

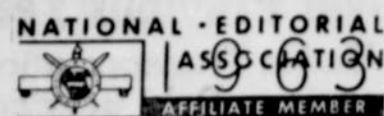
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A Common Predicament!

We appreciate letters to the editor and try to print all received, if in good taste and not libelous, whether we agree with them or not. Our readers don't all believe the way we do and it is their privilege to tell us so on the editorial page.

One such letter is printed elsewhere on this page of the paper. Mr. Grover Lyle of rural Nyssa takes us to task for the wording of a front page school story carried in the last issue of the Journal.

He refers to the first paragraph in which one teacher was named as not being offered a contract for the coming year. He thinks printing the name was wrong and unfair and feels that we and the school board owe the teacher a public apology.

OUR EXPLANATION . . .

The paragraph as carried in the Journal was exactly, word-for-word, the way it was given us by school officials. We do not know the teacher named and certainly had no desire to cause her any embarrassment by printing her name. On the other hand we had no reason for omitting the name from the article as typed and given to us—we don't print just the good and omit the bad news.

We did attempt to contact the superintendent's office about the wording of the article before going to press Wednesday but that was the first day of spring vacation and the office was closed. Efforts to reach the superintendent or the clerk of the school board at their homes were also unsuccessful.

We are glad to offer this explanation and appreciate Mr. Lyle having the courage to express his feeling about this.

The school authorities will have to be the judges as to any action they may take in this matter.

Dedication Service To Be Held Sunday At Methodist Church

A dedication service for two memorials will be held Sunday, March 31, during the 11 o'clock worship hour in Nyssa Methodist church, according to the Rev. Paul Ludlow.

The memorial gifts include an aisle carpet given by T. A. Gall in memory of his wife, Isa Belle Gall.

The other is a new public address system given by relatives and friends of Clifford Fox. The system consists of speakers in the

HOSTS CIRCLE MEETING

Lenora circle of the Methodist WSCS met March 21 at the home of Mrs. Maurice Corey with Mrs. Jesse Elgan as hostess. Nine members and one guest, Mrs. C. A. Wernick, attended the meeting.

Mrs. Clint Simpson, Craig and Sheri of Payette visited Monday afternoon with Mrs. Wayne Simpson.

sanctuary, social hall, parlor, nursery and study, four-speed record player and two microphones.

The public is invited to attend this service.

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.

Nyssa, Oregon
March 24, 1963

Editor and Publisher
The Gate City Journal

Dear Sir:

I wish thus to express privately my disapproval of a thing that your publication did publicly and which I do not think was right.

In the last number there was an article concerning the hiring of teachers for our school for another year. In the first paragraph of that article it was stated that a contract was withheld from one of the teachers. I think that was entirely out of order.

The person might be a poor teacher and it might be entirely in order for the school board to refuse her a new contract. It could be perfectly right for them to inform her privately of the fact and the reasons but to make a public announcement in that way is not kind, to say the least. To embarrass her before her pupils and acquaintances for the remainder of the year is not fair.

In my opinion you, and any member of the school board who brought about such an announcement, owe her an apology.

(No, I am not a typing instructor.)

Very sincerely yours,
GROVER LYLE

March 12, 1963

Dear Friends:

Enclosed you will find check for subscription to the paper. Please send for as long as check will cover.

Hello to all you good folks. Just move away and try to get along without the local paper. You'll give up and order it.

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ARNOLD WINKLER
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State Representative Criticizes Secrecy On Civil Defense

Governor Hatfield's bleeding for a sloppily-run Civil Defense agency and his unwarranted secrecy about the corruption in his own National Guard point to a lack of honesty with the voters of Oregon. His actions are certainly no recommendation for his nomination to the White House.

Preserving his image appears more important to Governor Hatfield than economy and efficiency in government.

No one but the governor is responsible for the appointment of the late Adjutant General Alfred E. Hintz to the National Guard. Hintz's dubious reputation at the time of appointment was apparent to everyone but the governor.

The governor, too, is to be held primarily accountable for the failures of the state Civil Defense agency in the Oct. 12 storm. He is the commander in chief of the National Guard and he is responsible for the function of Civil Defense in war or natural disasters.

Apparently this politically skillful governor uses his best talents to campaign for political office.

Historical Play To Be Presented By Parma Group

A history of the Nyssa - Parma area will come alive Friday and Saturday nights, March 29-30, in the Parma high school gymnasium when a cast of 32 students and adults present "A Prologue to Parma." Curtain time is 8 o'clock.

A highlight of the act dealing with Old Fort Boise days is a 28-foot canvas depicting a view of the inner court of the old fort.

The play leads up to the massacre which reputedly occurred on the Snake river a few miles south of Nyssa.

Setting for the last act is St. Paul, located just south of Nyssa across the Snake river during the construction of the railroad bridge in 1882-83. The construction camp is a proper setting for the final appearance of the bad man of the West, Clancy O'Toole, around whose antics the play has been written.

Directors of the play are Elmo and Lucile Peterson, with the latter having written the script. The performance is being presented as a part of the Idaho Centennial celebration.

CHURCH GROUP TAKES HIKE

Members of a class from the Nyssa Christian church hiked last Friday evening to the Maurice Corey home south of Nyssa where they held a wiener roast near the Snake river. They then saw the Corey's collection of rocks and were shown color slides of the river and Succor creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton and Timmy called later and took the youngsters home.

In the important details of appointment to and administration of vital agencies of government whose duties are to provide for the safety of the people of Oregon, Governor Hatfield is either unqualified or lacking in energy to do a first rate job.

The governor's plea of ignorance of the facts is not defensible because the governor received many and frequent progress reports on the extent of corruption in the National Guard as it was uncovered by the secretary of state during the audit made in the general election campaign period.

Refuses Investigation

The governor's fear of damage to his political profile and possible loss of the last election is evidenced by his refusal to permit his own legal department to investigate the extent of National Guard thievery in order to prosecute and recover to the state the misappropriated funds.

The fact that the governor would condone by silence the personal and wanton use of taxpayers' dollars by one of his appointees is a breach of the public trust. In the face of audited facts, the governor publicly ridiculed his own attorney general and branded his request for authority to clean up the mess "politically motivated."

The state had better take a good long look at a governor who permits a shockingly slipshod organization in Civil Defense to endanger lives by its inability to function in a crisis. This agency has cost the taxpayers \$3.5 million in 14 years, one of the highest per capita in the nation.

Communications Unmanned

When a governor calls a budget of \$400,000 "conservative" and the budget doesn't even make provision for around the clock manning of a communications system, the GOP had better find a presidential hopeful more able to meet defense and security squarely and realistically.

The recent disclosure by Joseph Vogt, radio operator, that none of the clique of high ranking retired military officers on the Civil Defense payroll could operate the radio equipment in an emergency and that no standby operator had been provided is shocking.

Civil Defense is being defended by the governor for the same reasons that he remained silent about the corruption in the National Guard during his reelection campaign. He doesn't want his national political image to be damaged by an open admission of the facts.

BEULAH HAND
State Representative

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Funeral Rites Held At LDS Stake House For Donna Peterson



DONNA JANE PETERSON

Funeral services for Donna Jane Peterson, 15, were conducted Tuesday afternoon, March 26, 1963, at Nyssa LDS stake house with Bishop Howard R. Bair officiating. Donna Jane succumbed Friday, following an extended illness.

Invocation was given by Osmon P. Williams and the obituary was read by Bishop Bair. Maurice C. Glover rendered a vocal solo, "O My Father" and was accompanied by Mrs. Dorothea Lewis. Remarks were made by Nell B. Bair and speaker was D. Hubert Christensen.

"Prayer Perfect" was sung by a quartet comprised of Sherry Glenn, Marilyn Lewis, Janice Bowers and Virginia Lewis, accompanied by Karen Bybee. Bishop Clyde Hipwell gave the benediction. Prelude and postlude music was played by Susan Schenk.

Donna Jane was born Oct. 4, 1947, at Caldwell Memorial hospital, the second child of C. Grant and Mildred Marie Bensen Peterson. She was a healthy, happy baby at time of birth and when she was nine days old, came with her parents to Nyssa.

At the age of three weeks, she was found to have physical difficulties and underwent surgery at six weeks of age.

When she was 2½ years old, her parents moved to Grandview, Idaho, where they remained for three years. Upon their return to Nyssa, Donna started to school in the first grade and was apparently well until the latter part of her third year.

Beginning in 1958, Donna Jane underwent many major surgeries but remained a happy child. While at Doernbecker hospital in Portland, she was crowned queen of the hospital and at that time Miss Oregon of 1960 called on her and posed for a picture with her. Many wonderful doctors, nurses and friends came into her short life and she was always so very appreciative of all their kindnesses.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by one brother, Myron Grant; a sister, Georgia Lee, both of the home. Also surviving are her grandparents, Mitchell and Maud Peterson and many other relatives.

Concluding services were con-

Apple Valley PTA Elects New Officers At March 21 'Talent Night' Meeting

"Talent Night," one of the most interesting programs of the year, was presented at the Apple Valley PTA meeting on March 21. The session was called to order by President Helen Wilson with the reading of "A Child's Version of Our PTA Objects."

During the regular business meeting, Arnie Finkbeiner announced that the school had received two tumbling mats instead of one as had originally been planned. They were purchased through generous donations of several families and a check for a matching amount from the school district. Balance will be paid by the PTA.

Room count was taken and won by Finkbeiner's room. Mrs. Leona Sandy was winner of the door prize.

An announcement was made that the regular meeting will convene one week later than the usual date and will be held April 25.

Bert Sandy, nominating committee chairman, reported the following as their choice for officers for the coming year: Mrs. Helen Wilson, president; Mrs. Yoshia Kora, vice president; Mrs. Marie Hopkins, secretary; and Mrs. Dollie Iiams, treasurer.

There were no nominations from the floor and it was voted

ducted at Nyssa cemetery under direction of Lienkaemper funeral home with dedication of the grave by Clifford Medford and a family prayer by Glen W. Peterson.

Pallbearers were J. O. "Brig" Olsen, Thomas V. Moore, Ralph Talbot, Marion Glenn, Jerry Hendricks and Daryl Williams. Flower girls were friends of the deceased.

unanimously to accept the slate of officers. Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hopkins will be serving second terms in their respective offices and Mrs. Kora and Mrs. Iiams, their first.

First "talent" on the program was a skit by two members of the cast of "Prologue to Parma," Elmo Peterson and Arthur Yenness presented some very "unusual" facts about the earlier days of the community and issued an invitation for all to attend the play March 29-30.

Vocal solos were rendered by Gary Seward and Patty Wagner, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Dwight Seward. Joyce Piercy was accompanied on the piano by her sister, Ellen.

Piano solos were played by Marilyn Mann, Brenda Bay and Raymond Sandy. The Misses Mann and Bay also played a piano duet.

A flute solo was given by Margaret Seward, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. LeRoy Seward.

Marilyn Wilson entertained with an accordion solo and Val Nielsen did a tap dance number. Readings were given by Frank Zim-dars and Matthew Kora.

The 4-H band also appeared with Bobby Hopkins playing the drums; Carol Ann Booth, piano; Ellen Piercy, accordion; Jackie Millhollin and Percy Booth were vocalists with Jim Hopkins portraying a girl singer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward, dressed in Centennial costumes and accompanied by Mrs. Seward on the ukelele, sang the closing number, after which they asked the audience to join them in singing "When You and I Were Young Maggie."

Refreshments were served by fourth grade mothers.



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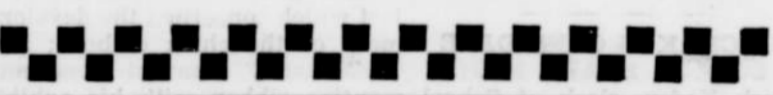
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