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Here's Mud In Your Eye

Most of us are likely to express regret or possibly dispair at "mud-slinging" during a major political campaign like we are now experiencing. Charges and counter-charges are being hurled at many candidates and almost every time an accusation is repeated, the story is colored and enlarged to make the accused look like an ogre.

It should be considered, however, that too many expressions of regret from the public might lead to serious consequences and that the lesser of two evils is the same system we now have: unlimited mud-slinging by those who care to participate in such distasteful tactics.

This newspaper does not believe in engaging in such means of "promoting our favorites" and attempting to defeat those we do not want in office. We believe those who wish to use that means should be given free reign providing they refrain from libelous statements.

In spite of arguments to the contrary, we are firmly convinced that right prevails over might and truth can overcome falsification. The process may be slow and require several months, several years, a generation or a century, but those wheels of justice grind exceedingly fine.

As an example, the recent attacks on Richard Nixon have thousands of people speculating on his qualifications as a vice president of the United States. We believe the man is innocent of any legal wrongdoing but is guilty of short-sightedness in failing to reveal his entanglements long before he accepted the nomination for the second highest post in the land. He will be a stronger man because of the charges made against him.

Those charges, to a great extent were unjust and can be classified as mud-slinging in the rawest form, but we still approve of his accusers' privilege of using that means to discredit him. Other young men with early aspirations for public offices will be forced to keep their houses in near-perfect order before they enter the political races.

We have seen office-holders charged with non-existent acts, and almost invariably, their character and strength have made it possible for them to emerge stronger than before. If the accused is guilty of charges made by the opposition, he is most often a dead duck insofar as holding responsible positions are concerned.

Scientists during recent years have been accused of wrongs of which they were not guilty and have been able to prove their innocence, thus resulting in their being better men by having to think clearly and continue their work without hate and bitterness. Others have been found guilty and were prevented from endangering the very life of the nation. Only the weaklings shy away from a profession simply because their private lives at some time might be exposed to public scrutiny.

Laws prohibiting mud-slinging would not prevent the most vicious of all weapons—the whispering campaign. The accused has no chance to fight back and no means of finding the source of the charges or even what the accusation is.

More laws that cannot be enforced such as prohibiting the publication of news as news, would soon reach into every household in the land with "an ear at every door" to determine who would be next in line to appear at 3 a. m. for sentencing.

Germany, Russia and dozens of other countries have tried it.

There is no room in America for censure of any kind.

Just Push the Button

The Gate City Journal's news columns are open for legitimate news of political activities in Malheur county but not for advertising misnamed as "news." So far, this office has received from almost every segment of the two state and national political parties as far away as New York, releases, pictures and life-histories in sufficient quantity to fill 34 pages of a newspaper.

Opinions in the editorial column of the Journal are that of the editor and publisher and have no tie-in whatsoever with either political party. Columns and features expressing opinions and carrying the by-line of the writer have no connection with the editorial policy of the newspaper.

During the past two weeks, there have been legitimate news stories submitted and published about the local Democratic organization regarding its formation and activities. The accounts were handled as news, the same as that of a lodge, a civic club or the Boy Scouts of America.

During the same period of time, there has not been one item turned in about any local Republican organization, its activities or any past or future meetings. Extensive efforts have been made by telephone and by personal contact to obtain such news.

To keep the record straight, this column is for Dwight Eisenhower for president. We also believe that it will take organization on all local levels, get-out-the-vote campaigns and hard work on the part of all those who feel he should be president.

We hope that an attitude of "It's in the bag" does not exist again this year as it did throughout the nation in 1948 when Thomas E. Dewey was "elected" president weeks before the November balloting. There are many "We Like Ike" buttons around Nyssa, but local activity will be necessary to correct the mistakes of 1948. The now famous slogan must be re-inforced with "We are working for Ike," or the political news writers will have a hey-day for the next four years speculating on what was wrong with GOP campaign procedures during the summer and fall of 1952.

WSGS Holds First Meeting of Fall

The Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service held its first general meeting last Thursday at the home of Mrs. H. G. McCallister. The program and service were given on the year's theme, "Proclaim the Good News," and was

conducted by Mrs. K. E. Keever, Mrs. James Stephen and Mrs. Walter McPartland.

Members voted to change the regular meeting date of the society from the fourth to the first Thursday of the month, the change to become effective in November.

Assisting the hostess were Mrs. J. R. Cundall, Mrs. Leroy Herriman and Mrs. Ray Huffman.

Along The EDITOR'S BEET

Nyssa's fire department has an outstanding reputation for getting to fires on time, handling difficult situations and for keeping water damage at a minimum, as well as for innumerable other accomplishments for which the entire area should be grateful.

The firemen's efficiency is sometimes hampered, however, by the total disregard of a few motorists when the siren gives an alarm.

Last week when a call came in for the resuscitator to use in the event a missing child had fallen in a ditch, there was almost complete havoc on Main street, Good avenue and South Third. We were driving west on Main when the alarm sounded, so we pulled to the curb in front of Trailways in spite of our eagerness to "cover the story" like the souped-up characters in movies about newspapers.

From our vantage point we could see dozens of drivers with no thought or concern about the dangers they were creating by trying to be among the first to get near the fire station so they could take off after the fire truck.

Firemen answering the call, who should have the right-of-way, were sensible in that they were watching the foolish drivers and pedestrians and the even more foolish youngsters on bikes, despite their own efforts to hurry to the fire station. Cars, piloted by non-firemen, were parking double, and in one instance triple, just so the occupants could see which way the fire truck would go.

We couldn't help thinking, first of our home and our family, and second of our place of business. We wondered about the possibility of a fire in any home and if the possessions or someone's children might be destroyed all because some fool eager beaver halted the fire truck for a few seconds.

During this same period of "excitement" at least one alley in the business district was blocked by a thoughtless motorist who probably gave no consideration to the possible need of the alley in the event a business building was on fire and the fact that lives might have been endangered if the building couldn't be entered from the rear.

We don't know whether Nyssa has an ordinance regulating traffic in the event of a fire alarm. If it has such an ordinance, there is every indication that dozens of indifferent drivers are either thumbing their noses at the law, or they are ignorant of the law and have complete disregard for the Golden Rule.

Church Observing 12th Anniversary

Services commemorating the 12th anniversary of First Church of Christ of Nyssa will be held Sunday morning, followed by a potluck dinner to which friends of the church from all over the Snake River Valley have been invited.

The church had its inception in the decision of Christian churches of the Lower Snake River Valley to open a mission here in the spring of 1940. The move was backed by the Laymen's league of each church, supporting the work under the direction of the late Rev. J. S. Beem.

In October of that year, the Rev. B. Ross Evans, state evangelist of the Oregon Christian churches, closed a series of meetings here that resulted in the organization of the church with 54 members.

The Rev. H. N. Waddell was the first minister to serve the church. He was followed by the Rev. George R. Whipple, the Rev. Don R. Maxfield and the Rev. Austin J. Hollingsworth, present pastor, who came to the church Oct. 15, 1948.

During the past 12 years, the church's membership has increased by more than one hundred, bring the roster of members to 158.

A building program, involving an expenditure of approximately \$31,000, is now under way in which native stone from the Owyhee dam area is being used.

J. C. Smith is building committee chairman. Serving with him are Webb Pennie, general foreman; John Quigley, John Strickland and Kenneth Pond.

WORLD COMMUNION SERVICES SUNDAY

World-wide Communion services will be observed during the Sunday morning worship hour at Community Methodist church, the pastor, Dr. H. G. McCallister, officiating.

First session of a teacher-training class will be held at 10:15 a. m. This class, open to teachers and parents, will use Dr. F. C. McLester's book, "Our Pupils and How They Learn," for a text.

YOUTH RALLY DRAWS 75 YOUNG PEOPLE

Seventy-five young people were present at the Sunday school rally, held Sept. 24 at Arcadia. Willow Creek Sunday school was credited with the largest attendance.

Carl Spencer, of Caldwell, showed movies of the youth conference held at McCall during August. A Mr. McLean was the rally speaker. The October rally will include the Owyhee Sunday schools.

BREE RECEIVES PROMOTION

Word has been received recently by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bybee, of Nyssa, that their son, Ray, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the air force. He is stationed at a base near Spokane.

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CHURCH NOTES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
 Frank C. Coley, Pastor
 South 2nd and Reece Ave.
 10 a. m., Sunday school.
 11 a. m., morning worship.
 8 p. m., evangelistic service.
 Tuesday, 8 p. m., prayer service.
 Friday, 8 p. m., young people's service.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
 Christian Center Mission
 East 2nd and Ehrgood
 10 a. m., Sunday school.
 11 a. m., morning worship.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
 Henry E. Moore, Pastor
 10 a. m., Bible school.
 11 a. m., morning worship.
 11 a. m., junior church.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
 (Christian)
 Austin J. Hollingsworth, Minister
 10 a. m., church school. Elvin Ballou, superintendent.
 7 p. m., Christian Youth Fellowship. Lyle Wilson, president.
 8 p. m., chapel period.

THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
 Robert Jackson, Pastor
 10 a. m., Sunday school.
 11 p. m., morning worship.
 7 p. m., N.Y.P.S. and Junior meetings.
 7:45 p. m., evangelistic service.
 Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer meeting.

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
 Dr. H. G. McCallister, Minister
 9:45 a. m., church school.
 11 a. m., morning worship.
 7 p. m., Youth Fellowship.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 C. T. Crenshaw, Rector
 7:30 p. m., evening service.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Park Avenue and Third Street
 Rembert Ahles, O. F. M.
 Mass Sunday at 8 and 10 a. m. and daily at 8 a. m.
 9 a. m., Catechism classes.

L. D. S. 2nd WARD
 D. Hubert Christensen, Bishop
 9:15 a. m., priesthood meeting.
 10:30 a. m., Sunday school.
 8 p. m., sacrament meeting.
 Tuesday, 2 p. m., relief society.
 Wednesday, 4 p. m., primary; 8 p. m., M.I.A.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
 Adrian, Oregon
 10 a. m., church school.
 11 a. m., morning worship.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 Elder Haskell Dane, Pastor
 10 a. m., Sunday school.
 11 a. m., morning worship.
 8 p. m., evening worship.
 Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer service.

L. D. S. 1st WARD
 Gordon Ray, Bishop
 Wednesday, 10 a. m., primary meeting.
 8 p. m., sacrament meeting.

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NFMS Makes Study Of African Missions

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A Christmas box for a missionary in Africa will be prepared at the next meeting, Oct. 9, in the recreation room of the parsonage. As this is an all day affair, all those attending are requested to bring a covered dish.

FIDELAE AMICAE ENTERTAINED
 Fidelae Amicae club met last Thursday at the Adrian Community church with the president, Agnes Houtman, presiding. The girls were dinner guests of Mrs. Henry Moore.

COMING EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 6—Eastern Star will hold a brotherhood potluck supper at the Masonic hall at 6:30 p. m. All members are requested to bring their own table service. A regular meeting will follow the dinner. Past presidents parley of the American Legion auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Louise Heidt at her home at 8 o'clock. Republican Women will meet at the Doll House for the regular meeting and dessert at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, Oct. 7—Eagles auxiliary will meet at the Eagles hall at 8 o'clock.

Thursday, Oct. 9—P. T. A. executive meeting in the little theatre of the high school. Main speaker will be Dr. Bennett of Eastern Oregon College of Education. Rebekahs at I.O.O.F. hall, 8 o'clock. Job's Daughters will hold their meeting at the Masonic hall at 7:30 p. m. American Legion auxiliary at the Veterans hall at 8 o'clock.

NEWS OF RECORD

Marriage Licenses Issued
 Lester W. Webster and Janet Elaine Jeannot, both of Ontario. 9/24/52.

Francisco Rodriguez and Concepcion Ramos, both of Edinburg, Texas. 9/24/52.

Frank Lorenzo Randall, of Richland, Ore. and Shirley Jay Turner, of Ontario, Ore. 9/24/52.

Complaints Filed In Circuit Court.
 Florence Hawk vs Al. W. Weaver et ux. 9/23/52/m Recovery on account. \$390.95.

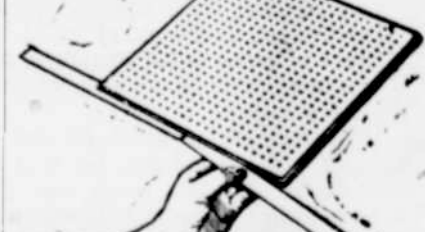
Irwinn Troxell et ux vs Goldie Goodman et al. 9/23/52. Recovery on note. \$350.00.

United Credit Mens Assn. vs Charles Everett Callahan et ux. 9/25/52. Recovery on account. \$568.00.

Daniel U. Zamora vs Korrine Zamora. 9/26/52. Divorce.



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		Phone 217	

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Complete coverage of the L. D. S. general conference will be broadcast over station KGEM, according to President A. L. Child, of Nyssa L.D.S. stake.

Due to the delayed broadcast basis, Friday sessions will be heard Saturday 6 to 10 a. m. Saturday sessions will be broadcast 3 to 5 p. m. and 7 to 9 p. m. The first Sunday session will be broadcast 10 a. m. to 12 noon. The afternoon session on Sunday will be divided into segments; 6 to 7 p. m., 7:30 to 8 p. m., and 8:30 to 9 p. m.

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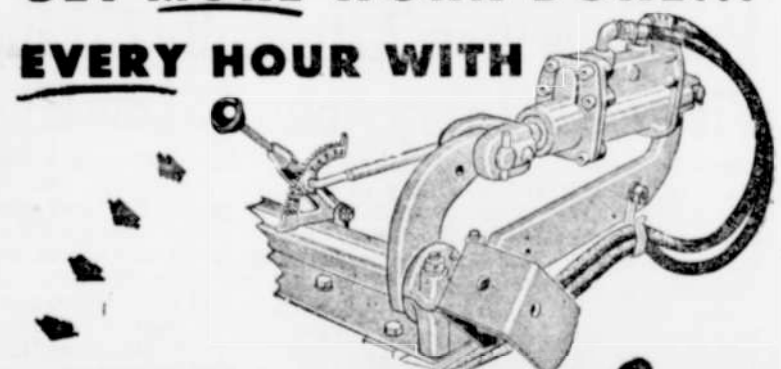
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