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We Can Count Many Blessings

Come floods, higher taxes and increased cost of living, the lower Snake river valley looks good to one who has visited numerous "boom" areas where money flows like water, but where actual water is scarce and taxes and living costs are also on the upgrade.

Outstanding for personal comfort as well as for stable economy is the climate here, notwithstanding the Malheur rivers recent spree that cost something like \$2 million in property damage or the "unusual" 21 below temperature last January. Here farmers enjoy a long growing season and have an abundance of irrigation water to grow their crops on naturally arid land.

A wide diversity of crops grown, plus the God-given blessings of the types of crops, such as early potatoes that can be marketed before those of other areas, has stabilized the farm economy to a greater extent than most other parts of the nation.

This rural area is made up largely of rugged individualists who can and do pull themselves up by their bootstraps, who take part in general affairs that affect their own and their neighbors' welfare and who can see beyond tomorrow in their planning for the future.

To say that hospitality is lacking in other areas would be untrue, but there's something about the rural atmosphere of good old American friendliness that should make anyone grateful for the privilege of living in the lower Snake river valley.

Owyhee Community Church News

Thoughts for the week:

The secret of happiness is not to do what one likes to do but to try to like what one has to do.

A good share of two weeks was spent sanding floors, painting, roofing, hanging drapes and general cleaning at the church.

A delegation of about 30 attended the American Sunday school union conference held at the Ontario Baptist church. A variety of classes were held as well as a general assembly with pot-luck dinner at noon.

Three new members accepted into the church Feb. 24 were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Perkins and Leila Farmer.

Many attended services and pot-

luck dinner held after church Feb. 24 in honor of Rev. Kenneth Himple and family. A farewell gift of money and an electric fry pan was given the family. Rev. Himple will be taking over the missionary field in the Seattle area for the American Sunday school union.

Marvin McLean, ASSU missionary from Nampa held services March 3. Mrs. McLean sang a special number.

Prayer meeting and Bible study was held Feb. 27 at the Harold Dail home with 20 in attendance.

Rev. James Smithwick, a graduate of Multnomah School of the Bible, will deliver the message for both morning and evening services March 10. He is a candidate for the pastorate of the church. Everyone welcome.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

SAY! I've got a real idea for the "Men About Nyssa" column. I'll have Skinny Tensen write ALL HE KNOWS about John Cancelmo and THEN have John write all he knows about Skinny!

Naturally it would be our last edition.

Before I forget, I've finally decided that Pica the pup isn't! Speaking of dogs, what is the crowd of canines doing around Doc Sarazin's house? Alas, poor Microbe, I knew her well.

Hear that Rusty is back in town and all of the boys at the Ace Pastime are playing it mighty close to the vest.

When I was a kid I had quite a stamp collection. But it's nothing to the one my wife is working on. I concentrated on U. S. Commemoratives, but she's my little SRV, S and H and Gold Strike fiend.

Having been the family shopper for the past two months, I'm greeted at the door with not "how did your day go, dear," but "which stamps did you get tonight?" (Course that's overdone a little but the idea is there.)

The last edition of Life and the Sunday edition of the Oregonian explored the craze thoroughly. Both agreed that men were much less interested in the stamps than women, both went into the pros and cons of the matter but no specific conclusions were reached, probably because the articles were written by men.

They tiptoed over the question as to who really paid for them.

Just took a farm ad over the phone and it's obvious I've just got to go out and spend a day on a dairy. Advertisers rattle off the darndest combination of initials, all of which indicate mighty important things such as was pa there or not, are they immune to this 'an that etc. They keep talking about springers but never mention "fallers."

There's been a lot of yak yak on the relative merits of TV and newspaper advertising. My only thought is that you can't drag a TV set into the powder room which is the place I head for when the commercials come on. On the other hand, a newspaper has MANY uses!

Just came up with a revolting idea. It seems that every few weeks there's a new campaign on to collect funds for ailments that cover every possible disease from neurotic conditions to hangnails. Movie stars plead for funds, officials extoll the merits of same and mails are flooded with appeals or solicitors bang on doors.

I've no quarrel with the fact that research is vital to progress and the elimination or curtailment of killing diseases. The work accomplished has been terrific in many fields of medicine as we all know.

Would it not be possible to lump all these individual drives into a nation-wide medical research week? It could eliminate a terrific amount of duplication of effort.

Trouble is, it would probably eliminate a terrific amount of

Let the Bible Speak

Do we have to go to church every Sunday? That answer must be no! Because the Lord Jesus or God does not make us do anything.

Mark 16:16 says: If you believe and are baptized you shall be saved. He doesn't say that you have to believe and be baptized, but he does say that if you don't you will be damned.

No, the Lord didn't have to be crucified and die for us but if He hadn't the scriptures wouldn't have been fulfilled (Matt. 26:53-54) or our sins wouldn't have been forgiven (I Cor. 15:3-4).

God is a jealous God. Ex. 20:5; Ex. 34:14; Deut. 4:24, 5:9, 6:15; Joshua 24:19; Nahum 1:2.

Do you have a child or parent whom you are very fond of?

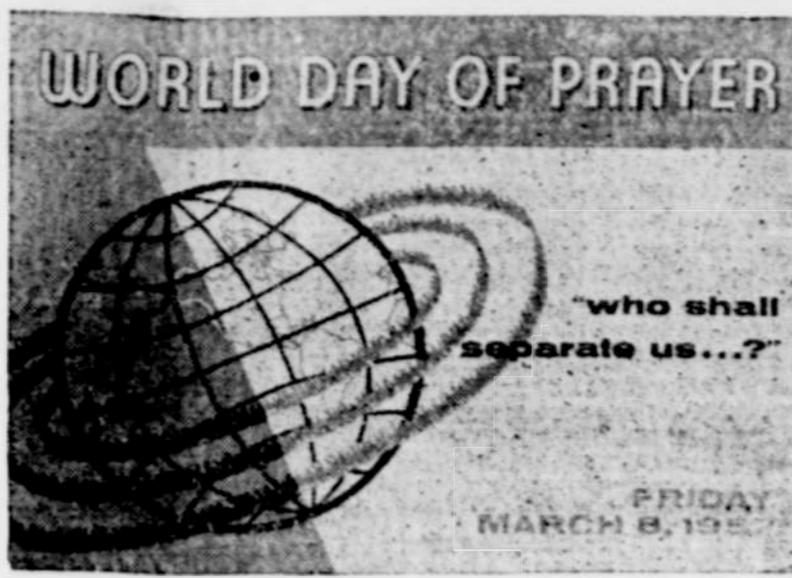
Let us take this loved one whom you are very fond of and say he could meet with you every Lord's day and your brothers and sisters would be there to rejoice with you. How often would you be there?

In Matt. 10:37 Jesus says if you love parent or child more than Me you are not worthy of Me.

Do we have to go to church every Sunday? We don't have to do anything but we ought to be glad and anxious to go every Sunday.

Not only every Sunday but every time the brethren come together, for the Lord said where there be two or three gathered together in my name there I will be in the midst of them. Matt. 18:20.

In Hebrews 10:25 Paul tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. The apostles came together on the first day of the week to break bread. Acts 20:7.



FRIDAY—MARCH 8, 1957

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Adrian Presbyterian Church.

Christian Church Notes

Morning sermon: The Robe. Evening sermon: The Tabernacle.

CYF, Chi Rho and JYF meet at the church, 7:00 p. m.

World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, Mar. 8, at the Adrian Presbyterian church. A social will be held from 1:30-2:15. The program will follow.

A church fellowship dinner will be given for all new members of the church, Friday, Mar. 8, 7:00 p. m.

The high school class spent Sunday afternoon swimming at Givens Hot Springs. After the swimming they enjoyed a chili supper at the home of their leader, Mrs. Leroy Pulliam.

The Loyalty class met at the church Thursday evening Feb. 28. Devotions were given by Mrs. H. Tressenurter. During the business meeting it was decided to help the high school class finish their class room. The appointment of a visitation committee was also discussed. The evening was concluded by the singing of songs and playing games led by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sisson. Refreshments were served by hostesses, Mrs. Emerson Bingaman, Dorothy Bibbey and Mrs. Tom Drydale.

CWF group No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. Tom Drydale Feb.

Jobs which would make those taken off the payroll subject to many of the ailments for which research money is directed.

Enough of this stuff. I'm going to eliminate this piece of copy paper from this typewriter. Keep well, Willie.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

Pastor John L. Briehl

Living Victoriously—In Christ

Wednesday, March 6, will mark the beginning of Mid-Week Lenten services at Faith Lutheran church. These services will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will continue each week until Easter.

The theme for this series of Lenten services will be "Living Victoriously—In Christ." Following the road to Calvary the Bible-based sermons will present the following topics:

"In Christ We Overcome Anxiety," "In Christ We Overcome Conflicts," "In Christ We Overcome Hatred," "In Christ We Overcome Evil," "In Christ We Overcome Frustration," "In Christ We Overcome Selfishness," "In Christ We Overcome Misunderstanding," "In Christ We Overcome Death."

Each message is a sincere invitation to put full faith in Jesus Christ, the conqueror of sin and death. May this serve as a warm invitation to you to come to these services.

Beginning next Sunday, March 10 at 11:00 a.m. a series of Sunday morning sermons will be presented with the general theme, "The Choices We Make!" The

28. Mrs. Drydale gave devotions and Mrs. Dan Pennie was in charge of the program. Clothing was mended for the flood victims. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Group No. 1 met Mar. 1, at the home of Mrs. Paul House. Mrs. House gave devotions. Mrs. Earl Hastings presented the program on Southeast Asia. The groups worked on quilts for missions. Refreshments were served.

Methodist Church News

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own self." James 1:22.

Thursday, Mar. 7, 8 p. m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting at the church. Mrs. Malcolm Hammond, conference secretary of missionary personnel will be guest speaker. Her topic will be: "Whom Shall I Send." All women of the church, high school and older girls are invited.

Friday, Mar. 8, 1:30 p. m.—Fellowship 2:15 p. m. service. World Day of Prayer will be held at the Adrian Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of United Church Women's organization. Baby sitting will be provided. The service being used around the world was written by one who has lived behind the Iron Curtain. Bring your copy with you and join in this service.

8 p.m.—Ma Pa February meeting will be held at the Gene Grasty home. Pot luck supper and evening of fun. Installation of officers for the next six months will be held.

Sunday, March 10—9:45 a. m. Church school for all ages.

11 a. m. Worship service—Day of dedication sermon will be "Be Ye Doers of the Word." There will be communion service with special offering for mission projects.

7 p. m.—MYF and MIF meetings at the church.

8 p. m.—Special evangelistic service. First in a series of six Lenten spiritually enriching messages on "Questions Jesus Asked."

Wednesday, March 13, 8 p. m.—Bible study. Place will be announced in bulletin.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster were Mr. Foster's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Childers of Olympia, Wash., who were enroute to Phoenix, Ariz., on a vacation trip.

Mrs. Goldie Reitenbaugh of Greeley, Colo., arrived in Nyssa Tuesday to spend a few days with her daughter and grandchildren, Mrs. Darlene Stroff and family.

different choices presented each Sunday will be as follows:

"The Normal Choice," "The Strangest Choice," "The Wise Choice," "The Impossible Choice," "The Attractive Choice," "The Choice That Pays."

Wednesday—7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Services.

We invite you to attend and worship with us.

Adrian Presbyterian Church Notes

Thursday, March 7 after school the Fidelae Amicea Girl society will meet at the parsonage.

The World Day of Prayer service will be at the church Friday afternoon.

There will be a fellowship hour at 1:30. The worship program will begin at 2:15.

The women of the Adrian church are requested to bring cookies for the social and fellowship hour. All ladies in the community are invited.

Sunday school teachers' meeting Monday night at the home of Mrs. John Auker. Plans are to be made for the church daily vacation Bible school.



"I don't believe in Lent," said Sam. "Those days are like any other days."

"It's true," said Bob, "but don't you feel that a special time should be set aside to think about the Lord's suffering?"

"We should be thankful to Jesus every day," said Sam.

"I agree," said Bob. "Will your men at the plant work July 4th?"

"Of course not," said Sam.

"Now look," said Bob, "we should be good Americans every day of the year. But still you're setting aside July 4th to remember our independence. It's good to set aside a day to celebrate what is true all year, isn't it?"

"Perhaps July 4th and Christmas and Labor Day," said Sam.

"But those are single days," said Bob. "We need to think about what Jesus suffered when He died for us. That's Lent."

"I see your point," Sam agreed. "Don't you agree, too?"

Worship with us during the Lenten days, in honor of the Christ who died for all.

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