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Juniors Help Prevent Fires

This is National Fire Prevention week and we are again reminded that more than 11,000 lives and a billion dollars worth of property were claimed by fire last year.

Every week should be Fire Prevention week, for fire is a major daily threat to our lives and property and it is tragic that so many could be avoided by taking preventive measures and knowing what to do when they break out.

Here in Nyssa this week a group of eight to ten-year-olds are learning lessons in fire prevention and carrying the lessons home to parents, who in many cases are not well informed either. They are the Junior Fire Marshals, who during this week are organized to seek out and eliminate fire hazards in their homes.

Through a program sponsored by the Hartford Fire Insurance company three million school children carry home inspection reports for the signature of their parents, after the children have checked all fire hazards listed on the inspection report. When this is turned in to their grade school teacher they are given Junior Fire Marshal helmets and badges.

These boys and girls are serious about fire safety and we adults could take some lessons from them in removing fire hazards in our own business places.

Measures and Amendments

With the daily newspapers and weekly magazines carrying so much of what is being said by presidential nominees and by their supporters, it is possible that we are not giving due importance and proper thought to our governments at the lower level.

Good government should be sought at the city, county and state levels the same as on the national, and may affect us a great deal more than who is elected president. Costs of maintaining these are not nearly so great as on the federal level but are increasing just as rapidly, in many cases.

On Nov. 8 Oregon voters will be privileged to have their say on 15 constitutional amendments and measures and it would be well to study these thoroughly before going to the polls. An unintelligent vote could be worse than not voting at all.

Within the next four issues of the Journal we intend to cover these 15 proposals briefly and express our views as to their merits.

No. 1—Fixing Commencement of Legislators' Term—To make legislators' term start at same time as legislative session.

(Under the present law their term starts the FIRST Monday in January following their election while the legislative session starts on the SECOND Monday in January. It would delay their term starting ONE WEEK. We would recommend a YES vote.)

No. 2—Daylight Saving Time—To establish daylight saving time in all parts of Oregon within the Pacific time zone from last Sunday in April until last Sunday in September.

(We don't believe this will affect us very much either way but since only 14 states of the 48 in continental U. S. have this and all except three are east of the Mississippi river we'll vote NO.)

No. 3—Financing Urban Redevelopment Projects—To permit payment of cost of urban renewal projects from the additional tax revenues resulting from increased valuation of the areas redeveloped.

(This seems only fair that as values increase through additions and changes that the revenue from these additional taxes could be used for the improvements. A YES vote.)

No. 4—Permitting Prosecution by Information or Indictment—To permit prosecuting attorneys to commence criminal prosecutions by filing written charges (called an "information") or by grand jury indictment as now provided.

(This would permit more rapid action and would eliminate some of the costs of a grand jury. We have seen it work successfully in other states. YES.)

No. 5—Authorizing Legislature to Propose Revised Constitution—To permit the legislature to revise the constitution in whole or in part and to refer it to the voters for approval.

(We believe any document as lengthy as our present constitution and over 100 years old could be improved upon, and as long as the people had a vote on it—A YES vote.)

No. 6—State Bonds for Higher Education Facilities—To permit the state to increase bonded indebtedness to construct additional self-liquidating higher education facilities.

(Reports show housing facilities at some of our colleges are so limited that only freshmen are housed on the campus. We believe there is a great need for higher education and for these facilities. They are self-liquidating and will not increase taxes. Will vote YES.)

No. 7—Voter Qualification Amendment—To permit voters otherwise qualified to vote for U. S. president although they do not meet requirements of six months residence in the state.

(Every citizen is a citizen of the U. S. regardless of what state he resides in and the cause is worthy. But election boards and machinery would have to make many changes and separate ballots provided, creating greater costs. And many states, where a person has been residing, provide for casting an absentee ballot there until legal residence has been established elsewhere. Now we'd say NO.)

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.

Nyssa, Oregon
Sept. 30, 1960

To the Editor
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I see on the sample ballots that the Oregon legislature wouldn't say yes or no on 13 measures—they referred them to the people.

No. 15, the billboard control measure, was initiated by the people themselves. Over 40,000 voters signed petitions to put it on the ballot. If the voters approve, Uncle Sam will give us millions of dollars to maintain highways unblemished by ugly, glaring signs that obscure the natural beauty of our country. Until you have been back east and have seen how little natural scenery they have there, you don't appreciate the fine things we have here to look at.

Naturally, the billboard companies don't like this bill. They say it will wreck the tourist business. Still, some of our most vivid signs just about order us to leave Oregon in a big hurry to go to some place in Reno to see the . . . uh, well, "sights" down there.

I would really grieve to lose the "Stinker" signs in Idaho. They help me to endure the "scenery" through 000 miles of dreary sage and rocky desert the other side of Boise. But when we get to some of the really scenic places, I am irritated by big signs entreat me to drink Burp's beer or to smoke Kangaroo cigarettes, when I know my doctor would tell me I'd be better off if I threw my money into a ditch instead of buying stuff to make me abuse my family and shorten my life.

Also, when I am driving a mile a minute, I might bump into some of the scenery if a barn-sized sign impairs my vision of the next curve. A lot of the big signs are not installed by lovers of human beings, but reflect the pure gall of the outfits putting them up.

I see Elmo Smith and Ron Phair, the ex-groceryman from Klamath Falls, believe in signs—big ones. I don't know what they cost. I do know that I read in a local paper a few weeks ago that a man offered to paint a big sign to try to divert some of the traffic from the big new freeway to Ontario businesses, if the city council would rent it from him for \$34 a year.

I don't see any billboards out

Rev. Willis Ludlow To Deliver Sermon At Methodist Church

The Rev. Willis Ludlow of Walla Walla, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow, will be guest minister speaking at the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday morning at the Methodist church. Topic of his sermon will be "Being Personal in an Impersonal World."

The Rev. Ludlow is a graduate of Nampa high school, Willamette university and Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, Calif. He has been pastor of the Walla Walla Methodist church for three years.

The two ministers will leave Sunday evening for Twin Falls where they will attend a Methodist ministers' conference.

for our Maurine Neuberger, nor for our own Al Ullman, who have done so much for us in Washington. Even if they wanted to use billboards, I am afraid they don't have the money to buy 15 or 20 expensive billboards to put into every big valley in Eastern Oregon. And we Democrats are too poor to buy billboards for them, much as we love our Maurine and our Al.

Maybe they could go to Vice President Nixon or Republican National Chairman Thruston B. Morton and get \$50,000 campaign money, if they would make the right kind of promises. But that's an awful big "if." I don't believe they would sell themselves to the big banks, the drug companies, power companies or million-dollar corporation farmers for all the billboard money in the world.

Come to think of it, do intelligent people pay much attention to such signs?

ANNA D. S. PRATT

To the Editor
Nyssa Gate City Journal

Tourists and highway 20-26 traffic are missing Nyssa. From the east they stay on 30 north from Caldwell, have to spend extra time and miles going through Ontario and turn back south to Cairo junction.

Also from the west a large percentage of traffic turns north at Cairo, driving through Ontario while going through Nyssa is time saving and a shorter distance.

Tourists like to know short cuts and time saving roads but signs are needed to direct them. "Short Cut to Vale" at the junction north of Caldwell and "Turn Right to Boise" west of Cairo junction are needed. Let it be known that there is a bridge across Snake river at Nyssa, too.

WALTER BURDETTE

KATHLEEN DORITY HEADS TROOP 85 BUSY BEAVERS

Busy Beavers of Girl Scout troop 85 held a general discussion meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Leonard Hewitt, where they will meet from now on. Singing Larks and SCP patrols met at the home of Mrs. C. M. Ponds.

The groups will meet together once a month for fun sessions. Kathleen Dority was elected president; Lila Yost, secretary; Kay Baber, treasurer; and Charlotte Baber, patrol reporter.

Second class rank work was discussed and badge work started. A field trip is planned for the near future.

—Charlotte Baber, Reporter

Owyhee Community Church Events

Tuesday—Church and Sunday school elections were held at the church. Those elected are Luther Perkins, deacon; Elver Nielsen and Joe Stephen, elders; Elver Nielsen, Sunday school superintendent; Otis Bullard, assistant Sunday school superintendent; Glenda Hoffman, librarian; Cheri Okano, church pianist; Mrs. Joe Stephen, Sunday school pianist; Mrs. Elver Nielsen, clerk; Mrs. Harold Dail, secretary-treasurer; Bill Nielsen, Paul Okano, Gary Price and Jim Farmer, ushers; Mrs. Otis Bullard, cradle roll; Mrs. Ed Corfield, deaconess; and Mrs. Bob Kriner, reporter.

Sunday school teachers elected are Mrs. Joe Stephen, nursery; Mrs. Russell Howell, beginners; Mrs. Ken Lorensen, primary; Mrs. Charles Chapin, juniors; Mrs. Elver Nielsen, intermediate; Harold Dail, young people; Robert Kriner, Jr., young adults; and Mrs. Otis Bullard, adults.

Friday—Women's Missionary circle met at the home of Mrs. Harold Dail. Election was held with the following officers being elected: Mrs. Charles Chapin, president; Mrs. Luther Perkins, vice president; Mrs. Glenn Hoffman, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Harold Dail, flower girl; Mrs. Elver Nielsen, devotional leader; Mrs. Bob Kriner and Mrs. Ken Lorensen, potluck chairmen.

Parent Group Session Scheduled Oct. 18

Group discussions on the subject, "what kind of a parent are you?" will be open to all interested persons in this area beginning Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Barton, located at the corner of the highway and Columbia avenue.

These discussions, formerly known as parent and family life education and now referred to as

Guild Members Host WSCS Ladies' Group At General Session

Methodist WSCS met in fellowship hall Thursday evening for a general meeting. Mrs. Paul Ludlow, Wesleyan service guild coordinator, introduced guild members present.

The following activities were announced:

Study class, "One World, One Mission," taught by Mrs. W. W. Foster, is in session Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. The guild plans to study "Heritage and Horizons" during regular meetings. The Rev. Ludlow will instruct a study on "Basic Christian Beliefs" beginning the second week in November.

Mrs. Bill Wilson, secretary of spiritual life, announced that a program will be held Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. in the church parlor in observance of "Week of Prayer—Self Denial."

Mrs. Wilson led devotions and Mrs. Norvelle Robbins presented the program, "Living Echos."

Guild members were hostesses to the 19 ladies present.

Bill W. Scroggins Selects NIKE Site For Army Assignment

Bill Wayne Scroggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert R. Scroggins of route 1, Nyssa, recently volunteered for three years service in the Regular Army, according to SFC Early K. Keiffer, recruiter at Ontario.

Scroggins selected as his choice of initial assignment the NIKE site located near Ft. Niagara, Youngstown, N. Y. Volunteering with him under the same program were Charles J. Sommars and Richard A. Noel of Parma.

The youths accepted the oath of enlistment and were flown to Ft. Ord, Calif., where they will begin military service with eight weeks of basic training before reporting to the NIKE site.

VISIT AT FARR HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chard and sons of Boise were Sunday dinner guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr.

VISIT FROM PENDLETON

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Rookstool and family of Pendleton visited the past weekend with their mother, Mrs. Virginia Rookstool.

parents progress committee, are scheduled each Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. for at least four weeks, depending on response shown.

These discussions will be a carryover of the PTA program scheduled for tonight.

FIFTH GRADE CLASS ORGANIZES HEALTH CLUB

Students of Mrs. Hazel Lane's fifth grade class met Oct. 4 to organize a 4-H health club. The group decided to call themselves "The Happy Health Club." Officers elected for the coming year are Scott Jefferies, president; Keith Overstake, vice president; Russell Myrick, secretary; Mary Jo Richter, song leader; and Orrin Corak, reporter.

The meeting was adjourned following election of officers.

—Orrin Corak, Reporter.

Jim Savage Enlists For Three-Year Term With Regular Army

James A. Savage of Nyssa enlisted Oct. 3, 1960, for three years in the Regular Army, according to SFC Early K. Keiffer, U.S. Army recruiter at Ontario.

Following eight weeks of basic military training at Fort Ord, Calif., he will return home on leave and then report to his assignment in a career field of his choice.

Savage is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Savage of 601 South Sixth, Nyssa. He was graduated with the class of 1960 from Nyssa high school.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Bill Newell returned home Saturday from St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise where he had undergone surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Elgan motored to La Grande Sunday to attend the golden wedding event of friends.

DISHWASHER WINNERS Final Week of Reddy's Dishwasher Jingles. Includes a cartoon character and a list of winners: Mrs. Ona E. Tunning, Route 3, Parma; Mrs. William L. Farrow, Boise; Mrs. T. Jay Hitler, Pocatello. Everybody wins... when you live better electrically! IDAHO POWER.

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