

Can You Top This?



Mrs. Ernest Ballou of Route 1, Nyssa, read about the large egg, laid by a hen of S.D. Bigelow. It appeared in the Gate City Journal, April 1 issue, in the "Out of the Past" column, and happened 30 years ago.

Monday, bright and early, Mrs. Ballou visited the Journal office with a hen fruit, 1971 variety, weighing 1/4 pound and measuring 6 1/16" around and 7 5/16" around the ends.

The egg, laid by a white leghorn pullet, is one of a flock of 75 laying hens, belonging to the Ernest Ballou's son, Donald. He is raising the hens as an FFA project and also sells the eggs.

Donald is a student at Adrian High School.



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

The so-called "People's Lobby" registered a significant victory at Salem on Friday, April 7.

The score was 54 to 6.

That was the floor vote by members of the House of Representatives in Oregon's 56th Legislative Assembly on HB-1036 -- inappropriately nicknamed the "bottle bill." Technically it would prohibit retail sale of malt and non-alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in glass, metal or plastic containers without a minimum refund value of five cents on each container.

In effect, it would outlaw non-returnable beer and soft drink containers -- including the familiar flip-top cans.

Similar to HB 1137 -- referred and tabled during the 1969 session, HB 1036 evolved during the interim in response to growing public concern about solid waste disposal generally and roadside litter in particular.

Riding the crest of nationwide concern for the environment, proponents hail the measure as a pioneering landmark in the continuing effort to keep Oregon clean. And from the lopsided vote, it would appear lower house lawmakers are all but unanimous in their determination to curb refuse in the state's parks, on beaches and roadsides.

A pioneering effort? Yes. Vermont once had a bill banning non-returnable glass containers. It was allowed to expire after four years when it failed to diminish the quantity of roadside litter.

Landmark legislation? Opponents--and not a few proponents, are reluctant to give HB 1036 that distinction. Bolstered by a preponderance of factual experience elsewhere, opponents have proven the bill would do little to reduce Oregon's solid waste. Proponents tend to agree but claim the measure is a "beginning."

Most perplexed is the retail merchant. He would have to implement the bill; collecting and disbursing both refunds and containers. He faces a serious storage problem. He fears receiving more containers than he

disburses. He wonders why he's being punished for the thoughtlessness of those who litter.

And how about the near-unanimity with which the bill achieved House passage? Aye votes were cast for a variety of reasons -- few if any in the conscious belief that Oregon litter will magically disappear when, and if, the bill becomes law on July 1, 1972.

"We gave the container people two years to do something about the mess and they sat on their hands," say some lawmakers testily.

"Politically, it's too hot an issue to vote against," say others sheepishly.

"Let's let the Senate take care of this one," say still others with defiance. "We have to run for office every two years."

Some claim they have merely exercised the will of the people and point to bulging files and stacks of letters from constituent members of a well-organized environmental lobby.

Whatever the reasons, the bill still is not law. It goes now before the Senate Consumer Affairs Committee. And once again -- as they have for more than two years, opponents will propound the lack of logic behind the measure, cite progress being made in recycling and reuse of beverage containers and plead for more time with which to apply emerging technology -- or, at least, to amortize the economic impact over a more practical period.

Villains in this ecological drama are bottlers and canners who devised the non-returnable container in economic self-defense. Returnable containers always have borne a refund value. And the economy of re-using such containers is apparent.

But affluence and apathy combined across the country to upset this economic fact. Even with a 10-cent refund value, such containers were consigned to the waste can. Or, in too many cases, cast carelessly wherever they were emptied.

A non-returnable container is more economical to produce and use once than a returnable

NEWS FROM BIG BEND

***** BY GOLDIE ROBERTS *****

Mrs. W.C. Van De Water attended the Hall-Hammon wedding in Roswell Friday evening. Mrs. Phil Clucas returned to her home Thursday evening from the Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario.

Julie and Angie Sillonis spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Murle Burns in Nyssa.

Mrs. Marie Douglas and Mrs. Lucile Blades of Nampa called on Mrs. Dyre Roberts Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Edythe Prosser visited Mr. and Mrs. Delno Brock in Ontario Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Miller entered the Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario Thursday and underwent major surgery Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Knapp of Nampa called on Mrs. Phil Clucas Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van De Water returned home Sunday from visiting relatives in North Idaho. They visited her mother, Mrs. Alice Rist in Deary, her sister, Mrs. Robert Smith in Moscow, her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Archie DeGroff in Lewiston, and were overnight guests Saturday of his nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Fogleman and family in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray VanderOord and family of Nyssa called on Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sillonis Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Seuell of Othello, Wash., were Wednesday overnight and Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seuell.

Mrs. Genevieve Sutton of Caldwell called Saturday on Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clucas.

Mrs. Esther Cleveland and Lester Honey of Nampa were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell English. Mr. and Mrs. John Packwood

BIG BEND - Mrs. Katherine Frahn and children of Clearfield, Utah, called on Mr. and Mrs. Darrell English Thursday evening. They were here for the funeral services for Howard Frahn, the children's father, who had been killed in a motorcycle accident. The Frahns lived for a number of years in Big Bend.

Miss Florence Miles and Mrs. Ruby Sassaman of Boise called on Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clucas Sunday afternoon.

Joe White recently flew to San Francisco and from there, he flew by helicopter to Oakland. He attended diesel mechanic school for two weeks. He is employed by Larry Barnes Chevrolet Company in Boise.

Mrs. Dyre Roberts and Carlene and Darlene Carroll called on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carroll in Arcadia Friday afternoon.

Relatives coming for the funeral services for Albert Carl Callahan were Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Callahan and family of McArthur, Calif., Mrs. Lela Solomon and family, Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Callahan and family of Jordan Valley, Mr. and Mrs. William Blenkinsop and family of Bayview, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Callahan and family of LaGrande, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Callahan and family of Las Vegas, Mrs. Eva Johnson of Maxwell, Neb., George Triggs of Millbrae, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovitt and family of San Pedro, Calif., Mrs. Mary Hunter of Twin Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Graham and family of Idaho Falls, and Dick Sutton, Sr., of San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cone of Blackfoot called Saturday on Mr. and Mrs. Darrell English. Bill and Henry Glover of Granville, Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and family.



Fabulous fabrics -- among them this striking hound's tooth design -- cover Founders furniture such as these three-legged chairs. Upholstery comes in many colors and fabrics including wools, textures, prints and vinyls.

container that doesn't return. Until focused upon by environmentalists, the new non-returnable beverage container was just another of the 8,000-odd products found in the average supermarket -- nearly all "convenience-packaged" in non-returnable containers.

No one -- opponent nor proponent, belittles the solid waste disposal problem. But litter is just the tip of the solid waste iceberg. And beverage cans and bottles -- by any yardstick, represent a small percentage of the ice in that berg's visible tip.

Students of the bicameral legislative system like to say the House proposes and the Senate disposes. Disposal of solid waste is a matter worthy of serious legislative consideration.

It will be interesting to observe whether battle-tested Senators concentrate on its disposal by disposing of an issue that ranks highest on this session's list of political "returnables."

WORK SMARTER - NOT HARDER

EMPLOYED HOMEMAKERS need not restrict themselves to quick-cooking maindishes. You can get more variety into your weekday meals and save time by using your pressure cooker.

If you've put it away on a shelf, why not get it out for pot roasts, Swiss steaks, stews, meat sauces and dry beans and peas.

THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF gadgets--"goodgets" and "badgets." When you're spring cleaning kitchen cabinets, get rid of any badgets you never use to make room for items you put to work every day.

This is a good time to take a look at how utensils, dishes and foods are stored. There are many storage organizers available in stores that help put more items within reach.

If you'd like some help in reorganizing your kitchen space, ask your county Extension office for a free bulletin, "Better Kitchen Storage."

IT'S NEARING INCOME TAX TIME AGAIN. Before you start working on your return, get all records in order.

Good light will help the job go more smoothly. If you use one lamp on your desk, the distance from the front edge of the desk to the lamp base should be 12 inches. The bottom of the shade should be 15 inches above the desk top and at the left for a right handed person.

Lamp shades should give a wide spread of light over the area and have a white lining. Study lamps with the "Better Light Better Sight" tag are scientifically designed to give soft diffused light over a wide circle.

WHAT MAKES A BLANKET WARM? The fiber isn't the important thing--it's how much of the fiber is in the nap. Wool, acrylic and polyester fibers are most satisfactory in retaining a deep nap. Look at the label for information about special finishes that prevent shedding and pilling. Wool blankets are generally mothproofed.

Ask your county Extension agent for a free fact sheet on buying bedding and bath towels.



Interior of the new Conservative Baptist Church, with Pastor Arthur Coats at the pulpit. Beautifully carpeted floors and upholstered pews add to a nice sanctuary. Sliding partitions on each side of the church allow it to be opened up to accommodate congregations of over 200 persons.



PASTOR ARTHUR COATS

Conservative Baptist Church To Dedicate New Building

A special service Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., followed by an open house, will mark the dedication of the new Nyssa Conservative Baptist Church building. Guest speaker for the day will be the Rev. Tom Michaelson, pastor of the Northwest Baptist Church in Portland.

Included in the service will be Nyssa City Manager Fred Koch with official greetings from the city; the Rev. Dan Lawler, new church extension director of the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon; Neil Mathews, moderator of the CBA of Idaho; and men of the local church.

The dedication is the climax of a building program that began in early June of 1970 under the direction of Chet Browns, a builder who moved to Nyssa from Montana to become a missionary builder of new churches for Conservative Baptists. The building is essentially complete, though there will be more ad-

ditions as finances permit in the next few months. More than 2200 hours of volunteer labor went into the building donated by both the local members and friends and the Craftsman for Christ program of the Idaho and Oregon Conservative Baptist churches. Six Oregon and five Idaho churches sent groups of men one or more times to help on the building. Morrison Electric Co. and Gilbert Shipley Drywall were the only contractors hired.

The guest speaker has had a remarkable record since he turned his life over to God about 8 years ago. While still at Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland he was invited to teach a week night Bible class. It soon developed into the Northwest Baptist Church in a district of Portland that was considered to be "hopeless" for ever becoming a self-supporting area. Now that church has recently sponsored another new church several miles away in southeast Portland.

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Are panty hose groceries?

One-fifth of the housewife's grocery bill isn't groceries at all. It's something to wear, read, listen to, or clean with. For every 80¢ of groceries loaded into a shopping cart, she adds 20¢ worth of laundry soap, potted plants, panty hose, records, even encyclopedias. About half the hairspray, aspirin and toothpaste is rung up on a supermarket register. It makes the percentage we pay for food look mighty high. But, it's never been lower. Something to think about, huh? We call it FOOD FOR THOUGHT.



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SEWING THREAD ISN'T AS simple as it used to be, two new threads have been developed for use with man-made fibers.

A cotton-polyester core spun thread is recommended for sewing knit fabrics. The cotton core gives the thread excellent sewability and the polyester core provides high strength and durability. This thread also has a slight "give" necessary for sewing with knits.

A 100 per cent polyester thread can be used for most other sewing. It is stronger than cotton and has more "give".