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

Prineville Has a School Problem

Varied opinions are being expressed in all sectors about the school dilemma in Prineville and Crook county where schools have been declared non-standard and all state funds are being withheld by the Oregon Department of Education.

According to news reports, patrons of the district have three times voted down a \$500,000 bond issue for construction, which resulted in last week's decision to block all state funds.

There are many arguments pro and con in which "outsiders" are in no position to take part. One might feel that if the people of Crook county are unwilling to shoulder their own responsibilities, why should the rest of the state pay taxes to share with them? A contrary argument might be that those people in Crook county are paying federal taxes from forest lands, state income, cigarette, liquor and other taxes and are being deprived of their share of their own money.

Even more detailed questions might be asked, such as: Why were the construction bond issues defeated? Were the defeats the result of local conditions and differences unknown outside of Crook county? Were the issues properly presented to the voters, or are property owners there actually "tightwads" who want to save money?

Such questions probably can never be answered inside or outside the school district in question.

It is logical that the rest of the state should not bear the burden of additional taxes if residents of the district refuse to assume responsibility for their own share of their school costs. It is also logical, as educators so often remind us, that every child is entitled to equal opportunities in education. It should be noted that 2,482 pupils in Crook county may be deprived of school facilities if battle lines are drawn.

Snap judgment from the rest of the state is not in order, but the entire situation is an example of modern-day entangling alliances that can reach into every community in the nation.

Oregon's Third Party

Oregon's Supreme Court has cleared up the senseless muddle about who is secretary of state and whether or not the new governor could "legally" take office. The same decision should make it clear that Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton is free to resign any time he chooses.

Mr. Thornton has been playing politics since he was first elected in 1952—not Democratic or Republican politics, but Thornton politics. The state's legal advisor has sought and received statewide publicity and headlines since assuming office in 1953 and, like Barnum, he seems to care not whether "what they say about me is good or bad, so long as they say something."

His respect for long-established customs of his law profession has been somewhat thin as evidenced in public speeches containing innuendoes such as one appearance in Nyssa where residents of the area were castigated by implications that they favored crime because of monetary gain.

The attorney general hemmed and hawed throughout the distasteful and unfruitful crime investigation in Multnomah county.

In short, Robert Y. Thornton too frequently talks when he should be thinking, and when he thinks, his thoughts are on a forthcoming election rather than the welfare of all residents of Oregon whom he is supposed to represent as their chief legal officer and as head of the Department of Justice.

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.

GOPHER SOCIALISM

Dear Editor:

Even the lowly gopher is not going to be overlooked by our illustrious collectivists.

This scheme of the big farmer to harness the taxpayer to trap his gophers is the same scheme and pattern that has been used to subsidize the big farmer at the expense of his neighbors who have always trapped his own gophers, sprayed his own weeds, leveled and ditched his own land, and seeded his fields without government subsidies.

This philosophy of stealing one another's cattle is not good logic for it will pave the way for moral and financial bankruptcy.

Quotation:—"Any government that is big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you've got."

Sincerely, A. D. Moses.

Nyssa Youngster Fractures Hand

Leonard Lowtrip, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Collins, Nyssa, was treated and x-rayed at Malheur Memorial hospital Monday Jan. 19 for a fracture of the right hand suffered Friday.

Malheur Meanderings . . .

By Johnny Birrel
THE STRANGE CASE OF THE UNKNOWN NOISE seems to be haunting Nyssans these days, particularly those on the south side of town, and no one (at least no one we at the Journal have talked to) seems to know just what it is. And not only is its source mysterious, its sound is too.

IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN AROUND a big construction job where they have installed automatic back-up horns on their heavy equipment as a safety measure, then you know about how Nyssa's strange noise sounds, at least part of the time.

YOU DON'T HEAR IT ALL THE TIME, either, and sometimes it's louder than others. But when it is sounding, it usually is a steady rhythmic beeping (or squeaking) so loud, when it's really going, that it will bring a light sleeper right up out of bed.

AND IT MAY LAST FOR HALF A DAY or so. Or it may last only an hour or two. Recently it seems to take off more often at night than during the day, but it also sounds off during daylight hours.

THIS MYSTERIOUS MONSTER was first noticed (at least to my knowledge) about a year ago, but its spasmodic expressions apparently lasted only a few days at that time (maybe it developed laryngitis). At any rate it has been hibernating in silence (once again, at least to my knowledge) until the last week or so, when once again it has been raising its mysterious voice.

SOMETIMES IT SCREAMS OUT in the beep-like tones already mentioned; sometimes it chortles out in gasping squawks, somewhat like I imagine a dying dinosaur would sound.

ABOUT THE ONLY EXPLANATION I've heard offered (strictly an opinion, you understand) is that it is a pulley or piece of machinery in the need of lubrication. If it is, it must be a king size one and it should take a carload of the finest grease to shut it up. Perhaps someone has another possible theory. If so, I'm interested in hearing about it.

FROM WHAT THE LATEST REPORT in the January Oregon Health Bulletin (published by the Oregon State Board of Health) says, this mysterious Nyssa voice (?) could be a chorus of rats left over from our recent rat influx (if it is, there's an awful lot of them and they're in an awfully big echo-chamber).

AT ANY RATE, the bulletin acknowledges we had an "infestation" of the critters here at Nyssa last year, labeling them Norwegian rats, "one of the most destructive by-products of civilization" and pointing out they "finally invaded eastern Oregon" (just what that remark means, I don't know).

WERE NOT ALONE, at least. The bulletin says there is an infestation at Elgin that was "sus-

pected as far back as 1952" and has now "grown to heavy proportions," spreading to the entire town.

"THE OTHER INFESTATION," the bulletin announces, "began last year at an open refuse dump on the bank of the Snake river near Nyssa." There was no mention at all of the fact that they all seem to have left and that we've been accused of sending them packing to the Vale city dump. (At least that's where the county sanitarian predicted our nasty old rodents would go if that city didn't do something, and they went somewhere.)

INCIDENTALLY, I GUESS my recent remarks, in reply to that "Rusty" Vale columnist's remarks, in reply to my original remarks about our rats going to Vale were effective. She not only failed to remark in reply to them last week, but she didn't even have a column!

I WAS MUMBLING AND GRUMBING (as usual) the other day about all these new-fangled ideas over-running our present-day school system with a bunch of "non-essential" courses such as driver training, manual training, homemaking, cooking, chorus and the like (that ought to bring forth more comment than last week's tongue-in-cheek remarks about the hunter-training program).

AND THEN IT HAPPENED! I noticed (thanks to some of those reams of Oregon Centennial publicity) that 112 years ago this month (Jan. 7, 1847, to be exact) Mrs. N. M. Thornton announced in the pages of the Oregon Spectator the opening of a female school at Oregon City: "English education will be taught in this school, together with plain and fancy Needle Work, Drawing and Painting in Mosaic and water colors."

WELL, THERE WENT ANOTHER GOOD ARGUMENT about too many modern ideas upsetting our established way of life and adding new burdens to current taxpayers.

Coming Events . . .

American Legion and auxiliary will meet first and third Thursdays of each month 8 p.m. in community hall.

Jan. 30—Gold and Green ball, Nyssa LDS Second ward.

Feb. 2—Adrian school board meeting, Adrian OEA meeting at 4 o'clock.

Feb. 3—PTSA meeting 8 p.m.

Feb. 4—Adrian Lions club.

Feb. 10—Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, Episcopal church.

WEATHER . . .

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 14	44	28	
Jan. 15	44	26	
Jan. 16	40	25	.06
Jan. 17	38	30	
Jan. 18	42	31	
Jan. 19	42	20	.07
Jan. 20	43	28	
Jan. 21		19	

CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS!

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of Cornelius Muntjewerff:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned administrator of the Estate of Cornelius Muntjewerff, deceased, to all persons having claims against the said Estate and to all creditors of the said deceased, to present such claims with the necessary vouchers to the undersigned administrator within six months from and after the date of the first publication of this notice, at the residence of Dina Muntjewerff, in Malheur County, Oregon, which said place is hereby designated as the place of business for all matters pertaining to said estate.

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GERRIT MUNTJEWERFF
Administrator

NOTICE OF EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given, That the board of directors of the Ridgeview Irrigation District will meet at the Ridgeview School House in the County of Malheur, State of Oregon, that being the District's office at 7:30 p.m. on the 10th day of February, 1959, to sit as a Board of Equalization for the purpose of reviewing and correcting its assessment and apportionment of taxes for defraying the operation, maintenance and construction costs and expenses for the District for the year of 1959. Any complaint concerning the assessments or any changes desired must be entered with the Secretary of the District before the date named herein in order to receive proper consideration from the Board.

The 1959 assessment may be seen at the Ridgeview Irrigation District office at Homedale, Idaho. Done by order of the board of directors.

Felisa Echevarria
Secretary
Ridgeview Irrigation District
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GATE CITY GLEANINGS

By Andy Nonimus

Banks and newspapers have something in common and I don't mean finances. It's names. Have been told that sometimes a man and wife have a joint account and can't remember whether to sign their checks John Smith, John A. Smith, Mrs. John Smith, J. Smith, J. A. Smith, Mary Smith, or any one of dozens of other combinations.

Of course, the banker can make them sign a long list of names verifying any or all the numerous signatures, but newspapers sometimes are confronted with public demands to give the wife in the family even more recognition than was asked for in the 19th amendment to the Constitution.

Even though it has been generally accepted that in social events, a happily married woman should be identified as Mrs. John Doe, there are those infrequent demands that she must be identified as plain Jane Doe, even though she is not a widow or an estranged wife.

That sometimes runs into complications.

Wonder how it would sound, should Jane ever venture out with her husband, to designate them as Mr. John Doe and wife, Jane. On second thought, the society editor might get demands to identify the happy married couple as Jane Doe and her husband, John.

band, John.

Ed Michaelson: "My wife says if I don't give up bowling she'll leave me."
Bob Thompson: "Gee, that's hard luck."
Mike: "Yes, I'll miss her."

What's happened to our armed forces' enthusiasm in their recruiting campaigns?

One window in Nyssa has expensive and expansive cutouts with competitive appeals for the Army, the Air Force and the WAFS. Where's the come-on for the Navy, WAVES, Marines, WACS and Coast Guard?

Surely, the latter five must know that the millions being spent for sales pitches are all in the name of national defense, even though Congress is again squabbling about more millions for selective service.

Sign in London butcher shop: "We make sausage for Queen Elizabeth."

Sign in rival shop across the street: "God save the Queen."

During a coffee break at a local drug store, a Nyssa merchant read aloud the cover title of a magazine article, "What to Do If You Lose Your Job."

"That's easy," commented a fellow caffeine-sipper, "just come to Oregon and draw unemployment compensation."

The Journal almost needed the services of the fire department the other day. I didn't see the incident, but Joanne

Gate City Lodge Has Installation Of New Officers

Officers of the Gate City IOOF lodge were installed Monday, Jan. 19, as follows: Ross Mills, noble grand; Rev. E. J. Martin, vice grand; Frank Sherwood, secretary; Tom Johnson, treasurer; Theron Wheeler, warden; Owen Gann, conductor; Martin Greig, right supporter to noble grand; Harry Kingrey, left supporter to noble grand and Lee Miller, chaplain.

Al Johnson, inside guard; Clarence Neely, right supporter to vice grand; Roy Winchell, left supporter.

Following the installation ceremony a chili dinner was served. During the business meeting the lodge decided upon a donation to the March of Dimes, which will be mailed to the chairman.

Mrs. William Hart and baby of Seattle were guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Moore.

swears this is what happened: The Boss received a franked letter from each of Oregon's feuding senators in one of his average six-pound mail deliveries: one an "Immediate Release" from Sen. Morse and another from Sen. Neuberger. The Boss made the mistake of placing one on top of the other when he opened the stack of mail, and darned if the whole pile didn't start smoldering!

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