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The Ruins Should Be Removed

A sight greeting those entering Nyssa from any one of four directions—by motor vehicle or by train—is definitely unpleasant even if the visitor is going through town with no idea of stopping temporarily or permanently. Those who pause here must look at an unsightly building, then focus their eyes downward to an ancient, uncovered basement that would give them the creeps at the thought of children stumbling over discarded lumber and falling into the weed—and trash-infested pit.

It is our understanding that the former hotel above the underpass on Main has been condemned for occupancy, but it is difficult to understand why the crumbling structure is allowed to remain as an eyesore on Main street. At the corner of Main and South First is a vacant lot adjacent to the old building and on the lot is an uncovered basement that is one of the greatest hazards in town.

The Union Pacific railroad at one time had a policy whereby the company would share expenses for parks. As an official once remarked, the Union Pacific had a fund for such projects, but the community had to invest some effort, interest and cash in the joint ventures to assure continuation.

The railroad, it is reported, has had to apologize—unofficially, of course—to curious passengers who have asked about the "ruins" near which the dome-liner makes a five-minute stop.

A project for a park is not a strong ambition on the part of the Journal, but we do contend that much better use than the site for a tumble-down building and a hazardous pit could be made of the property that is like the town's front yard.

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Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

Writing this knowing that my wife might drop in at any moment from Hillsboro. I think the real reason of the weekend trip is so that she can measure for curtains, plan furniture arrangement and check up on my bachelor days. And don't think my friends (?) on the Journal aren't waiting anxiously to make varied and sundry reports. All fabrications!

Too bad she isn't bringing Christopher, the parakeet. Before Christmas we worked like mad to teach him to say "Merry Christmas" which phrase he ignored until the end of January and now uses constantly.

Just wait 'till I give him a ride down Main street! Bet all six ounces of his powered-blue frame will go an all-consuming blast of "well I'll be . . ."

Low blow department: Adolph Schroder, Nyssa cabinet maker celebrated his fifteenth birthday Feb. 29 although he was born before the turn of the century.

Unusual for a man but there's plenty of gals who often skip three birthdays a clip, especially those born in the gay nineties.

"This I gotta see department"—Roxie Killebrew smoking hams in a refrigerator.

Probably the fasted roundtrip taken here in quite awhile was that put on by my boss. He backed the car out of the garage—took one look at the front window and bolted into the house. With grim-faced determination his little two and a half year old daughter Kathy was hacking away at the venetian blinds with a pair of scissors!

Speaking of moving fast—you should have seen Henry "Tank" Van Twisk go through six-repeat-SIX plates of fried chicken and trimmings at the recent surprise party for Mrs. Al at the Smoke Shop. Reports indicate that he stopped then, fairly satisfied. Besides, there wasn't any more chicken.

Speaking of Letty Alfred, recently over 50 friends pulled that surprise birthday party for her. It had all the trimmings, including a big birthday cake with 16 candles and a table piled high with chicken, assorted salads and relishes, brought in secretly by those attending.

Wilbert McClain puts in a full day most every day then takes over the shoeshine stand at the Nyssa Tavern where he puts out a job that beats anything I've ever had in Portland and way-points.

Several colored folks have evinced interest in having their own church here to be used for both services and social functions. This idea seems to have a lot of merit from many angles.

Visited Vaughn Stringer's lambing sheds and spread last Friday. Couldn't understand the racket put up by the thousands of lambs. That is, I couldn't under-

Episcopal Church News

Y.P.F. meets at 7:30 at the church Wednesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Guild is Monday evening at 8:00.

The Rev. Wayne Metz of Ontario will be here at 11:00 Sunday, March 18, to celebrate Holy Communion.

There are men working at the church these evenings. If you feel like pounding a nail come on over.

"Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Owyhee Community Church News

Thought of the Week:
One of the curses of the ministry is utter smoothness. When a file gets smooth it is no good.

The panel representing the Owyhee Church lost to the young people of the Christian Church by the score of 117 to 113 in the Bible quiz Sunday afternoon. A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by both groups before the two panels were quizzed on the book of Esther.

Women's Missionary group is postponed for Tuesday, and will meet at the home of Mrs. Elver Nielsen on the following Tuesday, March 20.

Prayer meeting and Bible study was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Perkins Wednesday evening.

Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the church board will have its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Andrew Ekanger.

Evangelistic meeting with Demcy Mylar who is known throughout the Pacific Northwest as the Country Preacher, will start at the church Sunday, Mar. 18 and will continue through the 28. Rev. Mylar also has the radio program over the Nampa station daily at 11 o'clock called the "Read Your Bible Program." The public is invited to attend these coming meetings.

The Women's Missionary group will serve lunch at the public sale at the T. H. Brewer ranch March 13.

stand it until I found out what was going on!

Henry Quast missed a chamber meeting so guess who is in charge of the spring promotion! Well it isn't Fred Bracken — who WAS there.

Got to knock off now. Our windows are being washed and the glare is too much for me. Bye now and buy in Nyssa.

RELIGION IN LIFE

By Paul Ludlow

HOW DEPENDENT ARE YOU?

As we grow in years and maturity we find ways to express our independence in ever-widening areas. Being tied to mother's apron strings may be a comfort to the small child but is scarcely a goal for a mature adult. The drive for self-determination leads us to enlarge our educational attainments—to rise in our profession—to have a financial reserve. These are all praiseworthy if not carried too far. Too far is when we begin to trust in our own accomplishments without giving credit where credit is due. We are not self-made men and women. We all owe so much to so many . . . living and dead . . . to whom we do well to express our debt and dependence.

There comes into everyone's life, events over which we have little control, the weather, the cycle of the seasons and the phenomena of the heavens, our coming into this world and our leaving it. As we reflect on these things we begin to understand how wonderfully dependent we are. Surely this is God's plan to check our sense of self-sufficiency, our unconcern for our fellowmen and for God. Pride and arrogance go together and blind us to our true station in life. An ancient writer said, "What is Man? . . . Thou made him a little lower than God." Let us not forget who we really are. Let us recognize our true dependence and in humility give thanks, forgetting not his benefits. "Know That the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are His."

Methodist Church News

"Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

Friday, March 9—District WSCS conference at Union, Ore. Please contact Mrs. Lloyd Tobler for information.

Saturday, March 10, 8:00 p. m. The Bishop Players of California will present the play, Cry, The Beloved Country, at the Ontario high school.

Sunday, March 11—this 11:00 o'clock worship service—Mr. Ludlow's topic will be "Give Us Bread."

8:00 p. m. The church membership session. Topic "The Vows We take."

Anyone able to help on the footing work, etc., of the new basement, please sign up with either Mr. Lytle or Mr. Wulf. Truck drivers for both early morning and evening work, also are needed.

There will be a reception of members and baptismal services on Palm Sunday.



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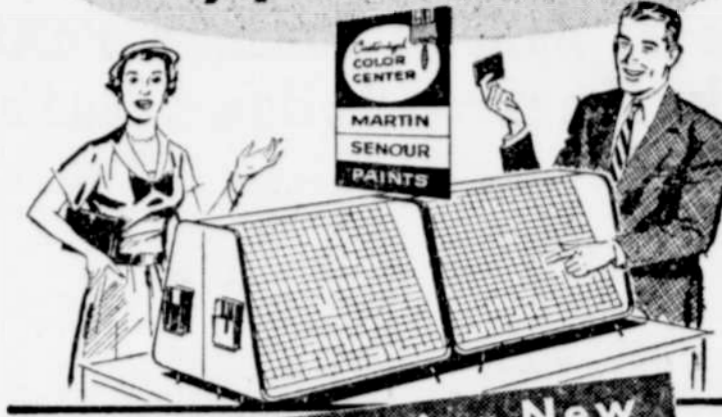
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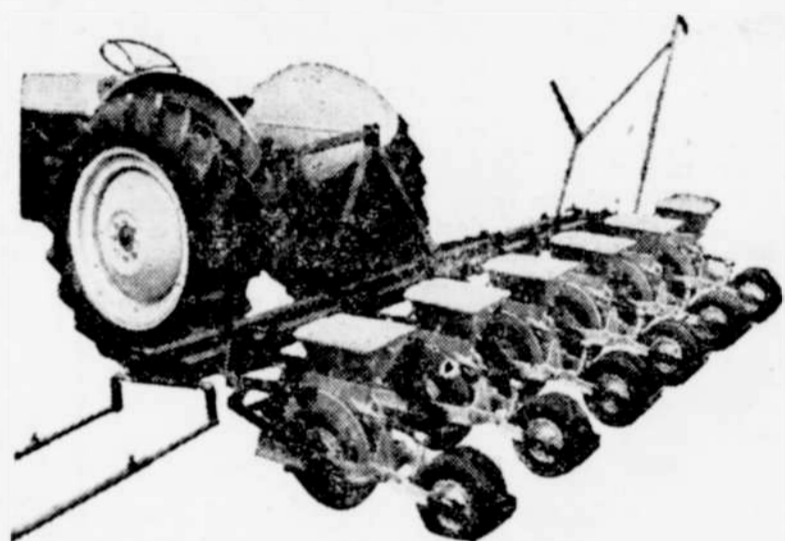
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