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

Keeping Up With the Joneses

Are we getting \$600 per family value from outer-space missiles?

This country's last rocket brought a recap of total expenditures which have now reached \$25 billion and still climbing higher than missiles have gone. This amount represents a cost of about \$150 for every man, woman and child in the nation, or an average of about \$600 per family.

Military and civilian personnel connected with the country's numerous projects, as well as scientists, attempt to review some of the scientific facts being obtained, but they always insert explanations implying that mass psychology and self-assurance that we're as good as the Russians are important factors.

Just how much of that \$600 per family are we spending to keep up with the Joneses?

How well we remember the same theories back in 1939 when Hitler was stomping around Europe with the world's best-trained and equipped soldiers. At that time he had his nation and those he had conquered in one of the firmest economic grips of any tyrant in history. There were those in this country who advocated that we should take notes from Hitler's notebook and train all children in military discipline—and eventually to kill—and to place America's economic system under complete control of a governing body—or suffer complete military defeat by the Nazis.

Before and after our entry into World War II, the American people would not buy the "do-it-like-the-enemy-or-else theories."

It could be time for the same American people to ask a few more questions.

Malheur Meanderings . . .

By Johnny Birrel
THAT CRUNCHING SOUND YOU HEAR is yours, truly eating some of his words from last week's column. It seems that the city did me dirt (I guess it was really gravel), for while this column's comments regarding our bottomless, gravel alley were going on the press to be recorded for posterity . . . the city was graveling said alley! They even partially filled those bottomless pits!

HAD THEY WAITED ANOTHER DAY OR SO, I could have swelled my chest with pride, pointed my finger, and said, "See . . . city improvements, betterment, reform . . . all as a result of the crusading, caustic comments of this column. Behold, the power of the press!"

BUT, ALAS, SUCH WAS NOT THE CASE. Instead they came in and grveled the thing . . . just too late for me to burn my nasty remarks about it and replace them with some other sage comments about other weighty world problems . . . and yet just too early (a day before the paper came out) for this column to claim credit for the work they did. As I said, they did me dirt (or was it gravel?).

MY ONLY DEFENSE is that I waited a couple of weeks after the alley was graded (wallowing through those bottomless pits) before raising my voice in protest. But with the damage repaired before the paper (and column) came out, all the steam is gone. Oh well, such is the life of a "crusading" journalist. So here I sit, munching on my words.

BESIDES, IT'S ALL FROZEN UP back there now, anyway, so we won't have to worry about it until it thaws out again.

WOULDN'T WANT IT TO BE SAID this was getting to be a household recipe column, but during the Christmas season Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence, in speaking of fire safety during the holiday season, came up with a solution for flameproofing costumes and garments. However, what with the Christmas rush and all, this item (although set in type) wasn't used in the Journal's news columns.

SO AS OUR FIRST PUBLIC SERVICE of this new year (since we can't claim credit for getting the alley grveled), I'd like to pass on the ingredients for the flameproofing solution with the thought that, although the Christmas season is past, whenever children are required to wear some form of loosely woven costumes (those are the kind that are most apt to catch fire and go up like gasoline) it would be far wiser to treat them; and be safe . . . rather than sorry. (This is one time I'd hate to have to say I told you so.)

Mix 9 ounces of borax and 4 ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the fabric into this solution, wring by hand, then hang to dry. This flameproofing method must be repeated after each laundering of the garment.

EVERYONE SEEMS TO

GATE CITY GLEANINGS

By Andy Nonimus

Dr. John F. Sly, head of Princeton Surveys, has just completed his recommendations to the state of Oregon on how to raise taxes and make everybody happy. The taxpayers, of course, will have to pay Dr. Sly \$35,000 which should make him happy, the governor has already announced he's happy, but legislators haven't yet been surveyed to find out their degree of glee.

His introduction contained comments about saving the people of the state some money, but his report carried such gems as a proposed 2 percent sales tax, a 1 percent gross income tax and an additional 4-cents-a-pack tax on cigarettes.

I'm going to do some price cutting in this recommendation business and offer my proposals at half price—just \$17,500.

Why dilly-dally around with intricate formulas and tables for each of Oregon's 1,700,000 persons to become confused about? Why not just have each person and business send their entire gross earnings to the state treasurer, who in turn could issue state checks for 10 percent of that amount to return to them.

All the in-between-men could be eliminated and could go on the unemployment rolls controlled by new laws that would eliminate the armies of investigators to determine whether each applicant was deserving. Everybody would be eligible.

Of course, out of this 10 percent returned by the state, each person could pay his own social security, unemployment compensation, industrial accident taxes, property taxes, state and federal income taxes, the new 2 percent sales tax and 1 percent income tax.

If you're confused about those minor items amounting to more than the 10 percent returned to you, forget about it. Bureaucracies haven't given a thought to such trivialities for years and look how they have grown.

A legislative committee has recommended a change in the law to allow youngsters of 16 to smoke cigarettes. Dr. Nonimus recommends that the age be dropped to 6 months, only instead of giving them the privilege of smoking, make it compulsory. Think of the millions the state would receive in coffin-nail taxes even before the new 4-cent addition is made.

Now if this idea is distasteful to any non-smokers, the legislature could earmark all the funds derived from infants' smokes for their education by providing basic school support funds be set at 127 percent.

If Dr. Nonimus' recommendations are followed, in due time everyone could be working for the state with plenty of security, freedom from want, worry and work. Everything would be provided—except IBM machines to figure out how to divide your 10 percent.

By that time, all law enforcement agencies could be abolished along with state and local penal codes now regulated by our constitution, which would have to be changed.

Anybody getting out of line could be threatened with the torture and shame of doing an honest day's work for monetary remuneration, operating his own farm or conducting his own business with the profit motive in mind.

That would fix the wrong-doers!
"Daddy," said the small boy, "where did I come from?"
The father who had been dreading the day the question would be asked, launched into a long and painfully contrived explanation on the facts of life. The boy listened attentively.
At last the father concluded, "so now you know—but just as a matter of curiosity, son, how did you happen to ask?"
"Nothing special, Dad," said the son, "the new boy at school said he was from Portland and I was wondering where I came from."

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stephen and sons, Axel and Jeffrey and JoAnn Stephen, returned from California Saturday where they had visited for several days.

Mrs. Alberta Bowen returned to the La Vern Cleaver home Wednesday after visiting at Westfir with her son, Jack Bowen and family. Saturday she visited her son, Robert and family at Vale and Sunday she and son, Bill were dinner guests of the Clyde Bohannon's.

Homer Nesbitt of Ola visited Sunday overnight at the home of his sister, Mrs. Alva Goodell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Phillips and family returned Saturday after spending the holidays on the coast with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Top-liff were New Years eve guests at the Russell Gressley home.

The Alva Goodell family visited Saturday at the Cliff Harris home in Lincoln Heights.

Guests at the Eugene Stephen home Sunday helping Mrs. Stephen celebrate her birthday anniversary were Messrs. and Mmes. Fred Stephen, Joe Stephen and family, Art Norland and James Stephen.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Edwards and family of Payette were New Years dinner guests at the Alva Goodell home. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cleaver of Nyssa spent New Years eve at the Goodell home.

Gladys Stephen returned to George Fox College at Newberg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie, Garnet and Robert visited Sunday at the Gilbert Stewart home at Nampa. Garnet and Anita Stewart left during the afternoon for Gooding where they will spend the next four weeks working at the TB hospital in conjunction with their nurses training course.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Finger and Dick were New Years guests of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dowty and family at Home-dale. The twins, Jimmy and Jane Dowty returned home with them.

Mrs. Delbert Cleaver will be hostess Jan. 14 to the Out Our Way club.

New Years eve guests at the Lester Cleaver home were Messrs. and Mmes. Claude Day, and family, Billy Day, Delbert Cleaver, Lloyd Cleaver, Eugene Cleaver, Ray Griffiths, Howard Day and James Ritchie, Robert and Glenn

said he was from Portland and I was wondering where I came from."

There wasn't a Galahad in town Monday when Marie Main was on the business end of a snow shovel removing the white stuff from the front and side sidewalks of Eastern Oregon Natural Gas. I walked 'way around the location to get a better perspective of the numerous men who walked right by and never offered to take over.

The saddest words of tongue or pen—"We just sold Junior's buggy when—"

Monday Services For Emma Peutz, Pioneer Matron

Mrs. Emma M. Peutz, 77, a resident of the Owyhee community for nearly 50 years, died last Thursday at Malheur Memorial Hospital. Services were conducted Monday afternoon at Nyssa Funeral home with the Rev. John Briehl officiating. Interment was in Owyhee cemetery.

Mrs. Peutz was born March 6, 1881 in Denmark. She was married Nov. 17, 1909 at Payette to William Peutz. They moved from Payette to a ranch 10 miles southwest of Nyssa March 19, 1910 where they have since resided.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, Werner, Lawrence and William, Jr. and two grandchildren all of the Nyssa community.

Stephen. Sunday visitors at the La Vern Cleaver home were Messrs. and Mmes. Cliff Beckstead and Elmer Heuter of Fruitland.

Mrs. Alberta Bowen and Mrs. John Lawrence of Nyssa visited in Payette and New Plymouth Friday.

Ronnie returned to college at Corvallis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Knowles and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Mancil Bishop home.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
In the County Court
Of the State of Oregon
For the County of Malheur
Probate Department

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN KASSON GRIFFITHS, Also known as John K. Griffiths and J. K. Griffiths, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Rose A. Griffiths, Executrix of the Estate of John Kasson Griffiths, also known as John K. Griffiths and J. K. Griffiths, deceased, has filed her Final Account as such Executrix in the County Court of Malheur County, Oregon, and that said Court has appointed January 23, 1959, at 11:00 o'clock A.M. of said day for the hearing of objections to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, all persons interested in the Estate of said

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John Kasson Griffiths, also known as John K. Griffiths and J. K. Griffiths, deceased, are hereby notified and required to appear at the County Court Room in the Court House at Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, at said time, to then and there show cause, if any there be, why said Final Account should not be settled, allowed and approved and said Estate be distributed by the Decree of said Court.

Dated and first published December 25, 1958.
Date of last publication, January 22, 1959.

ROSE A. GRIFFITHS, Executrix of the Estate of John Kasson Griffiths, also known as John K. Griffiths and J. K. Griffiths, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the County Court
Of the State of Oregon
For the County of Malheur
In the Matter of the Estate of SPENCER D. MAUGHAN, Deceased.

That the undersigned, Millicent G. Maughan, has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Spencer D. Maughan, deceased, by the County Court of Malheur County, Oregon, and has qualified as such.

NOW, THEREFORE, all persons having claims against the estate of Spencer D. Maughan, deceased, are hereby notified and required to present the same, with proper vouchers, duly verified,

within six (6) months from the date of this Notice, to the undersigned, Millicent G. Maughan, at the law office of Harold Henigson at Nyssa, Oregon, which place the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

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MILlicent G. MAUGHAN, Administratrix of the estate of Spencer D. Maughan, Deceased.

NYSSA-ARCADIA DRAINAGE DISTRICT

To the Land Owners of Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage District: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the By-laws of the District, the annual meeting of the land owners of Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage District will be held at the office of the District, 106 Main Street in the City of Nyssa, Oregon, on the 15th day of January, 1959, at 2:30 P.M. for the purpose of electing one Supervisor and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

By order of the Board of Supervisors. Dated at Nyssa, Oregon, this 15th day of December, 1958.

NYSSA-ARCADIA DRAINAGE DISTRICT
By HAROLD HENIGSON, Secretary.

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