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Politics and Religion

Whether we approve or disapprove, religion has become one of the major issues of the present presidential campaign. There is a very likely possibility that it will be the deciding factor in who will be our next president.

Vice President Nixon has decried the issue and instructed his campaign forces not to bring the matter up publicly. President Eisenhower has said that it should not be an issue. Yet, daily, literature is being sent into all the states smearing the Democratic candidate because he is a Catholic.

Many Protestant ministers, especially in the South, are using the pulpit to advise their congregations to oppose Mr. Kennedy. He met with 150 Protestant ministers in Houston, Texas, Sept. 12 to answer their prepared questions regarding his religion and the effect it might have on the U. S. if he were elected president.

He assured them that he believed in the separation of the church and the state and that it would not interfere with his duties as president. Yet this did not satisfy other Protestant groups who have held other meetings and issued their own statements regarding the dogma of the Catholic church.

We have read about everything carried by the news magazines and the daily papers on this religious issue, with what we hope was an open mind. We believe it should share no part of the limelight and that the Protestant ministers, who are making a public issue of the matter, are also guilty of trying to mix church and state business.

Article two, section four, of our constitution gives the qualifications for the president of the United States and religion is not one of the restrictions. Section seven of this same article says before he enters on the execution of his office he shall take the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

The man has given assurance that he would do that—what more can we expect? Should we say you cannot believe this man because he is of the Catholic faith? Would that not be the equivalent of saying that you cannot believe any Catholic? Yet some would have assurance from the Pope that he would not try to influence Kennedy in matters pertaining to the governing of the people of the United States? And, if the Pope did so, do you honestly believe these same people would be satisfied with that?

Many of our ancestors came to these shores because of religious intolerance. Shall we show this same intolerance in this enlightened age?

And if it can happen because the man is a Catholic might it not happen at some future date because a candidate was a Mormon, or a Methodist or Lutheran?

We are not Catholic, do not agree with many of their beliefs, but do believe this is not what we would call "fair play."

We have not endorsed Kennedy and may not vote for him, but if we don't it will be because of his "Give Everybody Something" platform and not because of his religion.

We do not believe in everything our Presbyterian church says in its government and would permit Kennedy the same right within his religious belief.

The American Jewish Congress issued a statement which said, in part, "If a candidate is opposed by some voters because of his religion, it is inevitable that he will be supported by others for the same reason. The result may well be the birth in the United States of a group of religious political parties; such a development would threaten the unity of the American people and the very foundation of American Democracy."

Potluck Dinner Held At Fitzsimmons Home

Members of the Challenger class of the Church of the Nazarene gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzsimmons Sept. 11 for a potluck dinner. The occasion honored students leaving for college, which included Nelda Seward, Gene and Karen Saunders, all of whom are attending Northwest Nazarene college at Nampa, and Rex Langley, who is attending Oregon State college at Corvallis.

Approximately 25 members attended the event. Other guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Omar Barnhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hobson and

METHODIST DINNER SLATED THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The annual harvest dinner sponsored by the Methodist church is slated Thursday, Sept. 29, at the church social hall. The Mmes. Russell Gressley, Orland Chelidlin and George Coleman head the committee. Ham will be featured on the menu, with dinner hours from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Mrs. Lloyd Tobler is in charge of tickets and all proceeds will go to the building fund. Mrs. Kenneth Toomb is head of the dining room committee.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzsimmons, Mrs. Wilson is class teacher and Mrs. Hobson, substitute instructor.

From This Corner . . .

By T.M.B.

After a hot weekend the weather cooled rather hurriedly Tuesday night. Makes us hunters rather impatient for the opening of the other game seasons. Some can hardly wait for the deer season to open but I'll take mine out in pheasants and chukars. That way I can let my dog do more of the work. And I care little for deer meat.

I rather envy the fisherman who loves fishing better than hunting . . . he can go to the lakes the year 'round and enjoy his favorite sport. He won't be crowded since we casual anglers will be hunting, and the others will be putting the fishing gear away until spring. And yet the game department says the fall months are among the best of the year for fishing.

Two weeks ago we fished the South Fork of the Payette while weekend guests of the two Albers families at their cabin at Banks. The fishing was real good and so was the company. Duane and I enjoyed hearing ourselves talk so much that we didn't even remember the Miss America pageant with all the beautiful girls on display! Old age, you suppose?

Mom suddenly had the urge to live in the past. She complained to her husband: "You used to kiss me," so he leaned over and kissed her on the cheek. "You used to hold my hand," she said, so he reached out and held her hand.

"You used to bite me on the neck," added Mom, and Pop started to walk out of the room.

"Where are you going?" Mom asked. Pop replied: "To get my teeth."

The average husband is concerned about what the government spends and what his wife spends—the difference being that he is not afraid to criticize the government.

Among recent "boners" in the news: In Ft. Worth, Texas, two officers were wounded by gunfire when they mistook each other for robbers they had been tipped off planned a holdup. And a man in Burke, Idaho, kicked what he thought was the rear end of a dog protruding from the end of his garbage can. It turned out to be a bear that turned and charged the man, driving him into the house.

Rex Voeller thinks I pulled a boner recently. He was driving in Ontario when a hit-and-run driver hit his car. When the driver was picked up near Vale he turned out to be one of the men I'd given money to the night before when they wanted to leave town. It seems they used part of it for other than gasoline.

The past few days have brought political activity into Malheur county and Nyssa. No less than the governor and both aspirants to the U. S. senate along with other state candidates have been here. None made any major poli-

tical talks here—mostly hand-shaking and talking in generalities. Fortunately for the country, neither party is quite as bad as the other insists it is.

"A fine is a tax you must pay for doing wrong. A tax is a fine you have to pay for doing okay."
—Lowell Nussbaum.

"If the politicians are promising the voters less these days, it's because they've already given them most everything."
—Homer Phillips.

The Old Timer says, "The man who said money isn't everything must have gone through a woman's purse."

The dictators attending the U.N. in New York City are getting no little attention. We believe that even casual readers are watching closely to see what develops when so many thugs get together for some ungodly reasons.

Monday the New York stock market took the biggest drop since Sept. 26, 1955. Don't think this won't affect us just because we don't own stocks. If it should continue to any great degree it will indicate a falling off of confidence in our national economy. That in turn could affect the outcome of the presidential race as much as the religious issue.

St. Paul's Episcopal Guild to Celebrate Golden Event Sunday

Mrs. Grant Rinehart and Mrs. Artie Robertson were hostesses Sept. 12 at a combined meeting of the evening and afternoon guilds of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

The ladies made plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the guild and Sunday school with a potluck dinner Sept. 25. Evening prayer at 5:30 p.m. will open the activities, with dinner to follow in the undercroft of the church.

The occasion will also be a farewell party for the Rev. and Mrs. William Woodman who are moving to La Grande soon. All friends of the Woodmans and the church are invited to attend.

The guild as it was known was organized, Sept. 22, 1910, and the Sunday school Oct. 5 that year. It was at this time that the guild purchased five lots on the corner of Fifth and Bower on which the church stands today. On Sunday in April, 1913, Bishop Robert L. Paddock consecrated the ground and laid the cornerstone of St. Paul's parish house in Nyssa.

LUTHERAN LADIES ELECT MRS. NICHOLS AS HEAD

At a special business meeting of Faith Lutheran church women held Wednesday officers elected were Mrs. James Nichols, president; Mrs. Neal Miller, vice president; Mrs. Robert Fangen, secretary; Mrs. E. D. Michaelson, treasurer; Mrs. Hal Henigson, secretary of education; and Mrs. William LaBounty, secretary of stewardship.

Journal Classifieds Get Results!

Officers Elected At Monday Meeting Of Local Ministers

Nyssa ministers gathered at the Methodist social hall Monday evening for their regular meeting. Potluck dinner was served at 6 o'clock. A welcome was addressed to new ministers, the Rev. J. L. Mussell of the Assembly of God church and the Rev. Omar Barnhouse of the Church of the Nazarene. A farewell was directed to the Rev. William Woodman of St. Paul's Episcopal church, who is leaving Oct. 1 for La Grande.

Election of officers for the coming year was held with the Rev. Paul Ludlow being elected president; the Rev. Barnhouse, vice president and the Rev. Earl Hastings, secretary-treasurer.

Plans were discussed for the UNICEF trick or treat on Halloween. The group is exploring possibilities of sponsoring a Boy Scout troop.

Ministers attending the session were John Briehl, Earl Hastings, Omar Barnhouse, J. L. Mussell, Robert Kriner, Jr., William Woodman and Paul Ludlow.

The Rev. Norvie Clift Conducts Services At Nazarene Church

The Rev. Norvie O. Clift of Nampa, one of the nation's promising young ministers, is now devoting full time to the work of evangelism. Mr. Clift has been active in youth work since 1945, having served three years as associate minister and youth director in the First Church of the Nazarene in Los Angeles.

The Rev. Clift, a graduate of Pasadena college, is in constant demand in revivals, conventions, and youth rallies in various parts of the country.

In 1954 he traveled in Europe and visited mission churches in the Holy Land. He devotes Monday night in each campaign to showing colored pictures, with special missionary emphasis, and prophecy messages on the second coming of Christ.

Although still a young man, Mr. Clift has a message for the entire church. His positive and inspiring Bible messages on holiness appeal to both young and old.

Mr. Clift served in the United States Navy during World War II.

A friendly welcome awaits Nyssa area residents at these services which started Wednesday evening and will continue through Oct. 2 at the Nazarene church. Services are scheduled at 7:45 each evening except Saturday.



GARY COSTLEY, 16-year-old son of Mrs. Verna Costley of route 1, Homedale, proudly displays ribbons placed on the back of his grand champion Landrace swine female. Gary has had two years of FFA work and was entered in competition at Malheur county fair in that division.



STEVEN KRIEGH, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kriegh of route 1, Nyssa, receives a registered Suffolk lamb as a special award presented at Malheur county fair. The lamb was donated by Hi and Bernie Sandquist to an outstanding 4-H member.

LEAVES FOR ALASKA BASE

Steve Medina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Medina of 801 Ehrgood, left Saturday evening for Fairbanks, Alaska. He will be stationed there for 1½ years with the U. S. Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cartwright of Coeur d'Alene visited Saturday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cartwright.

Lutheran Parsonage Dedication Services Set Sunday Afternoon

Faith Lutheran church congregation will dedicate its new parsonage Sunday, Sept. 25. Dedication services will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will be conducted by Dr. S. C. Siefkes, president of the northwestern district of the American Lutheran church.

The service will be followed by open house, continuing until 5:30 p.m. These services are open to the public and Faith Lutheran church and the Rev. John Briehl warmly invite community residents to attend.

Dr. Siefkes will also preach the sermon at the 11 a.m. service at Faith Lutheran church as well as at the 9 a.m. service at Grace Lutheran church in Vale.

The new parsonage is located on the corner of North Sixth street and Park avenue and was erected with some volunteer labor by church members and friends of the church.

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT IN NYSSA OVER WEEKEND

Mrs. Faie H. Duffin, Terry and Daryl were in Nyssa the past weekend to attend to business interests and to visit friends here. Mrs. Duffin was a guest at the Earl Bingham home, Terry was a guest of Jerry Hendricks and Daryl visited Bruce Fife and Roger Bergam.

The Duffins are former residents of Nyssa, having been gone about two years.

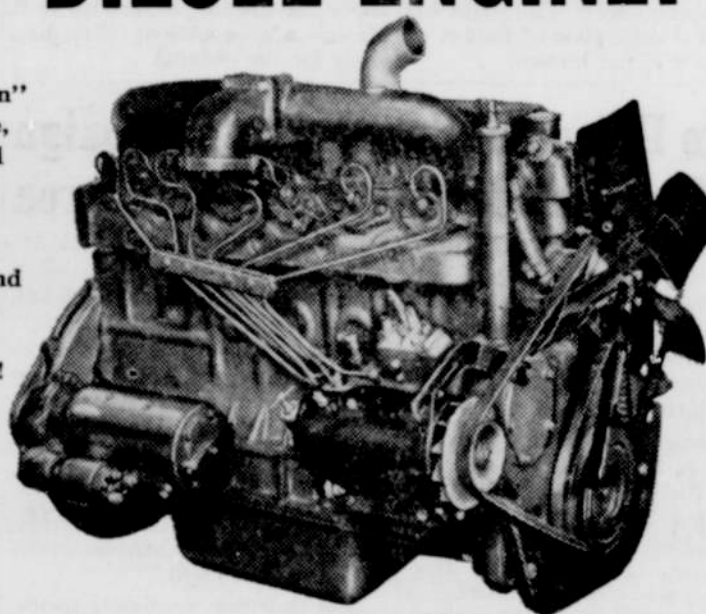
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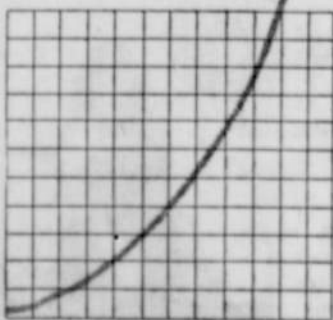
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