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

Mutual Assistance

Most everyone has some idea of what constitutes a good newspaper. They may not be able to pin-point, in detail, the differences between a good one and a poor one but certainly recognize the net result. We do know that the Journal has been an excellent paper and that it will be some time before we can give you as good as have Duane and Fern. But we ask that you bear with us until we have had more time to get established.

We have spent the past nine months corresponding with newspaper brokers and/or owners, with some on-the-spot inspections, to locate a good newspaper in a suitable town and community. Nyssa "filled the bill," so it is no accident that we are here.

We want you to continue to refer to the Journal as "our" paper. You can assist us by calling in your personal news items and by written reporting of the activities of your organizations. The Journal will attempt to cover the regular meetings of city council, school boards, chamber of commerce, Nyssa industries and any others that are of city wide interest and benefit.—T.M.B.

It All Begins at Home

Next week is cleanup week in Nyssa. Everyone is asked to brush up their premises and let the city truck haul off the trash. In this city-wide project the city fathers ask your cooperation. You pile it up; they'll carry it off.

Neatness is an infectious thing that spreads rapidly once it has a good start. And nowhere is this maxim more readily demonstrated than here in Nyssa. Pride is reflected in the general neatness of the city. A house without a neat yard, a cluttered alley or an unswept sidewalk is a rarity.

Just as community neatness must begin with the individual, so must it be maintained with individual effort. When a person's own yard and buildings are neat, the neighbor will usually go to work on his. With a little pride, paint and perseverance we can keep this neatness which has marked Nyssa, and perhaps spread it into those few corners in which it is now lacking.

The problem of keeping up a neighborhood is a two-edged sword. It cuts both ways. As neatness and orderliness can spread, so can disorderliness and slovenliness spread. Our city can look exactly as we want it to look. It takes a concentrated effort—and it all starts in each citizen's own yard.

FROM THIS CORNER

By T.M.B.

Remember this coming Saturday is Poppy Day.

It is claimed the new geographic center of the 50 United States will be at Medical Springs, in Baker county, Oregon.

The oil producers, who are given a 27% credit against federal income taxes, seem to be afraid public opinion might change this. It seems that an allowance is needed but the question is how much? How expensive are the dry holes?

We can remember when spontaneous combustion caused fires in hay that had been put up rather wet, but had never heard of a wet cable causing a fire alarm to go off, as was reported about 1 p.m. Friday from the telephone office.

A common court practice on vagrancy charges is to "float them out of town"—meaning to release them if they will leave town. We have been unable to see the purpose of this. Is this something bad we wish off on our neighboring towns (knowing they will do the same to us with their vagrants) or could it be such a good thing that we wish to share with them?

Where national safety is not a consideration, the public is entitled to every fact about government operation and the withholding of this information by Washington bureaucrats should be looked on with suspicion. WHAT do they want to hide and WHY?

"Progress never follows outright waste"—not even when it meant the slaughter of pigs and dumping them in the river.

More and more people are becoming concerned about inflation and are thinking of some of the causes. Not the least of these is higher and higher taxes. One can start at the city level and go to county, state and federal governments and see an increase each year. It might total a small amount each year but that soon mounts up. And just as long as we clamor for more and bigger services, just because the government makes funds available, they will continue to mount.

Duane introduced me to some of the county officials at Vale Friday. Some of them were out of town and some were in the court room attending a murder trial. Robert Kriner, county juvenile officer, tells me his problems are not very bad since

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.

County Judge Chester said that a new jail was not needed, that no one had ever escaped from the present one, and that he does not believe the people want to pay increased taxes to pay for a new one. County Supt. of Schools W. E. Leggett explained how it was a common thing for one to be paying school taxes in three different districts with three separate and varying levies.

Learned from Don Hosler that he is one of only three county auditors in the whole state of Oregon. The other counties are Clackamas (Oregon City) and Multnomah (Portland). He is appointed by the county court and his duties are to audit all the county records and make all county purchases.

Another difference in Oregon's U.S. senators seems to be that Neuberger explained his vote for the confirmation of Clare Boothe Luce as ambassador to Brazil and Morse is on the defensive for his actions.

An observation from the Benton County (Mo.) Enterprise: FDR proved that in this country a man can be president forever; Harry Truman proved that anybody can be president; Eisenhower proved that this country doesn't need a president.

In the May 9 issue of the Publishers' Auxiliary (the newspapers' paper), page 1, column 1, in an article by Frank R. Neu, director of public relations for the American Dairy association, he charged that the greatest threat to the freedom of the press in the U.S. today is the irresponsibility of the press itself.

He further charged that the more important forms of the mass media had not advanced beyond that stage in which it was assumed that everything had to be prepared for a public with the mentality of an 8 year old.

But at the bottom of this same page the collective advice of some of the outstanding journalists in the country was to:

- (1) simplify your writing.
 - (2) use more and better news pictures.
 - (3) beware of new legal problems.
- Now what should the country editor do about writing the news?

Service Academy Testing Days Set

Civil Service examinations for young men seeking appointments to service academies will be given throughout Oregon July 13.

Unmarried men in good physical condition who will have reached their 17th but not their 22nd birthday by July 15, 1960, are eligible for the examination.

The tests are the first steps toward appointment to the military academy at West Point, N.Y., naval academy at Annapolis, Md., Air Force academy at Colorado Springs, Colo., or the Merchant Marine academy at Kings Point, N.Y.

June 12 is the deadline for applications to be sent to Sen. Wayne Morse at Washington, D.C.

youngsters swung into a song with a sad little Spanish lilt, like a bunch of black birds in a big tree in the springtime. Wonderful!

And the Mexican ensemble—no Spanish don ever doffed his sombrero with more sweeping grace than did our young grandee. Was he from the camp? There were too many creditable performances by the high school band and cleverer skits by the grades to relate here—but 'twas a great concert, and reflected much credit on the patience and skill—and dare I say endurance?—of the music teacher, Mr. Davidson.

Anna D. S. Pratt.

Jaques Is Elected Eagles President

Elmer Jaques was elected president of the Nyssa Eagles lodge at its annual election last week.

Elected with Jaques were Ken Renstrom, vice president; Roland Laurance, chaplain; La Verne Cleaver, conductor; Clyde Stephenson, inside guard; Dale Bingham, outside guard.

Bob Thompson, holdover secretary; Aden Wilson, treasurer; E. H. Brandt, 3-year trustee, and Richard Udlinek and Bob Toomb, holdover trustees.

Duane Holcomb, outgoing president, will be junior past president.

Ken Renstrom, Claud Willson, Werner Peutz, Chet Mills, Elmer Jaques and Bernard Frost are delegates to the state Eagles convention June 25-27 at Tillamook.

The lodge will hold a joint installation with the auxiliary June 8.

DRIVERS EXAMS SET MAY 29

The next visit of the state drivers license examiner will be May 29 at city hall.

Mrs. R. L. Williamson left Sunday for her home in Santa Cruz, Calif. She arrived in Nyssa May 8 for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Don Herron and family.

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