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Nine Men Seeking the Governorship

Of the nine candidates for the gubernatorial nomination, fiery Lew Wallace of Portland and Warren Gill of Lebanon are the only ones who have appeared in Nyssa and have veered from the stereotyped promise to help everyone.

Republican Gill wants a 3 percent sales-use tax, which he maintains would offset 40 percent of the local property tax. By this proposal, he is indicating that state spending cannot be cut. The Journal cannot condemn Gill for his views on the sales tax, but neither can it support a candidate who advocates a sales tax in any form. History too often has proved that any new tax is an additional drain on taxpayers and not a replacement of any other existing tax.

A state sales tax in any form is economic dynamite for towns bordering a sales tax-free state. Too often those who ask for a sales tax merely want low income groups, who are not free-holders, to share the tax burden even though the property owner and income tax payer enjoys no relief from exorbitant taxation.

Democrat Wallace was undaunted Thursday morning when his audience of only five persons, including the press, appeared at a pre-arranged breakfast in Nyssa. The candidate toured the town, talking with individuals he met much like the candidates of old who stumped their state or district to meet as many people as possible.

We can't agree with many of Wallace's proposals, but we can give him credit for speaking his mind and for his logic in proclaiming that 2 plus 2 equals 4 instead of 3 divided by 2 equals x unless the diminishing results are multiplied by extenuating circumstances. We liked his comment about state spending, "Someone has to be able to say no!"

The Journal is not supporting Lew Wallace in the primaries, since that is strictly a party issue and his campaign tactics from now until the primaries, and his actions prior to the general election, if he should be nominated, must be clear-cut and compared with others in the race.

It is difficult to express other than disappointment that three of the GOP candidates—Mark Hatfield, Sig Unander and Gill—have started their campaigns in a manner far from the immediate issue. Gill, as we mentioned, wants to transfer the tax burden from one shoulder to another, while Hatfield and Unander in their campaign literature leave the impression, "I don't like what has been done, but if elected, I'll do it better." The other three Republican aspirants are almost unknown entities in this area and evidently are depending upon the metropolitan vote to put them in the running.

Incumbent Gov. Robert D. Holmes is talking about "his record" and the special session of the legislature which reduced his own income tax program even though those who have followed "his record" well know his opposition to the cut in his confiscatory income tax program. Gov. Holmes before his election promised to

THE GREATEST MIRACLE

By the Rev. Paul Ludlow

Don't let Easter become commonplace or routine!

It was the greatest event in the Bible . . . the life of Christ and in the church. The disciples had come to a dead end when their Master was crucified. Some were already slipping back into the living patterns they had before Jesus had called them. They had only memories of the glorious fellowship of the past few months and the bitter disillusionment of the past few days.

Some of the women came to the tomb early that Sunday morning to anoint the body and they found an empty sepulcher. The word spread quickly to the disciples and Jesus himself appeared to them. This astonishing turn of events brought the followers together for prayer and guidance and the Pentecostal church was born.

The fear-stricken Galileans now became bold spokesmen for Christ using the theme, "This Jesus whom you crucified, God has raised up." Before that generation had passed away a new literature had grown up which we know as the beginnings of our New Testament.

Without the Resurrection there would be no cleavage of history into B.C. and A.D., no New Testament, no Living Presence. The Apostle Paul put it this way: "If Christ had not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins."

So don't let Easter be merely a time to talk of birds, lilies, rabbits and eggs. Christ the Lord is risen today. Hallelujah!

Christian Church Notes

"I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation."—Isaiah 12:2.

Sunday, April 6—Sunrise services on cemetery hill for youth. 9:45 a.m.—Bible school for all ages.

Easter program by primary and beginner departments immediately following class period.

11 a.m.—Sermon, "Good News." 6 p.m.—Orchestra practice. 7 p.m.—Youth meetings.

8 p.m.—"The Queen of the Earth." Wednesday, 7 p.m.—Bible study and prayer meeting.

8 p.m.—Choir practice. Thursday, 2 p.m.—Group I of CWF meeting at Lester Oden home.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Education committee meeting. Friday, 1 p.m.—Union services.

Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.—Deacons will meet. 8 p.m.—Board meeting.

Thursday, April 10—General meeting of CWF at the church, 2 p.m.

Peggy Brown and Jennie Allred were Friday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Moore.

repeal the 45 percent surtax, which was done, and then a 51 percent increase replaced it.

The flaw in Oregon's direct primary will be extremely obvious, however, since the Democrats have a small chance to nominate their candidate with a majority of the party vote. There is little or no chance that any one of the six Republican candidates can win the party nomination with a majority of the statewide party vote.

St. Hubert's Catholic Church

St. Hubert's Catholic church in Nyssa will enter into the spirit of the final three days of Holy week by means of the Liturgy.

Tonight, Holy Thursday, mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. in order to approximate the time of the Last Supper and the faithful, like the apostles, gather to receive holy communion. After the mass, the altar is bare to signify the feeling of sorrow and desolation brought about by the betrayal of the Master by Judas.

Good Friday services begin at 5 p.m. and include scripture readings, solemn prayers, adoration of the cross and holy communion. The high school discussion club will read the account by St. John of the passion and death of the Lord. Tom Sallee will be the narrator, Tom Jayo the words of Christ, Peggy Yost the sayings of the individuals and the rest of the members will read in unison the words of the crowd. Following the reading of the passion, prayers are offered for the needs of the entire church and of the human race.

The Easter vigil on Holy Saturday begins at 7:30 p.m. This is one of the most ancient and impressive rites of the church. The first part is the light service which includes the lighting of a fire from flint while the church is in darkness. From this fire, the Christ candle is lit and from it the rest of the candles in church to signify that Christ is the light of the world and He dispels the darkness of sin and ignorance.

The second part of the vigil is the baptismal service. After reading sections from the Old Testament, the water to be used for baptisms is blessed. The faithful at this time renew the promises they made on the day of their baptism. The third part is the Eucharistic service which ushers in the celebration of Easter.

The masses Easter Sunday will be at 8 and 10 a.m. Confessions will be heard before and after the services in Holy week and Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. and after the vigil services.

Adrian Community Church News

The Union Good Friday service of the Adrian, Parma and Roswell Presbyterian churches will be held at the Parma Presbyterian church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Session meeting will be held in one of the church school rooms at the parsonage Friday at 7:30 p.m. Those who are to be received into the church are to meet with the session.

All the choirs are to meet at the church Friday night at 8 p.m. for a final practice. All children in the choirs are urged to be present along with the adult choir.

Thirteen ladies met at the home of Mrs. John Packwood Wednesday afternoon for a 1 o'clock dinner and Bible study of the second chapter of the book of Luke, led by Mrs. John Auker.

Rev. Briehl Attends Lutheran Conference

The Rev. John L. Briehl, pastor of Faith Lutheran church plans to attend the annual spring conference of the Spokane conference of the Northwestern district of Lutheran churches to be held next Tuesday and Wednesday at Pullman, Wash.

During the conference, Rev. Briehl will deliver one of the guest sermons entitled "The Church Built up in Christ."

Elder Martin Takes Baptist Pastorate

Elder E. J. Martin of Fresno, Calif., assumed the pastorate of The Missionary Baptist church in Nyssa the last Sunday in February succeeding Elder Floyd Jordan who left for Porterville, Cal. Elder and Mrs. Martin had charge of the Zion Missionary Baptist church at Fresno prior to their coming to Nyssa.

Owyhee Community Church Notes

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him."—Colossians 2:6.

The Rev. Sitenoff gave the Sunday morning message and showed two films on Israel Sunday evening.

Wednesday prayer meeting was held at the Luther Perkins home.

Youth rally will be held Thursday evening at the Park Sunday school. All young people are asked to meet at the church at 7 p.m.

Women's missionary meeting will be held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Otis Bullard.

The Rev. Smithwick and family are expected home this week.

Larry Woodell and Elmer Jaques and sons attended an Elk's father and son banquet in Ontario Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Perkins and son are visiting their parents during spring vacation from Oregon State college where Dan is a senior.

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METHODIST Church News

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand."—John 10:27-28.

Thursday, April 3, 2 p.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service general meeting in the church parlor. Mrs. Bill Barton will present the program. All women of the church are cordially invited.

8 to 9 p.m.—Maundy Thursday will be observed by the serving of communion in the sanctuary.

Friday, April 4, Good Friday, 1 to 2 p.m.—Union service at the Christian church.

8 p.m.—"The Terrible Meek," a

one-act play, will be presented in our sanctuary. The cast includes Mrs. Merilean Robbins, Oscar Bratton and Cliff Main. Offering will be taken.

Saturday, April 5, 8 p.m.—The Willamette university choir will present a program of music in Fruitland.

Sunday, April 6, Easter—6 a.m. sunrise service on cemetery hill. 8:30 and 11 a.m.—Easter worship services. Sermon topic: "I Believe in Life Everlasting."

9:45 a.m.—Church school. 7 p.m. MYF and MIF meetings.

Monday, April 7, 8 p.m.—Official board and commission meetings.

Wednesday, April 9, 8 p.m.—Bible study, continuing the book of Mark.

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