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Good Manners!

With Christmas nearing—the time when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child, it might be well to take stock of our manners—our treatment of others.

This is brought to mind by Nyssa's upcoming Christmas parade Saturday. The merchants are paying for 20 to 25 floats that will appear on Main street, leading the first appearance of Santa Claus. But the music (instrumental and choral) will be furnished by the Adrian and Nyssa school groups.

It is easy to say we pay taxes, support the schools and they are obligated to support our civic enterprises—even when they take on a religious aspect as our parade is to depict.

But are they? It is not a vital part of their education program—they get no credit for it—and in some cases it does work a hardship, or at least an inconvenience on the members entertaining us.

Regardless of how small the group may be—or how little we appreciate their ability—let us say a kind word and give them a cheering hand for their effort. (If only winners were to be approved, Nyssa would have surrendered most of its athletic program the past year or so.)

Rudeness can be displayed by being quiet! Cheer these boys and girls for their effort in our behalf—they don't owe it to us!

BRACKEN'S DEPT. STORE
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—Christmas Shopping Hours—
OPEN ADDED HOURS
For Your Convenience!

Week Nights—December 12 to 22
 Evenings Until 8 O'clock

Sundays—Dec. 11 and 18—1 to 5 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE—6 p.m.

Conservative Baptist Church to Present Tony Fontane Film

"The Tony Fontane Story," a full-length motion picture sponsored by Nyssa Conservative Baptist church, will be shown this evening, Dec. 8, at 7:30 in the American Legion hall, Second and Ehrgood.

The picture tells the story of one of the world's greatest singers.

Tony Fontane is a former recording, television, radio and stage star who gave up a lucrative career to dedicate his life and talents to full-time Christian service.

His wife was a professional actress and night club entertainer. They portray themselves in the film.

All area residents are invited to see the picture. There will be no admission charge.

Park Avenue Baptist Pastor Tells Plans For Evening Services

A series of evangelistic meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, through Dec. 15 at Park Avenue Baptist church, it is announced by Pastor Ralph Tisdial.

Speaker will be the Rev. Bob Skrenkenberg of East Side Baptist church in Twin Falls. He is a graduate of Bob Jones university in South Carolina.

Pastor Tisdial and his congregation issue a cordial invitation to all area residents.

CHURCH GROUP TO MEET

Adrian Community church women's association meeting will be held at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 8 in the church.

Members of the church session will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at the Roger Watts home in Adrian.

NAMED YOUTH DIRECTOR

Ralph Tisdial, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist church, was recently appointed youth director of the Boise Valley Baptist association at the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist convention. He will also serve on the executive board of the association.

HAROLDSSENS HOST DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Brett Sipes of Payette, Mr. and Mrs. Orlee Sipes and family of Homedale were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Haroldsen.



THESE NYSSA SIXTH GRADERS, David Robbins (on left) and Ron Bone, took school patrol honors for the month of November. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norville Robbins and a student in Hazel Lane's classroom, was named patrolman of the month. Ron's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bone. He took honors as November patrol officer and is in Janice Wilson's classroom. The students are selected by city police department officials and members of the elementary school faculty.—Staff Photo.

POTLUCK DINNER PLANNED

Forty-Niners of Faith Lutheran church will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, for a potluck dinner in the church basement. The program will feature slides and impressions of Pastor and Mrs. Orville Jacobson's recent trip to Europe.

HAS SURGERY IN PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Glade Chadwick and Jackie returned home Nov. 25 after spending several days in Portland where the latter underwent surgery at Good Samaritan hospital.

The Chadwick couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harper were Thanksgiving day dinner guests of Mrs. Harper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lennon in the Rose city.

Christmas Program To Be Staged Monday By Lutheran Women

Women of Faith Lutheran church will present their annual Christmas program at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 in the sanctuary.

The program, entitled "The Child We Honor," evolves around symbols from Christian history which will decorate the Christmas tree. Mmes. Jim Nichols and Harold Kassman will show that the symbols answer these questions, "Who Is This Child, What Is He to Do and What Does He Give?"

Christmas carols will be sung by the Misses Debra and Barbara Fangen, and Mrs. Orville Jacobson will sing "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." Barbara Fangen will also be the organist.

From This Corner.

By T. M. B.

About a month ago we wrote a column starting "What Good Are You? Have You Wondered What You Are Doing That Is Worth While?" We received an unusual amount of favorable publicity on it—though it dealt largely with the endorsement of political candidates.

Perhaps it was because our readers felt we were displaying a degree of humility. (Editors are supposed to know it all and forget personal feelings in guiding a newspaper!)

Anyway, we do feel a certain amount of humility—perhaps it is the nearness of Christmas and our reading anew from various sources the true meaning of the word. We were rudely awakened this week by an advertiser thinking religion and Christmas had little in common.

So, we are going to devote this effort to using a few items we have clipped here and there that they may make us realize Christmas is not a time for selling and making more profits at the expense of not giving and remembering how unimportant we, and our material possessions are.

REMEMBER THIS . . .

"I complained because I had no shoes till I met the man who had no feet."

"I complained I had no wealth till I met the man who had no health."

We should stop fretting because we don't get what we want and thank God we don't get what we deserve.

Saint Augustine said: "He, whose heart is full of love, always has something to give."

A SHORT PRAYER
 "Lord, do not make me nor poor; just give me need."

POEM—"SLOW ME DOWN"
 Slow me down, Lord, too fast;

I can't see my brother he's walking past;

I miss a lot of good things day;

I don't know a blessing it comes my way—

Slow me down, Lord, so I can With some of your angels

(The above was written by J. McCormick, a Catholic. Will carry more by the writer before the Christmas tide is over.)

CLOSING THOUGHT . . .
 You are writing a Gospel letter each day

By the deeds that you and the words that you Men read what you write—

faithless or true—
 What is the Gospel to you!

CIRCLE MEMBERS HEY ABOUT ENGLAND MISSIONS
 A meeting of the Kay circle of Methodist Women society of Christian Service held Nov. 17 in the home of Jesse Eigan with Mrs. Corey as assisting hostess.

Members answered roll and recited scripture verses.

Mrs. Harriet Pennington in charge of the program for England missions. Her daughter, Mrs. Bob Wilson, shown taken by her brother in Scotland, London and Paris.

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