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Inventory Time . . .

A November news story appearing in the Lebanon (Ore.) Express is worthy of study by every Nyssa businessman, since it points out hazards faced by most small towns and offers some suggestions to overcome them.

Rusty Hampton, a prominent executive of Westores, Inc., told the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce members, "You are dying and don't know it. What's happening to you is happening to many other small towns."

He warned the group that (1) mass merchandising systems are increasing by leaps and bounds and are creating a revolution in merchandising, (2) superhighways are changing the face of your main street, and (3) the average small town merchant has a negative, defeatist attitude, is complacent about changes and won't cooperate in city-wide promotional activities.

Hampton outlined a program to generate business activity and closed with the warning that the success of such programs in any community is directly dependent upon the participation of EVERY business—NO EXCEPTIONS.

We can see a need for an awakening here in Nyssa. Less than one-half the people who should be active in the Chamber of Commerce are paying members (and in some cases they have not been asked to join or pay their dues). There is little actual business transacted at the weekly meetings—the board of directors do not meet regularly (some have forgotten they are on the board, or if they remember, do not know what committees they have been assigned) and it is difficult to get anyone to serve. Evidence of this may be found in the nomination for the 1963 board of a man who lives in a neighboring town and has no established business here. He is a real nice young man whom we like but we should not have to go to our neighboring towns to get someone to help us manage our affairs.

It's time we wake up—take inventory of what we have and start building from there. Our Chamber should not be limited to just merchants but should include every job holder in these businesses. If the business fails, his job is gone, and with enough of these failures, his property decreases in value and he, too, is loser.

Shall we unite and pull together—or lose separately?

Bazaar and Luncheon Scheduled Saturday By Methodist Ladies

"An Old-Fashioned Christmas" is the theme for the bazaar sponsored by Methodist Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. The annual event will be held Saturday, Dec. 1, in the church social hall.

Each circle is planning a booth. Needlework of all kinds, including a rug, lace tablecloth and an afghan, will be available. Other items include baked goods, candies and articles for children and babies.

A "white elephant" booth will be a new feature this year. Articles from everyone will be accepted. Small pieces of furniture, dishes, ceramics, jewelry, novelty and gift items are desired.

A luncheon during the noon hour is traditionally a part of the day's activities with Mmes. George Coleman, Sherman Wilson, Earl Boston, H. Holmes, Kinsey Keever and Orland Cheldelin planning the menu. Turkey loaf, cranberry salad, hot rolls, coffee and applesauce cake will be served.

Mrs. Sherman Wilson is general chairman with representatives from each circle assisting in planning the event.

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Judge Don Graham Discusses Merits Of Justice Courts in Malheur County

To the Editor
Nyssa Gate City Journal:

The Malheur County Bar association, an organization composed of 17 Malheur county lawyers, has filed with the Malheur County court a petition asking the Malheur County court to organize and establish a district court for Malheur county at the county seat, which is Vale, Ore., and the county court has set the fifth day of December, 1962 at the Malheur county courthouse, as the time and place for a public hearing concerning this important matter. The present population of Malheur county is not more than 24,000 people.

The petition filed by the Malheur County Bar association is based on Oregon Revised Statutes No. 46.025—Creation of District Court in Counties.

Oregon Revised Statutes No. 46.026—Postponement of organization of certain district courts created under ORS No. 46.025—states:

(1) The establishment and organization of a district court in a city under ORS 46.025 is postponed:

Must Meet Requirements

(a) Until the expiration of the elective or appointive term of justice of the peace in office in the city at the time it first meets the requirements of ORS No. 46.025, unless the justice of the peace is qualified to be a judge of the district court.

In view of the simple, concise and understandable language expressed in the above-quoted Oregon Revised Statutes Nos. 46.025 and 46.026, it is my humble personal opinion that Malheur county has this date, not met the requirements of ORS No. 46.025. Therefore, ORS No. 46.026 is effective to its fullest extent; therefore, the county court of Malheur county does not and should not give the least consideration to the petition to create a district court in Malheur county, filed by Martin P. Gallagher, Esq., as president of the Malheur County Bar association on its behalf.

This is my personal opinion based on the true fact that Justice of the Peace Mary F. Graham of the Vale District Justice court has two more years to serve as the duly elected and qualified justice of the peace for the Vale District Justice court, and the further fact, that Judge Mary F. Graham is not qualified to be a judge of a district court, she not being a lawyer as required by the law of the state of Oregon.

Competent Justice of Peace

This, however, does not reflect on her ability as justice of the peace for the Vale District Justice court, as it is a well-established fact that Judge Graham is well-qualified and competent to carry out the whole duties imposed upon her as justice of the peace in accordance with the requirements of the law of the state of Oregon, as the record of her court will show.

At the public hearing to be held on Dec. 5, 1962, the Malheur County Bar association members will present statements, intending to show that should a district court be established at Vale, that the taxpayers of Malheur county will be saved considerable money and that the administration of justice will be better served.

They possibly will present other statements not based on facts, but purely presumption out of the minds of some lawyers in support of their petition, which in my opinion is simply an effort on their part to control and monopolize the judicial system of courts in Malheur county for their benefit and convenience, with a complete disregard to the benefit, privilege and convenience of the almost 24,000 people residing in Malheur county.

People Must Pay
While it is true that the law is not set up for the convenience of the people, but for their protection, the fact remains that in setting up a judicial system the convenience of the common people should be considered in their access to our courts. Lawyers by their fee system are paid for travel expense; whereas, the common people have to pay out of their own pockets the cost for travel expense to and from our courts.

As for saving the taxpayers money in the event that a district court is established at Vale and that justice will be better served by having all courts at Vale, please do not allow this argument to influence you in the least, for the very good reason that these arguments are not based on fact. Neither are they true in every respect. This court, during the past almost 16 years, has had before it 14,000 cases, many of them serious cases, both criminal and civil. And to date there has never been an appeal made from the judgment of this court. This is more than our circuit court can stand on at the present time. Therefore, where could justice be better served than as at present

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 necessarily signify agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Dear Editor:

In September someone entered the Nu Acres Grange hall and took all of the dishes, silverware, kitchen utensils, dish towels, an 80-cup coffee maker, a large gas grill and a new 50-star flag.

Since this building is used as a community hall, for election and for family gatherings, as well as for grange activities, it should be a real blow to the whole community. Grange members have been wondering if it is worth the effort to keep this hall any longer.

Members of different Granges that make up the Payette-Washington Pomona Grange have decided to help out by bringing dishes and money to help restock the hall. On Dec. 6 at 8:30 p.m. they will hold this shower, bringing a program and potluck lunch with them. The Unity Grange of Weiser has taken the leadership in this project and Mrs. Calvin Webb of Weiser is acting chairman. All Grangers are welcome.
CLARENCE N. NEELY, Sr.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude to all staff members of Malheur Memorial hospital, to Dr. David Sarazin and to all of our friends who cared for and showed kindness to our beloved mother.

—The Children and Grandchildren
Of Mrs. Ada Harrison

CARD OF THANKS

We express our appreciation to Dr. K. E. Kerby, the nurses at Malheur Memorial hospital and other members of the staff and to our friends for the many kindnesses expressed during the illness and following the death of our mother.

—The Family
Of Mrs. Ida Ward

I am sure that all taxpayers will agree with me in this respect.

Justice Courts Show Profit

I hope and believe that this county will grow in the next five to ten years to the point where we will have a district court at Vale, also a juvenile court and a probate court. We are not ready for a district court at this time, however, and certainly not at the expense of abolishment of the justice courts in Malheur county, which are serving the public in a worthwhile manner and in accordance with the law. These justice courts are paying the total cost of operation, including the judges' salaries, besides making a great profit for Malheur county.

In closing—
The Honorable Tom C. Clark, associate justice of the United States Supreme court, said recently during a speech before the American Bar association at St. Louis, Mo.:

"There can be no more important traffic in this whole land than the traffic courts. Respect for law and respect for court indeed begins right at this level."

So I say: What more can be said in favor of justice courts. Let's keep our justice courts and in time, when necessary, let's create a district court.

Respectfully,
DON M. GRAHAM
Justice of the Peace
Nyssa District

Residents of Area Observe Holidays With Typical Thanksgiving Events

Mrs. Tom Jayo and Anna Marie were Thanksgiving day dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moncur.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook and family of McKenzie Bridge, Ore., visited during the holiday weekend with his mother, Mrs. Angie Cook. They were all Thanksgiving day dinner guests of relatives in Emmett.

Jim Danford, a student at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande, spent the holiday weekend with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Danford, Mary and David. Mrs. C. T. Bartholomew was also a Thanksgiving dinner guest in the Danford home.

Thanksgiving day dinner guests in the Paul House home were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lewis of Portland and his mother, Mrs. Alice Lewis of Gresham, Miss Bonnie House of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnes and son of Vale, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Marcum and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson were Turkey day dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sweaney and family in Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morgan and family and his mother, Mrs. Jessie Morgan, were guests for Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Clayton Morgan and family in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Daniel of Twin Falls were Nov. 21 overnight and Thanksgiving day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Huffman.

Thanksgiving day dinner guests in the C. T. Blackburn home were their son, George Blackburn and his sons of Long Beach, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Loise Boren and Leonard of Durkee, Dewey Strong and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glenn, Lynn and Stacy. The California guests spent a week visiting in the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Larson and daughter spent Thanksgiving day with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stunz and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gann were hosts at Thanksgiving dinner for Mr. and Mrs. John Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Looney, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ziegenbein and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Winslow and sons of Seattle were holiday weekend guests of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Haburchak and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster entertained with dinner Thanksgiving day for their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sager and family and for their son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Foster and family of North Powder.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Haroldsen and daughter of Boise were Nov. 21 overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Haroldsen. The two couples were Thanksgiving day dinner guests in the Cecil Drinkall home at Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou and family were Thanksgiving guests of his mother, Mrs. Ruby Ballou in Wilder.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydell spent the holiday weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rhodes and family in Milton-Freewater.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Coburn of Boise spent Nov. 19 with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Malloy. Thanksgiving day dinner guests of the Coburns in the Idaho capital city were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Malloy and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Bowns and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Malloy.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee spent Thanksgiving day with her brothers-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. John Dougal and Mr. and Mrs. Al Law in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell entertained with Thanksgiving dinner for her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross, and her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ross, all of Nampa. Mrs. R. G. Larson, Sr., was also a dinner guest in the Mitchell home.

Thanksgiving day dinner guests at the home of Mrs. John Lackey were her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman King of Quincy, Wash., and her granddaughter, Mrs. Patricia Rollins and family of Boise, Violet Brown of Weiser and Andruella Whalen and son of Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Miner entertained for family members with a Thanksgiving dinner. In attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myrick, Russell and Shelley, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Myrick, Mr. and Mrs. Max Dane, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miner, Mrs. Marguerite McNeil, Mrs. Freida Miner, Mrs. Mamie Baker, Jean and Joan and Denny Barton of Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schoen were Thanksgiving dinner guests of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Shane in Caldwell.

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