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What Is a Farmer?

With Nyssa holding a Farmers' Appreciation Day this Saturday, perhaps it would be a good time to take another look at the man and see what he is.

He is not the seedy-looking character that has characterized so many jokes of long ago. He no longer uses a team of horses to pull a single turning plow while he walks behind. He does not use a single stock plow to make the furrow for the seed—nor is it dropped by hand into the row. And he doesn't cultivate the row crops with a double-shovel plow or a one-horse spring-tooth scratcher.

With farms becoming larger and more mechanized, he has had to become an educated specialist. He may have gotten his education in the school of hard knocks but he has gotten it if he has made a success of this business.

He is now an executive, a scientist, a mechanic, a bookkeeper, a purchasing agent, a salesman, a personnel director—and above all, a hard worker who does not know too much about the 35 or 40-hour weeks spoken of by union labor.

What he is also depends upon where you stand.

To His Wife—He's a big eater, a heavy sleeper and a worry.

To His Children—He's a man who, too often, has a chore for them.

To His Minister—He's a believer in God.

To a Politician—He's a man to make friends with during this election year.

To the Insurance Agent—He's a big risk.

To the Mechanic—He's a mechanical wizard who can do anything.

But to All of Us in an agricultural community like Nyssa, he's the most important man in this territory. He's our bread and butter, day in and day out through the year. He's our friend and neighbor—you might say he is a God-send . . . and we do appreciate him!

GUEST EDITORIAL—

We Sure Showed HIM

The immediate, resolute and massive American retaliation following Castro's shut-off of the water supply at the Guantanamo Naval Base should certainly be a source of comfort to those nations around the world who have cast their lot with the Western powers. As nearly as we can determine, American reaction was divided into two parts: within hours of the Cuba action Secretary of State Rusk publicly accused Castro of violating an agreement, which certainly put him in his place, and following this, the Defense department announced plans to build a water conversion plant at Guantanamo which certainly put the American taxpayer in his place.

In addition to the brilliant action already taken, we would suggest that the U. S. take two additional steps:

1. Warn the Communist world that if they do not change their ways we will absolutely refuse to give trading stamps with the free wheat we are shipping to Russia.

2. Warn Castro in the strongest terms that after he takes over Guantanamo and the Panama Canal he should be satisfied for the balance of this year and that we will consider the landing of armed troops at either Tampa or Miami to be an unfriendly act. In the event that this happens we shall immediately ask the U. N. Security Council to condemn Cuba as an aggressor nation.

—Payette Lakes Star, McCall, Idaho.

'Trying to Turn Back the Clock'

(A letter written by John M. Lupton, former Connecticut State Senator, to his son Josiah.)

Dear Si:

I understand that in school recently you were told that conservatives are "trying to turn back the clock." The implication in such a remark, of course, is that all true and good political progress today comes only from the so-called "liberals." It also suggests that all change is progress and that dogged efforts to hold fast to established principles of limited constitutional government are old-fashioned and even somehow unpatriotic.

In order to realize how truly inappropriate the accusation is (that conservatives are "trying to turn back the clock") it is necessary to know how some political words have changed in meaning over the years. Not very many years ago, the word "liberal" in politics meant a person who was a champion of human freedom. The 18th century liberal believed that too much government deprived the individual of his natural rights.

Historic Liberals Recalled

If you remember your Revolutionary War history, the Boston Tea Party was a demonstration by liberals; Patrick Henry made a very liberal speech; and Thomas Jefferson's writings about men being "created equal" and about the necessity for complete separation of church and state were so liberal that they were considered inflammatory and rebellious.

Almost everyone in those days accepted domination by government as the norm. Individual liberty was a fantastic, a radical ideal. It was taken for granted that everyone was a subject of the king; you lived and worked with the approval of the crown or the king's appointed agents. You were either born to position in life and, therefore, to education and opportunity; or, if you were not, there wasn't much you could do about it.

Individuals Must Be in Control

The "conservative" thing to do in those days was to accept government control. It was the way of life. The "liberal" idea, which took root in the minds of men like Burke, Paine, Jefferson, Madison and others, was the belief that the individual citizen must be in control of his government.

Now, we Americans have had our Constitution and our personal liberties for a long time—almost two hundred years. It may not be surprising, but it is tragically true that after such a long time many of us take freedom for granted. We often forget to take personal care not to let government have the upper hand over our lives the way it did before 1776. As Thomas Paine wrote, "What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value."

Lose Distrust of Controls

It is true we have voted for the changes which have made our federal government so huge in just the last 35 years. But is this possibly because many Americans, after so many years of freedom, have lost the fear of government? Perhaps we have voted for more and more "benefits" and "services" from government because we have lost our instinctive distrust of the controls, regulations, and taxes which automatically accompany this government "help," and which eventually become so burdensome that they first stifle economic opportunity, then economic freedom, and finally personal liberty.

It is a strange and bitter irony that the words "liberal" and "conservative" have opposite meanings today from what they meant in Washington's time. Today, the "liberal" (so-called) is the proponent of more and more government; and the "conservative" is the Paul Revere who warns of danger ahead.

Reduce Government Powers

We conservatives would wind the clock of freedom by lifting some of the burdensome weights of government with more individual effort. We would cut away the red tape of bureaucracy from the works. We would set off the alarm any time the federal government unnecessarily steals another prerogative from the state governments or spends more than it takes in, or usurps in the executive those powers which belong to the people's representatives. Especially, we would mark the lateness of the hour whenever our government would yoke us together unequally with nations who do not respect the sacred character of the individual.

Socialism and state planning are not modern ideas; they are centuries old. There will be men in every age who seek power over others by offering security in exchange for freedom.

It is today's conservative who is the true progressive, for he favors limited government in order to give unlimited opportunity to every man.

—Dad

Nyssa Churches Plan Fellowship Meetings For Sunday Evenings

The first of a series of four inter-church fellowship meetings for the Methodist, Christian and Episcopal churches will be held at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, March 1, in the Christian church, according to Pastor Wallace Prowell. The Rev. Dale Copey of Red Rock Christian church in Boise will be guest speaker.

The next two meetings will be held on the following Sunday evenings with the March 8 session scheduled in the Episcopal church and the March 15 meeting in the Methodist church. A communion service has been tentatively planned for Thursday evening, March 26, in the Christian church.

According to the Rev. Prowell, purpose of these meetings is to encourage inter-church fellowship, to give a better understanding of the various patterns of worship in the participating churches, to understand or discuss procedures and problems of church unity.

The speakers will talk on various problems encountered by each group. A coffee hour will be held following each of the evening services. Ministers of the participating churches extend an invitation to all area residents to attend one or more of these services.

Rice, Macaroni Meal Served by Fellowship

Week of Compassion dinner was held Sunday evening in the Christian church under sponsorship of the Christian Youth Fellowship. The meal consisted of rice and macaroni and was served in an attempt to understand the feeling of those who are hungry in other nations.

During a program which followed, Mrs. Tom Nishitani rendered two vocal selections and a skit, "Reducing With World Call," was presented. Cast members were Mrs. Henry Anderson, Mrs. Clarence Clapp, Mrs. Lester Oden, Mrs. Glen Strickland and Bill Hamilton. Director was Mrs. Wallace Prowell.

An offering was taken for the mission fund of the Christian youth group.

TO APPEAR IN ONTARIO

Marvin Honore, well-known Negro tenor, will appear at 7:30 Friday evening in the Ontario Church of the Nazarene. The singer entertained at the local church last year. Nyssans desiring to hear him are invited to attend the Friday evening program.

NAZARENE CHURCH LADIES HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Nazarene Golden Hour Missionary society members held their annual Valentine banquet Feb. 14 at East Side cafe in Ontario. In attendance for the fried chicken and Chinese food dinner were 54 members and guests.

The tables displaying valentine cones and cupid figurines were decorated by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rhoades and Mrs. Bonnie Cameron. Kenneth Saunders served as master of ceremonies.

Other committee members were Martha Langley, Audrey Tucker and Dorothy Sheppard, banquet arrangements; Janice Wilson, Clea Saunders and Rosemary Martin, program.

FIFTH GRADE 4-H CLUB HAS LESSON ON POSTURE

Bulldogs 4-H Health club held its fifth meeting Feb. 24 in Mrs. Joy McPartland's fifth grade classroom. President Michael Smith presided during the business session. Pledges were led by Nancy Wilson and Steven Johnson.

Secretary Rebecca Blaylock called roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Gayle Ableman reported on an officers' training meeting held Feb. 15 in Ontario and attended by Michael Smith, Nancy Wilson, Rebecca Blaylock and herself.

Sherry Marez, song leader, led in group singing. Program for the meeting was on posture. Talks were given by Dana Ure, Christine Stephen and Bonnie Howard. Demonstrations on how to stand were given by Arden Bell, Harry Brendle and David Yanish. The class was then measured for good posture.

Gayle Ableman, Reporter

First Graduate Reviews Construction In 1902-39 History of Nyssa Schools

By G. EVA BOYDELL, Nyssa High Class of 1911

(Editorial Note: This is the second in a series of articles on the history of Nyssa schools being published by the Journal. The resumes were originally presented at the Feb. 13 Founder's Day program of the Nyssa PTA and the remaining two will appear in subsequent issues.)

In the year 1902 a two-room schoolhouse was built. It was situated on the north side of Alberta and 11th street, across from Malheur Memorial hospital as it now stands.

The new building housed all the children in the Nyssa school district. The two rooms were separated by folding doors and could be opened on occasion to make one large room. The building was white and had a belfry with a bell.

In 1909 the brick building was built in Nyssa where the present elementary school now stands. It was three stories in height and had two classrooms on the third floor for special subjects, science and home economics. The building also had a belfry and a school bell.

About 1914 a three-story addition was built on the back of the building, with a furnace room in the basement. The top and second floors housed the high school and seventh and eighth grades. The lower floor housed the elementary grades.

School Moved From Country

After the brick building was erected the small white school was moved in from the country to the new location, about where the old gym now stands, and for many years it was used for the primary grades.

In 1934 our brick school burned to the ground, fortunately during the summer vacation. School was then held in the church buildings, Eagles hall and other structures around town.

The new elementary school was built on the location of the old building, and part of it was actually built on the old foundation. It was one story and included several more rooms than the old building. Even so there were times when crowded conditions made half-day sessions necessary and at one time two teachers and their classes shared one room.

New High School Constructed

Later, still more rooms were added, with additions in 1939 and 1945. In 1939 when the first part of the present high school was built, all high school students were moved out of the building. The small white structure was sold and the primary children were moved into the elementary building.

Until the advent of school buses the children were transported in carryalls drawn by horses, and these vehicles resembled the pioneer camp wagons. The barn that housed the horses was at the south end of the grounds.

The school in the early days had many activities with the same rivalry between the neighboring towns that exists today.

Circle Meetings Held By Methodist Ladies

Members of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service held their circle meetings Thursday, Feb. 20.

Helen Barns members met with Mrs. William Poppe at her home in Apple Valley. In attendance were 11 members and three visitors. Mrs. Sherman Wilson was program leader.

Mrs. Paul Penrod was hostess to 14 members of the Fulton circle with Mrs. Merilean Robbins in charge of the program.

Lenora circle met with Mrs. Lavone Fox with 13 members and one visitor, Mrs. Lydia Emmett, attending. Mrs. Orland Chelidlin was program chairman.

"The Church, Beginning Where We Live" was topic for all circles. Its history and meaning in personal experience and to the community were discussed.

Reports of various activities were given during the business sessions. Fulton circle members served dinner for those attending the Treasure Valley youth rally Sunday evening.

We had a fine girls' glee club and chorus, girls' basketball team, and boys' basketball, football and baseball teams. Many subjects were taught including Latin, science, music and others.

Town Buildings Used for Sports

Until the elementary gym was built the third floor of the brick building provided a place for basketball. Games were played in buildings around town, and for three years upstairs over the old opera house where the Owyhee rooms are now located.

The first class of Nyssa high school graduated in 1911 with four graduates. They were Florence McDonald, Bruce Duncan, Kendrick Blodgett and Eva Boydell.

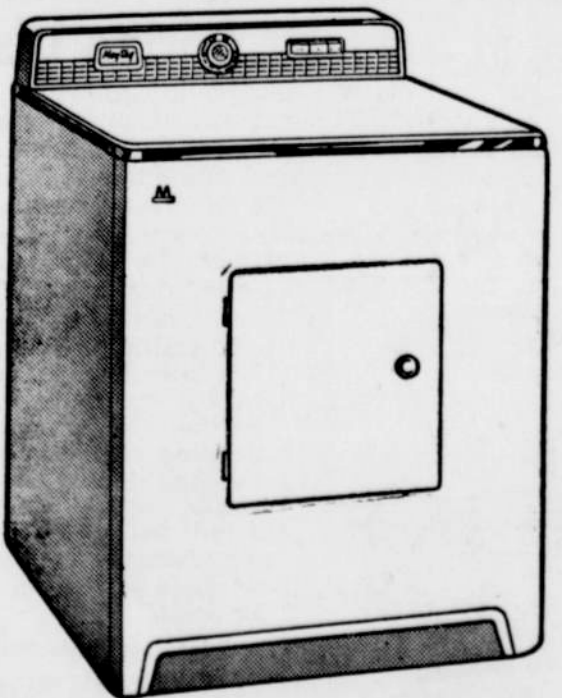
The second graduating class also had four members, and they were Ethelwyn Boydell, Lotta Phillips, Walter Rutledge and Elsie Gibson.

The first Junior-Senior banquet was held in the dining room of the J. Boydell home at South Third and Good avenue in 1911 with the eight students mentioned above present with two faculty members.

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