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

Hello—And a Statement of Policy

The question we, as new publishers of the Gate City Journal, have been most frequently asked is what changes we plan to make in this newspaper. Our answer—as few as possible. During their seven years as publishers of the Journal, Duane and Fern Alters have built it into the best weekly newspaper in the area. Our aim is to maintain this excellence.

The Journal has maintained a lively editorial column, taking definite stands on issues vital to the community, the area, the state and the nation. Editorial criticism of national and state affairs can be found in many newspapers. But very few editorialize on local affairs, fearing social and economic retribution from those criticized; the Journal has proved these fears groundless. We will follow our inherited editorial independence.

The Journal's policy has been and will be to print all the news. Here again, the Alters have brought excellence to Nyssa and have at the same time disproved the fear of retribution mentioned above. Our failure to print news of importance will be due only to oversight.

In short, our views on certain subjects will certainly vary from those of the former publishers, but our policy of independent comment and criticism will remain the same.

the innocent bystander . . .

By Uncle TIB

An ode to a wonderful gal-Friday . . . Knowing most of the folks, her days were filled with a never ending sound of ringing bells (telephone type) . . . her thoughts were always on the passing parade of social events, each with its friendly informal note adding the spice to our social goings-ons in and about our thriving little community. A wedding here, there a birth; the bride party and the engagement . . . a never ending troupe of events that made up the elite columns of our social section—to Joanne, our faithful social editor, now occupying a position at our local hospital—a bouquet of red, red roses.

Andy, whose riotous humor, ethical reproach, and amazing dexterity, tickled the cockles of our hearts, has also left the fold—It is only fitting and proper that we remark for his benefit—last week the alley behind the Journal office was graded and graveled; 'nuf said.

A caucus with the city business wheels has definitely established the future publication of the tentative Centennial Edition supplement to the Journal . . . all that remains is the accumulation of historical data . . . long-time residents family features; a sprinkling of humor; business, civic, and other such advancements; in conjunction with a birds-eye view of the prospective brilliant future ordained for our immediate area. Any information pro or con, informative or uninformative; useable or otherwise which the readers feel would add to our endeavor would be appreciated . . . just write a few notes on a sheet of paper, drop it in the mail addressed either to Uncle TIB or the Journal . . . we'll process it, give credit for our merry way to making the world sit up and take notice—Nyssa is about to take its place in history.

Saturday night's firemen's ball found many local couples gliding

Meyers Elected NHS President For 1959-60 Year

(From the Nyssa High Bulldog) By a landslide vote, Jack Meyers was chosen over Don Walker to represent Nyssa high school as student body president for the 1959-60 school year in the final elections held May 1.

Taking over the office of vice president will be an active sophomore, Frank Walker, who beat out Jack Dail, his opponent in the race for that position.

Bonnie Arai was elected over Karen Ellis for the office of secretary while Monty Sullins will be handling NHS funds as treasurer. His opponent was another capable fellow, Charles Lundy.

In by far the closest race between any two candidates, Steven Christensen placed second best to Rena Dirksen who will be in

over the smooth floors of the newly decorated community hall to the musical renditions of Don Moss' little combo . . . right good job too; even enjoyed a few go-rounds with our better half. Had a little trouble keeping off her dainty little tootsies—but had a wonderful time . . .

Overheard in the early hours of the morning just prior to the arrival of the school bus . . . "Whee, only ten more days of school" . . . must remember to install a new lock on the den door, and order a new supply of ear plugs . . . Summer school vacation—gosh and by-golly; you just can't win for losing.

Got a real close look at the city dump this noon . . . Genevieve—that's our jalopy, up and quit right opposite the area on north third on the way to work this noon . . . had to hoof it part of the way into town . . . would you believe it—there's actually a house in the area without a telephone—guess it's just as well, the walk gave me time to cool down a bit before starting this week's notes.

Duane and Fern Alters, our former friends, companions, and above all BOSS, have relinquished the title of BOSS—they may be seen flitting hither and yon about the office and city, helping the new owners become acquainted with all the turmoil that comes naturally to our journalistic endeavors . . . when they are finally on their own certainly hope they remain our friends and companions for many eons to come.

Thoughts while straying . . . School election passed new budget . . . cool damp feeling of early morning air after passing of city street cleaner . . . joyous chirping of birds . . . sharp cut of frosty morning air as winter tries desperately to defeat soft breezes of spring days . . . plans for week-end fishing and camping . . . smell of cleaning fluids about the house . . . oh, yes—Spring has sprung!

charge of advertising school activities as public relations chairman.

Building and keeping up friendly rivalry between the classes will be the job of Linda Moncur as interclass rivalry chairman. Running against her was Ruth Yoneyama.

Keeping up school spirit and leading yells will be the job of four peppy Misses and a Mister, Tanya Burningham, Patty Michaelson, Barbara Beck, Sandra Lewis and David Parra.

Other girls vying for the title of cheerleader were Janet Maulding, Ann Fife, Sandra Nicholson, Jerri Morinaka, Sharen Medlock, Peggy Yost and Elaine Smith.

Mrs. Lyle Grunke and Susan were visitors in La Grande last Wednesday and Thursday.

The first United States treasury notes (now savings bonds) were issued in 1812. They paid interest at the rate of five and two-fifths percent.

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Dear Editor:

In setting up a training program for educable mentally retarded children, one should have definite objectives in view and work constantly to achieve these objectives. To make it effective, all should cooperate. One of our foremost objectives in such a program should be to enrich the lives of each and every child attending, so each may live as full and as normal a life as possible.

If we all strive to develop the child to the fullest extent of his capacities, he will gain the happiness that comes from the joy of achievement and accomplishment. A busy child is a happy child. In order to aid him in gaining happiness, we can help in attaining and maintaining good human relationships, developing good work habits and improving his pattern of living, and most important of all, social adaptability.

In our most recent legislative information you will find two of the bills that have been passed recently are HB 59 and HB 60. Bill 59 reads, "After July 1, 1964, any school district having 12 or more mentally retarded children residing in the district who are eligible for certification for a special instructional facility pursuant to ORS 343-430 shall provide such special instruction facility for all such children to be administered in accordance with ORS 343-500."

"This bill will provide education and training to many children who have not had the opportunity of special achievement class instruction and in many areas even the right to an education." "This bill passed in the house with a vote of 50 to 3 and the senate with a vote of 24 to 1 and was signed by the governor."

HB 60 recommends the enactment of a bill providing for scholarships to selected teachers to attend institutions of higher learning to gain certification to teach mentally retarded children; that such scholarships to be in amount of \$275 from state funds and \$200 from local school district matching money; asks an appropriation of \$27,500 of state funds, to provide 100 scholarships during the 1959-61 biennium. Administration of the program shall be the responsibility of the state superintendent of public instruction. A scholarship program is urgently needed to encourage and help teachers to become trained in the field of mental retardation.

(This bill passed the house with a vote of 53 to 0 and the senate by 27 to 0. It is to be signed by the governor.)

These bills to help meet the needs of the retarded have been introduced by Senators Francis, Grenfell and Lewis and Representatives Monaghan and Peck, who were members of the interim committee on mental retardation and emotional disturbance. MRS. LYLE GRUNKE

Thespians Honor Parma Members

(From the Nyssa High Bulldog) Nyssa's Thespians commemorated their tenth anniversary April 27 with a party given in honor of the Parma troupe, the same who administered Nyssa's charter ten years ago.

Under the supervision of Nyssa's president Doris Benedict both troupes conducted an initiation ceremony for the new members and officers.

Mixed games, a baritone sax solo by Roger Bergam, dancing and a play called "Pink and Patches" directed by Carol Cooper and presented by Katherine Klinckenberg, Tanya Burningham, Helen Tidwell and Mike Wilson summed up the evening's entertainment.

Big Bend—Bend Extension At Roberts Home Hosts 5 Guests

By Miss Helen Hatch Phone Parma 2-2473

Big Bend Extension met at the home of Mrs. Dyre Roberts last Tuesday with 16 members and 5 visitors, Mrs. Pedro Sillonis Mrs. George Eifers, Jr., Mrs. Marion Riggs, Mrs. Jim Carroll and Mary and Mrs. Ted Averys. Mrs. Myrtle Tuppenny and Helen Hatch assisted with the lunch.

Mrs. George Eifers, Jr., Mrs. Grace Clucas, Faye Marie Hill, Laura Van Dewater and Naomi Thomas attended a missionary meeting at the home of Mrs. G. Phipp in Roswell Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Edith Cameron spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cameron and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rucker and family of Parma called on Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clucas and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Verl Bishop, Stevie and Linda visited Mr. and Mrs. Scott Wiley of Caldwell Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Jim spent Friday and Saturday in La Grande. They also visited her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. D. Smutz and family and Jim visited the Eastern Oregon College.

Miss Shirley Chaney accompanied her brother, David to Del Rio, Tex., where he will be stationed and Shirley will visit a girl friend.

The 4-H Stock club met with their leader, Dallas Chaney Friday evening with 19 members present. Their leader took them on a hay ride and weiner roast.

Z. Davidson of Poma and Mrs. Joe Stam of Nyssa visited Mrs. Tina Muntjewerff Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kadel, Drew and Nancy of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Chaney, and Deanna were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chaney and family.

Darrell English accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Don Boren, Mrs. O. J. English and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ritchie of Camas, Wash., to Cambridge, Ida., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Marion English and family.

Fish at Owyhee Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood of Nampa, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey and Leroy Bennett went fishing at Owyhee dam Sunday. The Wood children spent the day with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. David Krause, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carroll and Mary of Nyssa spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dyre Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bishop were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Verl Bishop and family. Deanna Chaney stayed with the Cartwrights while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Chaney and David went fishing at Owyhee dam Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Wyman of Caldwell was an overnight guest Saturday of her sister, Mrs. Herb Thomas.

Sunday guests in the Thomas home were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wyman of Oregon Slope and Mr. and Mrs. Riley Dille and son, Pat of Weiser.

Give Housewarming The Mariners of the Adrian Presbyterian church gave Mr. and Mrs. Verl Bishop a housewarming with a pot luck supper and presented them with a gift, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Newman and Janice of Homedale, Mr. and Mrs. Perle Davis of Ridgeview spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Davis and Stevie.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thomas, Mrs. Grace Bawtineheimer of Roswell and Mrs. Edna DeHaven of Adrian went to Weiser Wednesday for supper and helped Mrs. Riley Dille celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright spent Sunday in Nampa and Meridian visiting her mother, Mrs. Naomi Wright and sister, Mrs. Roadman of Springfield, Ore. and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lawler. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Roadman returned with them for a week's visit.

Friday afternoon Vicki and Jackie Le Mark, Leonard, Rickie and Bobby Jo Abbott enjoyed a chickenpot party with Lenora Price.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Hodge of Marsing spent Sunday with their granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ocamia and family.

Attend Brogan Meeting Mrs. Clara Price of Sunset Valley accompanied Miss Helen Hatch to Brogan Monday where they joined the county extension committee. Mrs. Hazel Bailey of Vale, Mrs. Violet Grunke of Nyssa, Mrs. Mabel Richmond, Mrs. Ruby Gillette of Ontario and Mrs. Edna Mae Wimsatt, county agent, at the home of Mrs. Luna Scholtes, county chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Averys and family of John Day, Ore., spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Averys.

Miss Helen Hatch, Mrs. Clara Price of Sunset Valley accompanied Mrs. Edna Mae Wimsatt of Ontario to Baker Friday to the

county Homemakers festival. Jerry and Merla Jo Hatch of Payette spent the week end with their aunt and uncle, Helen and Philip Hatch.

Mrs. Bud Walker and family of Oregon Slope visited her mother, Mrs. Ted Averys Saturday.

Raymond Price accompanied his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Orlan White and family of Ontario to Moses Lake where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zielke and son over the week end and attended the festival at Wenatchee.

Mrs. Anna Chaney of Nyssa

spent last week with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chaney and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell English, Ross, Wayne and Eleanor were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Boren and family and his mother, Mrs. O. J. English of Nampa.

Miss Lorraine Van Dewater spent the week end in Weston, Ore., visiting Miss Sheila Holt.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van Dewater and Billie spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reed and Laurinda of Nampa.

PROFESSIONAL and BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Table listing various professionals including Dentists (J. R. CUNDALL, J. W. OLSEN, EDWIN W. OLDHAM), Veterinarians (NYSSA VETERINARY CLINIC), and Physicians and Surgeons (SARAZIN CLINIC, MAULDING CLINIC, Grant B. Hughes).

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