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It's 'Inventory' Time

Another week has passed since the tragic death of Jimmy Marez, and apparently none of the law enforcement officers have been able to find where a single law has been violated. The state, county, and city were all in on the investigation but no charges have been filed and the only thing being held is the death car.

The questions citizens wanted to know last week are still unanswered. They are: "Was drinking a factor in the accident? Was excess speed involved, or was the driver within the 20-mile per hour posted limit? Was it possible to completely sever the body of a 165-pound man at the legal speed of 20 miles per hour? How far would a car traveling at that rate go before it could be brought under control? And what was the difference in holding an inquest in this case and that of the policeman two years ago?"

Nyssa has been known for having rather wide-open drinking and gambling and the home of a bawdy house. Are we to have added to those charges that it is also a place where a man can be cut down on the Main street, if done with a car and the victim appears to have not been in a "cross walk"? Does this fact remove the obligation from the driver to keep the car under control?

Let there be no mistakes about placing the responsibility on all governments involved. Just because we felt that the county officials had failed to perform properly does not mean that Nyssa has clean hands in the matter. It is our town, the primary responsibility for law enforcement here rests with us, and our police was called into the case first.

If nothing is done now there is no reason to believe that the same thing could not happen next month, next week, tomorrow or even daily without any protective action being taken.

A town must have character and self-respect the same as an individual. Tuesday was Blood Bank day in Nyssa and the people again came forward and exceeded their quota... to us this is character. We can gain self-respect by admitting the sources of much of our trouble and cleaning them up. If "spraying" these breeding grounds will not bring them under control, then they should be amputated the same as a surgeon would, if necessary, to keep disease from spreading to healthy areas of a body.

It now appears that action must come from the citizens but you can't do the job with "don't quote me" words and stay-at-home actions. We suffer no false illusions about our editorial popularity in this matter, in that we know most people stand for justice, the same as for God and Motherhood. We are grateful for the generous comment of many of our readers on our stand, but at the same time open this page to those who may feel differently. It should be Nyssa's sounding board.

LDS College Students In Charge of Service

The college students of the Nyssa Second Ward, LDS Church were in charge of the sacrament service Sunday. Darrel Williams from Utah State led the service with talks given by Reona Christensen and Sally Kessler from the University of Oregon, Gerald Flinders, Elaine Glover, Nampa Business college; Nancy Skeen, BYU; and Dahl Olson from Utah State.

The prayers were given by Gerald Flinders and Gary Bybee of Utah State. Musical selections for the program were accompanied

DAUGHTER BORN

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Lewis of the arrival of a baby girl born to 1st Lt. and Mrs. Maurice Kessler of Morocco. Mrs. Kessler is the former Gladys Lewis.

EXTENSION UNIT TO HAVE LESSON IN CERAMICS

The Nyssa Extension unit will hold their regular meeting Jan. 14, at 1 o'clock at the Methodist Church social hall. The lesson for the afternoon will be in ceramics.

by Norma Toulson of BYU with Nancy Skeen leading the singing and also rendering a solo, "Homing."

From This Corner...

By T.M.B.

One day as I sat musing, sad and lonely and without a friend, a voice came to me out of the gloom saying, "Cheer up, things could be worse." So I cheered up and sure enough, things did get worse.

But things don't always get worse—never let yourself think you aren't good for anything. No man is completely worthless; he can always serve as a horrible example!

We are inclined to look on the dark side of the picture, it's lots easier to condemn than to praise, and the good Lord knows that we humans are apt to take the easy way. In our mad rush we fail to "BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD" as we were instructed to do.

In today's mail was a request from County Assessor John Koopman to fill out a form on personal taxes and return before March 2. Normally we'd be perfectly willing to fill out this form and not have him estimating the value, but when we look at this particular form we wish he'd come along to help. It reminds us of the state and federal income tax forms that are laying on the desk.

Talking about governments, did you know there were 102,328 of them in the U.S., including federal, state, county, municipalities, townships, special districts and school districts? It's no wonder that man is fast becoming a slave to government instead of the other way around.

Mobile homes have become subject to local property taxes, plus a fee of \$7.50 each, in the state of Idaho. Under the old law they were assessed at \$1 per foot. This old law seems real sensible when compared to some Oregon has on proving drunkenness.

How many of you recall seeing the announcement recently that the state liquor stores would be closed at 6 p.m. on Christmas eve and New Year's eve. This was a continuation of a policy established several years ago in response to requests from many citizens. We haven't figured out if this was a good thing, if it cut down on the amount of drinking, or if those "many citizens" requesting the early closing were all tavern operators!

"Giving up a habit takes half as much effort as you think—and twice as much as you want to expend."—Herbert Shelley Good.

"Standing committees are the best kind. When they sit down, they get nowhere."—Franklin P. Jones.

Fire hazards are highest in the winter months... guard against them carefully. Every two minutes fire damages or destroys someone's home in a U.S. city. Almost 300,000 fires were reported in communities of 2,500 population or over during the year of 1958.

The modern post office may still have the old Pony Express pride of "The mail must go through." We recently received a piece of mail that had been mailed from New York City to Nyssa, Arkansas. Since there was no such post office in Arkansas, the letter started on its backward journey when an alert clerk in St. Louis changed it to Nyssa, Oregon. This also proves that there are no other Nyssas in the United States.

The Old Timer says, "Prosperity is something you feel, fold, and send to Washington."

On Dec. 23 three federal judges ruled that Gov. Orville Freeman of Minnesota went beyond his powers when he declared martial law to shut down a meat packing plant in Albert Lea, Minn., where violence had broken out. The governor of Arkansas, also named Orville, got a lot of notoriety of the

wrong kind for the state when he closed down a school to keep Negro students out. It was also declared illegal. The court's words in the Minnesota case were, "A free people do not surrender to mob rule by expediency of martial law until all means available to the city, the county and state to enforce laws have proved futile."

How many times have you ordered things from a beautifully colored mail-order catalog and found upon arrival that you have been taken? Or how many times have you gone out of town and bought something that could have been purchased in your own home town? Quite frequently you pay more by not getting the service to which you are entitled and which your neighbor and friend would give you.

These cases remind us of a placard on the wall at the Owyhee Truck and Implement company office... It says, "The Bitterness of poor quality is much longer lasting than the Sweetness of a low purchase price."... Moral—TRADE AT HOME!

Closing with a gleeful note that Arkansas U beat Georgia Tech in the football game last Saturday—the first loss ever suffered by Georgia Tech in eight bowl appearances under Coach Bobby Dodd.

Brides Getting Younger; 56% Age 19 or Less

"They're neither too young nor too old" rings true for Oregon brides who are marrying all the way from 15 to 76 years of age, says an Oregon State college family life specialist.

Recent figures show that out of 9,961 marriages in the state, one bride was under 15 and three brides married for the first time were 75 years of age or older. On previous marriages, 15 couples were 75 or older.

Oregon marriages have become fewer in the last couple of years, but young people are marrying earlier in life, reports Mrs. Roberta Frasier, OSC extension specialist.

Both parties in the marriage union are getting younger, she continued. In the last few years, about 56 percent of the Oregon brides and 18 percent of the bridegrooms were 19 years of age or younger.

More daughters are married off in Oregon at 19 or younger than in many other states which have similar marriage requirements, as far as legal age and specified waiting period are concerned, she says.

For example, a greater percentage of brides were 19 and younger in Oregon and Wyoming than in Pennsylvania, New York state, excluding New York City, Virginia, Delaware, Nebraska, Michigan, Tennessee and South Dakota. Today's brides average about three years younger than in grandmother's day. In 1890, the typical bride was 22 years old and the groom was usually 26.

Age difference between brides and grooms has shrunk since the gay nineties, however. The average bridegroom was about four years older than his wife in the 1800's. Today, they're only about two years apart.

Owyhee Community Church Events

Our new pastor, Robert Kriner, Jr., and family moved into the parsonage this week. The people would like to welcome them.

Margery Benedict, missionary home on furlough from her field in French Equatorial Africa, had the evening services Sunday. She showed slides of her work.

Church board met Tuesday evening at the Elver Nielsen home.

Bible study group gathered on Wednesday night at the Ed Corfield home.

Thursday (tonight) will be youth rally at Jamieson. Young people are to meet at the church.

Women's missionary group will meet Friday afternoon at the Otis Bullard home. Members are asked to bring pictures for the church scrapbook.

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.

An open letter to the people of Nyssa and area...

Well citizens, once again we have passed into a new year and have given to history our loves and our hates, our lives and our mistakes of nineteen fifty-nine.

For this particular citizen, the preceding year has been perhaps the most fascinating of his young life. As a member of your tax-supported air force, I extend my sincere gratitude for the opportunities and experiences given to me and my family through your payment of our governmental costs. By way of partial compensation, I should like to convey some opinions of mine to the people who read this newspaper.

My family and I live presently in southern Spain in the ancient city of Seville. We, as a member family of the United States Air Force in Spain, live in the Spanish economic system. We have, however, ample American foods and goods available to us through the military retail outlets. We enjoy a good rate of monetary exchange and although we are subject in some cases to Spanish civil and military law, we also enjoy the immensely privileged status of American citizens abroad who live under United States military protection.

We are able to view the Spanish ways of living, both traditional and modern, through several greater or lesser degrees of participation in these same ways of living. In short, we have the rare opportunity to look and listen and learn and to attempt understanding of a people living under a totalitarian dictatorship, yet still not pay the penalties ourselves of submission to this dictatorship.

Listen people of Nyssa... for the average Spanish citizen 1960 will be another of working for less than one dollar a day, paying more than this one dollar a day just for his rent, food and necessary clothing and making up the difference through means that only a slow, deadly mental and physical starvation can account for.

For the Spanish citizen, 1960 will be a continuing life of rigid restriction of movement, constantly enforced restriction of speech and writing, prohibitive restriction of property ownership and complete forced obedience to military authority as well as secret police and life-strangling taxation. These from a governmental power so strong that nothing short of the very means that created it will ever serve to abolish it.

However, the most important single factor in a Spaniard's life for 1960, at least in this writer's opinion, will be the complete lack of any voice, any say, any opinion, in short again, any VOTE in the government that controls his way of life.

Listen citizens of Nyssa... you who live and work and relax; you who buy and sell and own (or not own, as you choose); you who worship and join (or not join, as you choose); you who travel and move as you wish; you who speak and listen (or do not listen, as you wish); you who send your children and yourselves to the fine schools available; you that read and write what and where you prefer; you that—and this is most important of all—you that vote; listen please, for just a moment and think carefully with me.

You, all of you, from the sugar beet farmer to the man who operates the hot-dog stand, from the teacher to the druggist, from the doctor to the grocer, from the mechanic to the banker, every single one of you enjoy a standard of living, a political and religious freedom and a direct voice in your government that is, in reality, absolutely unequalled in the history of this old, much-governed world. Your status furthermore, is a direct result of your votes and the votes of those generations who came before you.

Election year is here again citizens and it is time again for the windbags and the wheezers to make their noises. Time once again for the great and glorious promises of Utopia that are the

Use your votes this coming No-



member, citizens, and do your very best to use them wisely. Look well into the promises and records of this or that particular candidate. Regardless of your political convictions, brush aside the musty cobwebs of false issue and petty argument and seriously consider if a specific candidate for a specific office will sincerely try to represent the best interests of you, his source of authority.

Take time, citizens, to examine the voting records and educational qualifications, the moral well-being and experience of those men you put in control of your everyday lives. Seriously attempt at least, to determine the motives and intents of the various prospective agents of your government. They will be spending your money and guiding your affairs to a very great extent. Examine closely the humbug and carnival-like atmosphere of the campaigns and conventions, whether they be for a lowly county or municipal office or for a national governmental position.

Citizens, you and I both know from the years of life behind us that we do have honest and capable people who are possessed with the vitally necessary qualities of integrity and justice. We know also that among us are those who live their whole lives and die without once really employing these self-same qualities which are, in the ultimate sense, the real constituents of human freedom.

Both species will be candidates for office this coming November, either seeking re-election or announcing candidacy for the first time. Look them over and think about what they say and what they have said.

A long time ago, a man named Thomas Jefferson expressed his hope that—"the education of the common people will be attended to; convinced that on their good sense we may rely with the most security for the preservation of a due degree of liberty." Educate yourselves, citizens, about this coming election and every election. Educate yourselves well and then exercise your every effort to put into office, whether local, state or national, the person who

will do his genuine best to represent you.

Your vote may seem voiceless and insignificant but believe me, citizen, it most surely is not. Your responsibility to yourselves and to those generations to come lies in the full realization of this concept. Non-use or mis-use of this precious governmental voice of yours can lead in only one direction and produce only one result. To-wit—the horror and nightmarish futility of life under any form of totalitarian government.

Vote this coming November, citizen! Vote wisely and carefully! Vote for whom you choose but vote judiciously!

It is your magnificent status as free men and the status of those to follow that you must protect and pass on. This freedom, this light in the darkness, this unique achievement of ancient human struggle is yours. Yours to enjoy and yours to ensure.

JAMES W. RIGNEY

Dear Journal Editor,

You are to be congratulated on your editorial of Dec. 31, entitled "It Is Our Business" concerning the tragedy that occurred in Nyssa on Christmas eve. IT IS OUR BUSINESS, and the citizens and taxpayers of this city and community have a right to know.

There seems to be an area of mystery surrounding the actual circumstances of this accident, and far too many questions remain unanswered in the minds of our citizens. Is there some reason that our paid city and county officials have not investigated fully?

This is the question in many minds, and should be clarified. The Nyssa community is being adversely criticized by citizens of our neighboring communities who cannot believe this tragedy could happen and the circumstances surrounding it be so concealed and go uninvestigated.

I hope your very good editorial will serve to open the eyes of every citizen of our community and stimulate the action needed to force out the facts of this clouded issue. Through coordinated effort, it can be done; and for the good of our community, it must be done.

JACK ANDERSON

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PUBLIC DAIRY AUCTION. TUESDAY, JAN. 12, 1 p.m.—Located 2 miles west of Vale on Graham Blvd., then 1 mile north and 1/4 mile west to the old Ed Gardner place. 42 DAIRY CATTLE. Majority are vaccinated and tattooed. Production given sale day. Public invited to inspect. Consigned by VYRON HOPPER; 8 DAIRY HEIFERS, 4 REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS, 1 QUARTER HORSE, 1 SHETLAND MARE, MILKING EQUIPMENT, BENJAMIN "BEN" KENDALL, Owner. Terms: Cash. Lunch on grounds.

BIG PUBLIC DAIRY AUCTION. THURSDAY, JAN. 14, 1 p.m.—Located 1/4 mile west of the Ontario fairgrounds to Wheatley Motel clinic, then 1/2 mile north. 53 DAIRY CATTLE, including 32 springer or fresh cows, 22 STEERS and HEIFERS. Cows carry service of pure-bred Holstein bull. Majority are vaccinated. Individual health certificate with each. All recently tested. Average milk test 4.5. DAIRY EQUIPMENT, HAY, TRAILER HOUSE, MACHINERY, AMEL GAUDE, Owner. Terms: Cash. Lunch on grounds; free coffee.

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