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The Last Roundup

We are still getting letters of indignation regarding the death of Jimmie Marez. Most of these are from people far removed from Nyssa, but who have lived here at some time or another. Some of the writers are on our subscription list and some are not. Some ask questions that are fair but that we are unable to answer, and some make charges that are rather ridiculous in that they seem to think the people of Nyssa are calloused and have no feeling in the matter.

It has been almost two months since this tragic death on Christmas eve and we feel inclined to drop the matter as far as names are concerned. We feel that the matter has been carried through the regular court channels and that any guilty parties have been tried by our courts and the penalties assessed. But there are some erroneous impressions that we may be able to help clear. So it is with this in mind that we again discuss certain phases of it.

First, the impression that when the matter was turned over to the grand jury things would suddenly begin to happen, was wrong. The jury could consider only any information and evidence that was brought to its attention. Its sources of information were no better than those of the investigating and law enforcing agencies. Then, too, it could only consider the evidence in the light of what "would stand in a trial court."

Second, the grand jury was not a place or method where the case could be shifted just to whitewash the other agencies and absolve them from their responsibilities. This is the normal manner of deciding if a man should be held for trial.

Third, the jury recommendation that some type of "flashing stop light be considered for the intersection of First and Main" where the mishap occurred was not meant as an excuse for what happened but as a possible means of preventing an accident occurring in the future that might be caused by poor lighting.

Fourth, we understand that it was strictly a violation of the law for the body of Marez to be removed, as presumed ordered by the sheriff, before the coroner arrived and gave his permission. But as to what the penalty is for the violation we have no idea, nor do we know if it was a matter that should have been brought to the attention of the grand jury. For those of you who are interested in this part of the matter, we suggest you get your answer from the prosecuting attorney, E. Otis Smith, Vale, Oregon.

Fifth, if this had happened across the state line in Idaho and if, under Idaho law, there would have automatically been a charge of negligent homicide because a death occurred, does not mean that the same thing applies in Oregon, or that it is a good law for Idaho. The basic rule, under which the driver of the death car was prosecuted, charges a driver with the "responsibility of keeping his vehicle under control at all times." The law in Oregon on negligent homicide reads, "When the death of any person ensues within one year as the proximate result of injuries caused by: (1) the driving of any motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, the person driving such vehicle is guilty of negligent homicide, and, upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or in the state penitentiary for not more than three years, or by a fine of not to exceed \$2,500, or both such fine and imprisonment." If the grand jury considered this charge it decided there was not sufficient evidence to support the charge. We suspect that it might have hinged on the meaning of the word grossly and the ability to prove that.

Now, may we drop this matter and work toward the strengthening of Oregon laws that will tend to remove drunken drivers from our roads, as proposed by Sen. Yturri's committee, in a talk here recently. And may we let our law enforcement officers know that they have the support of all of us in the enforcement of all the laws. And may those of you away from here be assured that we people of Nyssa do care what happens here.

Several Students Miss No School

(From the Nyssa High Bulletin)

During the 89 school days of the first semester there were 45 Nyssa high students who had perfect attendance.

Freshmen not missing any days were Hazel Dillon, Judy Maulding, Joyce Morinaka, Mary Jo Van Zelf, Karen Stoneberg, Alan Hirai, Patricia Points, Alan Whitaker and Garry Wieneke.

Don Arai, Irene Brower, Marla Christensen, Betty Glascock, Donna Lane, Dick McPartland, Carol Reece, Carol Young, David John-

son, Mike Savage, Don Shaw, Robert Webb and Judy Wilson were the 13 sophomores with perfect attendance.

Here to study every day in the junior class were Neil Lundy, Bonnie Staples, Nellie Smit, Betty Van Zelf, Boyd Blair, Kenneth Gifford, Don Crisp, Maxine Hietel, Forrest Huffman, Sandra Lewis, Gary Newman, Harlan Sager and Elaine Smith.

The 10 seniors who didn't miss a day were Bonnie Arai, Steven Christensen, Rena Dirksen, Pauline Stephen, Monty Sullins, Lloyd Cartwright, Sharen Jaques, Dennis Leavitt, Diane Low and Jim Savage.

From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

Have been out of circulation for a couple of weeks, entertaining a light case of mumps. Outside of appearing like a Bugs Bunny I suffered no ill effects. But learned one can get weak just resting. This column may be the same way again this week.

A newspaper editor of a small town weekly is a sort of jack of all trades. He doesn't have to know much about any one thing but should learn what people like to read about and give them a certain amount of it. Then he should occasionally give them some things they don't like because they are needed. To do these he has to do an enormous amount of reading and then put them together in a form that makes sense.

We're beginning to get more and more political literature in the mail, and will try to sort the news from the free advertising and give it to you.

Sen. Morse says he's dead serious about his candidacy for the presidency. We hope he doesn't find many people who take him seriously. Neuberger's doctors say he is able to be senator again so we presume he will run for reelection. Wonder if Morse will keep his word and campaign against him!

Morse, in his last frank letter, says that he has introduced a resolution in the senate to authorize the senate committee on labor and public welfare to examine and investigate and make a complete study of the strike and strikebreakers brought into Portland by the newspaper interests there to keep operating. Morse thinks they are all wrong and that they should be stopped by some means and accede to the demands of the strikers.

Most of our readers will recall that he is one of the two senators who voted against the Landrum-Griffith labor bill. (Possibly he ought to call in the secretary of labor and Vice President Nixon . . . They got credit for settling the steel strike, and changing politics shouldn't bother Morse.)

Clyde T. Ellis, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative association, has suggested the nation's co-ops and public power districts, which borrow public money at 2 percent, pool their savings and investment accounts and turn them over to the association for investment in high yield, blue chip industrial bonds and 4 or 5 percent government bonds. And yet the Treasury department sends out advertising they want the newspapers to run free asking you to buy government bonds to finance them!!

Latest figures of the Federal Reserve board show that only about one of five families has its debts paid and savings of as much as \$500.

Keeps Looking
Man is not rational; he keeps looking for home atmosphere in a hotel and hotel service at home. —Farm Journal.

Of the 80 million passenger cars traveling the world roads, over 56 million are owned by Americans.

We accept millions for new projects in our congressional district . . . The same is done by the other 434 districts throughout the United States and yet we wonder why taxes are so high. And every time one of our very own lawmakers writes and tells us how much money he has gotten for this district we seem to think he has outsmarted all the others and we are getting this for nothing.

Life today is like a round of golf, as soon as we get out of one hole we head for another. —Maurice Seitter.

Experience is what permits you to make the same mistake without getting caught. —Franklin P. Jones.

Overheard on a radio station commercial . . . "Big clearance is now in progress . . . coats going one-fourth off, dresses going one-half off and . . ."

The Old Timer says you shouldn't resent growing old . . . so many are denied the privilege, and he says that when a

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woman suffers in silence it probably means her phone is out of order.

The Washington, D.C., population is now 53 percent Negro and they are now about to grant these people the privilege of voting for president, after all these years of "hollering" about the inequities in the South.

Optimist

The 87-year-old man got married and immediately started to look for a house near a school.

This Week's Fable

"It's very nice of you to say that," said the boy's mother, "but really he is no brighter than other children."

THIS DOES IT!

Obtaining convictions of drunken drivers has been a distressing problem to guardians of law and order since the day of the horse and buggy.

But Tucson, Ariz., has developed a system that is described by American Municipal News as "almost foolproof," and which would seem to be both feasible and economical for almost any community afflicted with this menace to public safety.

"The police department uses a movie camera to record the actions of the suspect," says the publication in describing the Tucson treatment. "The subject is asked to pronounce a number of reliable tongue twisters. If he manages to get by that hurdle, he is asked to repeat, 'around the rock the ragged rascal ran.' He is then asked to walk a straight line, close his eyes while touching the tip of his nose with his fingers and pick a few coins off the floor—all of those actions being recorded on film and sound track."

"The movies cost the city about \$12 each and are admissible as courtroom evidence. Under the new system, there is no record of counsel having entered an innocent plea for his client after being given a sneak preview of the film."

Each movie that saves a court trial would be an excellent investment, we would say. But, far more important, the anguish of an inebriated actor, striving to appear composed in the hard eye of the camera, to say nothing of his ensuing conviction and the official record thereof, could swiftly wipe out drunk driving in America—if the Tucson treatment could be made universal.

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Oregon Trail

By Mrs. Frank Byers

OREGON TRAIL—The Merry Matrons club met at the home of Margie Phillips Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Ten members and two guests, Dorothy Mitchell and Marilyn Runcorn were present.

Parlor games were played with Alberta Smith, Kathleen Chensault, Mary Smiley and Marilyn Runcorn winning prizes.

Lunch was served by the hostess. Favors and refreshments were in the traditional Valentine motif.

The next meeting will be Feb. 24 with Kathleen Chensault hostess. Roll call will be something about George Washington.

Mrs. Rolland Holmes and Jerry have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Linda Toll at Wallowa for the past two weeks.

Glenda Lou Brown of Boise spent the weekend with her parents, the Glenn Browns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton and family of Nyssa were Sunday dinner guests at the Woodrow Seuell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adams and son of Boise were Sunday afternoon callers at the Alfred Adams home.

The Robert Holmes family spent Sunday at the Jess Shuster home in Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown and children were Sunday afternoon callers at the Willis Conant home.

Patty Points was a Saturday overnight guest of Genie Seuell.

Mrs. Alfred Adams visited Mrs. Glenn Brown Friday afternoon.

The Gale Brammer family and Si Lett were Sunday afternoon callers at the Woodrow Seuell home.

Leah Whipple, Peggy and Frances Seuell visited Karen Smith Sunday afternoon.

Cow Hollow News

By Pauline Stephen

(Last Week's News)

COW HOLLOW—Mr. and Mrs. John Ross and family and Mrs. Don Ross were dinner guests of John Connoughays, Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strickland traveled to La Grande to visit their daughter, Roberta Strickland, Sunday.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Howell were Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Fruitland.

Registered Nurses Select Mary Craft To Head Association

New officers were elected at the Oregon Nurses association, District 20, Malheur county annual meeting held Jan. 18 at Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.

Mary Craft, Ontario was elected president, Anita Johnson, New Plymouth was elected secretary. Helen Tank and Teresa Kranz of Ontario are the new board members.

Another meeting was held in the staff room of the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario, Feb. 16. Dorothy Wiseman of New Plymouth was guest speaker. Miss Wiseman showed pictures on her work and experiences in Africa where she lived for 15 years. For seven years she was in charge of the Baptist mission station at Moga, Belgian Congo. She is a registered nurse and was in complete charge of the hospital there.

Tuesday evening also officially opened tag week for all registered nurses who belong to the district association. During this week all nurses are wearing a red and white tag to indicate that they belong to the American nurses association as well as to the Oregon nurses association.

Ban on Onion Futures Trading Law Stands

In a recent press release U. S. Representative Al Ullman reported he had been advised by the Department of Justice that contrary to earlier indications, no further appeal has been filed by opponents of the law ending futures trading in onions. This law, introduced by Oregon's second district congressman and which Congress enacted in 1958, was challenged in the courts by the Chicago Mercantile exchange.

It was upheld by a district court ruling last November and at that time its opponents indicated they intended to carry the appeal further. Deadline for this appeal has now passed, however, and none has been filed, Ullman said. The law thus stands unchallenged.

BENEFIT DANCE SPONSORED BY OWYHEE RIDING CLUB TO BE HELD SAT. NIGHT

The Owyhee Riding club will sponsor a benefit dance Saturday night at the Oregon Trail hall, with proceeds to be given to the Heart Campaign and Cancer Crusade.

The dance will start at 9 p.m. and music will be furnished by the Snake River Stampede.

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