

Letters to Editor

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(Editor's Note: In the letter below State Rep. Emil Stunz answers a letter from Louis Pratt that appeared last week in another Malheur county newspaper. In that letter, Mr. Pratt suggested that Rep. Stunz was basing his opposition to a Hells Canyon federal dam and public power generally on the fact that Malheur county did not give U.S. Rep. Ullman a majority of its votes in the November election.

He further stated in his letter that Rep. Stunz had not expressed himself openly on the public versus private power issue, and said that the "power trusts" had not opposed Stunz' candidacy, although as a rule power companies opposed all Democratic candidates.

In his closing sentence Mr. Pratt suggested that Rep. Stunz should run on the Republican ticket, "where you belong." Rep. Stunz' answer follows:)

Mr. Pratt:

In reply to your letter which has appeared in a Malheur county paper, I would like to start at the beginning of this rather involved issue of HJM No. 2 memorializing congress to authorize the federal high Hells Canyon dam.

I do not recall if it was before or after the primary election of 1954 that you asked me what my stand was on the Hells Canyon dam issue. I told you at that time that I did not think it was a problem of a state representative, being as it was a federal issue and was being taken up in Washington D.C. at that time. I also remember telling you, in effect, at the same time, that when private capital could and was willing to make these developments, they should be encouraged to do so. If private capital cannot handle the job then I think the government should take over if practical. At that time you informed me that you would not be able to support me.

Do you remember, Mr. Pratt, that on Jan. 28, 1955, HJM No. 2 came up for a vote of the House. This memorial asked for authorization of a federal dam on the Columbia river, known as the John Day dam, to be built under the partnership plan. I voted in favor of this memorial and at that time I explained my vote in

the column to the local papers. Therefore, the people of Malheur county have known how I stand on the issue of the Hells Canyon dam.

Regarding my party, let me say this—I have never voted a straight ticket in my life. I have always voted for the man or the issue which I think is best for us. As to voting here at this session, I feel that—first, I should cast my vote to carry out the wish of my county. You know, Mr. Pratt, Republicans are also people and I never draw the line. Second, if there is not time to get the opinion of these people at home I believe it is my duty to cast my vote, first for the best interests of the people I represent, and secondly, for the best interests of the state as a whole. Third, if neither of the above principles apply, then I will go along with the party to which I belong.

As to my "spouting off for the benefit of my good chamber of commerce friends," I would like to inform you that I had no communication from any chamber of commerce previous to the vote taken in the House on HJM No. 2. I had only one letter from an individual on the matter and he was not employed by the power company. Getting back to the chambers of commerce, I feel they are doing a good job and a large part of the advancement made in Malheur county during the last thirty years can be credited to these organizations. It has come to my attention many times, that when some person or group of persons want help, they invariably go to the chamber of commerce with their problems. That is as it should be. The members of the various chambers of commerce are people from all walks of life—they are a non-partisan group and are made up of merchants, professional men, farmers and others.

Mr. Pratt, I see no need in writing more on this matter. We each know how we stand on this power issue and I am confident that I know where the majority of the people in Malheur county stand. Our personal differences have no place in a newspaper and cannot be solved in that manner.

By the way, Senator Brady, staunch Democrat and one of the senior members of the senate, has introduced a bill which would require the closing of all banks on Saturdays. I have had numerous requests from home and from other parts of the state asking me to vote "no" on this issue. If it gets through the Senate and reaches the House Floor I will make a stand against it at that time.

Emil A. Stunz

Farm Bureau Fun Nite Attracts Large Crowd

Farm Bureau members from the Adrian center, including the rural area of Nyssa route 1, were present for the annual frolic of the Malheur County Farm Bureau known as "Fun Nite," held Staturday evening at the grange hall at Cairo.

Featured were 17 tables of pinocle, and other games participated in by the remainder of the crowd of more than 200 persons. Supper was served, prizes were given out, and an interesting program with Clifford Harris, Lincoln Heights, as emcee, was presented.

Among those appearing were Lloyd Lane and Dave Reese, with oldtime music; a vocal solo by Maurine Wettstein; a vocal duet by Kay and Karen Ross, with Carolyn Takahashi, accompanist; an accordion duet by Lucille White and Shirley Schilling; Mrs. Martinez and son Tony of Adrian, with a Mexican dance.

Two readings, one by Mrs. Claude Ogilvie, Annex, the other by Mrs. Harry Burkhardt, Vale; a violin solo by Ralph Portiner, with Mrs. Charles Shannon, Annex, at the piano; Hawaiian music by Jake Borge of Adrian and his sons, Terry and Dale. Annex provided a clever ventriloquist act entitled Kendall and Dudley, and a square dance group under Neil Peterson of Nyssa entertained with an interesting performance.

One of the special features of the evening was the award of a purse to Joe Hobson, regional director, who suffered a number of home losses recently while attending a California regional meeting of the American Farm Bureau. The movement, started by the Willow Creek Valley center, gave away an electric fry pan which finally wound up as an auction piece bid in by Nolan Fields of the county office.

The traveling gavel awarded annually to the Center with the most "guest miles" went to Willow Creek. Many prizes were given for the events throughout the evening, including the high scores from the 17 tables of pinocle. Supper, provided by all the Center, was served cafeteria style. Ontario Center officers assisted with the host duties of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buxton of Caldwell were Monday visitors at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beck and family.

Scout Banquet Held Wednesday

A guide patrol, scouts and fathers banquet was held last Wednesday evening at the Nyssa stake house.

Scouts in uniform participated in an impressive flag ceremony featuring bugles and drums, assisted by scoutmaster Dean Blaylock of Nyssa.

Mrs. Devonen Leavitt was master of ceremonies for the program. Skits by scouts from Ontario second ward, Nyssa second and Vale ward were presented. President Leland Montgomery of the Owyhee ward presented a song and piano number and various scout songs were led by Mrs. Elden Jackman of Ontario. Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders gave a reading entitled, "The Bear Story."

Speakers for the evening were Arvel L. Child, president of the Nyssa stake and vice president of the Ore-Ida council and Bishop Ross Butler of Vale, scout committeeman.

Table decorations featured miniature pup tents and camp scenes, scout emblems and American flags. Favors were tootsie roll logs with tiny gold hatchets imbedded.

The dinner was prepared and served by the ward executives and the Nyssa stake board members under the direction of Mrs. Leavitt, Mrs. Flinders, Mrs. Blaylock and Mrs. Mark Moncur.

National Guard To Hold Open House Feb. 24

Company H, Ontario unit of the Oregon National Guard, will launch a one-day drive to enlist 25 new members with an open house on Sunday, Feb. 24.

The local guard unit's enlistment drive is part of a nationwide campaign to enlist 15,000 young men who have had previous military training or who agree to take basic training with the Army or Air Force.

Parents of eligible guardsmen are especially invited to attend the open house this Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Ontario Armory on the Malheur county fairgrounds. Special arrangements have been made for guard personnel to answer in detail all questions relative to enlistment. Refreshments will be served, and the general public is also urged to attend.

In announcing the latest goal, Lt. Jesse R. Mills said that particular emphasis will be placed on reaching the parents of the young men of the surrounding communities who are faced with military obligation. It is our intention, Lt. Mills stated, to show our local citizens in Ontario, Vale, Nyssa and the surrounding area how these young men can best fulfill their obligations by serving in the National Guard.

Learn New Skills

Through enlistment in the National Guard, Lt. Mills said, a young man can receive his initial military training with the active army and can continue to learn while serving with his friends at home, can earn extra money and build up a retirement pension, and has an opportunity to learn new skills which can be valuable to him in civilian life.

Besides his instruction in soldiering and many technical fields, the Guardsman can attend regular Army service schools and receive pay while doing so. Also, home study extension courses can be taken, opening the way to faster promotions.

—Clint Bellows

CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express the appreciation we feel toward our Owyhee Ward bishopric and Relief Society, and our many friends and neighbors of this community for all their kindness and sympathy shown over the loss of our beloved girls.

—Mrs. Alzina Salter and family
Mrs. Ileen Patterson and family.

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W. D. Parkinson To Join Staff Of New York Co.

William D. Parkinson, laboratory and x-ray technician at Malheur Memorial hospital since April, 1955, will join the staff of Becton-Dickinson Co., laboratory supply and equipment firm of Rutherford, N.Y., it was announced this week.

Parkinson will leave by plane for the factory on Feb. 24 for a month's training and will be assigned to a territory after completion of the course. Mrs. Parkinson will remain in Nyssa for two or three months before joining her husband. She is employed at Roberts-Nyssa, Inc., Buick agency.

Parkinson flew back to Rutherford on Feb. 5 for a final interview and was one of five selected for the sales representative positions out of a total of 60 applicants.

Until he is assigned to a specific territory, Mrs. Parkinson said, they do not know what section of the country will be their future home.

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Fireside Meeting Sunday At Beck's

The members of MIA Maid's class of the Nyssa LDS second ward were guests of Barbara Beck at a fireside Sunday evening following church services.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Grigg, guest speakers, showed slides and gave talks about their trip to Europe. Celia Bybee is president of the group.

Refreshments were served to the 40 guests.

Friday evening dinner guests at the home of his uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bateman were Mr. and Mrs. Don Bateman and Allen of Payette.

Mrs. Bob Wilson New President

Officers elected at the Monday evening meeting of the Community Chorus held at the Methodist church are Mrs. Bob Wilson, president, Mrs. Dean Sharp, secretary and Hugh Tobler, treasurer. The chorus will present The Crucifixion Easter Sunday evening. Anyone wishing to sing is urged to join the group and base singers are especially needed.

The next practice of the chorus is scheduled for Monday evening at 8 p.m. in the Methodist church.

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