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**LETTER To the Editor**

**A Plea for Help**

Last week many of us felt very badly when one of our boys was sent to the reform school. Of course, we can't have drunken driving. Maybe at his third offense he might have killed one of us.

But is he really a bad boy? Wasn't drinking his only offense? Will he be a better boy now... Will he be helped to overcome his weakness or his best self be restored? Has he had a chance?

With alcoholic beverages on our grocers' shelves and in many home refrigerators, is it any wonder that our children learn to drink early? The last issue of "Impact" put out by the Oregon Liquor Control commission, tells of a boy who started using an alcoholic drink at six years of age, and died when eight years old of alcoholism.

Statistics show that one out of every nine social drinkers become alcoholics, and the number is rising rapidly. Will your boy or girl be on that list... a ruined life? Isn't it time that we take a more serious attitude about the whole matter of drinking?

Couldn't some man in this town have been a big brother to that fatherless boy to help him to a better life? Maybe there is some other boy who might be saved from going to the reform school!

Sincerely,  
 RUTH C. FOSTER

**REBEKAH MEMBERS PLAN TWO-DAY RUMMAGE SALE**

Members of Yellow Rose Rebekah lodge are planning a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, in the Herman Towne building located at 218 Main street. Sale hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The women report they have lots of children's clothing as well as men's work clothing and other items of wearing apparel for all ages. They also have several wool quilts which will be available.

**SENIOR CITIZENS PLAN FRIDAY DINNER MEETING**

A meeting of the Senior Citizens club will be held at 10:30 Friday (tomorrow) morning in Nyssa Methodist church. A potluck dinner will be served at noon and those attending are asked to take own table service.

Birthday cake will be served in honor of members having anniversaries in January, February or March.

Area residents, 55 years of age or older, are welcome to attend.

**VISIT IN WALTERS HOME**

Mrs. Veeta Willhite; her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Turner and Brad of Murtaugh, Idaho, and Pearl Newberry of Berryville, Ark., were recent visitors of the former's sister, Mrs. Ellis Walters and family. Mrs. Walters accompanied the group to Twin Falls to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bea Farmer, and also spent some time with Mrs. Willhite at Murtaugh. She returned March 30 to her home in Nyssa.



**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** was administered Monday evening, March 28, in St. Bridget's Catholic church by the Most Rev. Francis Leipzig, D.D., to a large group of parishioners pictured above. Those confirmed are Norma Zikmund, Theresa Freitag, Teresa Wilson, Barbara Williams, Dorothy Cunningham, Margaret Dority, Colleen Brown, Julia Elguazabal, Ann Petrie, Sylvia Saldana, Juanita Martinez, Oralia Sifuentes, Patricia McGinley, Teresa DeMinck, Nancy Jackson, Mary Haburchak, Mary Lee Wahlert, Margaret Gallegos, Sheila Pratt, Renee DeMinck, Mary Ann Dority, Michael Smith, Kenneth Vandewall, William Zikmund, Mark Pratt, Carey Ly-

tle, John Elguazabal, Alan Zikmund, Isaac Kimura, Brian Hiral, Maurice Smith, Manuel De-fuentes, Billy Gallegos and Ruben Silva. Bishop Leipzig briefly interrogated those to be confirmed, then spoke to the congregation before confirming the class and concluding the service with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Seven priests from the area attended the rites and were present in the sanctuary. Bishop Leipzig pointed out to those in attendance the necessity to understand the changing times in which we live, but stressed the importance of a faith deeply rooted in the unchanging truths revealed by God.  
 —Photo by Schoen.

**G. Bellon Wins Trip To Caribbean Resort**

Gene Bellon, manager of the White Front Shopping center in south San Francisco, was winner of a recent trip to Venezuela for him and his wife. Traveling by jet plane, the flight from San Francisco to Caracas was made in eight hours. The couple stayed at La Guaira, a beach resort on the Caribbean.

The Bellons report a highlight of the trip was an overnight stay on one of the nearby islands of the Dutch Netherlands. The couple also noted that much poverty exists in that country although the scenery is extremely beautiful and tourists plentiful.

Gene is a graduate of Nyssa high school and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bellon. He was one of two store managers in the San Francisco area winning the trip which was sponsored by the Norge company.

**GUESTS IN HEWETT HOME**

Miss Joan Hewett and a friend, Miss Sue Harwood of Eugene, spent spring vacation with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hewett. The young ladies are both students at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Miss Harwood's father is an instructor of economics at U of O.

**'Happy Easter, Easter Miracle'**

Guest Editorial by Pastor John Milbrath

John 11:25-26. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

So you find it hard to believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead?

Listen to me: There are more miracles, and more and more, going on in your life right now — right while you read this — than you could ever believe.

If one of His angels (for He is there, alive, you know) were really to come and tell you, right now, of the miracles He is doing for you, you would laugh a little. In embarrassment. Maybe in fear. Most likely in the feeling that someone was playing a joke on you.

By what miracle is life sustained today? By what miracle is the madman's finger kept from the atomic switch? By what miracle was your brain formed in your Mother's womb, even before your birth? By what miracle has His imprint come upon your mind, your personality, even your body and the look on your face?

You talk of impossible miracles! Even the theologians are dodging them now — they are such obstacles to faith! And the theologians who are writing these things down are writing by the power of the miracles of the Lord in themselves! Or who keeps their hearts beating, their planet spinning?

"God is dead," is easy to say. Nietzsche said it, and then someone scratched it out and wrote underneath, "Nietzsche is dead." It was a good line. He could have added, Nietzsche wouldn't have had time to write, without God.

— Without the Easter Lord, and the Father of Lights who raised Jesus Christ, the Prince of Suns, from the dead.

— Without the same Easter Lord who, right this minute, is keeping you alive unto Himself!

You talk of miracles — how fantastic they are? How incredible? How way out there?

Who brought you this far? Who gave you even the courage to ask it? Put a hand to your pulse.

When you touch the beating of it, remember that the world could have blown up in the years shortly before you were born. In fact, the scientists weren't sure it wouldn't when they tried their first pretty experiments in that football stadium. Chain reactions, you know.

Feel the miracle now? Well, every day is another one.

Every day is a little resurrection — if you believe in miracles, that is.

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**CUB SCOUTS HOLD MEETING**

Members of Cub Scout troop 450 met March 29 at the Methodist church. The boys attended as knights and carried swords and shields, with dens one and two staging a sword fight.

Sack races were also held and members of den two displayed benches they had made.

Refreshments were served following the business session.

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**FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS TAKE RECENT FIELD TRIP**

Students in Mrs. Madge Thomson's fourth grade classroom went on a field trip Thursday afternoon, March 31, to the Ore-Ida plant in Ontario.

The youngsters report they enjoyed the trip and learned a lot about the products. After completing a tour of the plant, they ate lunch in the park.

They then went to the Stringer sheep camp near Nyssa.

The students express their thanks to Mmes. Garold Ropp, Lamar Orr, Donald Sappe and Lyle Reece, chaperones; Mrs. Jim Chamberlain, who drove the bus; and the Stringers for allowing them to view operations of the sheep camp.

**Adrian Community Church News**

Women's association meeting will be Thursday afternoon, April 14, at the home of Mrs. K. I. Peterson.

The church session will meet at 8 o'clock that evening in the home of Glenn Ward.

**PTA EXECUTIVE MEETING SCHEDULED THIS EVENING**

A meeting of the executive committee of the Nyssa PTA unit will be held at 7 o'clock this evening in Mrs. Mildred Renstrom's classroom in the junior high wing of the high school building.

**FARM BUREAU FURROW**

By **GEORGE DEWEY**  
 Federation Executive Secretary

**Animal Security Building Needed**

The Oregon animal health council, consisting of numerous commodity organizations in the state, is concerned with the high disease loss to Oregon livestock and poultry industries.

In 1964 the loss from disease for beef cattle alone in Oregon has been estimated at \$7 million. The cheapest way to fight disease is through research, council members say, and their efforts are being directed toward the establishment of an animal security building at Oregon State university.

Present research at the college has been restricted because of the lack of an animal security building for use in safely holding animals used in the study of highly contagious infectious disease.

The agriculture industry contends that the general public has a vested interest in such a program since they should want the highest quality livestock and poultry products that it is humanly possible to produce.

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