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Malheur Meanderings . . .

By Johnny Birrel
HOW ABOUT THAT TURKEY RACE Saturday afternoon. Quite a production, wasn't it? Pretty good odds on winning one of the turkeys, too, with some 31 of them being given away. It would have been worth the price of admission (if there had been any) just to see some of the pillars of Nyssa's business-life outfitted in those ridiculous costumes, much less the sight of them being dragged (or dragging the turkeys) all over Main street (and even into the crowds of spectators).

PRE-RACE POLITICKING was just one of several interesting sidelights on Saturday's city-wide promotion. What might be termed "dirty politics" flourished briefly after the turkeys were displayed Friday. I wouldn't want to point my finger at anyone, but a sign degrading "Ready Freddie's" racing ability mysteriously appeared over the Journal's cage entry sometime Friday, and it also was proclaiming what a great racer Bennett's Cafe entry was. What's more, similar propaganda (and it turned out to be just that, when the race was run) appeared over the turkeys displayed by other businesses on Main street.

IT WASN'T REALLY THAT THEY DIDN'T TRUST EACH OTHER, but I understand that several of the businessmen entered in the race (those whose costumes exposed the largest expanses of bare legs to the chilly air) required each other to put up rather healthy-sized cash deposits to be forfeited if they failed to appear in their pre-arranged, rather risqué outfits. But they all showed up properly dressed (or undressed) and the money was returned to its rightful owners.

THERE WAS A GRIPE OR TWO, too (isn't there always?) Several of the participating merchants reported an occasional protest that the turkeys weren't dressed and ready to cook. At least one shopper refused to enter a chance for one of the birds on these grounds. . . . Couldn't that be classified as looking a gift bird in the mouth?

AMONG THE TONS OF SO-CALLED NEWS RELEASES sent out by the state-wide Oregon centennial group in Portland, a rather interesting item was uncovered the other day. Drain's chamber of commerce is going to enter a wagon in the centennial covered wagon caravan from Missouri to Oregon.

thanks to the contribution of the total amount needed, \$1650, by a Drain logger.

WHAT WAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST to this writer, at least, was the fact that such a wagon train is really going to be made up and is scheduled to leave Independence, Mo., next April 15 and take a symbolic 100 days to reach Independence, Oregon, following as nearly as possible the old Oregon trail. Even a two-weeks training period before the departure from Missouri is planned, during which horses and drivers alike will be trained and equipment will be gathered.

JUST WHERE ALL THE HORSE-DRAWN PRAIRIE SCHOONERS will be found for the caravan wasn't revealed, but it was pointed out that the Roseburg headquarters of the "On to Oregon Calvalcade", which is organizing the wagon train, "have been flooded with applications from people who wish to ride on the covered wagons" (they must get a longer vacation than I do).

IT'S TOO BAD NYSSA OR MALHEUR COUNTY doesn't have someone (who has \$1650) whose hometown is along the Oregon trail and who also has "kinkof along the trail", such as the Drain logger. I'm sure that they, just as the gentleman from Drain, would be permitted to ride on the local schooner if they were to put up the necessary funds, and take the family along, too, if they'd like, even if the on to Oregon Calvalcade has been flooded with applications. Besides (please note, local centennial committees), think of the publicity possibilities!

IT SEEMS THERE REALLY IS SOMETHING TO THOSE STORIES of the potential danger of voodoo dolls. . . . no one less than the U.S. public health service has said so. However, they didn't credit sticking pins in the dolls as the source of the danger. What causes them concern is Haitian voodoo dolls carved from cashew nut shells for use as novelties and beverage "swizzle sticks".

AN ANALYSIS OF THE VOO-DOO DOLLS revealed the cashew nut "heads" contain a shell liquid chemically similar to the oil in poison ivy. And what's more, the public health service said, the dolls "eyes", are believed to be lethal jequirity beans (what ever they are) and even more dangerous than the cashew-nut heads. Sounds like a nice palatable weapon to stir your drink with, doesn't it?

and family visited with the Wayne Anderson family at Seneca recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jakl of Boise were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nelson and family over the week end.

Dwight Seward and family and John Sheppard were dinner guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pierce in Nampa on occasion of the birthday anniversary of Nelda Seward.

George Bailey has been quite ill and under a doctor's care the past week. Among callers was Arthur Johnson of Bremerton, Wash.

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GATE CITY GLEANINGS

By Andy Nonimus

The Boss was gone a couple of days last week and I had to go through his mail again.

Since he wasn't around to get on my back about "producing," I took the time and trouble to do some counting and figuring. In two mail deliveries there were 23 letters containing a total of 50 typewritten pages of "news" for us to use. All of it was true junk some high-paid "publicity" agent had written up. Had we used all this in The Gate City Journal, two full pages of the newspaper, plus one column on the third page, would have been required. That's only two mail deliveries, mind you, with a comparable amount coming in Monday.

Among the news releases were "worthy-causes" from "non-profit organizations", but I couldn't help wondering who was making a profit on the paper used, the time for pretending to think while the stuff was being dictated, the gals who mimeographed it up and the hundreds of other hard-working people who certainly are not putting in year-round labor at no profit.

A slow burn developed when it was discovered three of the letters came from national business organizations "who don't believe in advertising" (if they have to pay for it), but who realize the value of the newspaper to announce their new presidents, boards of directors or some new product on the market in Los Angeles or New York City.

They appear to be parasites of the first water with more gaul than business sense. Could be though, the firm's boards of directors have been played for suckers by publicity agencies who quote in the millions the number of people reading publications where the junk is sent, but are quiet as mice in quoting figures on how many print the stuff.

The releases got a fast burn in our incinerator.

By the way, 13 of these letters were mailed at first class rates, three of them for 3 cents, six for 1½ cents and the other on a government franking privilege.

It makes a person appreciate regular advertisers who seldom if ever ask for something for nothing. When a local business firm expands, makes changes in its personnel or really makes news, The Journal likes to run news stories and nine times out of ten appreciation is expressed.

"Good heavens!" cried Whistler to his mother when he saw her on her knees washing the floor. "Have you gone off your rocker?"

Hereafter Nyssa area residents will be expected to be more formal when they address a certain accountant, city councilman, hospital board member, road district secretary, etc., etc. I don't like to mention his name to embarrass him or reveal his identity, but he should now be known as Grandpappy instead of just Grand.

It's like Kitty Jensen confessed. "It used to disgust me when people bragged about their superior grandchildren and the cute things they did. Now, I can see it's more fun to be a parent than it was to be a parent. You can spoil 'em, pamper 'em and buy them things they don't need and let the parents worry about unspooling them."

And speaking of children, The Journal has a new member of its large family. Don't take this wrong, but there's rumors the Boss AND his wife are responsible for the new arrival last Friday. Last spring they went fishing over a week end and Joanne Hooper, the society editor, was hospitalized for appendicitis, but no surgery. Later in the summer they took another two-day leave of absence and Joanne returned to Malheur Memorial for an appendectomy. The Boss and his boss were gone last week end and

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Girl Scout NEWS



Meadowlark Troop

The Meadowlark troop of Girl Scouts met recently at the home of their leader, Mrs. C. M. Pounds. The group decided upon dues of 25 cents per month and also made their sit-upons and miser bags in preparation for a hike to be taken later.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. Pounds.

Scouts Plan Hike

The Meadowlarks had their usual meeting at the home of their leader, Mrs. C. M. Pounds. During the meeting they sewed on Mrs. Pounds' sewing machine for their forthcoming hike.

The hostesses, Charmaine Williams and Aledra Anderson served refreshments of cookies and cocoa.

—Reporter, Margaret Roberts.

Troop 80 Practices

Brownie troop 80 meets each Monday after school at the home of their assistant leader, Mrs. Max Urry, with Mrs. Jack Anderson as leader. This week they discussed the court of awards and practiced their Girl Scout song. Refreshments were served by Anna Anderson.

Oregon Trail Club Given Honors at Rally

The Malheur county 4-H leaders held a rally at the Boulevard Grange Nov. 20. The Oregon Trail Clothing club was selected as the outstanding club in the county having less than 12 members. Their club was presented with a plaque for their achievements. This is the third year in succession their club has won this plaque.

The club members are Karen Saito, Ellen Saito, Judy Laurance, Marilyn Hickman, Marilyn Gonyer, Karen Smith, Nancy Hill, Louise Freithe, and Barbara Hickman.

It happened—no sooner had they crossed the Snake River than Joanne scooted off to MM where she and Blaine became parents of a daughter the following morning.

"How did you happen to hit the pedestrian?" Marvin Wilson asked a motorist on Main street. "I didn't hit him," was the reply. "I came to the stop sign. I stopped. I motioned for him to go across the street, and he faints."

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The American Legion had a smorgasbord in the Legion hall Saturday evening. It was well attended, netting them \$276.

Joe Witty attended an ag teachers meeting in Nyssa Tuesday evening. They discussed setting up courses in tractor maintenance.

June Ward and Mrs. Bill Willis watched the bowling champion, Veripapa, perform in Homedale Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Long, Mary Weir and Mrs. Henry Moore attended Delta Kappa Gamma at the home of Mrs. Charles Witty Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kurtz entertained them with moving pictures taken in Maji, Ethiopia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Dennon of Seaside were week end guests at the Bill Looney home. While here they attended a retirement party at the Moore hotel in Ontario Saturday night for her father, Harry Looney, who has been in the government's employ for 18 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Witty's little son, Marshall who was quite ill Sunday, is much improved at present.

A Legion meeting was held at the Legion hall Monday. Business was discussed with a social hour and refreshments following.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long and Mrs. Mary Henderson went to Natus Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE OF CITY LOTS

Bids will be received, no later than 5 p.m. on the 9th day of December, 1958, at the office of the city recorder of the City of Nyssa, for the purchase of the following real property:

Lots 15 and 16 of block 1, tract No. 365, of Taylor addition; lot 3 of block 53, tract 367c, of Park addition; lots 5-9 of block 69, tract 368c, of Green addition; south 40 feet of lot 10 of block 77, tract 371c, of Green addition; lot 12 of block 81, tract 372c, of Green addition; and lots 32-33, tract 375c, of Glasgow tracts.

All bids must be unconditional and accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check in the amount of 10 percent of the amount of the bid, and will be opened at 9 p.m. at the next regular City Council meeting subsequent to the above date, at which time the properties will be sold to the bidder making the highest and best bid for cash or terms, subject to the right of the Common Council to reject any or all bids. Conveyance of the above properties will be made by quitclaim deed, and no abstract of title or title insurance will be furnished by the City.

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Jim Coon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney and family were Sunday dinner guests of the Harry Looneys in Fruitland.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown went to Boise Saturday to see the Fairland parade.

Richard Young, a nephew of Glen Brown, and a friend, Ted Bell, were guests last week of the Glen Browns.

The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Moore and Mrs. Athol Sayre went to the College of Idaho Sunday where they listened to lectures on how to carry on social work through the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown went to Portland Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright spent Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright Big Bend.

Mrs. Edna Cowling and Mrs. Margaret Scott went to Apple Valley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Mausing were Sunday visitors at the home of their son, Ernie Mausing and

Nyssa Births . . .

Nov. 14—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert McNeil, Vale, a girl. To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vassar, Nyssa, a girl.

Nov. 15—To Mr. and Mrs. Armen Hidalgo, Nyssa, a girl. To Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Gammel, Ontario, a boy.

Nov. 19—To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Palmer, Vale, a girl. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Main, Vale, a girl.

Nov. 21—To Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Hooper, Nyssa, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Osborne of Nampa and Mrs. Roy Miller of Parma were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Capper.

family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvon McGinnis had as guests Monday his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Willie McGinnis of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney entertained the Horace Chaney's Sunday evening.

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(Last Week's News)

Visitors at the A. R. Endsley home Sunday were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Poulson of Parma and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Shelton and son of Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ellibee and family returned to their Apple Valley farm Saturday after spending several months at a ranch near New Meadows. Miss Lila Ellibee remained at McCall where she has employment.

Miss Carol Clarkson of Nyssa and Karen Saunders shared a birthday dinner with Nelda Seward at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward Sunday.

Several friends were present last Tuesday to help David Sells celebrate his 8th birthday anniversary at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sells. Following games Miss Patsy Wagner assisted with serving refreshments.

Mrs. Clayton Butcher and Dick and her mother, Mrs. Alberta Morrow of Cottonwood, Ida., returned home recently from Cloverland, Wash., where they were guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Morrow. They were among guests at a dinner honoring Mrs. Butcher's paternal grandfather on his 91st birthday anniversary. Enroute home they visited with Mrs. Loine Clay at Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Booth

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