimmage for Nyssa high school is expected to be held Monday, Aug. 24, according to Henry Hartley. At least, it cannot be held 6 p. m. Monday, Aug. 24, according to Henry Hartley.

Howard Lovejoy, head coach, will be back in town by that time also, if not before. Hartley said. The coach and his family have been spending the summer at Island Park, Ida., where Lovejoy has been getting out poles under contract to Mrs. Lovejoy's father, who operates a small sawmill there.

Sept. 11 has been set tentatively as the date for the football jamboree at Ontario.

First conference game will be played on the Nyssa field Sept. 18, with Emmett, as the opponent.

Pee Wees, Little League Lose Games To Payette

In twin twilight and under-the-lights baseball games Thursday the Nyssa Pee Wees and Little Leaguers lost to Payette teams in the season's summer recreation finale.

The Pee Wee game ended with a score of 8-3 and the Little Leaguer 7-4. The games were played on the Nyssa high school diamond.

Nyssa Pee Wee battery was J. Meyers, Bingman and Myrick. Little League battery was E. Morris and Jacques.

T. Holman to Play In Softball Tournament

Tommie Holman, who helped pitch Tobler's Feed softball team into the state tournament last year, is a Nyssa visitor this week.

He brings with him the news that he will again see action in the state softball tournament as a member of the defending champions, the Corvallis Elks.

Accompanied here by his wife, the Holmans are visiting with Mrs. Holman's sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Lewis and Mrs. Robert Wilson and their families.

Toastmasters Will Hear Three Speakers

Three five-minute speakers will be featured on the Nyssa Toastmasters club program Friday morning. They are John Briebl, Wayne Chestnut and Ted Morgan.

Two members will serve in an officiating capacity and another pair as critics. Gus Liming will preside over the program as toastmaster and Dwight Wyckoff will present the topic for the roundtable discussion.

General critic and speech evaluator will be Walter McPartland, with Paul Penrod checking on grammar usage.

JENSEN TRIES FISHING

Clayton Jensen, accompanied by his wife, spent Friday through Sunday on a fishing trip into the hills above Unity. He reported the fishing as fair, but the roads a lot worse.

BYBEE GROWS 'EM BIG

A potato of the White Rose variety of near-record proportions was brought to the Journal office last week from the Bybee farms. The tuber measured 14 inches long 10 1/2 inches in circumference and weighed 3 1/2 pounds.

Tom Jones and Ormand Thomas spent Sunday fishing in the North Pine river near Baker.

Sage, Antelope Hunting Season Opens Saturday

The 1953 hunting season in Malheur county gets under way this Saturday. Running concurrently with the limited antelope hunt, the sage grouse season will extend through the 22nd to the 27th of August.

Bag limit this year, less than that of last, is two birds a day and not over four during the entire season or in possession.

Open area includes that portion of Malheur county south of U. S. highway 20, all of Harney county and portions of Lake, Crook and Deschutes counties. Hunters are advised to consult the hunting synopsis for descriptions of the open areas of these three counties.

Hunters Soon To Receive Antelope Tags

Antelope tags are being mailed to four hundred lucky people in Oregon following the drawing held at 10 a. m. Aug. 13.

Formerly, the drawing would have taken several hours to complete, but with the aid of International Business Machines, all of the fortunate persons had been picked within a matter of about 30 minutes. Several onlookers arrived at about 10:30 a. m. to watch the drawings only to find the names already selected and printed.

After the actual selection of names, which is done by using one of the digits of the applicants license number or the cashier number put on the blank upon its arrival in the Portland office, the machines again go to work in typing the names of the tag winners, addressing the envelopes and recording the various information during the process.

Though the season on antelope opens much earlier than the other hunting in the fall, the rapid methods of handling the drawings insure that all lucky applicants will have their tags in plenty of time to plan their excursions for hunting the fleet-footed desert dwellers.

SPORTS SHORTS By DICK YOST

They are at it again—those north and south boys.

Only, this time, its "boys" from the north and south sides of Nyssa. Not that they've done anything bad—as a matter of fact, it's the good they have in mind that makes them newsworthy.

The whole thing is developing into a feud, of course, but the kind of feud that builds good community and neighborhood relations and goodwill.

Leaders of the two factions are prominent business men, Fred Bracken the high mucky-muck for the south end and Bernard Eastman swinging the paddle for the north end.

Brackenmen include Pete (Handicap) Fleissner, George Cobern and Ed Boydell. Rag-tag followers of Eastman are Jack Anderson, Jerry (Flabby) Felsey and Cliff Main.

Regimented into close-knit teams, the two groups are spending nearly every evening of the week in secret practice, awaiting the day when they meet in open battle—over the ping-pong tables.

Eastman has thrown all discretion to the winds—has hurled open defiance into Bracken's teeth.

"Even with our latest recruit, one Flabby Felsey, we can bust those Southsiders wide open. Who've they got, besides Handicap Fleissner, who's only pulled out one game in his last 30?"

"Aw, what's them fellers got to crow about?" countered Bracken. "Been spying on us, that's what. Just wait—we'll make that ball look the size of one of Jack's pills."

So, there you have it—all that sniping and snafuting that is leading, as sure as the coming duck shooting season, to a public clash between the two factions.

Because of its inter-sectional interest, it would seem advisable for the mayor to take cognizance of the impending event and appoint an impartial committee to arrange a tournament based on the most rigid of rules.

Only in this way can the meeting of these two groups be kept clean—and free from gore.

Tobler's--Weiser Split Doubleheader

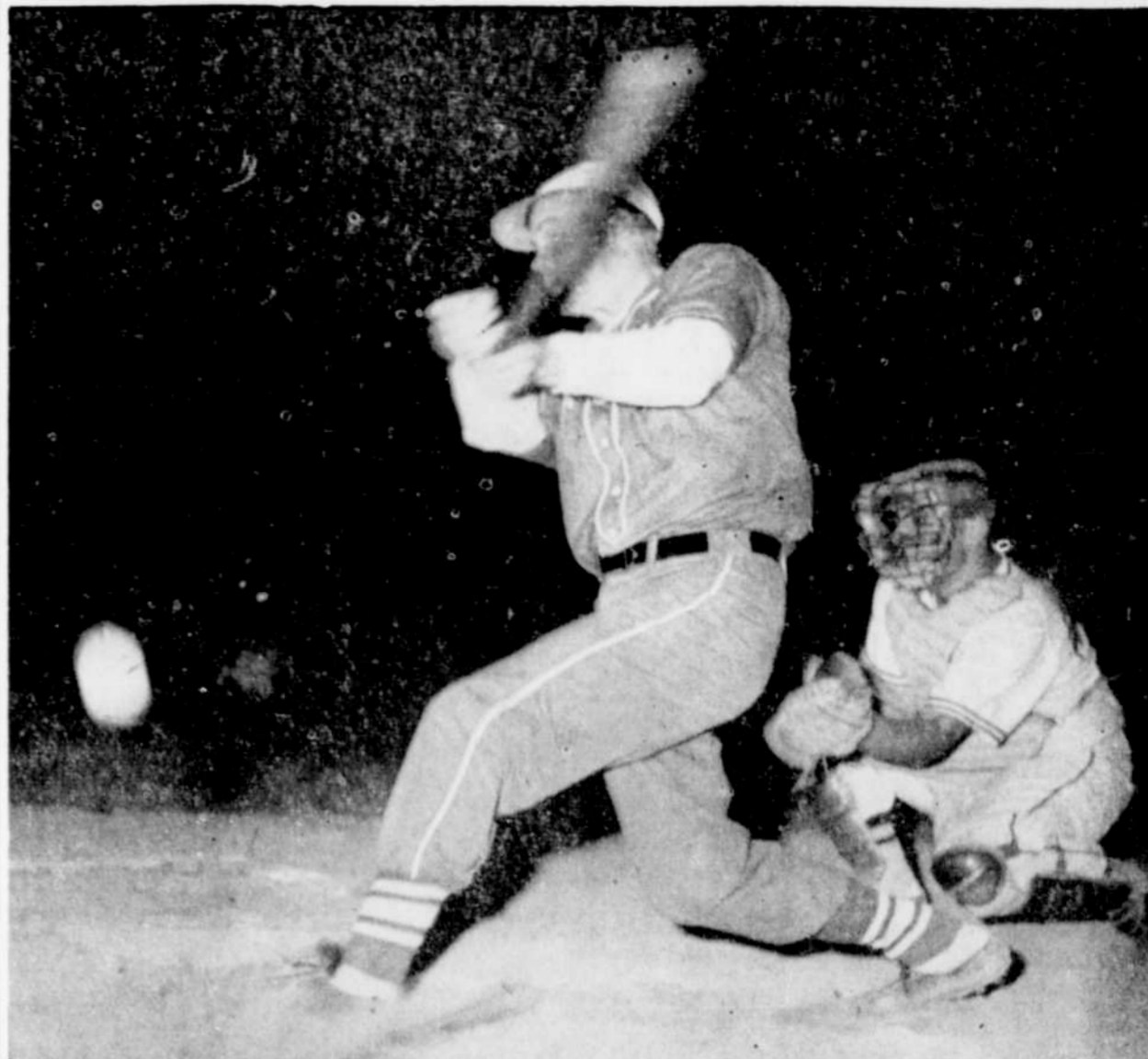
Tobler's Feed softball team split a doubleheader Tuesday night with the Weiser Firemen, champions in their district, at Weiser.

In the opener, Tobler's won 5-1 behind the tight hurling of Jerry Barker.

The nightcap was won 3-1 by the Firemen. Roger Skeen was the Tobler pitcher. Hugh Tobler completed the battery in both games.

Tobler's Feed will go to Baker for a game Thursday, Aug. 27. Baker was runner-up to Hermiston in the district playoffs.

Vergie Tucker and Jerelyn Cleavelly are spending this summer working in Smiths Ferry, Idaho.



CAN A SOFTBALLER HIT a baseball? Well, mister; that ain't a yoyo suspended out there in front of Andy Anderson, Tobler second sacker, completing his swing in the soft-

ball-baseball game last Friday between Tobler's Feed and the Nyssa Merchants. Poised behind Anderson is Jerry Bellon, Merchant receiver, who wishes it had been a yoyo, then

it wouldn't have gone so far. When the Merchants and Tobler's tangle Friday night in a return game, Anderson will be behind the plate for Tobler's.—Photo by Yost.

10 Draw Tags In Antelope Hunt

Ten local hunters were among the lucky ones to draw tags for the antelope hunt that opens this Saturday, including two each of two families.

The four tags that went to the two families were to Bill Russell and his 14-year-old son, Billie, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kruhl.

Others included Dale Garrison, Joe Dority, Jim Nicholson, Pud Long Mrs. Thurman Hill and Darrell D. Williams.

Persons who drew tags in either the special deer or antelope hunts last year were not eligible for the draw this season.

Doubleheader Friday

Some unusually good softball and baseball fare will be offered followers of the respective sports in a doubleheader set for 8 p. m. this Friday on the high school diamond.

In the first game LDS 2nd Ward, runner-up in the Nyssa Softball league tournament, will play the Merchants.

The nightcap will be a return game between the Merchants and Tobler's Feed, Softball league champion, who lost to the hardballers last Friday 5-4.

Merchants Trip Tobler's 5-4 In 11 Innings

Ending in a 5-4 score, with the Merchants on the long end, the softball-baseball game played last week between the local hardballers and Tobler's Feed softball club failed to convince many die-hard followers of each sport which is actually the fastest and most entertaining from the fans' standpoint.

All were in agreement, however, that the combination game provides excellent spectator entertainment. The game is played with the baseballers batting against the softball and running the short bases and the softballers hitting the hardball and legging it round the long bases.

The game was played last Friday on the high school diamond before the largest baseball or softball audience of the season.

Tobler's men took immediate command of the situation and enjoyed a four-run lead for most of the regular nine inning period. Eldon Barker, lead-off man for Tobler's got the first hit first time up and scored for the first run.

Several innings later Don King

Jalopy Races Discontinued

In accordance with a decision of the Owyhee Riding club, sponsor of the jalopy races here, no more races will be held this year. The decision, as reported by Lynn Snodgrass, president, was based on the small crowds and the lack of enthusiasm among the racers.

A new track record was chalked up at the last race, held Aug. 12, by Herb Holton, Vale. Driving car No. 36, owned by Frank Ikibe, Nyssa, Holton finished his trial heat in a time of 19.96.

The trophy dash was won by Buddy Thompson, Nampa, driving an Arizona car.

Don Hatch, Adrian, placed first in the A-main event in car No. 222. Elbert Hatch took second and Eldon Tallman third.

connected for a home run, scoring Dave Savage ahead of him. The regulation nine innings ended in a 4-4 tie, throwing the fast-moving game into extra innings.

In the top of the 11th inning the Merchants put over the tie-breaking run on two successive outfield errors by Tobler's.

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