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To escape comment or criticism, do nothing, be nothing, say nothing.

Christian Church Notes

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hastings returned Saturday from Camp Cove, Ore., where they had spent the week teaching the Chi Rho group. Four boys from the Christian church were also at camp. Rev. Hastings returned Sunday to teach a week at the young people's camp. The week of August 4-10 will be junior boys camp.

The Christian Women's Fellowship met for their group meetings at the following homes: Group No. 1 met at the Ray Strickland home. They worked on a large quilt and aprons for the church. Mrs. Ray Strickland gave devotions and Mrs. Robert Sherbert presented the program. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Group No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. Tom Drydale. Devotions were given by Mrs. J. C. Smith and Mrs. Ewen Chard had the program. The group worked on used clothing. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

A church supper will be held at the church Aug. 7. Program will follow.

Board meeting Aug. 6, 8:00 p.m.

The Coming Age

In The Bible Speaks in last week's paper, I read that the so-called prophet has struck again! It says, let us see if he is a true or a false prophet. He says our prayers have been answered.

In my mimeographed sheet of paper, I said God has heard our prayer. Thy kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven. That is not saying that God has answered our prayer.

There are some people who have seen and had heavenly experiences in all ages a long time before Christ has come to earth. I say just as soon as evil is done away with this world will be a paradise of peace and love. Wisdom comes not suddenly; as darkness goes away light comes. Great knowledge is all around us; we just have to perceive it, that is the labor of God.

If anyone can prove my prophecy false, do so. Let's see if you can do it.
CARL FUNK
Nyssa, Oregon

Special Services Held at Nyssa LDS First Ward Sunday

Individual awards were presented to the girls in the Nyssa 2nd ward at the Sunday evening service by Bishop Lloyd Lewis. Special numbers were presented by the ward choir under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Brown, and a vocal solo was presented by Miss Nancy Skeen with Mrs. Margaret Brown accompanist.

Special honored guests were parents of missionaries who are now in the field. They were Mr. and Mrs. William J. Beus, with 2 sons on missions, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Esplin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flake, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Williams, and Clarence Kesler who substituted for Mr. and Mrs. Vibert Kesler, who have moved to Salt Lake City, and Mr. and Mrs. Erel Beus.

Methodist Church News

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

Thursday, Aug. 1 (Today) — 2 p.m., General meeting of the woman's missionary society at the home of Mrs. Clyde Snider.

Sunday, Aug. 4 — 9:45 a.m. — Church school for everyone. 11 a.m. — Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic will be "The Sin Against Love," the story of Gomer and Hosea.

7 p.m. — MIF, MYF and older youth group meetings. Monday, Aug. 5, 8 p.m. — Monthly board and commission meetings at the church.

Anyone able to give a night to sanding and painting at the church please call Mrs. Gene Grasty, stating which night will be best. More help is needed in order to finish the children's department by September 1. The response has been good and deeply appreciated but we need more.

Mrs. C. A. Raymond spent several days last week at Nampa visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Masterson.

LDS Wards Observe Anniversary Arrival of Mormon Pioneers July 24



PRINCESS Christina Haney, left, and Prince Ricky Barton, right, ruled over the LDS Owyhee pioneer day celebration held July 24. —Schoen Photos.

July 24, a significant date in the history of the LDS church, was celebrated in this community with traditional pioneer day observances last Wednesday. It was on July 24, 1847, that the Mormon pioneers, led by Brigham Young, arrived in Salt Lake valley. Each year a celebration is held commemorating this date.

First ward held its celebration in the evening at the Apple Valley school grounds. The relief society, the MIA and primary each had charge of some part of the refreshments which consisted of a barbecue, hot dogs, ice cream and pop.

The primary sponsored a children's parade, giving prizes for the largest class in attendance and for the group most typifying unity. All children participating received candy prizes.

A program was presented later in the evening with a vocal duet by Glen and Clark Beus accompanied one the piano by their sister, Kathleen; reading by Jeanine Wynn; popular song rendition by Alma Jean Leavitt and Judy Bingham; instrumental duet by Boyd Blair and Paige Zobel; vocal number by a quartet composed of Linda Myrick, Laura Moncur, Laura Roberts and Jeanine Wynn; piano solo, Stanley Palmer and vocal solo by Renae Payne.

Owyhee Ward Celebration
An all-day celebration was held at the Owyhee ward recreation grounds with games and contests and the primary children's parade during the morning. Winners in the group portraying the pioneer theme were Kevin and Connie Barton, first; Steven and Doug Montgomery, second; Sherman and Mollie Peterson, third. In the tricycle group Floyd Bullen took first; Doug and Susan Howes, second and Lila Barrett, third. In the costume group Joanne, Marie and Margie Durfee won first; David Berrett, second, and Karen Simpson, third.

In the baby contest Christina Haney was chosen princess and Ricki Barton, prince. Baby with the bluest eyes was Shana Lee Munn; darkest eyes, Debra Cleverly; fattest baby, Shelly Simpson; curliest hair, Debbie Bair and the little boy with the reddest hair was Douglas Winn.

The relief society women sold hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream, etc., to tempt the appetites of all those present. The MIA provided the evening's entertainment in the form of a ball game followed by a weiner roast.

Film at Second Ward
Second ward celebrated with contests and games and sports participated in by the young people.

Dinner was in charge of the MIA. The evening was climaxed with the showing of the film, "Brigham Young."

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Belk, Patricia and Jean of Omaha, Nebr., spent from Thursday until Tuesday of this week visiting at the John Murphy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eustace Thompson and Billy of Milwaukee, Wis., spent several days recently at the Walter Fox home.

Mrs. Tom Eldredge returned home Monday night after spending a week visiting her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Snowberger at Corvallis and her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Don Holmes at Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Tyler spent five days recently vacationing at Walla Walla, Wash., Milton-Freewater, Ore., and Pocatello, Idaho.

Mrs. Harriet Pennie visited the past week with relatives in Pocatello, Idaho.

Dian Cruson returned Monday night by bus from a five-day visit at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Updegraff at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartley of North Bend, Ore., arrived Friday evening to spend several days visiting friends in Nyssa and vicinity. Mr. Hartley is a former superintendent of schools in Nyssa.

Mrs. Taft Pett and Marvin spent Thursday in Boise consulting a specialist in regard to Marvin's leg he had seriously injured in a farm accident last summer.

Lynda Mullins and Vicki Newman returned home Thursday from Rupert, Idaho, where they spent several days visiting Lynda's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garold Ropp and Brad. The girls made the trip by bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Buttwin and family of Madison, Ohio, were visitors Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tobler and girls. The two couples were friends in North Carolina while in the service.

Fair Livestock Exhibits Greater, Is Prediction

Barns at the Malheur county fair grounds are being prepared to house another outstanding exhibit of animals, it has been announced by Blaine Girvin, chairman of the fair board.

Girvin expects this year's livestock exhibit will be at least as large and probably larger than last year. He urges those who plan to exhibit to pre-register their animals as soon as possible so they may be assured of adequate stall space. By pre-registration, Girvin explained, all animals of a breed can be placed in the same barn, thereby making a more attractive exhibit than would be the case if they were stalled just as they arrive. Pre-registration of livestock also avoids a lot of confusion.

Prospective exhibitors are reminded of the health requirements for livestock. All beef and dairy animals except steers, over six months old, must be tested for tuberculosis within 60 days of the fair. All beef and dairy animals except steers must have passed a negative test for brucellosis within 60 days of the opening day of the fair.

Exception to this rule are calves under six months of age and vaccinated animals under 30 months of age. Health papers must be turned over to the division superintendents upon arrival at the fair grounds.

If you are preserving food by canning why not plan to enter the canning exhibit at the Malheur County Fair? All precautions should be taken as to insure your food so that it will be ready to use when needed. These are the things the judge will look for when selecting the blue ribbon winner.

Let the Bible Speak

Friends, I started writing these articles in the Nyssa Journal about a year ago.

I wrote several columns on unity and used the 17th chapter of St. John where the Lord prayed that we all be one even as He and His Father are one, and I believe almost everyone who read them would be willing to have unity if you would just come over to our church and we would all be the same denomination.

That is impossible for people to do, because members of each denomination think they are just as good or a little better than the rest.

I know most everyone thinks the same of me: that I would like for all the denominations to come over to my church. But it isn't true because I don't have a church and do not belong to any religious denomination.

Christ has a church and it isn't a denomination. It is the one He said He would build in Matt. 16:18.

He did build it on the day of Pentecost through His inspired apostles that were filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 2.

And my friends, if you will just do what Peter told them to do in Acts 2:37-41, He (Christ) will add you to His church just like the writer said in the 47th verse.

Now let us notice what the word denomination means: the act of designating, a sect, class or division, a part of the whole.

Now in order for us to unite without going over to someones church, we must go back to the Bible and do just what it says to do, no more, no less, and we will be of the same mind and the same spirit and God will make us of the same body and we will all be one as Christ prayed.

I know, you may say I would be willing to do it, but the rest of the congregations won't lay down some of their traditions. It is good if they would, but there isn't any excuse for you, because you can overcome those things yourself, and God will give you a crown — the same as Christ was writing to the seven churches in Revelations, chapters 2 and 3.

There was only one church that Christ didn't find something wrong with and that was the church at Smyrna.

The other six churches He offered a promise if they would overcome their faults.

He says, "to HIM that overcometh," so that means to anyone that overcometh and does His will, no more, no less, until the end, Christ will give a crown.

I would like you to read Rev. 2 and 3, but at least Rev. 27, 10, 17, 26 and Rev. 3:5, 12.

If you do not understand how Peter intended people to be added to the church, I would be glad to study it with you in your home at your convenience.

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