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Let's Save the County Government

Too much of the government business of Malheur county is being transacted "off the record" with so little official action being taken on various issues that at least two matters of county-wide interest and importance have been muffled.

A straw breaking the camel's back was the slow disintegration of the county health department which fell apart two weeks ago. Prior to that, well-intentioned plans for new quarters for county offices were blown sky-high when a small group of individuals were saved from being extremely ridiculous in their opposition by the incoherent and illogical statements that came from the county court itself.

Insofar as official records are concerned, there has been no "friction" between the county health department and the county court. Reports from Mrs. Edna Farris, recent county health nurse, and others are to the contrary. Not only have individuals in the health department—as well as most other county departments, including those of elected officials—been reminded of the amount of miles they drive their cars and the amount of energy their employees exert, the reminders are reportedly accompanied by sarcasm that is uncalled for.

If there had ever been any basis of fact that health department or any other county employees were over-paying without due value received, the charges should have been made openly at a county court meeting with a complete record made of the proceedings.

Last fall the county court, through its spokesman, the county judge, advocated that the Vale school building be purchased for a court house. The proposal met with favorable response, but the entire campaign was bungled when numerous verbal comments castigated the opposition and brought about such wide and varied estimates for costs of remodeling that the voters were confused. If estimates had been made by an expert, residents of the county would have known how much they would have had to spend to make the building suitable for county quarters.

The county court is required by law to publish proceedings of its meetings in two newspapers. The records are brief "to save money" but it is not known whether or not they are complete. Numerous residents of the Nyssa community have questioned the Journal about various items of expenditures allowed simply because their brevity did not give a clear picture of what was going on. The court through its state association worked diligently last winter to have enacted a legislative bill that would have eliminated the need of publication of the proceedings, brief though they are. To eliminate them altogether would leave residents of the county with even less information than they now have about county affairs.

Voters and taxpayers—even those who are most upset about the health department—are the ones to blame for the current upheaval. There has been too much sitting and griping and not enough standing up and acting.

Attempts have been made to consolidate various counties in the state to centralize our county government over in central Oregon. We pretend to like our individual rights and local control as we now enjoy them, but we won't have them long if we don't rise from a reclining position and take part in affairs of the county before any more disagreeable incidents occur.

LDS Second Ward Hosts Fun-da-lay

The Nyssa Second ward LDS Trailbuilder's Fun-da-lay, celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of Trailbuilding was held Tuesday evening at the stake house for Trailbuilders and their parents.

Mrs. Joe Hartle was in charge of the program given by the boys and assisted by Sam Lemon and Gordon Williams. Games were under the direction of Leo W. Child.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening's entertainment, by Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Jensen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Feik and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hartle.

Methodist Church News

"For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." James 3:16.

The Bible study class meets at 8 on Monday evening. All church school teachers are especially invited, but everyone is welcome. Last Monday they met at the home of Mrs. Keveren. Place of meeting will be announced later.

Wednesday, evening, July 9, the Methodist MYF girls played volleyball with the girls of the Labor Camp at the camp.

Thursday, July 11, (today) is the Woman's society day for sewing at the hospital. For further information call Mrs. Clifford Fox.

Thursday, Aug. 11 at 8:00 p. m. the membership and Evangelism commission will meet in the church basement. Every member of the commission is urged to be present. The meeting is a very important one. Members are Evan Tobler, Mrs. Foster, Letha Sager, Mrs. Chesnut, Mrs. Barclay, Les Robbins, Mrs. Sager, Mrs. Evan Tobler, Mr. Oldemeyer, Mrs. Lloyd Tobler, Gloria Gonyer.

The quarterly reports for the Woman's society of christian service should be given to Mrs. Keveren by Aug. 21.

All announcements for the church bulletin should be at the church office not later than Thursday evening of each week.

Holy communion will be administered at the worship service, Sunday, Aug. 21.

August 14, Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic for the 11:00 worship service will be: "Deadly Sin No. 2—ENVY."

August 14, Sunday evening, the senior Hi MYF meets at the church for the sub-district rally at Ontario.

The young adult group will meet next Sunday evening at the home of Stan Thompson. Ned Snider will be in charge of the program.

REV. BRIEHL ATTENDS MISSIONS INSTITUTE
The Rev. John Briehl spent last week in Estes Park, Colo., attending a Home Missions Institute of the Lutheran church. All pastors of the American Lutheran churches west of the Mississippi met there for the meetings.

CHURCH NOTES

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Robert Jackson, Pastor
414 Good Avenue
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.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rembert Ahles, O.F.M.
Mass—Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m. and daily at 8 a.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.—Catechism classes.

FULL GOSPEL CHURCH SERVICES
Rev. Lloyd N. Pounds.
Sunday, 10 a.m.
Sunday, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST
Guest speakers conduct the worship service until another minister is appointed.
Bible school—10 a.m.
Worship and Communion—11 a.m.
C.Y.F. Sunday evening—7 o'clock.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Parma, Idaho—McConnel Ave.
Rev. Hale Miller, Minister
10 a.m.—Bible study.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
8 p.m.—Sunday evening service.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. A. F. Stubblefield, Pastor
SUNDAY—
9:45 a.m.—Sunday school.
11:00 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:00 p.m.—Young People's service.
8:00 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

L. D. S. FIRST WARD
Charles Mann, Bishop
9:15 a.m.—Priesthood meeting.
10:30 a.m.—Sunday school.
8:00 p.m.—Sacrament meeting.
Tuesday, 2 p.m.—Relief society.
Wednesday, 4 p.m.—Primary.
7:30 p.m.—M. I. A.

L. D. S. SECOND WARD
Lloyd Lewis, Bishop
Sunday
Priesthood meeting, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.
Sacrament meeting 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday
Relief society (sewing day, 2nd Tues., 10:30 a.m.) 1:30 p.m.
Primary, 4 p.m.
Wednesday
MIA, 8 p.m.

BRETHREN CHRISTIAN CENTER MISSION
East 2nd and Ehrgood
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic service.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rev. Kenneth Himple, Pastor
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship service.
7 p.m.—Young people's meeting.
8 p.m.—Evening worship.

COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Paul Ludlow, Pastor.
Corner N. 3rd & Emison Ave.
9:45 a.m., Sunday school for all ages.
11:00 a.m., Morning worship.
7:00 p.m., Methodist youth fellowship.

Christian Church Notes

Norman D. Case, returned missionary from the Philippine Islands will be in Nyssa Tuesday evening to speak and show colored slides of his missionary experiences. The meeting will be held at the Christian church at 8 p. m. and the public is invited.

Members of the Intermediate class of the Christian church were host and hostesses to members of the TNT class for a warmer roast and swimming party at the Caldwell park last Friday evening.

Saturday night, Christian churches of the valley will sponsor a "Singspiration" at the Ontario Christian church. Anyone is invited to attend and for transportation, meet at the church here at 7:30 p. m.

Members of the CYF of the Christian church will play the Nu Acres 4-H club in a mixed softball game at the Nu Acres field Thursday evening at 7 p. m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
M. J. Duncan, Pastor
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship—8 p.m.—Evening worship.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
(United Presbyterian)
Henry E. Moore, Pastor
10 a.m.—Bible school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
11 a.m.—Junior church.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
John L. Briehl, Pastor
SUNDAY:
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Divine worship.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUNDAY:
10 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., church.
WEDNESDAY:
9-11 a. m., Kindergarten.
7:30, YPF, second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.
John A. Church, warden and Grant Rinehart, lay reader will be in charge of church services until a minister is appointed.

Owyhee Community Services Saturday For Robert Toomb

Last Sunday evening at the church Bible school pictures were shown by Ken Lorensen and afterwards the pictures on last year's Bible camp were shown by Marvin McLean. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McLean also sang two numbers during the regular church hour.

Those leaving on the bus from the church to go to Bible camp included: Earl Wilson, Larry Culbertson, Sandra Day, Garnet Ritchie, Gladys Stephen, Alvie Reed, Gary Nielsen, Ronnie Parker, Donna Reed, Donna May Parker, Pauline Stephen, Clarinda Valentine, and Ronnie Smith.

Visitors day at the Bible camp in McCall will be this Sunday, and the parents and friends of the church are urged to attend. There will be no young people's meeting at the church or evening service at the church this Sunday.

Funeral services were Saturday morning at Lienkameper's Chapel for Robert Toomb, 81, who died August 4 at the Malheur Memorial hospital. The Rev. John Briehl conducted the services.

Mr. Toomb was born May 26, 1874 at Searsburg, N. Y. He moved to North Dakota, Minn., and Idaho before moving in 1909 to Nyssa. He was married to Johanna Pederson in 1894. They were parents of eleven children. Two daughters and one son preceded him in death. Mrs. Toomb died June, 1946.

Survivors include five sons, George of Colfax, Wash. Bill, Gordon, Robert and Dennis of Nyssa; three daughters, Mrs. Niss Hatt, Nyssa; Mrs. G. R. Dixon, Ironsides and Mrs. Vernon Parker, Adrian; 35 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

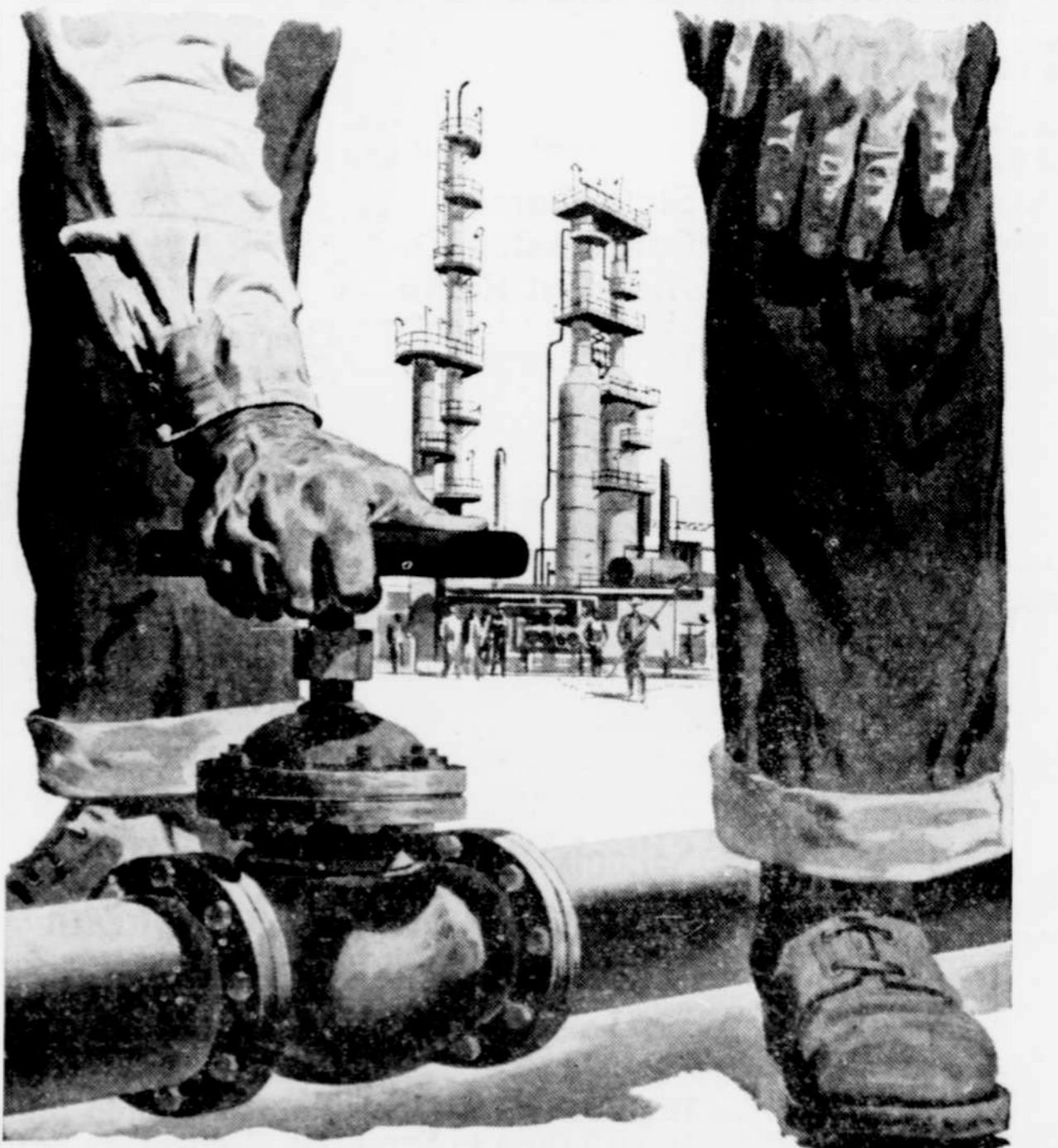
Interment was in the Nyssa cemetery.

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