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#### SHALL EASTERN OREGON BECOME A PART OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY?

Citizens of Eastern Oregon:

I raise this point to call your attention to a serious problem now facing Eastern Oregon. The question is, "Will Eastern Oregon retain congressional representation, or will we eventually be represented by Multnomah county?"

As you will recall, the House of Representatives adopted a congressional apportionment plan placing Marion and Linn counties in Eastern Oregon. These two primarily agricultural counties have much in common with Eastern Oregon and are closely associated with it.

However, the Senate has passed out of committee a plan that would place parts of the Portland metropolitan area in Eastern Oregon. Eastern Oregon certainly has nothing in common with Multnomah county or Portland.

Eventually this heavily populated area would elect the congressman for our congressional district. Portland would have two congressmen, and the two-thirds of Oregon located east of the Cascades would be without a congressman.

Don't let this happen. Now is the time that action is required. Contact your newspaper editors, and write your legislators! The battle to protect Eastern Oregon will be fought in the Senate first, probably early next week. So act now!!!

Sincerely yours,  
ROBERT F. SMITH  
State Representative

Thornton, Colorado  
April 21, 1965

Dear Ted:

Enclosed is my check to cover next year's subscription. We receive about six papers here but I still enjoy the Nyssa news. Let's say we!

Things have finally broken loose here and I now find myself in the middle of my first month's recommendations—an addition to the city hall, paving, a public works building, master plan, etc., water improvements and codification. Total will run \$1 1/4 million. I wish we had 40 hours in the day but will have to settle for 30.

I just returned from two weeks of active duty in California and while it rained for 12 days I did enjoy the trip. While I was gone, Lee said it was like old home week. Gene Chester, McPartland and the mayor of Ontario all called; sorry, I was not home. Chuck Smith called collect but I find our method of correspondence by tape to be better.

Your chamber rates a set of handclaps for a good job of clean-up. Sounds as if the city and chamber both have good men at the helm. I had always felt guilty in the clean-up field but with the recourse that I was busy.

Haven't heard much from Nyssa but will promise to reply when I do. No need to say we miss our many friends and will look forward to a visit. Say hello to your boss.

Sincerely,  
ART COLBY  
City Manager  
Thornton, Colorado

Classifieds Bring Results!

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Nyssa, Oregon  
April 27, 1965

Dear Editor:

At a recent school budget meeting, I took a definite stand and now I would like to give my reasons for taking that stand.

I have the following information pertaining to Malheur county.

Malheur County — Population 22,764. The county has a high proportion of rural families with an extremely low median income. It has the state's highest concentration of Spanish-speaking residents with 566 such persons in the 1960 census.

Its percentage of rural families with income under \$2,000 was the highest in the state at the time of the 1960 census—18.9 percent compared with a statewide average of 12 percent.

It was the highest in the state with regard to percentage of population with incomes under \$3,000 at 28.5 percent with a statewide average of 17 percent.

Sixteen and five-tenths percent of its families had incomes under \$2,000 compared with a statewide average of 9.8 percent. Its 1950 median family income at \$4,554 was lowest in the state.

Percentage of Malheur county's population classified as rural farm patrons was second highest in the state at 38.5 percent, compared with a statewide average of 7.8 percent. The median family income for rural farm families in 1959 was \$3,909, lowest in the state.

Twenty and nine-tenths percent of rural farm families had income under \$2,000 and this was the third highest percentage in Oregon. Malheur county's 1962 annual payroll per worker was \$3,988, lowest in the state. Net effective buying income per capita was \$1,389, also lowest in Oregon. Net effective buying income per household was \$4,688, fifth lowest in the state.

Malheur was the third highest county in the state in relative percentage of families receiving public welfare in January 1964—with 1.3 percent of all families in the state. The county had 11 percent of all families receiving public welfare.

Approximately 1,500 migrants come to work in Malheur county between April and September with particular concentration in the months of May, June and again in September. Six percent

of the county's population is non-white with five percent of the total being Japanese.

However, the non-white group does not appear to be at an economical disadvantage since the median family income of non-white in the county at time of the 1960 census was \$4,617—higher than the median family income for the county as a whole.

I understand, by this report, that unemployment level in Malheur county in October was lowest in the state. This is what puzzles me! Our welfare percentage is 11 percent of 22,764 population, which is 2,504 people, according to the 1960 census, and yet our unemployment level was lowest in the state.

It seems to me, and it's a problem that much be faced by all, that we have an extremely low level of income in this area. We are buying many things which we cannot afford.

I think the school should stay within the six percent limitation. I also believe that the teachers should not receive an increase each year until we can afford it.

Local communities and the states are doing a pretty good job of taking care of school teachers' salaries. We have noted for instance, that over the last 30 years (1929-1959) the increase in teachers' salaries has been 106 percent in constant dollars.

During the same period, other state and local employees had an increase of 53 percent and federal civilian employees only 73 percent.

The average annual salary of school instructors rose from \$3,126 in 1950-51 to \$5,389 in 1960-61—or 72.4 percent in a decade.

On the other hand, in the field of agriculture, the income has constantly decreased to a point where people are beginning to leave the farms and the future looks worse today than it ever did. In fact a USDA official told the wheat league, "We do not need to have a prosperous agriculture in order to have a prosperous nation."

It looks like we have an over-stuffed nation. The future looks anything but good.

Sincerely yours,  
D. H. CHRISTENSEN

Mr. and Mrs. James McMillen and son and her mother, Mrs. John Krul, spent Easter Sunday with relatives at Kuna.

### May 8 Deadline Set For Clothing Drive

Area residents desiring to contribute clothing for the Church World Service clothing drive are asked to take items to the Methodist church basement by Saturday, May 8. The articles should be boxed and tied securely and as this is an inter-denominational project, name of the donor's church should appear on the package.

Winter and summer garments for all ages are needed but must be clean and wearable. Articles that residents are asked not to send include hats, neckties, bathing suits, formal garments, pillows and open shoes or those with high heels. Shoes should be tied together in pairs.

In addition to wearing apparel, blankets, quilts, sewing kits and any kind of material for sewing is needed. If possible, 10 cents per pound should accompany the package to assist with shipping costs.

Through this project, warmth, dignity and self respect are offered to needy overseas children, refugees, sick and aged and victims of floods, famine.

### WATCHTOWER DELEGATE VISITS PAYETTE CHURCH

D. W. Emshoff, a representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract society of Brooklyn, N.Y., is visiting this week with the Payette congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The week's activities will be culminated by a public address entitled "Does Religion Guide Your Life?" to be given at 3 p.m. today by Emshoff.

All Nyssa residents are invited to attend this discussion to be held in Kingdom hall, 310 South 12th, Payette.

### GROUP EXPRESSES THANKS

Members of the committee for the Methodist annual spring breakfasts served Friday and Saturday report that the project was successful.

They have asked the Journal to express their appreciation to all businessmen and individuals who supported the project and to also thank those who purchased tickets and news media of the area for publicity given.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Danford and son of La Grande were Easter guests in the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker, Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Danford.

## Local Ministers Plan Joint Program For Christian Marriage Discussions

Ministers of St. Paul's Episcopal, Faith Lutheran, First Christian and Methodist churches are joining together for a series of meetings to prepare young people for Christian marriages.

The ministers feel that parents are often hesitant or embarrassed to discuss these matters with their teenagers. The clergymen are also of the opinion that parents and young people often do not feel they should make appointments with their physicians for such information. Consequently many young people have distorted ideas and misinformation which they have obtained in various ways.

The meeting series entitled "Fit to Be Tied" will be held on Sundays, May 2, 9 and 16.

The general program will open with a discussion and film on biological and physiological facts of human reproduction. Youths

will be divided into groups and competent physicians will lead the discussions.

This will be followed with meetings on "What Does It Mean to Be Popular?" a discussion led by ministers. "Tying the Knot" will be the final discussion concerning Christian marriages.

The clergymen report they can proceed with the program only with understanding and approval of parents. A meeting will be held at 8 o'clock this evening in the Methodist church so that parents may examine the book they plan to use and to offer suggestions for the series. Previous meetings have been held in the other participating churches.

### Local Artists Win Craft Show Awards With Oil Paintings

The Bahai's of Boise and Ada county sponsored an intercultural art and craft show April 17-18 for public viewing.

Art and craft works from the Basque, Oriental, European and American Indian were shown. In addition, fine arts, craft and hobby craft works were exhibited.

Theme of the show was "Unity of Humanity" and theme area entries were judged. Mrs. Earl (Gail) Winn of Adrian won second place and best of show with her works in oil. Miss Margery Nihart of Nyssa won first in the same division.

Other local artists who have been taking classes from Kim Kimerling, Boise artist and teacher, displayed oil and water color works in the show.

### Journal Classifieds Get Results!

#### RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRY

Time Station  
 6:50 a.m. (Mon. thru Sat.)—KSRV, "Religion in the News."  
 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Every Thursday)—KSRV,  
 "The Word and Music."  
 3:45 p.m. (Sunday) and 7:00 p.m. (Wednesday)—KSRV,  
 "Ministers' Round Table."  
 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Saturday)—KBOI Television,  
 "Breakthru" (Family Series).  
 11:00 p.m. (Every Night)—KSRV, "Be Still and Know."  
 11:05 p.m. to 12 Midnight (Monday thru Friday)—KSL (1160),  
 "Night Call."

METHODIST MINISTERS OF TREASURE VALLEY

# capture the feeling of spring

## DURING "VALUE DAYS"

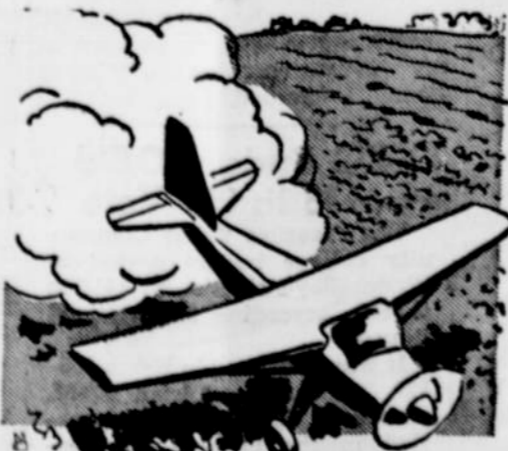
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### NYSSA THIS WEEKEND

### (Thursday ... Friday ... Saturday)

## Join the Crowds Shopping For Spring and Summer Bargains In This City-Wide Sales Event!

Watch the Plane Dropping Hundreds of Ping Pong Balls on the Football Field ... They're All Winners ... Just Take Them to the Store With the Imprint on Them!



## Saturday, May 1

AT 2:00 P.M.

—Sponsored by—  
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