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Square Pegs for Round Holes

Anyone who looks to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act—purporting to assure "equal employment opportunity"—for relief of national unemployment is deceiving himself. The act will create no jobs—beyond the appointment of five commissioners and swarms of federal inspectors to implement the nationwide game of musical chairs business and industry will play while these minions call the tunes and supervise the substitution of one employee for another—of a different complexion, or religion or national origin.

No more people will be going to work—just different ones.

Under this act, mere integration will not do. If a federal inspector finds that a business is guilty of racial or religious discrimination, it can no longer employ or promote the workers it desires. Instead, it must employ and advance persons of those races and religions ordered by the inspector, and in the numbers specified.

Such federal control of hiring and firing (which in most cases will be counterbalanced), promotion, demotion and payment of employees, means the end of the seniority systems of labor unions—and ultimately, it would seem, the end of the unions themselves. It also marks the end of an employee's rights within his company.

It should also be noted that the inspector's authority covers all job classifications—common laborers and the most highly skilled, secretaries, supervisors and vice presidents. If the unions with whom the employer has contracts cannot furnish workers of the proper color or creed who have the needed skills, they must be hired outside of the union. If, even so, they are not available, the unskilled must be hired and trained—to replace those who are happy and competent in their jobs, perhaps with high union seniority!

Under such meddling—and the act gives federal administrators the powers of prosecutor, judge, jury and executioner—our vaunted free enterprise system would no longer be free—and not long a system. Our competitive economy would not long remain competitive as more and more businesses and industries found themselves unable to control either costs or operations. Since the act does not empower the federalists to bring in the payroll money, the jobs existing at the start of this "reform" would diminish rapidly.

Congress, you might think, would never pass such a law. But the House has, 290 to 130. And the Senate, under extreme pressure, is expected to do so—unless the prospective victims, who are all colors and creeds, rise up in force and demand of both their senators that they vote down this bitter deception of all who want to work.

—U. S. Press Association

Writer Reveals Incidents Occurring During Early Terms of Nyssa School

By AUDREY J. WARD, Early-day Nyssa Student

(Editorial Note: This is the final article in a series of four 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 Parent-Teacher association.)

I was born here and have spent my entire life in this vicinity. I have, of course, seen many changes in the town and countryside. My earliest recollection of Nyssa was a store and a railroad section house on the east side of the railroad track. There were also two farm houses nearby.

I started to school in the fall of 1900 at a little one-room schoolhouse situated on the north side of Alberta avenue about a quarter mile east of the city limits as they are today. This was a six-month term. There were 29 pupils enrolled and 12 of us still communicate with each other. There may be more but we have lost contact with them.

Principal Crop Was Dust

In 1900 this valley was being put into cultivation for the first time. Sagebrush was being cleared away and for several years dust was the principal crop. But it gradually developed into one of the most productive valleys in the west.

Our mode of travel to and from school was by horseback or on foot. In really bad weather we generally walked as there were no facilities for the care of our horses during bad days and the old-timers were very fond of their horses. I recall one such day in the very early part of the century.

Day's Snow Totals 14 Inches

We had walked to school on account of inclement weather. It started snowing early in the morning and snowed 14 inches by the time we got home. We started home, my brother and I, and as short legs make little headway in deep snow we were quite late. Our Dad came to meet us and broke a trail for us home. Mother had supper ready and was very worried about us as it was dark when we finally arrived.

A two-room schoolhouse was built in 1903 which served until 1909. This was on the same site as the first one. It was while returning from school about 1905, I believe, that we all saw our first automobile. I don't remember if we knew there was such a thing or not but as we were going west from school on what is now Alberta avenue.

Scamper for Cover

We saw an enormous dust cloud approaching from the west and as we could see it was coming very fast we scampered under a fence and up on a high levee about where Jake Fischer's house now stands, to watch the thing go by. In the excitement one girl fell into an irrigation ditch and was thoroughly soaked.

We hurried back down to the road to see what kind of tracks such a monster would make and were unaware that a second one was following the first until the driver sounded a horn. As there was no time to get back up on the levee and as they seemed to be able to handle the car all right we lost some fear of it.

High School Rating Established

A three-story school was built in 1909 at the west end of Main street. Up until now we had not had a high school but from this time on we had high school rating. This also was the time of the first public carriers for our school—then known as carry-alls. The carry-all was a high spring wagon covered by a wagon sheet over bows as were the covered wagons on the Oregon Trail. They were pucker with a rope at the front and back and no matter which way you drove there was a draft through them which was very unpleasant in cold weather. They were let by contract for the season and we generally got about \$20 per month to drive

them. We usually had one or more in the family. There were three of them in operation. We furnished horses and \$20 per month was the total expense for the school district.

First Athletics Organized

Our first athletic teams were organized about 1910 under the management of a new principal, named R. G. White. He was our coach. There was no athletic fund by the school district so we purchased our own uniforms and paid our own travel expenses for ourselves and visiting teams.

These expenses were financed by school plays, box suppers and \$1 per point made in matched games on our home grounds. This was for football only and was given by the City Dads or Chamber of Commerce as it would be known now.

We had no gymnasium and played basketball in various buildings including the parish house. In later years when at a school meeting a gymnasium was proposed for the exercise of the student body.

Economy Was Watchword

It was suggested that the carry-alls be discontinued and the students get their exercise as we had in former years by walking to school. Economy was the watchword of the old pioneers. The Amalgamated Sugar factory now covers our gridiron.

At the end of the 1913 term most of us were graduating and Professor White was moving to Bend, Ore., as principal and coach. He had been our secretary and treasurer, and if there were not enough funds in the "kitty" he made up the difference.

We students asked for a meeting that we might take up the deficit among us. The athletic fund showed a deficit of about \$30 in three years of playing. He refused to let us share the deficit as he said his years here had been the most enjoyable of his life.

So ended a wonderful period of my life.

Class Sponsors Picnics

For the last three years the graduating class of 1913 has sponsored a picnic in the city park for all students of Nyssa public schools up to and including 1920. These gatherings have gained momentum and on our 50th anniversary we had around 75 former pupils from most of the western states.

All members of the class of 1913 who are still living were here, also one teacher who taught our class, Mrs. Frank Morgan.

Pioneer families of the late 1890's going to this school were the Tietzerts, Duncans, Browns, Rays, Megordens, Lackeys, Lawlers, Wards and maybe more that I have overlooked. All that are now represented in this immediate vicinity are the Ray and Ward families.

Mrs. John (Nora) Ray is the only surviving parent of that period and Mrs. Gertie Ray Smith was one of the students mentioned in the automobile episode.

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 1, 1964

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brammer:

We deeply appreciate your cooperation with Mrs. Leonard Hewett, our publicity chairman, in reporting the PTA news.

We feel it is an important way for the people in the community to be well-informed on school matters.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
 NYSSA PTA
 Bette Hipp, Secretary

Ontario, Oregon
 March 5, 1964

Nyssa Gate City Journal

Dear Editor:

I was shocked to learn that a local ministerial association has been seduced into sponsoring a showing of the scurrilous and libelous film, "Operation Abolition" in our area. Don't they realize that this film is no part of an intelligent anti-Communist campaign, but is offered for the single purpose of perpetuating a committee of congress that has been denounced by one president and many congressmen as the most un-American thing in America?

Don't they know the statement made in their advertising, that the riot was led by two well-known Communists, is a simple bald lie? True, the two well-known Communists were there because they had been subpoenaed to appear, and if they are shown in the picture in custody of a U. S. marshal they are probably being ushered out from behind the closed door of the hearing room. There is no word of evidence connecting them with the youth demonstration.

Youths Freed Without Charge

Don't they know that the riot was instigated by the police, by turning the fire hose on the demonstrators when they became unduly noisy and that of the 60 some odd youth dragged off to police court, some brutally beaten, all were promptly freed by the police judge without charge except one, Robert Meisenbach, who was accused of striking a policeman?

Don't they know that when Meisenbach was tried in district court he was declared not guilty by a jury and that the transcript of evidence in his case is the only account of the demonstration and riot extant produced under oath, and that one of the policemen whose report is the authority for the commentary accompanying this picture did not appear in court, and that Communists or Communism was not mentioned in testimony? Do they know that 200 eyewitnesses were willing to testify in Meisenbach's behalf, more than half of them not members of the youth group?

Candidate Opposes HUAC

Do they know that in a special election being held in the San Francisco area at this time to replace Congressman Shelley who has resigned, the man who is running so far ahead that his election is virtually conceded is well-known for his opposition to the

Elementary School Science Projects Discussed in 'Did You Know' Column

By Elementary Faculty

That meal worms prefer to crawl along the edge when exploring a box? That the best way to make a meal worm back up is to blow on his head? That they prefer darkness to light? That they would rather be under meal or bran than paper excelsior or sawdust? That they change into beetles?

These are a few items of knowledge that were compiled recently when several classes in the elementary school studied meal worm behavior. Each youngster had a meal worm with which to experiment. Most students were so diligent that they wore out their specimens and had to trade in the tired worm for a fresh one.

During their experiments with live animals the children found that the specimen must have a choice in order to measure behavior; that one should know normal behavior in order to know what to expect; that an experiment must be repeated many times over to see a pattern of behavior; and that a good way to organize findings is to rank performance from best to worst. Here was a new type of activity for these youngsters. They were creating knowledge that couldn't be found in books. This is real research and real science.

Fellowship Meetings To Conclude Sunday At Methodist Church

Final session in a series of three inter-church fellowship meetings will be held at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, March 15 in the Methodist church. The Rev. Charles Easley of Boise will be guest minister.

Other sessions were held on previous Sunday evenings in the Christian and Episcopal churches. Ministers report the 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.

A fellowship hour will follow the Sunday evening meeting.

METHODIST WSCS CIRCLES SET MARCH 19 MEETINGS

Methodist WSCS circles will meet at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, March 19. Members of the Helen Barns group will meet with Mrs. Roy Rookstool at her home in Apple Valley.

Mrs. Ida Walters will be hostess to Lenora circle members while ladies of the Fulton group will meet at the home of Mrs. W. W. Foster. All women of the church are invited to attend these meetings.

METHODIST MEN SLATE LADIES' NIGHT MEETING

Treasure Valley Methodist men will hold their annual ladies' night meeting Monday evening, March 16, in the Emmett Methodist church. The session is scheduled to begin at 7:30 with dinner and a planned program.

HUAC and that much of his popularity is due to that fact?

Don't they realize that our youth probably understand better than the average of older people that Communism has nothing to offer the people of America, and that by spreading such scurrilous and libelous stories about our youth such as those contained in this film, they are insulting the thinking youth, alienating them from the church and gaining nothing for Americanism?

Yours respectfully,
 D. IVAN FRITTS

GENERAL MEETING HELD BY METHODIST LADIES

General meeting of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service was held last Thursday afternoon in the church. Fulton circle members were in charge of the program.

Deviations were led by Mrs. Herke Stam. Lesson topic was "The Cross and the Resurrection." Introduction was by Mrs. Eugene Butzer with readings by Mrs. Raymond Sager, Mrs. Arle Baker and Mrs. Irma Meyers. Prayer was given by Mrs. W. W. Foster.

The meeting closed with the playing of Handel's Messiah. Refreshments were served by several members of the Fulton circle.

JUNIOR HIGH MYF RALLY SLATED SUNDAY AT VALE

A junior high MYF rally is being planned for Sunday, March 15, in the Vale Methodist church. The session to be held between the hours of 3 and 7 p. m., will consist of songs, games, discussion and worship.

A film strip entitled, "Don's Unwanted Friend," will be shown. Junior high youth of the area are invited to attend.

SPEND WISELY

Yesterday is a cancelled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is the only cash you have. SPEND IT WISELY. (Submitted for publication by Ole Dyrland.)

ATTEND PORTLAND MEET

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson of Weiser, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson returned Saturday evening from Portland where they attended a propane gas meeting in the Sheraton hotel.

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