



A PRETTY SIGHT last week was the picnic table and benches in the yard of Dr. and Mrs. John Long, 7 Long Drive. The snow on top of the table measured 14 inches, which had fallen that day.

**Shoe Sizes Mystify? Ask John Barleycorn**

Barleycorn has been the means of measuring feet since the 14th century and still is the basis for the shoeing system, according to Goodyear's Shoe Products Division. England's King Edward II first decreed that the standard for one inch be three

grains of barley laid end to end. Shoemakers found that the longest normal foot measured 39 barleycorns or 13 inches. So, they called shoes designed to fit 13-inch feet size 13. From size 13, shoemakers started graduating shoe sizes downward by barleycorns, not inches. A size 12 became 38 barleycorns, or 12 2/3 inches; a size 11 measures 37 barleycorns, and so on.

When cobblers got to size one, however, they still had 27 barleycorns, or nine inches left. Since children's feet are smaller than that, sizes started children's shoes at 13 all over again and went on down to size 1. That's why children's shoe sizes carry the same numbering system as adult's but are actually about two-thirds as long.

Feet have become larger since the days of Edward II, but the system of one-third of an inch per size—one barleycorn—has persisted.

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**OUT OF THE PAST**

**10 YEARS AGO**

County Judge Ellis A. White announced last week that a new county jail at Vale was possible in the near future. He said that the county had been declared an area of high unemployment by the federal government, thus making it very possible that federal funds could be acquired under a public works program for construction. White said the county had \$110,000 available for local contribution and he hoped the government would supply the other \$90,000 needed for the building.

house was a total loss and some damage to the first floor resulted.

Volunteers removed furniture from the burning home and prevented the blaze from destroying the lower floor, Mrs. Wilson was very grateful for the work of the department.

Coming as welcome news to the present settlers under the pumping district of the Owyhee irrigation project and other proponents of the development is the report from Washington today that \$1,600,000 is included in the federal budget for the Owyhee. An appropriation of \$20,000 is asked for Vale, \$30,000 for operation on the Boise project and \$13,000 for the Minidoka.

Present funds for the Owyhee are exhausted, so new monies must be appropriated for such work as the Owyhee River siphon and canals.

**20 YEARS AGO**

Dick Schireman, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schireman, returned home Saturday evening a "free man" after two years in the Army of which the past 11 months and 19 days were spent in Korea.

**50 YEARS AGO**

Fifty dollars for a turkey is not such a bad price, even in these days of high cost of living. One Nyssa turkey had the distinction of commanding this price, and thereby hangs a tale. A number of Uncle Billie Kerwin's many friends concluded that they would give him a pleasant surprise for Thanksgiving to help defray the costs of his hospital service, so Jack Hunter of McConnon fame, donated a fat turkey, which raffled off and brought \$39. Mrs. Thomas Barton being the lucky winner. She gave the bird back and it was again raffled off, this time netting \$8.50. This brought the fund up to \$47.50 and Sid Burbridge concluded that they might as well make it an even \$50, so he donated the necessary \$2.50. The money was turned over to Uncle Billie and everybody was happy, especially Jack Guffey, who had the turkey for his Thanksgiving dinner.

**30 YEARS AGO**

A proclamation outlining plans for registration of 18 and 19 year old youths has been issued by governor Charles Sprague in conformity with the selective training and service act of 1940 and its amendments.

**W. W. I Barracks Auxiliary # 352**

Aviation Cadet Edward Boydell, age 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Boydell, Nyssa, successfully completed his primary flight training at the naval reserve aviation base at Pasco, Wash. and has been transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas, for advanced flight training.

Cadet Boydell, upon graduation from Nyssa High School attended the University of Oregon where he received a bachelor of science degree. He was active in intramural sports and R.O.T.C.

**40 YEARS AGO**

During the brisk, cold windstorm Monday, sparks from a defective flue set fire to the home of Mrs. Addie Wilson. The fire spread quickly and within a few moments the entire roof was ablaze. Before it could be controlled by numerous volunteers who hurried to the scene, the upper story of the

**BRIDGE ACTIVITIES**

Mrs. Frank Morgan entertained Tuesday bridge club, December 12 at her home. Mrs. Jan Bartron was a guest. Winning high prize was Mrs. George Salee and second high went to Mrs. Herb Fisher.

**CRADLE ROLL**

DEC. 6 - Mr. and Mrs. George Agaulier, Nyssa, girl.  
DEC. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Jose Adriano, Nyssa, boy.

**HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL**

DEC. 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Bilow, Payette, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Packer, Fruitland, girl.  
DEC. 9 - Mr. and Mrs. David Dousett, Ontario, girl.  
DEC. 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Steven Bancroft, Nyssa, girl.  
DEC. 11 - Mr. and Mrs. Craig Richard, Ontario, boy.  
DEC. 12 - Mr. and Mrs. Gary Langley, Payette, girl.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Pierce, Jr., Payette, girl.  
DEC. 13 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry B. Randolph, Ontario, boy.  
Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Thompson, New Plymouth, girl.

**AAUW Meeting Memorium To Virginia Steffens**

The American Association of University Women met Monday evening. The entire program was a memorium dedicated to Mrs. Virginia Steffens. The TVCC Choir presented Christmas music at the meeting. Jan Bartron gave the memorium program.

The AAUW group plan to present the Nyssa High School Home Economics Department a "Betty Lamp" in Mrs. Steffens' name as a memorial. Mrs. Steffens was a long time member of the group.

**THINK SAFETY FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY**

The Christmas-New Year holiday season is the brightest and happiest of the year but it frequently is one of the most dangerous as well.

The Consumers Insurance Information Bureau says that for a safer holiday season, celebrants should think of the twin danger areas, Home and Highway.

Home decorations, particularly where real evergreen is used, are a potential source for fire. Keep all decorations away from heat and flame. Use only lighting approved by the Underwriters Laboratory, shown by the UL label. Discard any lights with worn wires and loose or broken sockets. Do not use flammable ornaments or decorations on trees or mantel pieces.

A live tree should be kept out-of-doors until needed. Then, it should be placed in a stand containing water. A fresh diagonal cut on the trunk about one inch above the original cut will help the tree absorb water and stay fresh longer. The tree should be removed soon after Christmas and certainly as soon as it shows signs of drying.

The country's highways are also a particular danger over the holiday season. Weather and extra partying contribute to high traffic tolls during this period. In 1971, more than 1,400 people lost their lives as a result of motor vehicle accidents during the Christmas and New Year holiday weekends.

The Bureau says that alcohol is involved in at least 50 percent of all fatal accidents. It suggests that party goers eat a meal beforehand and, as a rule of thumb set a limit of two drinks an hour.

CIIB, sponsored by the National Association of Insurance Agents, recommends extra precaution at home and on the highways throughout the year but especially during the holiday season.

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