

FROM THIS CORNER

By T. M. B.

Last week following our return from an eight weeks trip, Editor Dirick asked for a news item and a report on our tour. (That's the Why of this column!)

Perhaps he knew a lot of the people here come from the states we visited and thought I could write of interest for them. Or, from his present and past experiences, he may have wondered how a semi-retired weekly publisher could afford a trip of this duration.

The answer is, "Plan ahead, drive, hard, eat and sleep in the homes of friends and relatives". We spent only four nights in motels and ate only about half the time on our own.

We left Nyssa May 8 and spent the weekend with relatives in Twin Falls. Monday we headed for Phoenix to visit with Arlene's disabled brother. We drove hard across Nevada (no speed limit), crossed into Arizona late in the P.M. - saw a sign painted on the bluff, (immediately after crossing Hoover Dam), saying "Welcome to Arizona, The Copper State."

We proceeded at near the same speed as in Nevada and were soon apprehended by a state patrolman who informed us we were going 78 MPH when the limit was 65. Spent the night in Kingman and told the Chamber of Commerce we felt they should ask the state to inform newcomers to the state about the limit to take the brunt of their town. Paid the \$13 fine and proceeded to Phoenix.

Found Arlene's brother in extremely poor health and spent eight days with him and his family. Played 18 holes of golf and really did not enjoy it due to the heat - 103-107 even at that time of year.

Had not been in the city for seven years and found many changes. It continues its miraculous growth; city limits are extended for miles into vacant desert-yet there are large wheat fields in the city limits. There is an over-abundance of hippies and schools are a problem. Our nephews attended one with over 4,000 in the high school with divided attendance-half going early in the morn and the other half in the P.M.

Leaving Phoenix we headed North to Flagstaff. Arrived there at noon and welcomed the higher altitude and cooler climate. Spent the night in Santa Rosa, N.M., and on to a small town in Oklahoma (between Okla. City and Tulsa). Much of our travel was on Freeway with the poorest roads from Okla. City to the Arkansas line. Could not understand the thinking of the engineers and planners of much of this part of the Freeway in making exits for country stores and gas stations so near together. In my thinking it would have been much cheaper to have bought the business and land and forgotten the exits. And, if one thinks it's none of my business-they are wrong since a great part of the cost is paid by federal funds. About the only other thing that irked me was the slowness of travel by campers from the Eastern states. They seemed to be in no hurry and thought no one else was. It was a relief to see a patrolman make a fast turn and head one off the highway so faster traffic, bottled up for two miles could go around.

Arrived in the area of my home town in N.W. Arkansas (Berryville) to see a lot of changes in only four years. Another dam had been completed (Beaver) and, not only the areas adjacent to the backwaters had been developed rather extensively, but the land far back from the water.

Land that had been selling for \$30 - \$40 per acre when we left there 12 years ago is now selling for \$300-\$400 per acre. Not for speculative purposes but for homes with a degree of privacy. The buyers were paying an exorbitant price for a view of water and mountains with, apparently, no attention to returns on capital. They were largely from the cities of the Mid-West and East. Homes costing \$30,000 to \$50,000 and in rural settings were not unusual. One native, on being asked what was the area's best cash crop, replied, "Newcomers."

Spent a month in the old home town visiting with life-long friends and relatives. Everything was beautiful since there had been an abundance of rain. But they had suffered the most severe winter in 65 years. Had about 60 inches of snow, many days of below zero weather and hardly saw the ground from Christmas to the end of March. Also during our visit there a storm hit the town of Springdale (about 50 miles away) destroying much property and taking one life. It reminded us of the sleepless nights spent there in the past watching clouds and preparing to go to a storm cellar. There were also some days in the high nineties, and the humidity, after living here, was almost unbearable. (So much for the home town.)

Visited our relatives in Missouri and Kansas for the next two weeks. Found these areas much the same as four years ago with the exception of there had been plenty of rain. The landscape was more beautiful than I had ever seen-wheat crops the past two years were the best in many years. Yields of from 30-50 bu. per acre were about double the average. But growers were complaining of the low price. It ranged from \$1.00 to \$1.09 per bushel while we were there. Box cars for shipping were also scarce with some of the small towns using their asphalt streets for piling after elevators were filled.

All-in-all, we were glad to get HOME. Maybe it took 12 years for us to really appreciate what we have here...an ideal climate, friendly people, little smog, little traffic problems, an abundance of water, a good town with a small, steady growth, and a wide variety of recreation. After the 6,000-8,000 mile trip and observations over the area traversed, I'd predict we should prepare for tourists. They're coming in ever-greater numbers-want ease and comfort, scenery and recreation. We have it and should promote it with everyone in town taking an interest and being able to direct the out-of-town guests in their quest.

My personal problem is that can a semi-retired man find to supplement an inadequate income when he's a "Jack-of-all trades and Master of none!"

GARDENERS MEET
The Owyhee Garden Club held their regular meeting Friday, July 10, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Price. There were 19 members present.

Several business matters were discussed and approved. Reports were given by various committees. Plans for a Fair Booth are in progress and a theme was submitted by the Fair Booth Committee.

An interesting demonstration on table setting and decorating was given by Mrs. Ann Watts. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Kenneth Price with Mrs. Carl Lee Hill acting as co-hostess.

Next meeting will be held August 8 at the home of Mrs. Vern Garner.

The Old Timer



"Sometimes when you forgive and forget, you wish you had remembered."

Seed Crop In County Same As Last Year

Applications for the certification of alfalfa seed in Malheur county indicates that the crop size will be about the same as last year according to County Extension Agent, Leeds Bailey.

He says that the red clover plantings have increased 111 acres while farmers plan to take seed from 105 less acres of grain for certification.

Application for the certification of alfalfa seed total 6,184 acres compared with 6,189 last year. Vernal alfalfa is the leading variety and claims 4,244 acres. Ranger takes second spot with 689 acres and is followed by Narragansett with 601 acres. Eleven other varieties make up the balance of the 6,184 acres total.

Request for red clover inspections total 216 acres. This is up from a 105 acre total last year. The acreage is divided between the Lakeland, Kenland, Sapporo and Pennscott varieties.

Malheur county farmers plan to certify 321 acres of seed grain. The Nugaines wheat variety claims the most acreage. This is followed by Vale barley.

Bailey said that certification inspectors are in the process of completing grain examinations and that the legume inspections will be made in August.

Herb Sez

Last evening I witnessed one of our wonderful golden sunsets. Everything was bathed in gold. The church across the street and the mountains in the distant background were crystal clear but bathed in gold. The very air around me seemed to have a golden hue. We have one of these sunsets two or three times a year and I always have that same feeling of being in another world.

Sunsets are a never ending source of beauty to me but I find that many people can take 'em or leave 'em alone. I remember one evening a couple of years ago when the sky was streaked with enough red, white and blue to make one think of the Star Spangled Banner. This particular sunset would rate in the IA class and I was drinking it in, optically, as a man who was dying of thirst would water. I met one of my friends and he was paying no more attention to the wonderful panorama of color than I would to a street light. I guess sunsets just don't grab everybody because he told me that sunrises were his favorite and I had to admit that I had witnessed precious few sunrises and those I did see, I was in no condition to really enjoy them because I don't like to get up early and I don't like to stay up all night.

In the winter time the colors of a sunset in New Meadows are not as varied or profuse and brilliant but they do get very red and reflect off the snow on Granite mountain, this view you would have to see to believe. I have taken pictures of the sunset on Granite but they never do justice to the actual happening.

I would hate to live in an area like Los Angeles where the smog prevents one from seeing sunsets. I guess the smog prevents sunsets because I've been told that for days on end the citizens of that metropolis never see the sun. It's too bad too because sunset on the ocean is a breath taking thing of beauty.

I've been over and around Los Angeles but never in the city and from all I hear about the smog I'd just as soon stay away but this brings up a point. Can Los Angeles really be as bad as I'm told? If it is, then why in this dreamy eyed world would anybody want to live there? The human being is a strange animal. He clusters in great groups then complains about the crowds. I don't like crowds enough to live in them so I live in New Meadows but some day someone will discover the possibilities of this being a resort area and my Meadows Valley will be over run with the human race, such is progress. I guess I wouldn't really have it otherwise or I wouldn't keep advertising the town.

Idaho Power Says Adequate Electricity Available To Users

Idaho Power Company, spared by careful planning from "brownouts" throughout its 54 years of service, does not expect rationing of electricity will be necessary this summer despite a sharp jump in customer demands, the utility's president reported Wednesday.

"That does not necessarily mean, in complete candor, that our service may not be interrupted on occasion by incidents completely beyond the control of our highly complex, interconnected generating and transmission system," said Albert Carlsen.

He emphasized that power rationing and service interruptions are "two entirely different things", with the first being a drastic and generally involuntary step imposed on a company by overloading of its system and the second a usually violent, and hopefully short-lived, disruption of the delicately balanced flow of electricity from generating plants to customers.

Carlsen made the statement in commenting on a recent rash of reports that rationing of electricity, resulting in brownouts, might be necessary in some areas of the eastern seaboard, the midwest and the southeast.

"Rationing has never been necessary on Idaho Power system because the company steadfastly pursued a policy for more than a half-century of planning and building ahead to provide adequate supplies of energy for anticipated future needs," he said.

"On the other hand, no one can fortell when service may be interrupted by violent storms, equipment malfunctions or disturbances outside our system," Carlsen continued.

He pointed out that despite the "best-laid plans" and installation of protective equipment, such interruptions "have and probably will continue to occur."

"But it is on the record that service has been available to Idaho Power customers more than 99 per cent of the time in the last five years."

In spite of the fact that customer demands will reach a new record peak this summer, Carlsen said, "Idaho Power does not anticipate any difficulty in meeting its load requirements."

Forecasts indicate, according to the Idaho Power executive, that the summer peak demand will rise to an estimated 1.4 million kilowatts. That compares with 848,000 kilowatts only six years ago and 1.2 million kilowatts in 1969.

Carlsen said Idaho Power has assured adequate supplies of electricity for its customers not only by steadily building new sources of generation on its own system, but also by arranging for reserve supplies from its neighbor utilities.

"These arrangements, the newest of which were completed in 1969, guarantee that reserve energy supplies will be available if and as they are required during the period that our 500,000-kilowatt steam generating unit is under construction at the Jim Bridger plant in Wyoming," he noted.

Companies in this region, Carlsen declared, "have taken perhaps greater strides than those anywhere else in the U.S. to build sufficient generating capacity ahead of need and maintain maximum service reliability."

As an example, he cited transmission interconnections Idaho Power established with neighbor utilities early in its operations to implement "mutually beneficial" exchanges of electricity.

"These inter-utilities were pioneering forerunners to formation of the Northwest Power Pool during World War II to prevent just the kind of brownouts much of the rest of the nation faces today," Carlsen said.

Save Coupons For Kidney Association

Each of Oregon's 36 counties is now helping the Kidney Association of Oregon collect Betty Crocker coupons that will help finance artificial kidney machines for KAO patients.

State campaign chairman, Mrs. Marian L. Anderson, Beaverton, in announcing completion of county chairmen appointments, urged individuals and organizations to assist the county chairmen in the coupon collection. The chairman in Malheur County, is Mrs. Fred Storms, 744 River Street, Ontario, Oregon 97914.

"The responsibilities of the county chairmen," she said, "include promoting the Betty Crocker coupon collection in their county by working with individuals and organizations and by keeping the public informed on progress of the campaign by press, radio and television." Mrs. Anderson added that each chairman is making arrangements in her area for deposit stations where the public can leave the coupons, like grocery stores, banks, shopping centers and churches.

As each county chairman and her volunteers collect coupons, they will count them and send them in groups of thousands to the statewide chairman each month. As each unit of 640,000 coupons is grouped, the Kidney Association will ship them to General Mills Corporation who will issue a check to KAO for \$3,200 for each artificial kidney machine.

As each artificial kidney machine is purchased, it will be held by KAO and provided for new patients as they are admitted to the program. The Kidney Association expects to add at least one new patient each month, Oregonians who cannot live without the treatment provided.

COUNTY ASKS FOR FUEL BIDS

Malheur County will accept bids on its requirements for regular gasoline and fuel for the twelve-month period commencing August 1, 1970. All prices will be excluding federal tax, F.O.B. County Shops, Vale, Oregon.

Regular Gasoline: approximately 20,000 gallons to be delivered in transport quantities.

Diesel Fuel: approximately 14,000 gallons to be delivered in trailer quantities.

Bids to be in the County Auditor's office by 5 p.m. July 28, 1970. Bids will be discussed and awards made at the regular meeting of the Malheur County Court Wednesday, July 29, 1970.

"I had the right-of-way" is never an excuse for an accident. When there is any question, you yield the right-of-way.

KINGMAN KOLONY NEWS

BY DALE WITT PHONE 372-2183

KINGMAN KOLONY - Monday Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Robb and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Hud Robb in observance of Mrs. Hud Robb's birthday.

Mrs. Chas Killmeyer of Cleveland, Ohio was a Monday overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Robb.

Mrs. Irvin Topliff visited in the Wayne Robb home Tuesday. The Wayne Robb family attended the Snake River Stampede at Nampa Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters, Boise; Mark and Carl Andrews of Everett, Wash.; and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Bowman of San Bernardino, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Long of Adrian visited their niece, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Phifer of Ontario were Thursday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Chas Bowers. Isaac Martinez left for Baker Sunday where he will work for the Forest Department.

Josephine Gunter and Rosie Martinez went to Nampa and visited Elisa Landa who is in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Atherton of Ontario visited Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Osborn Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Devar Woodard of Ontario visited Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Osborn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Cearley of Emmett, visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Osborn Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conant had a family dinner Sunday in honor of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pitz and family of Santa Cruz, Calif., who came on Friday. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conant and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gherke, Twin Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pitz and family of Nyssa and Mrs. Lester Stacy and girls of Apple Valley. Lisa Sykes spent Sunday visiting Connie and Nancy Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kygar and family and Guss Sillonis went camping last Sunday returning home Thursday. They went to the north fork of the Malheur, to Logan Valley and Fish Lake on Steins Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Duncan and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kygar. Jay Kygar returned home with them for a visit.

1960 CLASS TO HOLD REUNION

The Nyssa High School Class of 1960 will hold a class reunion August 8, at an 8 p.m. banquet, at the La Paloma in Ontario.

A pot-luck picnic is also planned for August 9, at 1 p.m. in the South Park at Nyssa. For further information call Patty Imada 372-3733.

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