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Death Brings Union

It is doubtful if the people of the United States have ever been any more unified, in times of peace, than they have been since the death of President John Kennedy Friday, Nov. 22. And certainly they have never had so many details of events before and after his death as they have on this occasion.

Newspapers, magazines, television and radio have put in days telling of the event and expressing the feelings and thoughts of people in the cities, country and villages. All, regardless of political party or religion, have come together in common grief over the loss of our national leader.

We could disagree with his political philosophy and still admire and like him as a man. One reads that he was a wonderful husband and family man. We believe the biggest loss is to those of his immediate family who miss him most and will miss him longest.

Blame should not be centered upon the people of Dallas for what transpired. It could have, and does, happen every day throughout the nation—the difference is that it has not happened to one of our presidents in the lifetime of most of us. But they, too, are mortal and we believe that President Kennedy would be one of the first to acknowledge that anyone who had been as controversial as he, during his presidency, was in continual danger, from madmen.

Nor do we share the feeling of some few that our country will "go to pot." Our new president is skilled in the operations of our national government. He has attended most of the important meetings over which President Kennedy presided and is familiar with conditions over much of the globe. He may not do all the things we'd like to have done, or undo some of the things we'd like to have undone, but he is capable of being a forceful leader.

It behooves all of us to stay united as a nation in the days to come as we are united in our grief over the deceased young president.

Overdue Homage

Since Thanksgiving Day this year marks the 100th year that it has been observed as a national holiday, it is fitting that special homage should be paid to the woman whose relentless crusade established it as an official and uniform day of celebration.

For 17 years, Sarah Hale, editor of "Godey's Lady's Book," campaigned to unify the states in common observance of a day of thanks. Despite national contempt in the 19th century for feminine meddling in public affairs, not once did the tiny, but fiery and courageous woman abandon her crusade.

From 1846 to 1863 she pleaded with three presidents (Fillmore, Pierce and Buchanan) and wrote countless editorials in her magazine, fighting for her cause.

By 1849 several states were celebrating Thanksgiving separately; no two states observed the holiday on the same day. Three years later, in 1852, Mrs. Hale had succeeded in having 29 states join in observing Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November as a unified day of thanks.

In 1863 her appeal to a great American crowned her crusade in victory. Through a proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln, the last Thursday in November was established as a day of national thanksgiving.



THE REV. and MRS. ELMER ROSENKILDE

Pastor of Adrian Church Installed At Sunday Service; Reception Held

A special service was conducted in the Adrian Community church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, 1963, at which time the Rev. Elmer E. Rosenkilde was installed as pastor.

Musical portion of the program was comprised of organ prelude and postlude by Mrs. James Phifer, a choir anthem, "Master, Speak!" and congregational singing.

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.

The Gate City Journal:

I agree with the orator (Today Show on TV) who on Tuesday morning condemned the National League officials for not canceling football games while all should have been solemn in mourning the tragic death of our President.

I did not approve of many of President Kennedy's actions and ideas. I think, however, that so much he did and the life he lived was great enough to offset many of the things that may have been wrong or that I did disagree with.

I have my own small filling station and rock shop and need the income from it, but from the very time that it was learned of our President's death, I closed and remained closed until Tuesday morning. The only time that my wife and I (we have no children) did not spend watching and listening to the events of the awful tragedy was while we slept, which was little time.

Now (and I expect criticism), I also think that many children who had been released from attending schools that fateful Monday, were not disciplined as they should have been by their parents.

Instead of considering it a day of sadness and for mourning, some treated it as a holiday. I saw small boys (too small and too young) with guns, killing birds, fighting and other recklessness, instead of seeing and listening to the historic and saddened events of the day.

I may be called old-fashioned but believe that I am at least partially right and that our life is determined by our will, teaching and examples of others. It is certainly our responsibility to analyze the examples and at least try to follow the ones we think are best.

We should be "Here Today for a Better Tomorrow."

—WALTER BURDETTE
 Route 2, Nyssa, Oregon

TO VISIT IN MONMOUTH
 Edward Boydell, Nancy and Kent were Thanksgiving dinner guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydell. Mrs. Edward Boydell planned to spend the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Gessa Hofstetter at Monmouth.

GUESTS IN BOISE
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders and Gail, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Flinders and Randy were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Saunders and family in Boise.

VISIT IN NAMPA
 Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McConnell were Nov. 20 guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Moore in Nampa.

Presbyterian ministers from throughout the valley participated in the service, including the Rev. Stanley T. Banks, moderator of the Presbytery of Boise; the Rev. Wesley Jones, Ontario; the Rev. Wayne M. Douglass, Roswell; the Rev. Howard N. Steward, Nampa; the Rev. Wayne Wardwell, Parma; and the Rev. Raymond L. Wilson, Emmett.

An informal reception was held following the service of installation at the manse.

The Rosenkildes went to Adrian on Nov. 1 from Kamiah, Idaho, where he had served for 7½ years as pastor of that church and also the one at Kooskia. Prior to that time he had been minister for the Presbyterian congregation at Onalaska, Wash.

The Rev. and Mrs. Rosenkilde are both graduates of Oregon State University in Corvallis. The new Adrian pastor received his theological training at the denomination's San Francisco seminary.

The couple has one married son, Carl Edward, who was graduated from Washington State University in Pullman and is now studying for a doctor's degree in physics at the University of Chicago graduate school.

IT'S YOUR LAW

By Oregon State Bar

Why Have Courts?

Our courts exist to settle controversies. Otherwise, an argument over who owns a hog might start a bloodshedding feud, costing many lives.

Disputes between citizens are bound to occur. There must be means for their orderly and peaceful settlement. Whether the argument arises over a line fence, a fist fight or a crash between two cars, the court is equipped to determine the disputants' rights.

Its approach to all problems is the same. First find what happened. Each disputant can tell his story of what took place. He can call witnesses to help him establish his version. The jury then retires and tries to agree on what took place.

In addition to deciding what took place, the jury, if it finds one party at fault, assesses the damages to which the other party is entitled. Their verdict—what the jurors agree on—then goes to the judge who applies the law to the jury's verdict. Sometimes the parties choose to try the case before the judge alone, without a jury.

Our court system has many defects, but it is better than permitting disputants to settle their disputes by force. It is the best system for orderly settlement of disputes that has yet been devised. Without our courts and our laws, we would still be living like a pack of savages.

The importance of the courts was recognized by the drafters of our state constitution, who wrote into it detailed provisions for the establishment and jurisdiction of the courts.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney, who is completely advised of the facts involved. Even a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

ADRIAN CHURCH LADIES BEGIN NEW LESSON SERIES

Fifteen members of the Bible study group of Adrian Community church met on the afternoon of Nov. 20 at the home of Mrs. M. L. Kurtz.

After recently completing a 10-month lesson series, the group started on a new one. Mrs. Martha Judd reviewed the book, "Chinese Ginger Jars."

Nyssa Stake Primary Board Hosts Dinner For Ward Officials

Nyssa Stake Primary board members entertained ward primary presidencies and secretaries at a pre-holiday dinner party Monday evening in the Nyssa stake house.

Games were under direction of Mrs. Eleanor Barlow of Vale and Mrs. Ralph Banner of Nyssa.

Among special guests were Mrs. Rex Tolman of Ontario and Mrs. Joy Bell. The latter was presented a gift in appreciation of her services as stake secretary for the past four years.

A Thanksgiving theme was carried out in decorations and the tables were centered with paper turkeys, bowls of fruit and candy-filled cornucopias. Individual favors were small clothes dusters in autumn shades.

Mrs. Raymond Bower of Vale, Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders and Mrs. Lee Stoker were in charge of the dinner.

Following the dinner, a short business meeting was held, during which time an attendance award was presented to Nyssa First and Huntington wards. All wards went over the top in the Children's Friend magazine drive.

Group singing concluded the evening's activities.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Elementary School Faculty Members

If you were to spend enough time at school to catch its overall general tone and morale, you would observe many reassuring indications that citizenship, as such, is positively taught and practiced.

In the morning you would hear the halls echoing with the Pledge of Allegiance and "America," but impressive as this would be, you wouldn't be assured that students, individually or in groups, are actually developing habits of social responsibility until you saw such evidences. You would witness children being concerned that fair play is practiced for all—those taking money or other items they have found to the office to be claimed by the owner or a child reporting that he has broken a window.

If you would step into a classroom, you would observe committees at work solving problems or formulating decisions with majority rule and minority rights of persuasion.

These and similar incidents, occurring daily, become opportunities for children to learn and live the essence of desirable citizenship. Developing a sense of social responsibility, a part of the education of each child, is a responsibility that must be shared by the home, church and community as well as the school.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

Mrs. J. L. Herriman plans to leave Saturday for Cupertino, Calif., to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Ayres. Mrs. Herriman has sold her home in Nyssa and will establish a new residence near her sister in California.

SOUTH DAKOTANS ARRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kressly and daughters of Lemon, S.D., arrived here Saturday evening to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his mother, Mrs. Wyatt Smith, Mr. Smith and other relatives. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kressly and girls visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kressly and sons in Ontario.

Week-Long Evangelistic Services Begin Sunday at Christian Church

The Rev. Wallace Prowell of the local Christian church has announced evangelistic services during the week of Dec. 1-8, with the exception of Friday evening.

The special services will be held at 7:30 each evening at the Nyssa church with the Rev. B. Ross Evans serving as evangelist. The church is located at Fifth street and Ennis avenue.

The visiting minister will also speak Sunday morning using as his sermon title, "The Words of Jesus."

Other sermon topics to be heard during the week will be, Sunday evening (youth night), "The Question of the Ages;" Monday evening (children's night), "The Prayer Vital;" Tuesday evening (women's night), "A Living Hope;" Wednesday evening (couples' night), "The Supreme Motives;" Thursday evening (men's night), "An Amazing Testimony;" Saturday evening (family night), "What Do You Want?"

Special women's day speaker on Sunday morning, Dec. 8, will be Phyllis Weare. The evening topic will be "Beyond the Sunset."

The guest speaker, retired minister and former state evangelist of Oregon Christian churches, now resides in Hood River. He conducted a meeting at Nyssa in May 1940, soon after the local church was organized.

Nursery care for pre-school children will be available during each service, Pastor Prowell added.

Park Avenue Church Sets Sunday Services

Sunday school and worship services will be held at the Park Avenue Baptist church beginning Dec. 1, according to an announcement by the Rev. E. J. Jenkins. Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. with the worship hour to start at 11 o'clock, the Rev. Jenkins said.

Nyssa residents have stated a preference for Sunday services instead of the Monday evening worship time which had been previously held, the Rev. Jenkins reported.

ARRIVES FROM SPOKANE

Miss Tone Wahlert arrived home early Tuesday morning from Spokane, Wash., to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wahlert and family. Miss Wahlert is a student at Gonzaga university in the Washington city.



REV. B. ROSS EVANS
 . . . Featured Speaker.

'Methodist Story' Is Topic of Program For Circle Meetings

Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service circle meetings were held Nov. 21 in various homes.

Fulton circle met with Mrs. Irma Meyers at the Kenneth Renstrom home with 15 members and two guests in attendance. Mrs. W. W. Foster led devotions and Mrs. Eugene Butzer was program leader.

Lenora circle members met with Mrs. Muri Lancaster and Mrs. Dave Beers assisted as co-hostess. Mrs. Maurice Corey was program leader for the 15 ladies in attendance.

Mrs. Sherman Wilson was hostess to Helen Barns members. Mrs. Waldo Smalley presented the program for the 15 members and two guests.

"The Methodist Story" was program topic for all circles, which told of the five independent Methodist bodies in the United States. A report of the active women's groups belonging to the World Federation of Methodist Women was given at each meeting.

Business pertained to the bazaar which was postponed until Saturday, Nov. 30.

ANNUAL BAZAAR
 AT METHODIST CHURCH SOCIAL HALL
 Saturday, Nov. 30—9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 MERCHANTS' LUNCH—11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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