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Let's Get the Picture in Focus!

Migrant laborers in Malheur county have again come in for an unusual amount of attention by Portland interests.

In our July 6 issue we carried the story, "Welfare Official Wants Look at Migrant Worker," taken from the Portland Reporter, in which it was intimated that Amalgamated Sugar company should be responsible for the welfare of 1400 migrant laborers they aided in getting into the county to care for agricultural crops. Along with this we carried the explanation of the company and gave background showing why it was impractical for the unemployed of Oregon to replace these workers.

Now we have come in for some more adverse publicity from three articles appearing in the Oregonian of July 9, 10 and 11.

They were written by Joe Bianco, the paper's agricultural editor, who, with the help of a local party, succeeded in getting into the Nyssa labor camp under the guise of a migrant worker. The title of his three articles was "I Was a Migrant Worker" with a sub-head that he bore poverty in field labor.

The Labor Camp Picture

We have covered the local labor camp in previous articles and shown the improvements that have been made in the physical property by the county farm labor sponsoring association. And before the four camps in the county were occupied this spring a tour was conducted with the public invited. The people of Malheur county are familiar with the camps, and while not what might be desired, are no cause for apology.

Most of the information in Bianco's articles was true. It was not sufficiently complete to give an accurate picture for those living outside the area. (But even an agricultural editor of the Oregonian cannot learn sufficient in three days time and three hours of field labor to picture the life of a migrant worker.)

In the opening paragraph of his first article he refers to "the tin, rust and stench," saying the Snake river washes the "filth from the weedy shore of the labor camp." This was not a correct picture. We made another inspection of the area and found only weeds and dead brush lining the shores of the river adjoining the camp. The stench he spoke of might have come from his believing an overflowing irrigation ditch was an open sewer ditch. He should have known better as Nyssa's newly completed sewage disposal plant adjoins the camp on the south at the river's edge.

Why Labor Crews Get Priority

If he intended to criticize the practice of giving first choice to labor contractors and their crews, he apparently did not know that these laborers had been planned for and received the approval of state employment agencies of both Oregon and Texas to guarantee a sufficient supply of labor when needed.

It was Bianco's second article and part of the full page of pictures that offends us. His written references to: (1) "the long dirt road to the camp latrine, (2) \$4.50 weekly rental for cabins, (3) filling his canteen in town and carrying to the camp, (4) the \$1 per hour received for cleaning corrugates." All these we resent and wish to clarify.

His cabin was about as far as possible to be from two latrines (about 85 yards) and the wind would stir up dust. The \$4.50 weekly rental does not pay the expense on upkeep of the cabins, according to the sponsoring group. This is the amount paid whether housing a single individual or an entire family. The gas charge was \$2 and not \$1.50 as he said.

The canteen he so "conveniently" filled in Nyssa contained the same city water as used in the labor camp. He had an outside hydrant 30 feet from the front door of his cabin.

The \$1 per hour he received for a "hot, grueling job in the field" was probably high-priced labor for Mr. Schenk. Not knowing what a corrugate was and not being hardened to field work or the heat of our desert sun, he probably accomplished little in the time employed.

As for the pictures... Camp Manager Bill Smiley said the cabin had not been cleaned after departure of the previous occupant. But he said this was not too unusual since many checked out of the camp without giving notice—just as Bianco did. The manager said tenants were to keep the cabins as clean as they desired and noted that when Bianco left his was still uncleaned.

Smiley also said that while many refinished mattresses had been placed in the camp prior to the spring opening very few could now be found that were not stained—and most of them not from rain dripping through a leaky roof.

We believe Bianco could have gotten more accurate information had he let himself be known and inquired of the proper authorities, than he did drawing his own conclusions based on improper information. He could have told of the facilities available for the workers in the two utility buildings, of the space available for the Catholic father, of the play room and toys for the little ones, of the shows and dances held in the camp, of the weekly free clinic held by county health authorities in space provided in the administration building, and of the amount of improvement made in the camp in recent years.

The neighboring county papers have carried articles covering the situation and we hope some of these reach the Oregonian and are printed to clear up the picture of our labor camp and our treatment of the migrant laborer.

Farewell Service Scheduled Sunday For C. Roberts



Elder Clyde A. Roberts

A farewell testimonial service for Elder Clyde A. Roberts will be held at 6 o'clock Sunday evening, July 23, at Nyssa LDS church.

Main speakers during the service will be Paul Wynn, Dix B. Roberts and Clyde W. Jackson.

Special musical selections will be furnished by Mmes. Walker Low, Clarence Lee, Blaine Holladay and Lou Wettstein.

Elder Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Snoden Roberts of route 2, Parma, will leave Aug. 14 when he will enter the LDS mission home in Salt Lake City. He plans to spend a year on a Central Atlantic States mission for the LDS church.

Friends of the family are invited to attend this Sunday evening service.

Terry Martin Named Best All-Around Boy At Nazarene Camp

Church of the Nazarene boys' camp was held last week at Payette Lakes. The Rev. Omar Barnhouse of the local church was junior high director for the Idaho-Oregon conference.

A record attendance of 188 boys between the ages of 9 and 14 attended camp.

Among those present were Terry Martin, Richard Maine, Curtis Reece, Steven Reece, Larry McArdle, Jimmy Langley and Lonnie Barnhouse from the local church.

At the conclusion of camp eight boys were chosen by camp counselors as being the best all-around boys throughout the entire camp. Lonnie Barnhouse and Terry Martin were two of the eight best boys. Terry Martin was chosen best boy of the camp and honors were extended to him.

ATTEND COVE SERVICES

The Rev. Armand Larive, minister of St. Paul's Episcopal church, was ordained elder July 11 at Episcopal church in Cove. Mmes. Jake Fischer, Eddie Taylor, Artie Robertson, A. C. Sallee, David Sarazin, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rinehart, Jan and Gretchen and Vicki Maxfield attended the service.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS CONDUCTED AT CALDWELL

Methodist WSCS school of missions was held July 10-14 at Caldwell with 122 registered for the four-day session.

Courses of study included Latin America, home missions, Christian social relations and meaning of suffering.

Mmes. Paul Ludlow, Dale Garrison, W. W. Foster and Miss Sally Evans attended from the local church.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH LEAVE SUNDAY FOR CHURCH CAMP

Mr. and Mrs. Don Strickland, Mrs. Kenneth Pond and Mrs. Rollo Kent went to Cove Sunday to take junior high members of the Christian church to camp.

Mrs. Glen Strickland is camp counselor. Students attending are Edena Hastings, Jackie Strickland, JoAnne Strickland, Marjorie Morton, Carolyn and Marilyn Pond. They will return home this weekend.

Norland Family Members Hold July 9 Reunion

By Mrs. Waldo Smalley

APPLE VALLEY—Mrs. Martha Norland and nine children had a family reunion Sunday, July 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Norland in Caldwell.

There were 60 members present including Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norland of Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Norland, Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Norland, Home-dale; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephen and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stephen, both of Owyhee; Mrs. Grover Findley and two boys of Madras, Ore., who visited until Tuesday with her mother; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Norland of Umatilla, who also visited four days; and Palmer Norland, who lives with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Nicely and family of Baker, Ore., were weekend house guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin. Nicely was a participant in the Nyssa Nite Rodeo Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griffin of Nyssa were Friday guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin and family.

Don Boston was home Sunday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston. He has been working on a hay baler in Jordan Valley with his uncle, Ed Brumbaugh, doing custom hay baling.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slippy of Boise were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moran and Suzanne spent the weekend at Silver City camping and visiting historic places.

John Moran of Kaysville, Utah, and Glenn Bell of Ogden stopped Friday morning for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moran. They were enroute to La Grande, Ore., and Everett, Wash., where they were to install two neon signs in each city.

Visit at Honey Home

The Rev. and Mrs. George Geesey and children of Anchorage, Alaska, and Mr. and Mrs. David Barnhart and family of Melba were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey. Mrs. Geesey and children will be house guests all week of her sister, Mrs. Honey, while the Rev. Geesey is in southern Idaho.

Mrs. Katie Morris was a Sunday dinner guest of her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pierce of Boise spent a recent weekend camping and fishing along a stream near McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hawkins and family of Melba were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sells. David Sells returned home with them. His parents went to Melba Wednesday to bring him home.

Released From Hospital

Mrs. Angelo Marostica, Sr., was released recently from the Ontario hospital and is staying with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Marostica and family of Ontario, while they are doing some remodeling work in her home. Her daughter, Julia, who was here caring for her mother, has returned for duty in a Salt Lake City hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Endsley are grandparents of a baby boy born July 7 to their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Don Poulson of Parma. The baby weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and has been named Michael Ray. Mrs. Endsley has been helping care for the baby the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Price and family of Arco were guests last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. David Bay and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Price. They also visited their son, Larry, who has employment here and is living with the Bay family this summer.

Return From Camping Trip

Mr. and Mrs. David Bay returned Tuesday from a four-day camping trip in Garden Valley, Bear Valley and Deadwood. Mr. and Mrs. Heyward Jack of Deadwood went camping with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Henshaw

LOCAL GIRLS ATTEND NAZARENE CHURCH CAMP

Church of the Nazarene camp for girls is being held this week at "Victory Cove" camp near McCall. Mrs. Omar Barnhouse is junior high director.

Mrs. Roy Wild took the girls to camp Monday morning. Attending from the local church are Linda Price, Cindy Price, Anita Maine, Cheryl Anderson, Louise Pattee and Gail Reece. They plan to return home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Shields and Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Reading of Siloam Springs, Ark., visited last week at the Asa Winchester home. Weekend guests at the Winchester home were Mrs. Shields' brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burden and children of Seattle.

Miss Marilyn Mills and Joe Mills of Sulphur Springs, Ark., are visiting their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Winchester and family.

Mrs. Alta Webster was a recent weekend guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith.

GUESTS AT SMITH HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Duston Sample of Los Angeles and Mrs. Josie Bunch of Lincoln, Kan., visited recently at the home of the ladies' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Perrigo of Fruitland were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey.

of Caldwell were Sunday guests of Miss Gertrude Hicks and Mrs. Elsie Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willis of Middleton were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sandy. Mrs. Sandy has been helping her mother care for her father, Grover Willis of Nyssa, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Stander were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Smith at Boise.

Shirley Seward accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders to McCall Sunday, where she will be a counselor this week in the Nazarene church girls' camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bushnell and family of San Diego, Calif., were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jed Googing. They were enroute to their home from Spokane where they had been visiting a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell spent a recent weekend fishing and camping on the south fork of the Weiser river and report excellent fishing.

Mrs. Elaine Hicks and three children of The Dalles, Ore., returned home last week after a three-week visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Russell, who took them home by car.

Book Editor to Give Morning Message At Nazarene Church



The Rev. Norman R. Oke

The Rev. Norman R. Oke will be guest speaker during the morning worship service July 23 in Nyssa Nazarene church.

He is a former pastor and district superintendent and is book editor of the Nazarene publishing house in Kansas City, Mo. In this position, Mr. Oke has supervision of all manuscripts for devotional reading, textbooks and other books published there.

He became book editor in 1955 after serving for seven years as director of Christian service training program of the church.

A son of a circuit riding Methodist preacher, Mr. Oke was born in Manitoba, Canada, and spent his early life there. Upon graduation from Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa, he became pastor at North Powder, Ore. He also served as pastor in Portland, Ore., Everett, Wash. and Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

RETURN TO CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gould of San Diego, Calif., returned home July 7 after spending 10 days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Storm.

Faith Lutheran Youth Attend Camp Session

The Misses Janelle Neiger and Janis Baker are attending the senior session of Blue Mountain Lutheran Bible camp this week near Elgin.

Next week, July 23-29, camp will be held for students who will be in the eighth and ninth grades next fall. Those enrolled to date from the local Lutheran church are Wayne Overstake and Billy LaBounty.

During the week of July 30 to Aug. 5, junior camp will convene for fifth, sixth and seventh grade students. Several from Faith Lutheran church are planning to attend. Pastor John Briehl will serve as an instructor during this session.

TO CONDUCT SERVICES

The Rev. O. Rex Lindemood of Fruitland Methodist church will be guest speaker Sunday at the Nyssa church. The Rev. Paul Ludlow is attending youth camp this week at Wallowa.

MRS. R. SCHOEN HOSTS LUTHERAN LADIES GROUP

Ladies of Faith Lutheran church met July 10 at the home of Mrs. Ronald Schoen for their regular monthly meeting. Devotions were led by Mrs. K. A. Danford.

Following the business portion of the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess.

Next meeting will be held Aug. 14 at the home of Mrs. Ben Storm.

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