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Leader to Visit LDS Conference Slated March 4-5

Elder Mark E. Peterson, a member of the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) in Salt Lake City, will be featured speaker Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5, during a quarterly conference of the Nyssa stake.

Sunday's general sessions, to which the public is invited, will be held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the stake house, West Alberta Ave., Nyssa. Conducting the conference will be Stake President Arvel L. Child.

Elder Peterson is a career newspaperman. He was news editor, managing editor, then editor and general manager of the Deseret News, pioneer daily newspaper in Salt Lake City. He is now president of this large church-owned publishing company. He has served in many civic, community and church assignments.

All conferences held in 1961 will focus emphasis on youth development as part of a special church-wide parents and youth program launched in 1960 by Church President David O. McKay. A parents' session on youth problems is Saturday.

LENTEN SERVICES SLATED

Lenten services will be held March 8 at 8:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran church in Vale.

MINISTERS' MEETING SET

Nyssa Ministerial association will meet March 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the John Briehl home.

CLOTHING CLUB MEMBERS PLAN 4-H WINDOW DISPLAY

Oregon Trail clothing club members voted to prepare a window display at Idaho Power company office in Nyssa when they met Feb. 20. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Orville Hickman.

The group met again Feb. 23 together with Duplicate Cookers 4-H members to complete plans for the window display to remain through National 4-H week in March.

Reports were given at the Monday meeting by Karen Smith and Ellen Saito.

ACTIVITIES REPORTED BY CLOTHING CLUB GROUP

At a recent meeting of Oregon Trail Clothing Club Marilyn Hickman and Ellen Saito were chosen delegates to attend Malheur county government meeting at Vale.

Members of the club attended the leaders' training meeting Feb. 11 in Ontario.

Pam Saito became a member of the organization and recently attended her first meeting.

The group decided to contribute to the March of Dimes.

Clothing reports were given by Karen and Ellen Saito.

—Judy Laurance, Reporter

Christian Action Meeting Scheduled At Episcopal Church

Friday, March 10, is the date set for the next community meeting. Sponsored by a central committee consisting of representatives from various churches of the Nyssa community, this meeting will be of general public interest.

Featured speaker for the March meeting will be Robert Love, Nyssa chief of police. His subject will be "The Youth of Our Community" and will include suggestions and plans for solving some of the current problems.

The public is urged to attend this meeting. Parents of teenage boys and girls are especially invited. The meeting will be held in the social room of the Episcopal church at Fifth and Bower avenue.

CLUB MEMBERS DISPLAY RIBBONS DURING 4-H WEEK

Fourth meeting of Adrian Livestock club was held Feb. 21. The senior group met in the ag building and junior members met in Adrian high school.

During the junior meeting, Mary Laan and Mary Worden gave reports on "Know Your County Government" day, which they attended recently in Vale. Pauline Butler and Effie Laan reported to the senior group on their trip to the county seat. The senior group judged cattle at the Tuesday meeting.

Following the business meetings, a film taken at the 1960 spring dairy show was shown to the group. Members handed in ribbons to be displayed in the window of Looney's Shopping Center during 4-H club week, March 4-11.

—Mary Laan, Reporter.

BUSY FINGERS ORGANIZE; TAMMIE WINN CHOSEN HEAD

Third year 4-H sewing club members held an organizational meeting Jan. 21 in the Adrian grade school.

Tammie Winn was chosen president of the group. Other officers elected were Dixie Fewkes, vice president, and Carol Harper, secretary.

"Busy Fingers" was the name chosen by the group at their Feb. 17 meeting. Members discussed buying of materials and voted to meet every Friday after school.

Next meeting will be March 3 at Adrian grade school.

—Wenona Matthews, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McKinney and sons of Portland spent the weekend with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jennings and girls.

Saturday evening guests at the Jennings home were Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hendry of Glenns Ferry, J. W. Jennings of Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harpham and family of Payette.

Mel Beck spent Monday and Tuesday in Preston, Idaho, on a business trip.

Sen. Yturri Discusses Court's Decision That Lessees Owe Taxes on Grazing Land; Introduces State Bill for Relief

In view of the importance of a recent Supreme court decision, I will defer commencement of the series on reorganization.

The Supreme court of Oregon has tossed a bomb shell that has rudely awakened Eastern Oregon livestock operations. For many, many years, our cattlemen have grazed their livestock on public domain.

Since passage of the Taylor Grazing act back in the early 1930's, our livestock men have had to apply to the Bureau of Land management for a permit or license to graze on federal lands. Grazing districts were created throughout Eastern Oregon. However, much of the federal land, due to location, intermingling of private lands or other reasons, did not adapt itself for inclusion within a grazing district.

"Permit" or "Lease" Therefore, when an application is made for grazing privileges within a district a "permit" is issued to the cattleman. On the other hand, if he applies for permission to graze upon lands that are not within a district, he receives what is called a "lease."

Whether he has a "permit" or a "lease," the cattleman is subjected to substantially the same restrictions. He may only graze a limited number of livestock; he may only graze during specified months, and so forth. In either case, the cattleman has never before had to pay taxes on the real property, owned by the federal government, upon which his cattle graze. Federal lands are exempt from state or county taxation. In the case of private ownership, however, it is the landlord who pays the tax, unless the lease otherwise specifies.

Oregon has a statute — ORS 307.060—which provides that any person who holds a lease on federal lands must pay the taxes on the land. This law has never applied to cover the grazing rights that cattlemen acquire under the Taylor Grazing act.

Grant County Brings Test Case However, Grant county decided to test this law, so an attempt was made to tax the holders of these so-called "leases" on about 40,000 acres. The case was tried, and the Circuit court held that these "leases" were, in fact, nothing more than "permits" that are issued in ordinary grazing districts and consequently not taxable.

On Feb. 8 of this year the Supreme court, in the case of Sprule et al vs. Gilbert, ruled that the rights acquired by the cattlemen under these "leases" were taxable. It was a split decision — 5 to 2.

The majority opinion appears sound on its face and perhaps is right if any weight is given to the titles and words contained in the documents which cattlemen receive. The court ruled that the "leases" transferred certain possessory rights that created something more than a "license" or a "permit."

Nevertheless, in my judgment, the dissenting opinion is not only more realistic, but more correctly analyzes the true situation as it actually exists. I see no logical reason for distinguishing, for tax purposes or otherwise, between a "permit" and a "lease." One involves land within a district and the other does not. There is no difference in the nature of the land involved. Both are used for grazing purposes. The use in each case is limited as to time and the number of livestock permitted. There is no basic difference whatever. Yet, there are over 700,000 acres of such land in Eastern Oregon, not to mention many more thousands of acres of forest lands throughout the state.

Introduces Bill for Relief This situation led me to introduce Senate Bill 417, which will overcome the effect of the Supreme court decision. This bill provides that a leasehold interest of this nature is not subject to ad valorem taxation. Emil Stunz and Bob Smith joined with me on this bill.

It is not my desire to remove any more property from a taxable status than is absolutely necessary. However, these lease interests have not been taxed in the past. I cannot agree to non-existing distinctions. There is no logical reason for treating a "permit" differently from a "lease" in these cases. If the bill passes, the problem will be solved and a group of cattlemen will escape unfair taxation.

Little Regard for Eastern Oregon One of the "big shots" in the labor movement in Portland, who is also a legislator, was speaking of reapportionment a few days ago. He said that "Eastern Oregon is trying to get representation for jack rabbits."

This is typical of the views of many legislators from densely populated areas. They care nothing about Eastern Oregon! They fail to realize that we are people; that we pay taxes; and that we are interested in the state of Oregon! At times I am inclined to think that even the jack rabbits in our area have more common sense than some legislators who scorn them!

Remember, folks, when these big shots come to Eastern Oregon and try to soft-soap our people with words of conservatism and economy—forget their words . . . LOOK AT THEIR VOTING RECORDS . . . therein lies the proof!

Sincerely, ANTHONY YTURRI State Senator

Member Joins Merry Matrons At Recent Meet

By Mrs. Frank Byers

OREGON TRAIL—The Merry Matrons club met Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 22, at the home of Opal Holmes. Eleven members and one guest, Alberta Tinner, were present. Mrs. Tinner joined the club. Games were played with several winning prizes. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Next meeting will be March 8 with Reva Edens as hostess.

Mrs. Glenn Brown and Timmy spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Kenneth Godbout at Ontario.

Mrs. Frank Byers returned home Saturday morning after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Carson and family at El Cerrito, Calif. The Carsons have a new son, James Marlow, born Feb. 8.

Gressleys Return Home Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gressley returned home Thursday after a 2½-month vacation. They spent Christmas with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones and children at Bell, Calif. In January they visited in Florida with Mrs. Gressley's brother at Ft. Pierce and cousins of Mr. Gressley at West Palm Beach. While in Florida they took a number of interesting trips which included Cypress gardens, a tour of a cane sugar refinery, Lake Okeechobee, Miami and the Gold coast. They spent several weeks at their daughter's home in California before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Shuster of Huntington visited Monday at the Robert Holmes home helping their grandson, Bobby, celebrate his seventh birthday anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holmes were afternoon guests for birthday cake and coffee.

Nifty Nitters Meet Nifty Nitters 4-H knitting club met Thursday afternoon at the home of their instructor, Mrs. Alfred Adams. Following the lesson, refreshments were served to 11 members by Kathleen McPartland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Adams and David of Boise spent Sunday afternoon at the Alfred Adams home.

Mrs. Willis Conant is convalescing at the Glenn Brown home after major surgery several weeks ago. Sunday afternoon callers included Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Conant and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Conant and Randy of Caldwell and the Kenneth Godbout family of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seuell were Sunday evening callers at the Woodrow Seuell home.

Dr. Henry A. Jones of El Centro, Calif., is visiting this week at the W. K. Wahlert home.

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.

Ted M. Brammer, Editor Gate City Journal Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Ted:

Although removed from the local scene, we are still much attached in more ways than one. We continue to enjoy the local news and appreciate your editorial comments. I would only express the hope that more than a few read this worthy effort you make in keeping them informed.

Sincerely, Dr. Grant B. Hughes, M.D. 615 Winding Way SE Salem, Oregon

Methodist WSCS General Meeting Scheduled Tonight

General meeting of Methodist WSCS will be held this evening beginning at 8 p.m. Mrs. Frances Bates and Mrs. Leo Gonyer are devotion and program leaders. Iris Bell circle meeting will be held March 9 at the home of Mrs. Meyers at 219 Good avenue.

Jessie Lee circle of Apple Valley will have a "galloping luncheon" March 15. Miss Celia Cowan, retired missionary from Africa now residing in Homedale, will be a guest.

Marlene Harmon and Celia Cowan circles will meet March 16.

Methodist Church News

Methodist youth from Nyssa will attend the interdenominational youth rally in Boise beginning Friday evening, March 3, and continuing until Sunday noon. Sunday morning Methodist youth of the Idaho conference will hold their annual business meeting in Boise First Methodist church.

Parents and teachers of children will have an opportunity for special training March 8, 15 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Nyssa Methodist church. Mrs. Estella Denny, conference director of children's work, will be instructor. This will be a standard leadership course and is open to all with no enrollment fee.

Sunday evening services are being conducted at 8 p.m. in the Nyssa Methodist church during Lent. Meditations on the New Testament book of Romans are especially helpful for youth and adults.

Chapter 5 of Romans will be discussed next Sunday. The Rev. Ludlow's Sunday morning sermon will be entitled "Practicing the Presence of God."

NEEDLE AND THREAD CLUB DISCUSSES MATERIAL

Needle and Thread 4-H club members met Feb. 21 at the home of Mrs. Bill Hamilton. Business meeting was conducted by Karen Main, president. Peggy Lewis led the flag salute and Junia Mitchell was leader of the 4-H pledge.

Marsha Savage gave a demonstration on how to use a sewing machine. The group discussed material to be brought to the next meeting.

—Sheila Huffman, Reporter.

Mrs. Jake Fischer returned home Thursday from Othello, Wash., where she accompanied her sister, Mrs. Bill Lefler and family who moved there. She also spent two days in Quincy visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jake Groot.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee were Sunday dinner guests of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dougal in Boise.

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Revolution Noted by OSC Economist In Way of Living for Aged in U.S.

Rapid and dramatic changes have taken place in "ways of living for the elderly" in recent decades and still more are ahead as the number of older persons increases in the U.S., a retired Oregon State college home economist points out in the November Journal of Home Economics.

Opinions concerning the duty of children for the care of aged parents—and the duty of the parents to conform to what is planned for them—are in the process of reversal, Maud M. Wilson points out in her article.

The reversal has widespread ramifications, she adds, for both old and young.

"In the old days, members of each generation felt it a duty to look after their old folks with the expectation that they in turn would be cared for by their descendants," Miss Wilson added.

"The problem of how the older person lived was relatively simple," she noted. "If he could, he stayed on in the family home with someone to keep it up and care for him. Or he might go to live with a married son or daughter, sharing in the life and work of the household, assured of care when he needed it, but with little freedom to pursue his own interests."

Today, family homes are smaller, fewer have extra rooms suitable for aging relatives and there is less household work for oldersters to do, making them less apt to feel needed, Miss Wilson stated.

"This revolution is hard on the old folks who in their younger days took care of their aging parents in their own homes or who spent their surplus earnings maintaining separate homes for them in turn would be cared for by their children," Miss Wilson wrote. "There are still countless three-generation families, but usually from choice, not necessity."

"Basic to the recommendation for a good life for the older person is that it should be possible for him to maintain his status as an independent and useful person as long as life lasts," she insists in the article.

Home needs and choices of retired persons must be considered, of course, in the light of finances,

health and by preference for the use of leisure time.

The majority of retirees will take it for granted that they will continue to live as they have done during their working years, the article said. To reduce the labor involved in operating a home, they may see possibilities in remodeling and adding mechanical equipment for greater comfort and convenience and in the use of more commercial services such as laundry, housecleaning, yard work, etc.

Specially planned housing makes living easier, provides greater companionship for older people in many cases, and lets them remain independent. Retirement homes and retirement villages, apartments planned for older persons and progressive nursing homes are new concepts that have come about, Miss Wilson said.

About 10 percent of the "mobile home" owners in the U.S. are retirees and trailer manufacturers expect this group to grow in size, she noted. In some areas trailer parks have been made a part of overall-community planning.

Old age, like other phases of life, is marked by change, not only in physical condition but in outlook, ambitions and desires, Miss Wilson pointed out. This certainty of change points up the desirability of "readily changed living arrangements," she stressed. There is need also for a period in which a contemplated living arrangement can be tried out before the shift is made permanent.

Miss Wilson suggests that the home economics profession can help with design and arrangement of housing for older persons by research on how specific features are evaluated by representative old people of various cultural and income groups.

Miss Wilson was formerly in charge of home economics research at OSC before her retirement and is author of numerous publications on household planning and management.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Corbett of Fenn, Idaho, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Beers.

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