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Political Parties and Individuals

Malheur county seems to be typical of the nation—if not more so—in regard to political activity on a local level.

A recent Gallup poll showed that 62 percent of the people believe the Democratic party is more active in their respective neighborhoods than the Republican party.

The Democrats are to be commended for the work they are doing to acquaint their own registrants, potential voters and Republicans with their issues and their candidates.

On the opposite side of the picture, the Republicans, who always have enjoyed a substantial majority of registrants in Malheur county, are somewhat dormant with the exception of special groups in Nyssa and Vale where an intense McKay for Senator campaign is being staged.

The county GOP organization seems to be enjoying past victories and assuming that Malheur county will always be Republican, just look at the majorities piled up in the past!

Politics is good for the nation, the state, the county and each level on down to the individual. The two major political parties have a duty to uphold—an obligation to interest more people in government.

Party workers sometimes forget that a vast majority of the people are somewhat neglectful of their obligation as citizens to vote. There are hundreds of eligible voters right here in Malheur county who have not registered and many of them will find themselves unable to call for ballots on Nov. 6.

The Republicans seem to have forgotten that they lost a U. S. Senator in 1954 with a margin of less than one voter in each precinct in Oregon.

Never let it be said that one vote doesn't count! The individual is the most powerful guy in America at election time, but it takes organizations to bring individuals into the fold.

Letters to the Editor Welcome

Periodically, the Journal, like all newspapers, receives a verbal complaint, "I heard that you refuse to print letters to the editor."

This, of course, usually originates from some disgruntled individual whose reasons are known only by himself, or someone who has written an anonymous epistle with no name or indication of who the author might be.

The Gate City Journal does refuse to print unsigned letters, free advertising about products for sale and mimeographed messages sent out to newspapers by the hundreds from some central point.

During the four and one-half years the Journal has been under the present ownership, all letters to the editor with the above exceptions, have been published. That policy will continue.

"THIRTY" COMES FOR OUR PUBLISHER
GEORGE L. WHORTON
Payette Independent-Enterprise

"Thirty" is a term used by newspaper men to signify the end. They use it frequently, for the end of an item, the end of a day, or week and with reverence for the end of life itself for an associate in the profession.

So it is with saddened hearts, that we here at the Independent-Enterprise, are called upon to report that it was "thirty" for our publisher George L. Whorton in a hospital at Cascade last Friday afternoon.

"The Boss" as we called him, was a modest man and never sought publicity for himself. He lived, we believe, a full life, with much activity over and above that called upon for success in his profession, for the good of his community, the newspaper field and for his fellow man.

He took the Independent-Enterprise from a small beginning in 1936 and developed it to rank among the top weekly newspapers in the state. In addition to the long daily hours required by the newspaper he found time to serve as president of the Kiwanis Club, and the Chamber of Commerce in Payette; the Idaho Editorial Association, and to take on other community responsibilities.

For his outstanding work as a newspaperman, he was elected to membership in Sigma Delta Chi national honorary professional journalism fraternity.

He was also a devoted family man, and generous in his giving to charity.

To us, his activity as a newspaper man, good citizen, husband and father is to be emulated. And it is our sincere prayer when "thirty" comes to us, we might attain a measure of his success, in the basic activities of a well spent life.

Fellowship Meeting Friday at Ballous

The Jr. fellowship class of the Christian church met Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou with seven members and one visitor in attendance.

During the business meeting church work projects were outlined for the coming year. A treasure hunt was planned and a lesson and Bible quiz were given by Mrs. Ballou.

Adrian Presbyterian Church Notes

Thursday, Sept. 13, Mary and Martha society will meet at the home of Mrs. Wesley Piercy. Mrs. H. E. Moore will be assistant hostess. Those attending are asked to bring their silver coupons for the mission school. Members are also asked to bring clothing for the Indian mission and thimble, thread, scissors and buttons so the clothing sent will be in good repair.

The women are beginning their work for the God's Acre sale and are asked to bring pieces of print suitable for aprons or tea towels to be embroidered.

Church board meeting at the home of Dick Kriehg Thursday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m.

Helpers are needed on Monday nights after school for the youth societies. There are various needs other than teachers for these groups.

Teachers of the Adrian schools and their families were guests of the church Sunday for the morning worship service and for a dinner afterward.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

Before I forget it . . . You who happen to have the Sept. 8 edition of the Saturday Evening Post look right NOW on page 23, count the fifth policeman from the left . . . and GUESS WHO YOU'LL THINK YOU SEE!

Go ahead and look . . . I'll wait. See?

Heard another cute kid story. So far I've had no complaints as I think most of you realize that little children, irrespective of church, do get a little confused when they try to assimilate all they learn at Sunday school—especially when they are only five or six years old . . . So here goes: One little five-year-old girl was explaining the other day how the Lord watched over all the people on earth.

The story went something like this: "Way up in the sky there is a little house and they have a little place in the house where they peep through to watch over all of us."

"The Lord watches all day and Joseph watches all night. And Mary does the cookin'."

Henry Quast can stop sweeping dust toward the Journal (prevailing winds seem to be from West to East) for the city council is getting closer to buying a street sweeper. Monday morning Henry was out on the sidewalk with his broom—he usually is—and asked yours truly to gaze at the street.

I tried but couldn't find the street! Never have I seen such a mess as that revealed to the eye—and nose—Monday morning in Nyssa.

Now the council has authorized certain funds for the purchase of a street sweeper—but if they failed to provide personnel to run same when the streets are cleared between 4 and 5 a.m.—(I still haven't forgotten that \$5 bite I got)—then it would appear someone bought a racehorse and forgot the jockey!

Got in a huddle (I'm no fool) with the Harvest Queen and her court Monday afternoon. I had taken four pictures in the morning and the conference came out just as I had anticipated. Five girls—five different ideas as to which was the best photo. Feeling that their parents and friends will love them ANYWAY . . . we're running one this week—which I chose—and one next week that the girls THINK they chose.

After all, the splatter of gray in my hair and an Irish wife should tend to make me a little independent when dealing with the bloom of youth.

Speaking of youth . . . I found out in a hurry it is long gone. I covered the football game Friday night, Saturday—and Sunday—and Monday I could hardly walk. I wanted to watch the line play, so ran up and down the field like a Shetland pony.

If the Idaho Animal Products company wants an old worn out stallion, drop in the office. I'll stumble into the truck.

Will somebody tell the gay blades that the corn ISN'T green that fills the cans on Main street. The Harvest Festival decorations would be more secure from dogs

Methodist Church News

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." —Math. 6:21.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 9:45 a.m.—Church school for everyone and everyone invited.

11 a.m.—Worship service. Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic will be "Our Investment in Missions." 7 p.m.—Senior high banquet welcoming the ninth graders, followed by program and worship service. The junior high MYF also will meet at 7 o'clock.

Christian Church Notes

Morning sermon—"Names of the Church." Evening sermon—"The Book of Revelations."

The finance, building and property committees will meet Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a sack lunch for the family. Bible study every Wednesday evening at 8:30. Choir practice to follow at 9 p.m.

CFW general meeting at the church, 2 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14, is Come Double class discussion night at the Leroy Pulliam home at 8 p.m.

At the Sept. 5 meeting the committee on home missions selected Dorothy Bibbey as chairman and Mrs. Ken Pond, secretary. Reading and community investigation assignments were made.

and some of their distant kin if they could be treated with liberal doses of tabasco sauce.

This paper is sure full of Thompsons this week! Mardelle on page one, Stan on the sports page. Now if Twinkle had only wandered into the office with that bobcat slung over her shoulder we'd have hit the Thompson-pot.

Egad! Did you notice that last week Duane didn't have time to write an editorial? I was left COMPLETELY SURROUNDED by Church Notices!

What A Contrast! Just noticed how much of this guff I've written, so I'll skip the lights and the democrats this week.

Small loss. But you'll lose out this week if you don't shop Nyssa . . . Take a look at the advertising. REAL bargains in town. (I just couldn't dream up a gimmick!)

Bye now, buy Nyssa . . . Bill.

Owyhee Community Church News

Thought of the Week: Faith is a principle by which to live, not a problem to be solved.

Tuesday evening the annual church election was held with these new officers for the coming year: Deacons, Charles Chapin, Joe Stephen and Harold Dail; Elders, Wayne Robb, Don Parker and Andrew Ekanger. Homer Whitman was elected church treasurer and Mrs. Harold Dail, church secretary.

Church board meeting will be held at the church parsonage at 8 o'clock Thursday evening. Prayer meeting and Bible study are held at the church Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.

Two of the young people leave for college this week. Miss Garnet Ritchie will enroll at Boise Junior college and Miss Betty Morton will attend the College of Idaho, Caldwell.

Methodist WSCS Asks for Clothes For Overseas

Clothing for overseas relief and rehabilitation is being collected by the WSCS of the Nyssa Methodist church. It was announced this week by Mrs. Lloyd Tobler, president of the organization. The drive is sponsored by the Church World Service Center which has its headquarters in Modesto, Calif.

Those having clothes are asked to include any items for men and boys, women and girls and for infants. Only felt hats that can be rolled are wanted. It was explained that shoes should be tied together.

Bedding, sewing materials, yard goods and knitting wool are needed.

The drive extends through September and all material must be ready for shipment by Oct. 5. Mrs. Tobler said. Members of the WSCS are packing the clothing for shipment.

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