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It's Time to Get Tough!

It's been four months since The Journal commented on Nyssa's public intoxication and allied problems and the responsibility of tavern operators in serving customers who already have had enough. Reaction to our opinions was amusing, if nothing else. Some of the innocent operators objected to the editorial, while some of those "able to wear the shoe" attempted to soft-soap us with "compliments" and admissions they had let things go too far.

The offenders behaved for a few weeks, but re[illegible] records indicate Nyssa is back in its old groove insofar as too many stumbling drunks and outright vagrants are concerned.

Is it possible that the offending tavern owners [illegible] their employees—and that does not include all [illegible] of the taverns—are taking a public be damned attitu[illegible]de? Or do they really believe the long over-worked [illegible] retail merchants object to law enforc[illegible] argument that

Public sentiment is changing ar[illegible]ement? ly, if not violently! The beef [illegible]d it's changing rapidly the streets too drunk and t[illegible]s that too many are on

It's time to take off [illegible]so idle too often. handling drunks and [illegible] the kid gloves in the manner of as well as those [illegible] those cited for allied misdemeanors guests tabul[illegible] responsible for the mounting list of city

It is [illegible]ated on the police blotter.

is n[illegible] evident the Oregon Liquor Control commission [illegible] doing its job in giving aid to the city police. That [illegible]tate commission has ways and means of building cases, but their visits to Nyssa are so infrequent "all they know is what they read in the papers" and that's a lot. It is possible they have been sold a bill of goods about "business men protesting a get-tough policy."

The eager-beaver tavern operators responsible for the situation have had their chance, but they aren't fooling anyone. Their "truce" of a few weeks was thrown aside when the migrants started getting pay checks.

The law should step in—city, county and state—and enforce every regulation to the letter and let the chips fall where they may. No new laws are needed to bring the matter under control.

The Journal is still a firm believer in home-control and local regulation of most problems. However, the State of Oregon long ago stripped municipalities of their power to regulate liquor and beer sales by licensing, so there is no recourse from asking the state to use those powers it apparently wanted.

Self-policing would satisfy a larger segment of people than would a community fight where two factions choose up sides and it would improve the lot of the legitimate tavern operators who may be facing extinction along with the offenders.

The city budget board saw fit to delete a $1000 fund for codification of city ordinances. In browsing through some of the old laws, it was found that one passed in 1907 provides penalties for "allowing" inebriates to loiter in a public place.

No one seems to know whether that ordinance has been repealed, amended or is still in existence.

Dozens of other city laws are in the same state of flux—so we go merrily on passing new laws to "fit" an immediate problem, leaving law enforcement officers in a state of confusion about their scope of activity.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

Ah, HA! I've got the name of that little cutie who bowled me over last week.

She's Wendy Ann, nine-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Brown. Pop's in charge of the men's wear section of Wilson's Department store.

Memo to the victor—Dear Tom Jones: I concede defeat—for the time being—so will you please take down those Ullman signs that I still spot around town. Speaking of Ullman, he seems to be doing a lot more work and less talking than our distinguished (?) senators.

I've quit keeping track of the individuals who have either asked directions to the local swimming pool or inquired as to whether any was planned.

I just tell [illegible] "if you want to get all wet go to Ontario"—and plenty do. Naturally you can be a rugged individualist like Joe Chamberlain and use the Snake river as a tub—even though accidentally.

Speaking of being [illegible] Dus[illegible]'s spirits were [illegible] that Saturwhen he took off on a fishing trip to the John Day country—amid a pelting rain.

Looks like the Nyssa Beetmen, our entry in the semi-pro Border league just might possibly develop into a hitting club. June 5 they knocked out a 13-3 win over Mt. Home Air Base in an eight inning game. Friday they squeezed out a 22-4 win over Emmett. And did that in seven innings. The big game to date will have been the Payette - Nyssa contest which was played Tuesday night.

Writing this prior to that one, so take a look at the sports section.

Dust we art and dust we were—those who watched the Mt. Home game here last Wednesday during the baby cyclone which shifted real estate in the county from one section to another.

The batters had a fine time with normal doubles carrying for home runs. The pitchers, however, who faced right into the gale needed rocket attachements on the ball to give it the needed impetus.

Members of the Lions club who ran the concession were a gritty lot as were their hamburgers—through no fault of their own. They did an excellent business despite the weather and didn't even lose the single spoon for coffee stirrers.

Wonder what they are going to do with the profits. Their publicity department is not one of the more active phases of the organization.

Sunday I attended a local show and can truthfully say I've never had a better time for less investment. It was a "bug exhibit" held on the front steps of Linda Cundall's home and co-sponsored by Linda, Patty Anne Urry, Marcia Wycoff and Cathy Lowe. There were six jarsin which were such rare specimans as a daddy-longlegs, grass hoppers a spider, two black bugs and some butterflies. Admission was a penny apiece which ran the price up in that I had to take my wife. The description of the exhibit by Linda was worth many times more than the admission fee. I understand they netted 49c.)

Adrian's championship contender club had excellent team backing in their contest with Gaston Saturday night. Several carloads of fans made the long trek to Portland over the weekend.

Got needled plenty when I covered the Condon - Adrian game. The local rooters acted as though it was MY fault the Nyssa Bulldogs wouldn't play them.

I believe there are some hard and fast rules regarding such competition in different league brackets.

Poker seems to be getting a much more popular game — at home, that is.

Speaking of home, how about trading in same.

You know, regardless of where the Journal moves when I look out the window I see those !*"!"/! Christmas lights.

—Bye anyway, Bill.

Owyhee Community Church Notes

Come ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Bible school opened Monday at 9 a. m. with 121 children in attendance and 16 teachers and helpers. There is room for more. Bring your child.

Church board meeting was held at the Charles Chapin home Tuesday evening.

Prayer meeting was at the Joe Stephen home.

No young people's baseball game Thursday.

The Rev. and Mrs. James Smithwick are parents of a 6 pound four ounce baby girl, Pamela Glee born at 1 a. m. Tuesday at Malheur Memorial hospital.

Methodist Church News

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15.

Friday [illegible], June 14—8 p. m. Vacation church school program will be held in the sanctuary. There will be a display of handiwork which has been made during the two weeks. Everyone invited.

Sunday, June 16— 9:45 church school for everyone. Student day and Father's day will be observed. Our college students will be participating in the 11 o'clock service. Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic will be: "Never too Old to Learn."

2 p.m.—Senior high MYF meets at the church to go to Emmett for the sub-district rally.

7:00 p. m.—MIF and MYF groups meet at the church.

Thursday, June 20, 2 p. m.—Woman's society circles meet as follows: 1. with Mrs. George Coleman and 2 with Mrs. Gene Grasty. The Celia Cowan will meet at 8 p. m. with Mrs. Duane Holcomb.

Every member of your family is invited to attend a Methodist camp this summer. Family camps are Aug. 2-4 at Sawtooth and Aug. 9-11 at Wallowa Lake.

Christian adventure camps July 15-20 for youths who have completed grades 6, 7 and 8. Senior high camps July 8-15 for youths who have completed grades 9, 10 and 11. Older youth camp, Aug. 31—Sept. 2 for college and older youth.

Services Monday For T. J. Sparks

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon in the Roswell Baptist church for Thomas Jefferson Sparks, 63, of 207 North 7th street, Nyssa, who died Saturday at Malheur Memorial hospital following a brief illness.

The Rev. Jerry Phipps officiated at services with interment in the Roswell cemetery under the direction of Lienkaemper chapel.

Mr. Sparks was born May 6, 1894, in Missouri and had lived in the Nyssa area the past 13 years.

Survivors include two brothers, Arthur of Nyssa, W. G. Sparks, Roswell, and two sisters, Mrs. Naomi Keys, Caldwell, and Mrs. R. M. Lowe, Missouri.

Christian Church Notes

Bible school program Sunday evening, 8:00 p.m., Nyssa Christian church, everyone welcome.

The Ontario Sunday school entertained the Nyssa Sunday school with a picnic in the Payette park Sunday afternoon. Nyssa won the honor by winning a contest between the two churches.

The general meeting of the Womens Fellowship will be Thursday, June 13, 2:00 p.m. at the church.

The Come Double class will meet at the Don Strickland home [illegible] a picnic after church Sunday, June 16. A climb of the butte will follow.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and hospital staff for the kindness extended to us during the illness and at the death of our beloved mother, Mrs. M. Hart.

The Hart Families.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Child who spent the past winter in Mesa, Ariz., have arrived in Nyssa for the summer. Enroute home they spent 10 days visiting relatives in Utah and attended a farewell testimonial for their grandson, Gordon Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Olsen, Peterson, Utah, who is leaving for an LDS mission to Norway.

Mrs. Gary Knight (Margaret Bates) of LaGrande was in Nyssa the past few days visiting her mother, Mrs. Frances Bates, who is recuperating from major surgery. She was accompanied by Miss Linda Knight, LaGrande.

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What is the cost of the first premium and the other payments?

My friends, there isn't any cost in money at all. In fact, I would be afraid to pay my way with money.

I'm afraid I would be in the same danger that Peter told Simon the Sorcerer in Acts 8:20. "Peter said unto him, thy money perish with thee because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money."

Then how can I pay these payments to obtain this policy?

My friend, you only have to do a few things that the Lord has asked you to do.

We notice in Matt. 17:5 the Father of Jesus, the ALMIGHTY GOD. tells us to hear His Son, JESUS. In John 1:14 we find Jesus called the Word.

The first part of payment one si to hear the Word.

John 3:16 says, "Whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." So we find that the second thing to do on the first payment is to believe the Word.

Mark 1:15 Jesus says, "Repent ye and believe the Gospel." Luke 13:3-5 Jesus says, "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." The Jews from every nation asked Peter what to do. He told them to repent.

So the third thing to do on the first payment is to repent for the remission of your sins. Matt. 10:32; Luke 12:8; Rom. 10-9; I John 1:9; II John 7.

All of these Scriptures show that confession is necessary and essential. So that is the fourth thing to do in the first payment.

John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh to the Father but by Me."

Rom. 6:3, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?" Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is BAPTIZED shall be saved."

In the first sermon that Peter preached in the church he commended them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38. Acts 2:41, And they that were baptized were added to them, the church or body.

Christ commanded His apostles "To go ye therefore and teach ALL NATIONS BAPTIZING in the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY GHOST." Matt. 28:19.

Now, I believe you can see that it is necessary to be baptized. Baptism is the fifth and last thing you have to do on your first payment.

It is paid for because you have done what Christ told you to do.

Some may say they don't understand. Let me give you a recipe or map to go by. Please read the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch and notice he did hear Phillip, believed, repented and confessed that Jesus was the Son of God and he was baptized.

Let us notice how they both went down into the water and they came UP OUT of the water. It doesn't sound like Phillip ran down and got a container of water and poured or sprinkled it on the eunuch! Read Acts 8:30-39.

Now that the first payment is made how do I keep my payments paid unitl I die?

There isn't anything else to do except keep Jesus' commandments. What are His commandmenst? The best way to know them is to study and read them in the New Testament.

I could point them out such as: Love thy neighbor as thyself or any of the nine commandments which Jesus renewed in His New Testament out of the ten that were in the law of Moses.

Matt. 10:22, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." James 1:12. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised them that love Him."

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