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

## Press Freedom Is Two-Way Street

Freedom of the Press is a phrase handed down through American history by journalists who on rare occasions dwell on the theory that the obligation to live up to the famous slogan is only that of the public and public officials. Actually, publishers and reporters themselves have as great an obligation as do public officials in making Freedom of the Press mean something.

Sometimes we in the weekly newspaper business are prone to "jump to conclusions" when we read or hear about our contemporaries being forbidden to attend official meetings of public groups, inspect public records and to furnish news to their reading public. Occasionally a newsman may wave the banner too high and make unreasonable demands with no willingness to observe codes of ethics similar to those of the medical and legal professions. When such occurrences come about, everyone suffers—all publishers, their news staffs and the public.

Strange as it may seem, most publishers and their reporters have as many confidences tucked away in their mental files as do doctors and lawyers. We thoroughly enjoy the stereotyped comment, "Don't say anything in front of the editor or he'll print everything he knows and a lot more too." Actually this is seldom if ever the case insofar as sincere weekly news personnel are concerned.

The Nyssa community rates near the top in the type of fair-minded public officials who are more than willing to make full use of The Gate City Journal news columns, which benefits the newspaper, strengthens the efficiency of governing bodies and gives their taxpayers the right to know what is going on.

We are thinking right now of the Nyssa school system and the Nyssa city council. Never has The Journal been "locked out" of an official meeting and never have there been records of official actions, either good or bad withheld from the press because "it might cause embarrassment" for the moment to individuals involved.

By the same token, The Journal has never attempted to make sensational headlines from rumors nor has it been sensational by making mountains out of molehills over some incident involving human frailties to which no one is immune.

The Gate City Journal has sometimes "goofed" in reporting public affairs and public officials have occasionally neglected to make themselves clear on issues of vital importance. In every case, we believe, malice has been completely absent insofar as all parties involved are concerned.

We at The Journal sincerely believe we are fortunate in having the opportunity to serve the type of individuals who make up the vast community surrounding Nyssa and Adrian. They are tolerant and they are helpful. They, by their attitude of cooperation, have shown they observe Freedom of the Press 52 weeks in each year.

It is our sincere hope that we can continue to fulfill our obligations and make improvements in every phase of our part of the newspaper field, thus helping observe Newspaper Week each day instead of just once a year.

## United Church Women Sponsor "Thrift Sale"

The Nyssa United church women sponsored a "thrift sale" at the Nyssa labor camp Saturday afternoon. All profits from such sales go directly to the Malheur Migrant Ministry fund, used for migrants of Malheur county.

Assisting were Mes. William Schireman, W. J. Browne, Elvin Ballou, Raymond Sager and E. A. Liming.

## To Fete Charter Members Sunday

The congregation of the Nyssa Christian church will observe its 18th anniversary Sunday, Oct. 5, at which time charter members will be honored.

A pot luck dinner will follow morning worship. A special program has been planned and all church members are urged to attend.

## Church Women Hold Executive Meeting

An executive meeting was held Monday for United Church Women at the home of Mrs. E. A. Liming. Present were Mes. W. E. Schireman, Lynn Hurst and Leroy Herrman.

Plans were discussed for "World Community day" to be held the first Friday in November. Discussion was also held on the migrant ministry program.

Mrs. C. R. Kesler, Sr., returned home last Tuesday evening from Eugene, where she accompanied her daughter, Sally, who enrolled in U of O. While there Mrs. Kesler and her daughter were guests of Dr. Duane Richens for dinner.

## METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."—John 6:35.

Thursday, Oct. 2, 8 p.m.—Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at the church. Members of all the circles and the Wesleyan Service guild are invited.

Friday, Oct. 2, 8 p.m.—Church executive meeting in the church parlor.

Sunday, Oct. 5, 9:45 a.m.—Church school for all ages.  
11 a.m.—World-wide communion Sunday. (Special offering for the fellowship of suffering and service.) Opportunity will be given to any who wish baptism or to join the church. Communion sermon, "One Bread."

4:00 to 4:30 p.m.—Special TV program, "Talk Back" on channel 2.

7 p.m.—Official board meeting (Note change to Sunday night).  
8 p.m.—Quarterly conference. The conferences are open meetings for the entire congregation and public.

## Adrian United Presbyterian Church

Thursday, Oct. 2—Fidelae Amicae society will meet with Karen Deffer after school.

Friday, Oct. 3 the Mariners group will meet at the parsonage for a pot luck supper at 7:30 p.m.

World wide communion service will be observed at the 11 o'clock church hour Sunday, Oct. 5.

If you wish to contribute to the janitor fund either send your contribution to Meta Kurtz or place it in the offering plate and mark it for the fund.

## National NEWSPAPER WEEK



## Catholics Plan For Open House, Conduct Census

On Sunday, Sept. 28, the parishoners of St. Hubert's Catholic parish in Nyssa began a religious census with a three-fold purpose, according to Father John Baumgartner:

1. To obtain information on all Catholics, active and inactive, in the parish; 2. to extend to persons who do not belong to a church an invitation to attend inquiry classes which will begin the on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 4 Friday nights at 8 p.m., and 3. to give everyone in the area an invitation to attend "open house" at the new St. Bridget's church on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The week-long census was organized under the chairmanship of John Dority and Victor Haburchak. Nyssa was divided into sections and teams of two contacted each house. Comprising the teams were Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson, Mrs. Wm. Wahlert and Mrs. G. McGinnis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dority, Mr. and Mrs. John Dority, Mrs. Paul Hirai and Mrs. Vic Haburchak, Dick Herri-man and S. Jaramillo, Lena Gallegos and Lucy Pena, Penny Lincoln and Agnes Schaffeld, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGinley.

The district north of Nyssa was organized by Mrs. Clyde Bowers and she was assisted by Mrs. Jacob Groot, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Marostica, Mrs. H. Wilson and Rosemary Roth.

The territory south of Nyssa including Adrian was under Mrs. Frank Jayo who was assisted by Mrs. Joe Dirksen and Mrs. Wm. Van Zelf, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Freitag, Mrs. John Thiel, Mrs. A. Martinez and Mrs. Eugene Pratt, Mrs. James Harper, Mrs. Claude Skinner.

Father Baumgartner announced Tuesday that the returns from the census are not complete enough to make any definite conclusions. It was noted the surprisingly high percentage of people who are active members of some religion.

Because the sugar factory will go into full production this week on a 24-hour, seven-day week, St. Hubert's church will hold services at the regular hours of 8 and 10 a.m. and also an evening mass at 5 p.m. on Sundays so that the workers will have the opportunity to attend mass every Sunday regardless of the shift they are required to work. This new mass schedule takes effect this Sunday, Oct. 5, and continues all through the campaign, or until the end of February.

## Christian Church News

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Sunday, Oct. 5, 9:45 a.m.—Bible school for all ages. Dedication of teachers.

11:00 a.m.—Morning worship service. Sermon topic "Consequences of taking a stand."

12:00 noon—Church pot luck dinner and anniversary program.

7:00 p.m.—JYF and CYF meetings.

8:00 p.m.—Evening worship service. Sermon topic "The Four Allusions of Revelation 19."

Monday, Oct. 6, 8 p.m.—Meeting of the home department.

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m.—Board meeting.

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study.

7 p.m.—CYF backwards party at the Cecil Richards home.

8 p.m.—Choir practice.

Thursday, Oct. 9, 2 p.m.—Christian women's fellowship meeting.

Friday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m.—Come Double class party.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Fox and son, who have spent the summer months in Nyssa, left for Klamath Falls last week. Mr. Fox attends school there at OTI.

## Nazarenes Plan Local Observance Of Golden Event

Pioneer members of the Nyssa Church of the Nazarene were honored in a special service last Sunday at the 10 o'clock service. The women were presented corsages of roses and the men rosebuds for having been members of the church for at least 35 years.

Those so honored were Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wild, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Seward, Mrs. H. O. Parrish, Mrs. Dwight Seward and Mrs. Robert Martin.

The charter members, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wild and Roy Wild, of the Nyssa church which was organized July 11, 1937, with 16 members, were also publicly honored.

Next Sunday, Oct. 5, will begin the special week of celebration which will conclude Sunday, Oct. 12, with a great rally at the church to mark the organizing of the church 50 years ago at Pilot Point, Tex. The church came into being at that time as a result of a merger of several smaller groups and since that time there has been a total of 15 churches that have united to make up the Church of the Nazarene.

The golden anniversary week celebration will take the form of a week of witnessing in which the entire denomination plans to give a personal witness to at least a million people. The local church plans to witness to at least 400 people during the week of Oct. 5-12.

Sunday school teachers and officers of the Nyssa church met Monday night at the parsonage to organize plans for this special week, their pastor, the Rev. Robert O. Jackson announced.

## Jehovah Witness Group Announces Showing of Film

Members of the Payette congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, which includes members from the Nyssa area, announced today the showing of an educational movie in color, "The Happiness of the New World Society," at Kingdom hall, 310 South 12th street in Payette Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. The film is preliminary to the forthcoming circuit convention of Jehovah's Witnesses that will be held in Boise Oct. 10-12.

Clyde Schutt, minister to the Nyssa group, said that the hour long film will show actual scenes from famous world assemblies of Jehovah's Witnesses and answer many questions about them and their activity throughout the world. It takes the audience through 10 different countries from New York's famed Yankee stadium through Vancouver, London, Paris, Rome, Germany and the heart of Africa.

According to Mr. Schutt, the New World society of Jehovah's Witnesses is to be found in 170 different lands, including Africa and Latin American countries, where many natives must be taught to read before they can study the Bible. In iron-curtain countries the Bible-teaching work of Jehovah's Witnesses is done through underground methods.

In extending the invitation to local residents to come and see the film Mr. Schutt stated, "People of many different faiths have seen the movie and have expressed their appreciation for what they have seen." The film is shown free of charge, with no collections.

## Payette Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zimmerman of Payette were Monday night dinner guests at the Maurice Corey home. The Zimmermans are leaving soon for an eastern tour.

Mrs. Bob Thompson accompanied their daughter, Mardelle to La Grande last week where she will attend Eastern Oregon College.



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