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Back-to-School "Safely"

In spite of all the urging of traffic safety bureaus and organizations all over the U.S., the deaths and injuries continue rising yearly. The deaths in Oregon through July '59 are 241 compared with 223 for the same period of 1958 and injuries rose from 6,359 to 6,877, according to the Traffic Safety Division of Department of Motor Vehicles of the State of Oregon.

The Nyssa Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a watermelon eating contest and a parade for the school kids this Saturday, the alert, wide-awake merchants are offering specials on school clothing and supplies, and it is time that we, the public, exercise much more caution than in the past, for these BACK-TO-SCHOOL children will be playing in larger numbers along the streets and crossing, and, in their interests, will be more careless than usual. They will be more reckless and daring in riding their bicycles along the side of the streets. So it is up to the drivers of the cars and trucks to be all the more careful now.

Remember, "YOUR CAR INSURANCE MAY PAY THE MONEY DAMAGES BUT IS NOT DESIGNED TO REPLACE HUMAN LIVES OR SUFFERINGS."

Episcopal Church Notes

August 30—14th Sunday after Trinity.

Church school—9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer—9:30 a.m.

Monday, August 31—Church picnic supper to be held in the garden of Mrs. Mae Schireman, 6:30 p.m. Members and friends of the church are invited.

CHRISTIAN MISSION CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

East Second and Ehrhard
Darrel Warn, Student Pastor
August 30, 1959:
10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Worship service.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Friday, Aug. 28, 7 p.m.—Ma-Pa group will have their dinner meeting.

Sunday, Aug. 30, 9:45 a.m.—Church school for all ages.

11 a.m.—Worship service. Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic will be: "The Rich Man and the Beggar."
7 p.m.—Youth fellowship meeting.

Tuesday, Sept. 1—Woman's society of christian service executive meeting.

Thursday, Sept. 3, 2 p.m.—Woman's society of christian service general meeting.

Sept. 5 to 7—Older youth camp at Payette Lakes.

Shall the Young Die Needlessly?

By Sp5 Bill Church
(Editor's Note—This is the story referred to in the letter from Bill Church in last week's Journal.)

A tragic automobile accident in Causey, N.M., took the life of Specialist Four Donald G. Criswell Wednesday morning, Aug. 12, while the 21 year old soldier was home on leave from his Army unit at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Authorities at Headquarters, United States Army, Alaska, were notified of the accident the same morning by a telegram from Criswell's home town—childhood buddy and Army companion, Specialist Four Joe S. Merrick, who is assigned to the same Army unit and accompanied Criswell on leave.

Just how the tragedy struck is not yet known by Alaska Army authorities . . . but, Specialist Merrick lost his closest friend and the Army a good soldier.

"Criswell and Merrick were closer than brothers," according to their company first sergeant, "and I have never served with better soldiers."

They were both assigned to Signal Operations company (ACAN) as teletype operators. Both men were born in Causey, N.M., in 1938, two months separating them in age.

They attended grade school and high school together, entered the Army together (only one digit difference in serial numbers), went through basic training as a two-man team, and came to Alaska in September 1958.

The "team" didn't end there, however. The two men bunked side by side, buddied while on pass and were even promoted at the same time . . . what one did, the other did; the same likes and dislikes.

Even their height and weight were identical, 5 foot 10 inches tall and 150 pounds. They served together, worked together in both civilian and Army careers . . . then they went on leave together.

Only two differences existed between the two "brothers." Criswell's hair was black, his eyes green. Merrick has brown hair and blue eyes.

Now the third "difference," Merrick is alive. Criswell died in a mass of twisted steel, the victim (another statistic for the record) of an automobile accident.

Which is the worst tragedy, Criswell's death or Merrick suffering the loss of a buddy who was more than a brother?

It could happen to anyone, on

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.

Aug. 21, 1959

Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

To the Editors:

It is very possible that the general public does not appreciate the fine service you render them with respect to publishing in your paper certain health notices that are sent to you from time to time from Harold Erickson, head of the Oregon State Board of Health. It is only proper, therefore, that as a health officer of this county, I recognize publicly this fine service which you are rendering to the people in this area.

You are to be commended for this public spirited attitude, and your future cooperation with respect to public health programming, you may be sure, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Grant B. Hughes, M.D.
Malheur County
Health Officer

Owyhee Community Church Events

Thursday, Aug. 20—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dail were hosts to a party for 31 young people of the Sunday school at their home. All joined in a happy time of games and singing of songs. Those who attended camp told of some of the highlights of camp life. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapin acted as chaperones.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Eric Cross, a missionary, was guest speaker at the church.

Thursday—A youth rally is to be held tonight at the Park Community church.

Friday—There will be a potluck supper at the church for Mr. and Mrs. James Smithwick as they are moving to a new pastorate.

Sunday, 10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Church service.
7:30 p.m.—Evening service.

any highway in any state. The Army lost a good soldier. Specialist Merrick suffered a greater loss.

The real tragedy of this, and nearly all automobile accidents, is that they don't have to happen.

Bible Missionary Minister and Family Arrive Here Saturday

The Rev. and Mrs. Billy Hoof and family of Jacksonville, Miss., arrived Saturday to make their home here. Mr. Hoof is the new pastor of the Bible Missionary church and has three daughters, Carolyn, Patsy and Darla, and a son, David, all of school age. At present they are living on the farm of Mrs. Bruce Pett, near Nyssa.

Approximately 60 members and friends of the Nyssa and Ontario churches gathered Tuesday evening at the Don Seward home near Parma for a dinner and evening of fellowship. It was a welcome for the Hoof family and a "pounding" was given for them. It was also a farewell dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Leesburg who are leaving for Rock Island, Ill., where they will attend Bible Missionary institute. The Leesburgs were presented with a picture as a going-away gift.

Besides the honored guests, other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Alva Turner, district moderator, from Midway.

Methodist Circles Plan Yearly Projects

The Methodist WSCS circles met August 20, with Mrs. Charles Garrison hostess to ten members of the Mary Gress circle. Mrs. Leslie Topf presided at the business session. Mrs. Raymond Sager led devotions and program, "I Love Thy Church." Discussion followed.

Mrs. Evan Tobler was hostess to the other afternoon circle. A name for the circle will be chosen at the next meeting. Mrs. George Coleman conducted the business meeting for the twelve members present, including Mrs. Kinsey Keever, society president and Mrs. Paul Ludlow. Mrs. Russell Cochran, program leader told of "Geneva, Home of the Confederates."

The Celia Cowan circle met in the evening with Mrs. Walter McPartland with 13 attending. After the worship service, the members were led in group singing by Mrs. Bill Fangen. This meeting was the yearly social event and each lady brought her favorite summer dessert. Mrs. Bill Wilson is chairman of this circle.

Business transacted by all of the circles included the enrollment for the October study on the United Nations; furniture needed by Celia Cowan for her home in Homedale and yearly projects.

Adrian United Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, Aug. 26, Ruth study circle met with Mrs. Austin Gilbert at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. Mrs. Ralleg McKinley led the study for the afternoon. Naomi circle met at the church at 2 p.m.

Aug. 30, will be the last Sunday the young people's choir will be responsible for the choir music for the regular morning worship service. Their faithfulness in furnishing the music during the summer months has been greatly appreciated.

Mariners' group will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krieger Friday night, Sept. 4, for a potluck supper. Please bring your own table service and something to add to the picnic supper. Karen McKinley will be speaker on the program.

The congregational dinner with the teachers as guests will be held Sept. 13.

The Rev. Harold Kurtz was guest speaker at the 11 o'clock

From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

The past two weeks has been a period of "unusuals," with tragic results in most cases. There was an earthquake, centered in Montana and felt throughout the whole Northwest, that caused unknown loss of lives and property damage. There was the power failure in N.Y. city that blacked out over 500 city blocks for 13 hours, and undoubtedly caused some tragedies where that many people were involved. There was a flash flood in Needles, Ariz., that was unexpected, and Thursday night a flash flood in Boise that did upwards of a half million dollars in damage.

One event that is becoming rather commonplace occurred Thursday evening of last week when a wet telephone cable caused Nyssa's fire alarm to be set off again for the second time in three months.

The U of Idaho was rather philosophical about the flood of mud deposited on the lawns of the Boise people Thursday night. They gave instructions in making new lawn, using the muck as a seed bed.

While we are speaking of Boise that reminds me of the Statesman, which I read closely every day, for several reasons. It covers this area much better than any of the Oregon dailies, it has later news than any other available daily in Nyssa, it is "country" enough to cover the county news better than any one of the papers in the county, it often has stories or events of Nyssa that we learn of for the first time, and last, it makes so many mistakes in its facts and names that we feel better over our short-comings.

A few days ago it carried a heading, "ROCKEFELLER, FINANCE ABSENT AS CROWD FILLS OLD CHURCH." (We rather doubt that the Rockefeller needs a finance.) And yesterday it carried a head about Vale asking bids on city property but the item said it was Nyssa and it was Art Colby's announcement. (We aren't ready to surrender our city to Vale or let them get Art on that short a notice.)

Guess I'm really about to become a typical Nyssan . . . at least I'm getting thin-skinned and resent publicity errors when they affect our city. Recently I have written to two publications about errors that appear-

ed in their articles and have received very nice acknowledgements of the mistakes. One failed to give our local chamber of commerce credit by placing it elsewhere and the other one gave our sister city of Ontario credit for the shipment of most of the potatoes from Malheur county.

One place we get all the publicity we earn is when someone in or near Nyssa commits a crime—minor or major. All too many times there is failure to show that the person charged is a temporary resident of one of the transient labor camps.

The Bureau of Labor predicts the 70 million now employed will expand to 80 million by 1965.

The NAM says Uncle Sam accounted for 11 1/2% of the nation's goods and service purchases in 1958 and has one of every 20 employed persons on its rolls now.

The new football stadium at West Texas State Teachers college features outlets for spectators' electric blankets.

LSU football coach, Dietzel, whose undefeated team enabled him to win the title "Coach of the Year" for 1958, was awarded a swimming pool by his fans. He couldn't drive that over to a new job, as Barnhill of Arkansas U did his new Cadillac when he went to Tennessee, soon after it was presented by Arkansas fans.

According to Washington Tax commission, Oregon ranks sixth from the top in state and local taxes paid per \$100.00 of income. Its \$10.33 was below only North Dakota, Mississippi, South Dakota, Vermont and Louisiana.

Advertising today is a good way to build prestige for tomorrow. If used regularly and properly, it can become as helpful as a regular hand, it won't loaf on the job, it is available when desired, and it never tires out. But it cannot do the job alone . . . if it could, you would fire all your help and use it solely. How else can you tell of your goods and services as cheaply as through your local newspaper?

No woman ever makes a fool of a man . . . She merely exhibits him after the making.

If you have nothing better to do today, you might drive over to Payette and see the Thunderbird Aerial show at 4 p.m. and see the county fair and entertainment tonight at Ontario. You are sure to enjoy all of these.

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