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Owyhee Lake—Sin of Omission
(Oregon Journal)

Located in eastern Oregon is the state's longest and one of its deepest lakes. It extends 53 miles, a distance greater than that between Portland and Salem. Its depths run to more than 300 feet. It is approached by a road built on an abandoned railroad grade.

This is Owyhee lake in Malheur county and it represents the most neglected opportunity among the natural attractions of this state.

Although high in the index of recreational values, the lake and its shores are almost completely undeveloped.

The road which links the lake with such communities as Nyssa, Vale and Ontario has not been placed upon the state highway system, although the lake has more than 10,000 visitors a year in its present undeveloped condition, and the estimate is more than 160,000 visitors a year were its recreational opportunities made fully available.

Just how such neglect occurs is impossible to explain. The lake was created by the construction of Owyhee dam in the early '30s. At that time the dam at 417 feet was the highest in the world.

The railroad grade, on which the present Malheur county road is placed, was used originally to carry materials in for building of the dam. Because of the old-time railroad antecedent, the road, although badly surfaced, is without severe grades or curves, but when it reaches the foot of the dam, the ascent to the crest is dangerously steep, crooked and rough. There is a small ramp beyond the crest down to the water of the lake from which small boats can be launched. There is a small resort area at Cherry creek and Gordon gulch on the east side of the lake three or four miles from the dam. But the lake cannot be called accessible in any other sense.

Recently, the recreational and natural resources committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce joined with representatives of official agencies that would be concerned in the development of the lake and the improvement of the road and the people of Nyssa, Ontario and Vale in day-long sessions looking over this slighted chance for outdoor pleasure.

It is always true that "people who get together do not stay apart." There was recognition in the Malheur journey of a great opportunity.

It is a deprivation of the present and an offense to the future to let the Owyhee lake opportunity be further ignored.

Petitions will go to the state highway commission to place the road on the highway map. The highway commission should be glad to respond. There will be a request that the lake be incorporated in the state park system. This also should be done. Then, help from the national park service, the bureau of reclamation, the federal bureau of public roads and the Malheur county administration can be invoked.

The state game department already is giving attention

Methodist Church
News

"Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." Ex. 20:3.

Jan. 24-7 p. m. Ma-Pa pot luck dinner and social evening. Mrs. Ulrich Neiger will tell of their trip to Switzerland this past summer.

Jan. 27-9:45 a. m. Church school, classes for all ages.

11 a. m.—Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic for the worship service will be: "Begin With God"—The first in a series on the Ten Commandments. The new MIF officers will be installed at this service.

2:30 p. m. M.Y.F. sub-district rally at Ontario.

7 p. m.—MIF meeting at the church.

8 p. m.—"High Hours of Methodism." This class is for everyone interested in the study of Methodism.

Jan. 28-8 p. m. Church school workers conference.

Jan. 30-4 p. m. primary and junior ages—Additional church school session.

Jan. 30, 8 p. m.—Bible study continuing with the Psalms. Place will be announced in the bulletin.

to the fishing, which is exceptionally good.

Owyhee lake, deep and cool and clear, surrounded by nature's highly colored minarets and castellated structures, a lure to anyone seeking peace, pleasure and "good fishing," ought to have high priority in state and federal plans.

Yet, right now, it is only an aggravated sin of omission.

For National Defense

The following is a press release printed in this column instead of the regular news columns. It can be read at leisure while you're figuring your income taxes and listening to some radio speaker tell you how much must be spent for national defense:

Air Force dining halls will look more like home to Johnny when the old steel mess trays are replaced by attractive new glass dishes.

The latest effort by the Air Force to make living on an Air Force Base more home-like for bachelor officers and airmen was made known today by S/Sgt. Dale J. Adamson, in charge of the Air Force Recruiting Office at Ontario, Oregon.

The "new look" in Air Force dining hall service includes a ten inch opaque glass plate, with compartments for meat, vegetable and potato; a soup bowl and a vegetable or dessert dish. A plastic tray is used to carry the new dishes from the serving line to the table.

The new glassware is made of heat tempered opaque glass, milky white and trimmed with a grey, chartreuse, salmon, blue or maroon band.

Sergeant Adamson stated that the Air Force will place 300,000 to 400,000 steel trays in reserve in case of future needs.

Nyssans Attend
Payette Meeting

Attending a dinner meeting and service at the Payette Methodist church Thursday from the Nyssa church were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tobler, Mrs. Evan Tobler, Mr. and Mrs. James Stephen, Miss Myrtle Ilett, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow and their houseguest, Mrs. G. T. Massey of Nampa, Cliff Main, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Lytle and Dennis Spitzke.

G. Ernest Thomas of Nashville, Tenn., a member of the general board of evangelism, was guest speaker.

Stranger
In The County

By Bill Campbell

Now that the inauguration is over I think it only fair and fitting that Tom Jones and I declare an armistice. Tom still has Wayne Morse and Ullman stickers on his bumper (he removed the Stevenson strip) and I'm still carting around McKay and Ike. Let's scrape 'em off Tom, and get set for the feudin' four years hence.

Speaking of politics . . . see where the new senator from Idaho has joined our Oregon liberals right down the line. I can picture the three of them together singing "We Belong to a Mutual Admiration Society." (Was going to say he jumped in bed with them but was told that wasn't delicate.)

While I know the above remark might make some folks just plain mad . . . I bet it will make Walter W. R. May, publisher of the Oregon Voter smile a little. (Walter—you could have beaten that man years ago—remember?)

Hey! Our police force has been

MRS. GARRISON HOSTESS
TO METHODIST CIRCLE

Mrs. Charles Garrison was hostess to the Alice Hitchcock circle of the Methodist church Thursday afternoon at her home.

Mrs. Clyde Snider presented the program, "Racial Problems." Presiding over the business meeting was Mrs. Evan Tobler, chairman of the group.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

discobolated! I note that our major general and captain have been reduced to first lieutenants.

I wish you folks would quit griping about the water! I have very little to complain about. Most of my water comes straight from an artesian well.

Direct from Olympia

It never fails to happen department.

When I wrote up Cliff Main last week—whose dad is a newspaper publisher, what happened? We goofed two sticks of type and the transition from page one to six was a mess. 'Twas ever thus.

The Journal's baby doll, Thelma, saw a picture by the same name and has been blushing ever since!

As some of you know, my spouse has been in bed for the past 10 days fighting bugs. Never have I seen a woman take so many shots and stay sober. But I'd like to mention how much I appreciate some of the neighbors dropping in, especially Gladys Cooper and "Twinkle" Thompson.

Not only are they sweet to my gal, which she appreciates, but they are sweet to me, too!

They do the dishes!

During this season many of us are down with the flu and assorted aches and pains. But did you hear about Skinny Price? (Clarence to his enemies.) He was down with a "cold" and happy about it. One of his thoroughbred horses presented Skinny with a filly. Bred out of Jazzey Fay and Fag, the little one has been named—subject to approval—"Adrain Eddie." (I thought a filly was a girl!)

Was so carried away with the inauguration Monday that I wore an old pair of old pinks to work—you know, the overpriced but durable pants made for the army "brass." And I mean OLD.

A button job, yet!

But you keep the buttons on your pocketbook when you leave town. You can buy it here.

Bye now; buy Nyssa, Bill.

Nazarene Church
Anniversary Set
With Dedication

The Nyssa Church of the Nazarene was organized on July 11, 1937 and plans to observe the 20th anniversary of its organization with the dedication of its new church building June 30. The local church has grown rapidly since its organization and in 1956 reported a membership of 103, a Sunday school enrollment of 215 with an average attendance of 162. \$22,605 was given for all purposes by the local church in 1956 which is \$219.46 per capita.

The Church of the Nazarene is represented in the Nyssa area by Rev. Robert O. Jackson who came to pastor the local church in 1952 after having served the general church as a missionary in Argentina, South America and Swaziland, South Africa.

The world-wide Church of the Nazarene recorded substantial gains during the past year according to a report received by the Nazarene churches in this area.

The annual statistical report, issued by Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary, of Kansas City, Mo., showed that new churches and Sunday schools were established at the rate of two a week in 1956. The denomination had a net gain of 109 churches for a total of 4,435.

A net gain of 8,031 members, or a 2.8 per cent increase, brought the denomination total to 287,866.

Perhaps most notable, Dr. Ludwig reported, was the record of \$129.94 in per capita giving in 1956. This was an increase of \$4.35 per member over the previous high in 1955. Denominational giving, he also reported, increased by \$2,260,063 in 1956, for a total of \$37,404,741.

Sunday school enrollment reached an all-time high of 611,319. Gains were reported in all three principal societies—missionary, junior and young people.

Dr. Ludwig concludes his report with the following comment: "The denomination stands for the spread and conservation of the Wesleyan doctrine of entire sanctification. It marks its start at Pilot Point, Tex. in 1903, when several smaller groups united to form the Church of the Nazarene and plans are being completed for its golden anniversary observance in 1958."

LDS Banquet
Held Saturday

The LDS senior Aaronic stake banquet was held Saturday evening at the Owyhee ward church for senior members of the Aaronic priesthood and their families. 125 persons were served.

Dr. Grant Hughes was master of ceremonies for the program. Mrs. Mel Beck presented a reading, Mrs. Mark Hartley and daughter, Susan, a vocal duet. Movies were shown for the children.

E. H. Beus, Blaine Holladay of Ontario and Dr. Hughes, high council members of the Aaronic priesthood were in charge of the event.

Christian Church

Due to bad weather the supper planned for the CYF at the E. A. Lining home will be postponed until Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Chi Rho will meet at the church. An oyster supper will be held at the church Jan. 30 for members and friends of the church.

The CWF group meetings will be held Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. Group 1 will meet at the home of Mrs. Clyde Bohannon and group 2 will meet at the H. H. Kingrey home.

A CWF executive meeting was held at the Robert Sherbert home Thursday. A nominating group for the coming year's officers was appointed. Service projects for the year and other items of business were discussed.

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?
IF SO, WHAT KIND?

The answer may be one of the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian or any of the other denominations that you might mention.

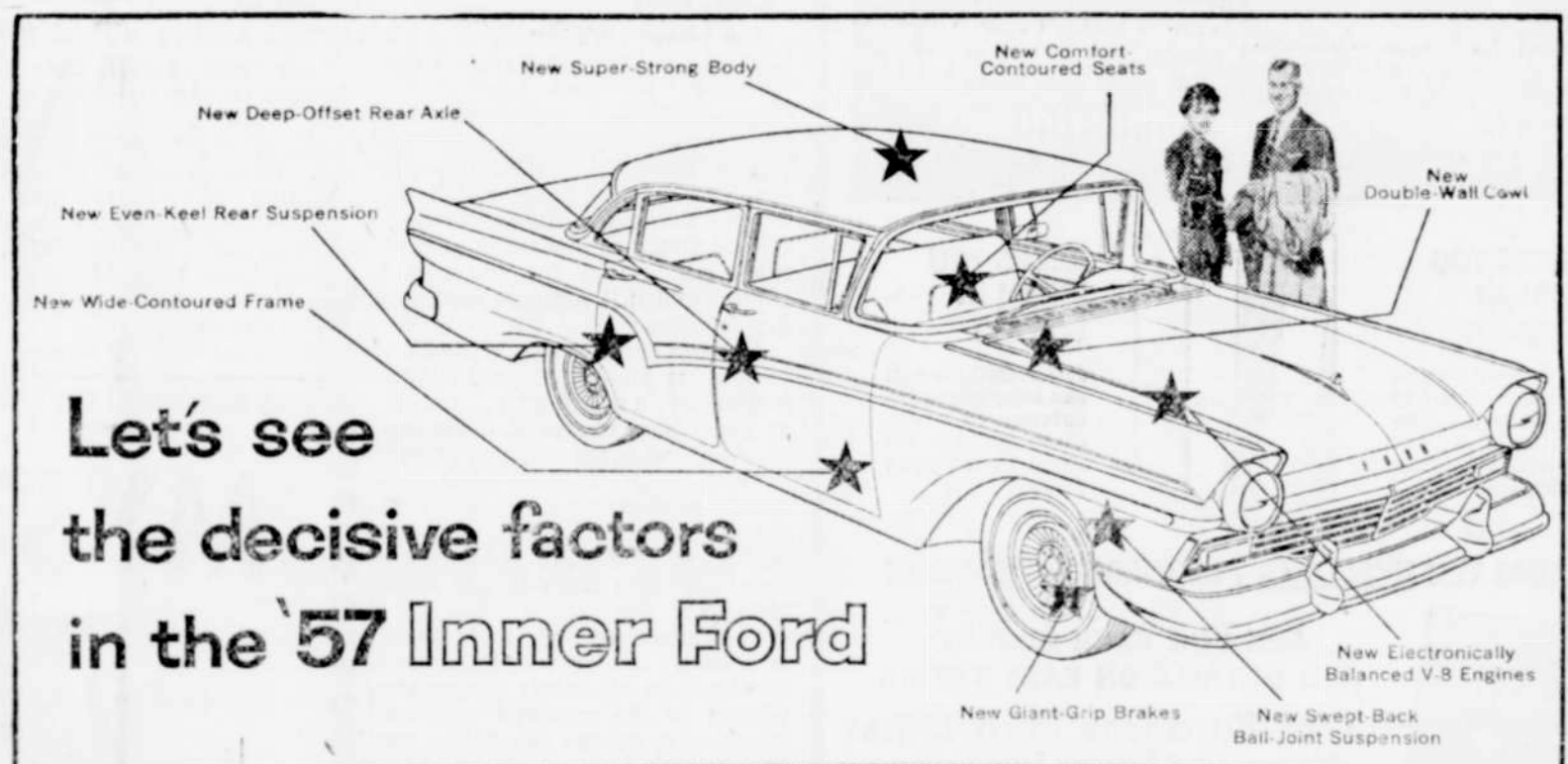
Some may say we are all the same kind but go to these different churches.

THAT CANNOT BE SO!

Christian are brethren and have brotherly love one for another. John 14: 34, 35.

If you have that love I would like to preach Christ and His love from your pulpit or from house to house in your homes. Act 20: 20, 21; Acts 6: 42; Rom. 16: 5; 1 Cor. 16: 19.

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