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Leave Your Porch Light on Tonight

Tonight, Thursday, Jan. 28, is the time throughout the entire nation when the Mothers March of Dimes will be held. Your message to these marching mothers will be a very cheering one if you will leave on your porch light. This will indicate that you are willing to share in the program with 70 million people in giving to aid the unfortunate cripples.

Heretofore these handicapped persons you have helped have been confined to those caused by polio, but this year the New March will be on a wider scale and will include those children born with birth defects and those, of all ages, crippled from arthritis.

This voluntary health organization is the largest in the world with 3100 county chapters, two million volunteer workers and over 70 million contributors. This year it is hoped that the number of contributors will increase materially since the program has been so broadened to cover the two new cripples. It is estimated that one of these cripples hits one of every four families in the United States.

Due to the effectiveness of the Salk vaccine it has been assumed by many people that polio has been whipped and a program is no longer needed along this line. This is just not true and will not be until all people use the medicine. And there are thousands of cases still undergoing treatment which calls for millions of dollars.

In Oregon last year the number of cases of polio increased to 146 from a low of 25 in 1958. And the funds became so depleted that special emergency campaigns were conducted in eight counties.

Nyssa is well acquainted with the work of the national foundation and many remember the wide scale activities here only a few years ago. The program is broadened to cover birth defects and arthritis but there will be no change in the purpose of the foundation to study the PREVENTION of these diseases and to aid in the caring for those who are victims.

Tonight does not end the campaign in many localities but is the night of the biggest concentration of workers when the mothers go on march. So "LEAVE YOUR PORCH LIGHT ON TONIGHT" and give what you can. We men could let this be a March of Dollars for three worthy causes combined in one organization. It is good insurance and a worthy Christian cause.

From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

Have you ever thought how many things are judged by comparison? Would we recognize the beauty of the flowers if it weren't for ugly weeds, or would we know there was light if it weren't for the darkness? Would there be "white" lies if it weren't for the black, dirty ones?

We carry these comparisons to the "umph" degree . . . to where there are no longer just contrasting colors but slightly varying shades. These apply to our descriptions, our degree of guilt or innocence, and aren't limited just to individuals. When Nixon sold out to the steel unions for the sake of a political future for himself and his party, he used the comparison for his excuse when he said the congress could not be trusted to be fair to both of the bargaining parties in an election year.

He ignored the welfare of the "paying public" which was neither big union nor big steel. He sat himself up as judge and jury to decide what the Democratic congress would do if the union should decide to again go out on strike. And he decided that he would rather trust his decision on the matter than that of the congress . . . in spite of the fact that this same congress had passed the Landrum-Griffin bill . . . a bill demanded by the public but one that was so distasteful to the unions that many union leaders have threatened to vote for the Republicans in the next election. (Nixon must have believed them . . . he got a "mess of pottage!")

The popularity of President Eisenhower has been due largely to his personality and not because of his political party. Most of us have felt that he could be trusted to do what he felt was best for the country but following his change-about on the inflation deal and approval of Nixon's action in the settlement of the steel strike, it makes part of us doubt him. Party politics is larger than the welfare of the country, it seems.

Secretary of Defense Gates saying our defense is geared to what "we believe the Russians will do, not what they are capable of doing." isn't very encouraging to us. One wrong guess could be disastrous! We can't help but recall that in January 1958, Eisenhower "guessed" (or forecast) a surplus of \$ 1/2 billion for fiscal 1959 and it turned out to be a deficit of over \$12 billion.

Senator Wayne Morse said he was serious about seeking the presidency but that if it failed he would be supporting Adlai E. Stevenson. (That could just be the "death kiss" for any chance Stevenson might have.)

If the Cuban situation doesn't improve it might mean that the local beet growers would get another increase in acreage allotment.

"Neither Alaska nor Hawaii can have any real standing as states until their highway death tolls soar into the hundreds each year, and everyone begins to shout about it without taking any action."—Oren Arnold.

The Rev. Paul Ludlow has been preaching a series of sermons on the Bible from the different viewpoints of scientists and religious teachers. He is concerned about people losing faith in the Bible because they can not believe everything it says, so they discard all of it as being untrue. It is our belief that those who say they do not believe in the Bible have never tried to find out WHAT it does say.

One of the religious books that we sold during the summer months of our college career had a section called, "How to Answer Skeptics and Infidels." But we never became very proficient with this part of the book.

The New York Mirror sent an investigator to a camp where convicted juvenile delinquents lived and worked out their terms. Interviews with the boys brought up three steps they thought might have kept them out of trouble: 1. Firm and fair discipline regarding habits, hours and friends. 2. A happy home to which they could proudly take their friends. 3. Instruction on how to do something constructive and learn to get along with other people.

"A hick town has two classes: (1) nobodies and (2) those who can overdraw at the bank." —Richmond (Va.) News Leader.

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ABSENT MINDED BEN HUR



Boise Payette Lumber Firm Changes Name

Bestway Building Center is to be the new name of the local Boise Payette Building Center, according to an announcement released today by Harvey Springer, local manager.

"The name change, which became effective the first of the year, is merely another step in a program of operating integration in order to bring better building material service to Nyssa and the area, by Boise Payette," said the local manager.

In instituting the change, T. T. Sneddon, assistant vice president in charge of retail operations for Boise Cascade corporation said, "We have always tried to give our customers the best selection of building materials together with efficient service. We propose to continue and even add to those fine services and products. This name change is being carried on throughout Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado to bring the entire retail system for Boise Cascade corporation under one name."

According to Springer, signs, store painting and other work connected with the change is well under way. He emphasized that the name change will be only an outward appearing one. Personnel in the Nyssa store will remain the same and that generally the same line of building materials will be stocked. Customers were reminded that the same brand name products, woods and other building materials can, as always, be matched with those items sold in the past.

MRS. GRAHAM RETURNS HOME FROM CANADA

Mrs. Don Graham returned Jan. 20 from Vancouver, B.C., where she was called due to the illness of her sister, Mrs. Alexander Gray, who suffered a coronary attack.

Mrs. Graham was accompanied to Vancouver by another sister, Mrs. Millicent Cameron of Hollywood, Calif., who met her in Portland.

Mrs. Cameron remained with her sister, who is reported somewhat improved at this time.

Company officials revealed that with the advent of this name change, Boise Cascade corporation of Boise, Idaho, now has a retail division consisting of 103 stores in six states. The system exists as a result of several mergers taking place in the past 11 years of Tri-State stores and Boise Payette stores in Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado; and the Potlatch Yards and Cascade Lumber company stores in Washington.

Company officials emphasized that with this major step in the integration of the system well under way, customers could now look forward to increased services in planning, financing and building, as well as remodeling of homes.



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Around Arcadia

By Mrs. George Moeller

ARCADIA—Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bullard attended the wedding of Elmer Hunt and Glenda Blackman at the Methodist church in Meridian Saturday afternoon. They also attended the Nyssa-Meridian basketball game Saturday evening in Meridian. They spent the night with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Boyack and returned home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lakey of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho visited Mr. and Mrs. Theo Matherly last Thursday. They were moving to Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jarn who have been employed on the Ernest Stephenson farm the past year, moved this week to Moses Lake, Wash., where they will be employed by Walter Roth.

Several ladies met at the home of Mrs. Drydale Monday for a quilting bee.

The Arcadia club met Jan. 22 at the home of Louise Marie Mangin with 10 members present, the next meeting will be Feb. 12, at the home of Mrs. Orland White.

Jerry and Tommy Zittercob of Ontario spent the weekend with their grandmother, Mrs. John Zittercob, while Mr. Zittercob was in Portland.

Gale Coleman who attends EOC at La Grande spent the weekend at his home here.

The young people's League of the Lutheran church in Ontario met at the Fred Schilling home Sunday night for their business and social meeting. Twenty attended. After the meeting the group went sleigh riding.

Miss Janet Coleman attended the MYF meeting at Vale Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Storm of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. August Uffhoff, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burkhardt of Vale and Mr. and Mrs. Staub of Ontario visited in the Fred Schilling home Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilson of Payette were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman, Sunday.

John and Jack Zittercob and Harold Dail returned Sunday night from a business trip to Portland.

Mrs. Clyde Bowers and Bob visited Mr. and Mrs. Don Bowers Sunday who have just returned from a trip to Pocatello, Ida., Ogden and Provo, Utah.

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.

January 18, 1960

Dear Editor:

As the new March of Dimes of 1960 draws to a close, chapters of the National Foundation in Oregon face the greatest challenge of their 22-year history.

The past year saw paralytic polio in the state jump from 25 cases in 1958 to a "post-Salk" high of 146, an increase of almost 600 percent.

This occurred in the face of public opinion (and printed opinion) that polio is whipped and the National Foundation is perpetuating itself.

In 1959 Oregon chapters ran so badly in the red that special emergency campaigns were conducted in eight counties. Even with this additional income late polio season results left chapters of Oregon with almost \$75,000 in unpaid bills.

Almost totally neglected to date by chapters are the new fields in birth defects and rheumatoid arthritis. Only two chapters in the state have had sufficient funds to go into these programs in a mild way.

It is obvious that any increased support, individual by individual, that can be realized will have a place in helping to correct a crippling condition or to fight the battles of research and professional and public education.

The sooner anti-polio vaccine gets from the doctors' shelves and into the arms of every man, woman and child in the country, the sooner the National Foundation can turn more attention to birth defects and arthritis, while at the same time not neglecting a single post-polio patient.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I urge you to support the remaining March of Dimes activities in your area, with particular emphasis on the Mothers' March on Jan. 28. And thank you for your assistance over the past years.

Respectfully yours, HARRY CHIPMAN State Press Chairman 1960 New March of Dimes

January 24, 1960

Dear Editor:

A belated comment on your outstanding job of reporting the

Christmas eve tragedy and your companion editorial stand may fill the gap between the time of tossed bouquets and hurled brick bats that probably are now coming.

Your superb editorial analysis of incidents and attitudes following the killing of Jim Marez could easily be used as an example of a country newspaper fulfilling its obligations to the public.

I am only too familiar with the "What the hell" attitude on the part of a small minority of those public officials who forget they are servants of the people whom they were elected or hired to serve and not dominate. Malheur county is not alone in this unfortunate circumstance since the problem is nationwide and I am sure in the same proportions that make that one in a hundred cause the public to lose some respect for the other 99.

Seven years in Nyssa and Malheur county were among the most soul-satisfying of my life because of the people who cannot be equaled anywhere in the world. Nowhere will you find a more typical example of democracy in action than that at Nyssa, more because of the courage of individuals to "put in their two cents worth" and follow it through with the determination that the inevitable fear of reprisals won't change them from their course.

The needless death and the awkward situations arising from it are important to all of us whether we live in Oregon, Idaho or any other part of the nation. No one can point to Nyssa with scorn because of the unfavorable publicity simply because all of us are to blame for the mounting indifference to all aspects of public affairs. Your efforts should make all of us realize that we have many unfulfilled obligations.

Keep up the good work and you may soon replace William Allen White as the guiding light for our country journalists.

Sincerely, DUANE R. ALTERS Boise, Idaho

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