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No Disciplined Public Opinion

A letter from the secretary of the Hells Canyon Developing association in another column on this page is an example of why more and more public opinion has been diverted from a high dam in Hells Canyon. Mr. Brinton makes a general attack on those who have opposed the high dam with repeated intimations that the opposing press and individuals have been influenced by what he terms the "utility lobby."

Is it not an individual's privilege to assume it is logical that power will be forthcoming when it is needed if private capital builds three dams immediately instead of waiting for an unpredictable Congress to appropriate a half billion dollars? Passage of the Hells Canyon bill would not have meant immediate construction, since no appropriations were involved. Mr. Brinton charges "politics" killed the bill, but in politics there could be no certainty that those who voted for the bill would have voted for funds to build the high dam.

Many sincere individuals have favored a high dam in Hells Canyon and many honest and unshackled people have and continue to oppose the project. Never has this newspaper cried "socialism", yet a small minority of Hells Canyon dam ring-leaders lash out with vicious and unfounded attacks on those who disagree with their theories.

In referring to Sen. Aiken's stand, the HCDA secretary states, "... it was a sorry admission that the forces which have disciplined public opinion in much of Idaho and Malheur county had already controlled the White House . . ." That's a strong statement and difficult to accept. Residents of Idaho and Malheur county are not morons, nor are they a bunch of sheep who follow the beckonings of "the utility lobby" or ambitious politicians. Most of them are rugged individualists who think for themselves, speak out on issues and get along with one another regardless of different viewpoints about public issues.

It was an Englishman back in the 19th century who wrote: "The only hope of preserving what is best lies in the practice of an immense charity, a wide tolerance, a sincere respect for opinions that are not ours."

Adrian Presbyterian Church Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Kurtz will be hosts to the 20-40 Club at their home, (at the former Reuben Graham farm, for a picnic supper, Sunday evening Aug. 5, 7 p. m. All who attend please bring suitable picnic pot-luck food and table service for their own family.

Sunday morning church services will be conducted by members of the congregation and some of the young people for the Sunday of Aug. 5 and 12 while Rev. Moore is on vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore and Arthur Case returned Monday from two weeks conference at Seabeck, Wash.

The 20-40 Club realized a \$70.92 profit from their rummage and produce sale held last Saturday in the Legion hall in Adrian.

Mrs. Henderson will be hostess to the Mary and Martha Missionary Society, Thursday, Aug. 9, at her home in Adrian.

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

July 28, 1956
Nyssa Gate City Journal
To the Editor:

Upon my return from Washington I was disappointed to find the Journal and several other newspapers opposed to the High Dam criticizing Senators Morse and Neuberger on the grounds that they lacked "influence" and failed in its authorization.

In spite of your accusation, Senators Morse and Neuberger did a statesmanlike and masterful job in presenting the issue before the congress. After working two weeks, along with conservation people from all over the U. S., in attempting to secure those six votes needed to authorize Hells Canyon, I can assure you that the difference was not that we or the senators lacked influence. Rather the difference was that the White House and powerful forces identified by the press as the Utility Lobby used INFLUENCE, which may some day be uncovered as a national scandal, to whip factional solidarity against the High Dam.

I am personally proud of the integrity of Oregon's senators who refused to barter in influence upon the cheap auction block which determined the outcome of this vote. We are going to win the high dam yet, but we are going to win it because it is right and not because we can buy it or barter human rights for it.

Interestingly enough the fact that as many as a dozen GOP senators wanted to, but could not, vote their convictions upon this issue—and the eastern press the past two weeks repeatedly acknowledged that they couldn't—is one of the very important reasons why Senator Morse did not choose to remain in the Republican party. When Senator Aiken of Vermont on the floor of the Senate declared his vote against the High Dam would have to be a political vote it was a sorry admission that the forces which have disciplined public opinion in much of Idaho and Malheur county had already controlled the White House and were on the march in the very Senate of the United States.

The "sphere of influence" which you speak about can most certainly be had. We are quite sure Mr. McKay will deliver your low dams for you because he already has been disciplined. But weakness must not be mistaken for influence. McKay won't have to be influential to continue to yield resources to the greedy; He'll only need to be willing. We are thankful, indeed, that Senator Morse has not been willing, and if he is returned to the Senate he will continue to be unwilling to yield Snake River water to the private property title of a power company which will develop only the cream of the power resource and waste the other 400,000 kws in their lust for 6-mill profits instead of 3-mill service to the people of this region.

If the 1956 national elections return the small business man, the farmer, the consumer and the people to the White House and the Halls of Congress, indeed Senator Morse will have been one of the most influential political figures of our time; for he of all has been McKay and Ike's most bitter foe.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

Woe to those who speak—or write too soon!

Remember the state of bliss I was in because the street on Fourth was fixed?

Nuts!

Came down the street the other day and hit a hole that jarred out two inlays. If you think I'm kidding, I've got 'em!—and not in my mouth!

Speaking of the city—and who isn't these days—it has been suggested that due to the storage at Owyhee maybe a little bit of water could be spared to knock down the dust on the road to the high school ball field prior to local games. Every car swirls up a miniature dust bowl which irritates (1) the players, (2) the local citizens who support the games and (3) visitors from nearby towns who support their clubs.

Maybe the chamber of commerce could get their teeth into this one—it's gritty enough.

Am happy about the price of potatoes this year but I'm just wondering when they can afford a local potato for my little tomato.

There's a big Fiesta coming up soon at the labor camp. Darn, if Maria Jurado, a most distracting little Spanish girl who works at El Sombrero had been a candidate I've have gone broke (er) buying tickets. That is, if Bill Santillanes didn't buy them all up first.

This town is really going to the dogs!

I accepted it when I was given to understand that a local "weiner" dog, loved by a lot of us couldn't hide under a desk during business hours at the city office . . . and I accepted the fact that stray dogs were a nuisance and should be rounded up—providing a chance was given to reclaim same, which the police did, but I DON'T go along with who ever it was that claimed Ralph Lowe's slumpy Weimaraner, who rode around in back of a city truck affected the taxes of anyone. Ye Gods! He was probably worth a lot of insurance though anyone who may have wished to "glome" onto the truck would have been greeted like a long lost buddy!

Let's not get TOO efficient—especially where friends are involved.

Couldn't understand why the hour around 9 a. m. has been so quiet. No "Mr. Barr" dropping

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Byron C. Brinson, Secy.
Hells Canyon Dev. Assn.
Baker, Oregon

Christian Church Notes

Morning sermon: "Archaeology Speaks."

Choir practice each Wednesday evening at 8:15 p.m.
Rev. Earl Hastings returned home from Indianapolis Sunday, July 22. Mr. Hastings had been attending a course for all Christian church ministers from all states on town and country churches.

A church picnic was held in the Nyssa park Sunday, July 22. The CWF meetings were held July 26. Group number 1 met at the E. A. Liming home with 10 members and one visitor present.

in to ask for some deal quick— Understand he takes the paper now and I know a lot of people would like me to say "hello" and THANKS AGAIN!"

Course I miss my free coffee, too!

Notice that beautiful moon the other night?

Reminded me of a night many, many years ago when I sat with a sweet young thing and gazed longingly into her eyes as we dipped our toes into the water at the Detroit Yacht club.

Sez she to me, "now Bill, you just think good, clean thoughts!"

I went right along with her, up to the coma!

Had an informal (I'll say) birthday party for my wife and a "going-away" party for my prescription medic, Doc Sarazin. Assembled were a bunch of left-wingers: Doc, Mrs. Madge Flagel, Bob and Twinkle Thompson, Jane and Gerald Zittercob. If we'd had a tape recorder Doc would have been disgraced, I'd have lost my job, Bob would have gained unmeteen new members for the Eagles and Zittercob would have been the town's most popular meat-cutter.

Mistake department: Asking Deana Kohl to prepare a special order—LAST FRIDAY!

Am sending a letter to the Oregonian which they probably won't publish, so will wish it on you:

"When the recreation center at Portland was first organized those of us in this far corner of the state were mighty impressed with your \$8 million dollar bond issue. We next were a little confused when the argument as to which side of the river same should be placed blocked the project—about two years ago. Then came another vote on the issue and our country folk started to get bored. And now, we hear, you'll still have another vote on the problem.

May we in Malheur county offer a solution?

Those on the East side of town, come to Malheur county via the Columbia river hiway and Pendleton. Those on the West side take the Burns route.

We'll furnish the land but heaven help you if the center happens to be even a half mile closer to Ontario than it is to Nyssa!

I suppose this suggestion will be about as logical as mine regarding the Christmas lights.

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The Merry Matrons club met at the home of Peggy Whitman July 25. Patty Price was co-hostess with 14 members and a guest, Betty Neilsen present. Roll call was answered with a cool recipe. The afternoon was spent embroidering tea towels for the hostess. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be Aug. 8 at the home of Donna Mitchell with Helen Rookstool assisting. Each member is asked to bring a package for a grab bag sale with the value of 25c.

A-c Larry R. Holmes who graduated recently from the primary flight training base at Malden, Mo., visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Holmes last week. He left by plane Sunday for Del Rio, Tex., where he will continue training as a jet pilot.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Godbout and family of Ontario visited Sunday at the Glenn Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Royse were dinner guests of the Rolland Holmes family Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Smith and family attended a farewell and birthday dinner Sunday at the Bert Cussins home at Willow Creek for Mrs. Bert Cussins birthday anniversary and Ron Cussins who is leaving for U. S. service.

Mr. and Mrs. James Chamberlain, Miss Sharon Hartley and Max Linville attended a picnic at the Robert Adams home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Whitman and family of Oregon City, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rookstool.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers and son visited Wednesday evening at the Rolland Holmes home.

Sandra Holmes is spending the week with her cousin, Nancy Goodson near Parma.

Mrs. Max Jones and Larry of Los Angeles who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

They worked on layette and clothing for home missions. Devotions were led by Mrs. Kenneth Pond. Refreshments were served.

Group 2 met at the Lester Oden home with six members and two visitors present. Devotions were led by Mrs. J. C. Smith. They worked on clothing and layettes for home missions and refreshments were served.

The Come-Double class had a weiner roast and swimming party Friday evening at Snively's hot springs.

Several members from here attended the fifth Sunday five-church dinner at the Payette park Sunday.

Methodist Church News

"Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright." Gen. 25:34.

Tuesday-Saturday, July 31—August 4—Woman's Service School of Missions is being held at Gooding, Idaho. Several women from our society are attending. Ellen Sager has been chosen as one of the ten girls from the Idaho conference by the commission on missionary personnel.

Friday-August 3-8 p. m.—The church executive committee will meet at the parsonage.

Sunday, August 5, 9:45, church school. Classes for all ages.

11:00 a. m. Worship service—Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic will be: "Esau—Value or Viduals."

7 p. m.—Methodist Youth Fellowship meetings for Jr. and Sr. Hi, and for the older youth.

Monday, August 6-8 p. m.—Official board and various commissions meet at the church.

Tuesday, August 7, Woman's Society executive meeting—2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Tobler.

Thursday, August 9-2 p. m.—Woman's Society general meeting at the home of Mrs. Eva Chadwick. (No meeting on the regular day because of School of Missions.)

Russell Gressley, left for their home last Monday. Lydia remained with her grandparents for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes and son, George Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gressley attended the Oregon Trail Grange picnic Sunday at the Nyssa Park.

Miss Delores Leavell of Boise visited Sunday with the Rolland Holmes family. Mrs. Holmes and guest visited with Mrs. Donald Royse in Payette that afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kelly and family of Marsing visited Friday evening at the Glenn Brown home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Holmes and family were Friday evening visitors at the Frank Byers home.

Mrs. John Bowen was a dinner guest Friday at the Clyde Bohannon home.

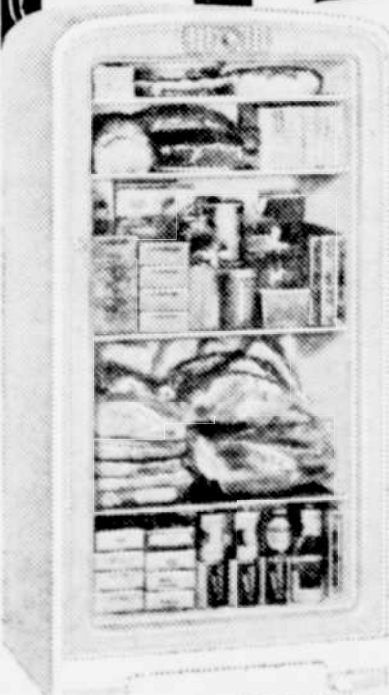
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Goodson and family of Parma were Sunday supper guests of the Gilbert Holmes family.

Mattie McCankey of Ontario spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Robert Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bohannon and family joined other members of their Sunday school class of the Christian church for a swimming party at Snively's pool Friday evening.

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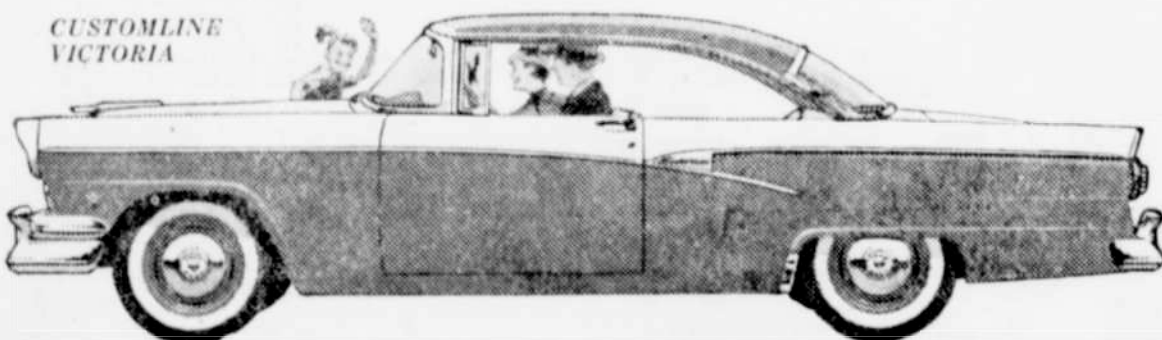
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