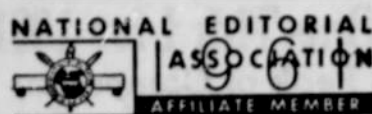


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WCS Serves Dinner For Methodist Men At Installation Meet

Officers of Nyssa Methodist Men's club were installed Monday evening at the church dining hall following a chicken dinner served by WCS women.

Installing officer was Ledru A. Williams of Caldwell Methodist church. Installed were Gene Chester, president; Ward Wieneke, secretary; Cliff Fox, program chairman; Cliff Main, project chairman; Cecil Evans, publicity; Melvin Spitz, devotions chairman; Wilbur Foster, attendance chairman. Dwight Wyckoff, vice, president and Russell Gressley, membership chairman, were absent.

In his installation talk Williams stressed the importance of teaching in Christian service and told how often Jesus was said to have taught the people as individuals. He presented the club with its charter which members signed.

Entertainment for the evening was a movie of Switzerland, Italy, France, Spain and Holland shown by Earl Ford. It was taken while he was stationed in Europe with the Army.

Blaine Fife, Reggie Child and Jim Jamieson of Nyssa high presented several vocal and guitar numbers. Bob Q. Smith led in group singing.

Next meeting will be held April 10.

HOLY NAME MEETING HELD AT ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH

A Holy Name meeting was held Sunday morning by men of St. Bridget's Catholic church, with Don Lytle, president, presiding.

Wilton Jackson cooked and served breakfast to the group. Members decided to make this meeting a monthly affair.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

A Snake river zone rally for teenagers was held Monday night at New Plymouth.

Members of Golden Hour mission chapter held their annual dinner Tuesday evening at Maude Owens cafe in Payette.

FOR FINE PRINTING THE GATE CITY JOURNAL

THANKS . . .

to the voters of School District 26 for the fine turnout at the school board election Tuesday.

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Letters to Editor

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Nyssa, Oregon
Feb. 14, 1961

Dear Mr. Editor:

One time I got something for nothing. It was the measles—there was no charge. The chicken pox were also free. And then I did have a touch of flu. Other than these few things, so far as I remember, everything else cost something, somehow.

Sometimes a person badly wants two or three or four things—or even more. He appraises the situation and discovers he cannot have them all, at least right now. So . . . he has to make some choices. Which shall it be? He decides. What he decides is up to him. His decision could involve other people. How many other people? What people? In other words, his decision may be a kind of an investment.

Take, for example, a swimming pool. For one reason or another, that seems to be a rather prominent subject in this city right now. There are other things this city could use. Choices are involved. One street past my house isn't especially good. It could be improved. The people of Nyssa voted that improvement down. So I drive over it, along with many other people, the way it is. A choice was made. It would have been an investment of a kind, but I can live without it.

We have a city park or two. Investments, but we could live without them. As far as I know we could continue to live in this town without a swimming pool. Do we want to? I don't! Why? Because I consider it a topnotch investment. An investment, first of all, in children. Something to keep them out of dangerous swimming areas—but more than this—something to provide recreation for them, to provide a clean, healthful sport.

There are many reasons. You can name more. How important is an investment (costing some money) in the children of this city and of the rural areas as well? You must decide. I have.

It is an investment in the city and its surrounding area as well. It beautifies, it speaks of progress, it shows community concern for others, it is a testimony of civic pride and unselfishness—for many older people will never themselves swim in this pool. Is this a good investment? You must decide. I have.

I will choose to drive on the unimproved road past my home and have the swimming pool instead. I would rather have my children in the pool. And I hope to get in it myself. You must decide. I have.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN L. BRIEHL

Feb. 9, 1961
6531 Riverton Ave.
N. Hollywood, Calif.

Nyssa Gate City Journal

Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Editor:

I agree in part with Mr. Barker's sentiments on the subject of, will we have a swimming pool at Nyssa. The money is a consideration worthy of careful scrutiny. It also irks us of Nyssa to see our young folks have to journey to Ontario or some other place away from home. Our young folks will go swimming (older folks, too) and naturally we hate to see our arch rival get money we feel should be kept at home as well as our young folks. We like to know where both our money and young folks spend their time and energy.

Sometimes an investment is better to be made, even to going into debt to acquire. Suppose a bunch of our youth should meet with a serious auto accident in traveling to some distant place? Would not our hearts burn within us in looking back at what might have been prevented if?

Mr. Parr's letter to the editor struck a responsive and harmonizing note on my strings of thinking. If Mr. Parr, with nine years of experience in coaching, hesitates to join the crowd on the front steps at the crowsdown between halves in the game, how much more should we who have never been a coach try to offer constructive criticism to anyone who will listen, perhaps even one or more of the players on the team?

He is so right on his down grading of the ego of a player, as ego is a very necessary requisite in anyone make up. Criticism once released cannot be recalled even though you may get the coaches reason why he acted in just the manner that he did and you at the point heartily agree that he showed the best of judgment in that particular instance. So let us think twice before we criticize.

I once wrote a very vindictive article on a subject that came to my attention, then read it back

Yturri Comments on Trading Stamps, Welfare Program, Minimum Wages; Says Inventory Tax Needs Revision

By Sen. Anthony Yturri

A matter in which all housewives will be interested will be before the legislature again. It concerns trading stamps—commonly known as Green Stamps. A bill has been prepared which would make it mandatory that any merchant who wanted to handle stamps would be permitted to do so and the stamp company could no longer select individual businesses on a franchise basis for using its stamps.

This bill also requires that the stamp reflect the actual value on the face and that they be redeemable for one penny each either in cash or merchandise; and lastly that the stamp company be bonded as well as licensed by the state and be required to file annual financial statements. The bill is being supported by an organization created solely for support of the bill. This organization is known as the Oregon Business Council.

On the opposite side of the fence we will find the usual "Oregon for Business Freedom" group. Opponents of the bill insist that this is merely a device to eliminate trading stamps entirely and that under a free enterprise system a business man should be permitted to use such business techniques as he desires.

Proponents of the bill maintain that some control should be exercised over trading stamps and that presently some stores have an unfair competitive advantage over others. They also infer that many stamps are lost and never redeemed and that the stamp companies are making too much money. It is difficult to predict the outcome of this bill.

Governor Should Direct Welfare

The dispute between the governor and the State Welfare commission continues unabated. A hearing was held last Tuesday night attended by one of the largest crowds the Capitol has seen at a hearing. Representatives of the governor spelled out their grievances against the Welfare commission, and members of the commission denied the charges. A second hearing will be held, but the date has not been announced.

It is my personal opinion that there has been a great deal of waste and inefficiency in the Welfare commission, but in any event the dispute points up the necessity for reorganization of the government. The governor presently has no control over the commission. If he is to be held responsible for the acts of it, he should have a voice either in the appointment of the members or direction of the policies which they adopt. Today he has neither.

Believes Wage Bill Doomed

The minimum wage bill which would impose a minimum of \$1.25 per hour and a 40-hour week is causing considerable discussion both pro and con. The bill, of course, excludes farmers, domestic workers and several other groups, but it is contended by retail and wholesale establishments as well as many others, that its passage would virtually cause many businesses to close their doors.

It is my opinion that the bill will not pass in its present form but may end up in a compromise, possibly \$1 per hour and a 44-hour work week.

Reapportionment Plan Introduced

My resolution on reapportionment has been introduced and will be assigned to a Senate committee next week. A similar bill has been introduced on the House side providing in general for one representative to each county with certain modifications.

I have signed the House bill as well as my own since the paramount question is not whether representation should be guaranteed in the House or the Senate, but that it be guaranteed in one or the other. It would seem logical to place both measures on the ballot and allow the people to determine which of the two—if either—they prefer. (Note: Senator Yturri's plan is carried in separate article in this issue.)

Tax Bill Needs Revision

House bill No. 1010 has been the subject of many letters which I have received. This bill would eliminate the inventory tax and would replace the money lost with a 1½ percent business tax.

to my daughter's husband. While he agreed with some of my sentiments, he said, "Dad, if you release that, remember you can't get it back." And you know, I agreed with him and put that little article in the fire and put it out through the chimney. Writing it did me almost as much good as if I had released it.

Oh well, perhaps I can think of a much more gentle way to get it off my chest. Will sure try.

—A. A. BRATTON
P.S. I really enjoy Stan's refreshing style in looking at athletics and reporting the sports column.

Bible Missionary Revival Services To Begin Tonight



The Rev. Spencer Johnson

Bible Missionary church, located at Second and Beech avenue, has scheduled special evangelistic meetings beginning tonight and continuing through Feb. 26.

The Rev. Spencer Johnson of Duncan, Okla., is evangelist for these meetings. He is also editor of "The Missionary Revivalist," the church's official paper.

Raymond Edwards of Nampa will be song evangelist for the services each evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Noble V. Hunt, local pastor, and congregation cordially invite all to attend.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those who through deed and thought aided us during the last illness and death of our beloved son and brother, Bradley Ward. Our special gratitude goes to Father Baumgartner and members of St. Bridget's Altar society. May God bless you.

—Mr. and Mrs.
James E. Mitchell,
William, Carol Ann,
Marylin, Michel,
Krysten

Feb. Anniversary Fellowship Dinner Held at Local Church

A Methodist all-church dinner was held Feb. 8. Tables were decorated with valentines and silhouettes of Washington and Lincoln. A tiny log cabin set among miniature trees centered the guest table. Members celebrating February birthday anniversaries were Clinton Robbins, Dave Beers and W. W. Foster.

Program consisted of a trombone solo by Dick McPartland, accompanied at the piano by his sister, Kathleen, and a piano solo by Dudley Kurtz. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hurst showed slides of their trip to British Columbia and the Yukon.

Hostesses for the event were Mmes. Clifford Fox, Cecil Evans and Grover Lytle. Mrs. Ethel Harris of South Dakota was a guest. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Lytle are sisters.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness expressed in thought and deed following the death of our daughter, Nanci Joann Smith.

—Mr. and Mrs.
Frank Duane Smith

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the beautiful flowers, cards and many acts of kindness shown us during our recent bereavement. We especially want to thank Jolly Jane club members and the Red Cross for their help.

—Jerry Hunter and Janet
Mr. and Mrs. Horace
Chaney and Family

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I wish to thank my many friends for the letters, cards and gifts I received during my stay in the hospital.

—Sybil Holly

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