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To escape comment or criticism, do nothing, be
nothing, say nothing.

Malheur Meanderings . . .

By Johnny Birrel
SHADES OF THE BANANA BELT! As we were basking in Saturday morning's bright (if chilly) sunshine the Portland papers were telling us of the Willamette valley's first measurable snowfall the morning before (all Portland news is at least one day late). Imagine that, the supposedly balmy (even if wet) section of the state getting its first winter's snow before we way up here, practically in the wintry state of Idaho. Oh, their poor Chamber of Commerce!

NEXT THING YOU KNOW they'll have to admit that just a little bit of the state's sin and problems exist in Multnomah county with their impeached district attorneys, Capone-style murders, full scale crime probes (coupled with lack of prosecution) and the like . . . rather than being the sole responsibility of Malheur county and their treatment of migrant labor.

WHAT'S THIS STORY about lack of proper football scouting for Nyssa's football team that we heard about. We understand that there is no allowance (even for tickets into the game) for a scout or two to look over competitive teams before the Bulldogs are to meet them. Therefore, anyone that might be willing to scout for the local boys not only has to pay his own traveling expenses to go to the game, he has to buy his own ticket to get in the gate—all while passing up an opportunity to watch his hometown squad play a game (going on at the same time) in which he's much more interested.

NOW DON'T GET US WRONG . . . we're not advocating a highly over-emphasized football factory (that we understand are not too uncommon in today's high schools) nor a great increase in the school system's expenses to support a sport, BUT if we're going to play football and want a winning team from time-to-time it would seem to this writer (who really doesn't know much about it) that somebody should be supporting an organized scouting system and paying traveling and ticket expenses. Scouting is an accepted and successful part of

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GATE CITY GLEANINGS

By Andy Nonimus

The entire Journal crew is having a hard time getting along with John Birrel this week! The guy's downright cocky all because he covered the stories for The Journal that scooped a Boise (that's in Idaho) daily by seven months in one instance and five months in another.

I'd like to bring Birrel down off his high-horse without any inner-office feuds, but the Boss says to lay off just because of Birrel's story 'way back in April when the state and city agreed on a street light at Main and Second. Another "scoop" was last June about an alley-paving job—with a front page picture, yet, on Oct. 2.

This here Idaho daily used two big stories last Thursday to "announce" the city's actions as of Nov. 12!

Oh well, Barnum was accused of coining the famous sucker every minute phrase and is supposed to have originated the theory that publicity good or bad can be measured in quantity, not quality—so, two stories on the same page saying the same thing about the city council's actions, right or wrong, must mean two-fold benefit!

Like I said several weeks ago, some of the stuff in this column is contributed and some stolen, so there's no need to give credit to the Payette Valley Sentinel for: "The only trouble with political jokes is that some of them get elected."

Almost forgot: More of Barnum's theories were proved correct in that Boise daily's same issue when Nyssa school officials were put on the spot with suggestions or implications that taxpayers might be asked to write a blank check for some big school expansion. Of course, nothing was said about the patient, forward-looking patrons of district 26C who approved a new tax base a few years back to insure plenty

saying something important, the "realistic" results are generally quite pleasant.

Well, that's enough "TV Review" for this week.

SEEN . . . THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT for the "modern" housewife in at least one Nyssa store—an electric can opener. Now you can not only save the worry, work and strain of preparing your own meal, but you don't even have to tire yourself when you open the cans it comes in.

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

I KNEW, just KNEW, that there must be something about Oregon's senior senator that I could buy. Bless his changeable little heart! According to Time Magazine, he worked his rear off to make sure Hatfield was the next governor of Oregon. Had it not been for Wayne's goof and Rockefeller's guts I'd have taken a long walk, one way, right into the deep of the now angry Lake Superior.

I wonder how many medicinal martinis Doc Sarazin had when the final tally came in!

BILL
(Bill Campbell)
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

NYSSAN ASSIGNED TO ENGINEER CORPS

John L. Mull, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Tyrrel of 220 South Fourth in Nyssa, recently enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Army's Corps of Engineers, according to word received from the army this week.

PETERSONS TO PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Peterson spent the past week end in Portland where they visited with their grand daughter, Donna Peterson who is hospitalized at Dorenbek hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr were Wednesday evening callers at the T. S. Weeks home.

of school funds, accepted two different handouts (of their own money) from the state with the promise that local taxes would be cut and finally were honored with increased valuations that cut millages for a pretty picture on paper and some glaring figures on tax statements!

This bit of poetical injustice was addressed to no one but me, so I can't infer it was meant for the Boss or Birrel:
Slivers in my fingers
Fill my soul with dread . . .
Makes me kinda figger
I shouldn't scratch my head.

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We wish to thank the following Nyssa merchants for their donations to our Apple Valley PTA carnival:

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Blaine Hansen and Darrell Hansen left for their homes in Smithfield, Utah, Friday evening following several days visit in Nyssa at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cottle and Mr. and Mrs. Frelly Blair.

GLENN MARCUMS HOME FOLLOWING ARMY DUTY

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Marcum and son arrived in Nyssa Tuesday where they plan to make their home following two years in the U.S. Army. Marcum has been stationed at Aberdeen proving grounds, Aberdeen, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Delwin Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Holcomb spent the past week end in their cabin at Owyhee Lake where they went chukar hunting.

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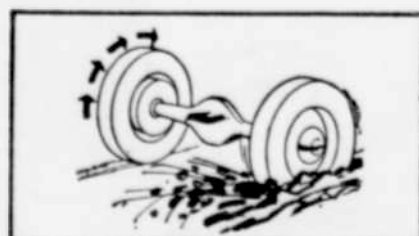
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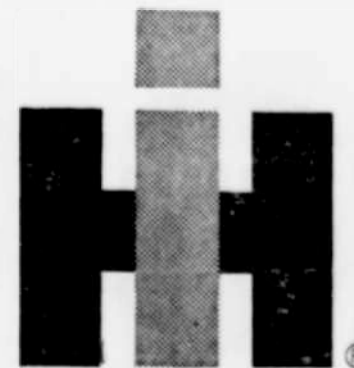


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