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IT'S YOUR LAW

By Oregon State Bar

To Adopt a Child Or Not to Adopt

Sometimes a couple will raise a relative or stepchild but won't bother to adopt the child formally and legally.

Such arrangements can be very harmful to the child, legally speaking.

Adoption as we know it was not part of the old common law we inherited from England. It has been called "a creature of statute" which means our laws covering adoption were passed by the legislature.

A child legally adopted by a person or couple usually assumes the parents' name and by law becomes the parents' heir just as if he or she were a natural child of those parents.

To adopt a child legally, one must file a petition with the circuit court in the county where the petitioner resides. Also, there must be a written consent of the child's own parents, guardian or responsible government official. If the child is 14 or older, the child must also consent to being adopted.

The judge must then be satisfied of the genuineness of the consent, the moral character of the prospective parents, their ability to support the child and that the adoption is in the best interests of the child.

The adoption laws are strictly enforced. The courts will not recognize any informal arrangement. Many children who were brought up by loving, well-meaning people, who even have told the children that they were adopted, have been deprived of an inheritance that their foster parents undoubtedly wanted them to have, simply because the foster parents had not complied with the letter of the law by having a formal adoption.

An adoption is not a "legal formality." It is a legal protection to the child and, perhaps to a lesser extent, to the adoptive parents.

(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.)

METHODIST CONGREGATION TO HEAR GUEST MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Donaldson of Nampa will be guest speaker during the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday, Aug. 2, at Nyssa Methodist church. The Rev. Donaldson is a retired Methodist minister.

Larry D. Larsson On LDS Mission In Canadian Area



LARRY D. LARSSON ... On Church Builder Mission

A farewell testimonial service for Larry Dean Larsson was held Sunday evening, July 19, in the Nyssa LDS stake house. Elder Larsson left July 27 on a church builder mission to the Canadian area and his first address will be Calgary, Alberta.

The young missionary is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Larsson of route 2, Nyssa. Prior to entering the mission field, he attended Nyssa high school and had been helping his father on the farm.

METHODIST YOUTH ATTEND CAMP AT WALLOWA LAKE

Methodist junior high Christian adventure camp number two is under way this week at Wallowa lake. Nyssa campers are Roger Nakashima, Colin Chester, Rudolph Vendrell, Carl Smith, Reid Saito, Brenda Bay, Marilu Wilsson and Timothy Klinkenberg.

Serving as counselors are Lois Spitze, Jeannie Seuell, Mrs. Lavone Fox, Jim Wilson and the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence. The Rev. Paul Ludlow, former Nyssa pastor, is director of the camp. The group will return home on Aug. 3.

CHURCH GROUP MEETS

Hamlin Missionary chapter of Nyssa Nazarene church held its monthly meeting July 21 in the John Price home. Hostess Connie Price served refreshments to approximately 20 teenagers and adults. The group also celebrated Jack Price's 18th birthday anniversary.

TO HEAR SPECIAL SPEAKER

The Rev. Lee Ensey will be special speaker during the 7:45 evening service at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene, according to Pastor John Bullock. The Rev. Ensey is also speaker for the senior high district camp at McCall.

PICNIC AT LAKE OWYHEE

Luther league members of Faith Lutheran church traveled to the Owyhee reservoir Sunday when they spent an afternoon of boating, swimming and picnicking.

WEEKEND VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Child of Quincy, Wash., were recent weekend guests of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders and Gail. The Washington couple also visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Val Child and family at Caldwell.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
United States
Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Land Office, 710 N.E. Holladay
Portland, Oregon 97232
June 18, 1964

Under provision of the Taylor Grazing Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1272; 43 U.S.C. 315g; 48 CFR 2244, formerly Part 146), as amended, Robert Dowell, Jordan Valley, Oregon, on November 9, 1962, filed application Oregon 012978 to select public lands described as Lot 1, N½ of Lot 2, N½ of Lot 3, 4, S½SW¼NE¼, S½NW¼, N½SW¼, W½SE¼, NE¼SE¼ Sec. 1, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, S½N½ Sec. 3, T. 31 S., R. 41 E.; Lot 12 Sec. 28, Lots 4, 5, 12 Sec. 33, Lots 1 and 3 Sec. 34, T. 28 S., R. 44 E., W.M., Oregon, containing 853.18 acres.

The purpose of this notice is to allow any persons asserting a claim to the lands or having bona fide objections to the proposed exchange to file their objections in this office. Any claim or objection must be filed, with evidence that a copy thereof has been served on the applicants, within 60 days from date of first publication indicated below.

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Church Convention Closes at Pocatello

The four-day district convention of Jehovah's Witnesses came to a conclusion last week at Pocatello high school auditorium as 2,179 persons listened to the Bible warning in the highlight discourse, "Peace Among Men of Good Will" or Armageddon—Which?" delivered by F. W. Franz, vice president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract society.

"Upon earth, peace among men of good will"—that has been a famous quotation for the past 19 hundred years," said Mr. Franz. "But what has been its effect upon the world of mankind? As far as international affairs are concerned, the years of world peace have been few since angels first said those soothing words. From 1481 BCE to the end of World War II there have been only 268 years of world peace."

Charles Dodge, local presiding minister, reported that all received counsel and helpful ministerial assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Seybold of Nyssa were among those attending the convention from the Payette congregation.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PLANS SERVICES AT OWYHEE

Area minister and state secretary of Southern Idaho, Utah Society of Christian Churches, the Rev. Ira Crewdson will be guest speaker for the Christian church outdoor services this Sunday at Owyhee reservoir.

Church and Sunday school will be held at the second camp of the Owyhee. There will be no regular services at the town church. A picnic lunch will follow the morning worship.

LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL POSTPONED FOR FIVE WEEKS

Sunday school at the Lutheran church will be temporarily discontinued this Sunday through Sept. 6, according to Pastor John Milbrath.

The church service and sermon for the next five Sundays will be focused for the entire family. Church services this Sunday will be at 11 a.m. when the rite of holy communion will be celebrated.

RETURN FROM CHURCH CAMP

Episcopal children attending a week-long intermediate camp at Cove, Ore., returned home July 20. Those attending the camp included Douglas Tracy, Mardi Tensen, Lark Nevins, Janis Church and Patrick Eastman.



Church of the Nazarene . . . Nyssa, Oregon

Quarterly Report of Nazarene Pastor Shows Department Gains During Year

Quarterly report of the local Church of the Nazarene shows good gains, according to the Rev. John W. Bullock, pastor.

The church Sunday school under the leadership of Don Wilson and the church school board has made an enrollment gain over the same quarter one year ago from 197 to 249, a gain of 52. Weekly average attendance has grown from 140 per week to 165, a gain of 25.

The Rev. Bullock said, "The Missionary department of the church under Mrs. Pearl Martin's supervision and her council has led the church on with missionary zeal and concern. Ten percent of all church monies raised has been given to world evangelism."

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Sheriffs Reflect on Living

A reflective license plate could save your life some day.

License plates that reflect light from headlights prevent many rear-end and head-on collisions at night, when most accidents happen.

Last month, the 18,500-member National Sheriffs' association unanimously endorsed reflective plates at its annual convention.

Sheriff Malcom McLeod of Lumberton, N.C., the association's new president, said: "We think they are an excellent law enforcement and safety aid. We wish they were used in every state."

Since May, reflective plates have been endorsed at two large gatherings of safety experts—the 13-state Midwest States Civilian-Military Traffic Safety conference, and the Western Civilian and Military Safety Coordinators conference.

Here are the facts which convinced the professionals that reflective plates prevent accidents:

1. They make parked or disabled cars visible more than 1,000 feet sooner than cars with ordinary painted plates.
2. Burned-out rear lights are one of the five most frequent vehicle defects. Without rear lights, a slow-moving car is prone to a collision from the rear. Reflective license plates don't burn out.
3. Burned-out front lights are another of the five most common vehicle defects. A burned-out headlight makes a "one-eyed" car. Which light is burned out? Is the car over the center line? A reflective plate between headlights gives the answer.

We agree with the professionals. Reflective license plates are a good thing. We think all states should have them, not just the 17 (and the District of Columbia) which do now.

—U. S. Press Association.

Will the Real Sen. Neuberger Stand Up!

Along with others we have waited for an explanation from Sen. Maurine Neuberger about her vote to stifle further exploration of the Bobby Baker scandal even if it trod on a few Senatorial toes. Evidently this explanation is not to be forthcoming.

It seems rather inconsistent that a Senator who has publicly

made such a show of concern about immorality in government, mislabeling packages and the color of margarine should be so indifferent to the really big problem of peddling influence and perhaps exposing outright graft and corruption.

In a way, Sen. Wayne Morse has shown himself to be the more intelligent of our two Senators—he didn't even show up to vote on the resolution at all.

—Corvallis Gazette-Times.



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