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OBITUARIES

BERLE M. PHIFER

Funeral services for Berle Milton Phifer were conducted Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 24, 1968 at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating was the Rev. Elmer Rosenkilde of Adrian Community church.

Mr. Phifer succumbed on the afternoon of Jan. 18 in Elko, Nev., after suffering a sudden heart attack.

He was born March 12, 1919 at Arnold, Nebr., a son of Ralph P. and Ruth Campbell Phifer. The deceased attended Nebraska schools and on May 14, 1939 was married to Eunice Zoerb at Gandy, Nebr.

They moved to the Adrian area in 1947 where they resided for several years before moving to Idaho and finally to the Elko community. In later years, Mr. Phifer had worked as a carpenter and at auctioneering.

The deceased was baptized in the Methodist church at Merna, Nebr., in 1930, was active in March of Dimes campaigns and other public functions for the good of his community. Hunting and other outdoor sports were his favorite hobbies.

By family and friends he was known to have a sunny disposition, and made friends easily. In addition to his widow of the home, Mr. Phifer is survived by four sons, Laurence John of Battle Mountain, Nev., Grant LeRoy of Nebraska, Loye Berle, with the U. S. Army in Vietnam and Steven Douglas of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Karen Elaine Davenport of Elko, Mrs. Colleen Ruth McElroy of Pocatello and Barbara Lynn Phifer of the home.

Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Ruth Bowers and his stepfather, Charles Bowers of the Kingman Colony area near Adrian; five brothers, Kenneth and Floyd of Madras, Ore., Bernard of Mason City, Nebr., Ralph of La Grande and James Phifer of the Kingman Colony area.

Other survivors include two half-brothers, Marvin Bowers of Adrian and Charles Bowers of Pendleton; three half-sisters, Mrs. Charles (Marjorie) Chapin of rural Nyssa, Mrs. Madelle Callahan of McCall, Idaho and Mrs. Joyce Wright of Boise. Five grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Phifer was preceded in death by his father on July 13, 1928 and a sister, Shirley Jean on August 5, 1930.

Burial was made in the Owyhee cemetery, under direction of Lienkaemper chapel. Serving as pallbearers were Vernon Parker, George Cartwright, Stanley Hill, Kenneth Price, James Webster and Don Hatch.

Child Welfare Topic For PTA

Mrs. Betty Marquina, child welfare case worker for Malheur county, was guest speaker at the Jan. 11 meeting of the Nyssa PTA unit.

Named to the 1968 nominating committee are Dan Martin, chairman; Betty Fox, June Hartley and Marlene DeMinck. Their job will be to contact reliable members to serve as next year's officers.

Ruth Rhoades was named secretary to replace Shirley Pfaff who recently moved to Ontario.

The primary school had a book display, arranged by Mrs. Clarice Poor, elementary principal. For entertainment at the recent meeting, Pat Petterson danced to "Hanky Panky" and "I Love My Baby." - NHS Bulldog Staff.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Twenty-seven members of the Loyalty class of Nyssa Christian church met Jan. 18 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Focht.

Ham dinner was served by the hostess and Mrs. Hazel Lane. A short business meeting was held prior to adjournment.

It's Your Law

BY OREGON STATE BAR

OVERTIME PAY

Employers and employees can encounter many legal problems in their labor relations. One involves the Fair Labor Standards Act, usually called the Federal Wage and Hour Act. It provides for a minimum wage and time and a half for overtime.

Sounds simple enough doesn't it? But it presents many problems. Let's take an example.

Suppose Ned, as an employee of the Widget Company covered by the Act wants additional leave days. He has taken all his accumulated vacation time, but he has been working considerable amounts of overtime.

"Say, boss," Ned asks, "how about giving me time and a half off, when all our rushwork is over a few months from now, instead of paying me now for the overtime? I'll need it to get settled in my new apartment."

"O.K. Ned," the boss agrees. "Glad to do it. I know how hectic things can get when you're getting married and settled down."

Even though both Ned and his boss -- employer and employee -- agree to such an arrangement, it is not legal under the federal law.

Federal regulations state that overtime hours may not be accumulated following the pay period in which the overtime was worked. Compensation must be given when due, not later.

One other example of the multitude of problems that can arise occurs when computing the correct amount of overtime pay for those employees who are paid other than an hourly rate, such as a piece-worker, or salesmen who receive bonuses. When setting labor policies, an employer should find out exactly what he legally can and cannot do. He will save himself a multitude of possible legal complications. Not

Annual Awards Given To 1967 Corn Growers

Over 135 area corn growers and their guests were present at the Idaho Canning company's annual banquet meeting held Jan. 17 at Boulevard Grange hall. Among those present were personnel serving the Nyssa plant.

Robert Moss, local plant manager was the principal speaker. Linda Ballou, NHS student entertained with guitar self-accompaniment and folk songs.

Blaine Girvin, Vale was top grower for 1967 with 20.5 acres and a yield of 8.92 tons per acre. His crop was judged in the five to 25 acre division.

Second place award in the same acreage class went to Charles Watanabe, Ontario with 17 acres and a yield of 8.37 tons per acre. Third place winner were Andrew and Bruce Child, Nyssa with 20 acres and a yield of 8.30 tons per acre.

Other winners named

First, second and third place winners in the 25 to 50-acre division were Wilbur Atherton, Ontario with 32 acres and a yield of 8.63 tons per acre; R. L. Sanders, Harper, with 27 acres and a yield of 8.31 tons per acre and G. C. Steel, Harper with 45 acres and a yield of 8.17 tons per acre.

On 50 acres of land and up, the three top growers were Laurel Amick, Harper with 82.10 acres and a yield of 8.70 tons per acre; Fay Corn, Nyssa, 72.62 acres and a yield of 6.42 tons per acre; Bob Hart, Harper with 58 acres and a yield of 6.30 tons per acre.

It was announced that the average yield for the district was six tons per acre.

Winners of the four door prizes were Mrs. Harold Anderson of Parma, Mrs. Wilbur Atherton, Charles Watanabe and Tom Donaldson of Harper.

Plight Of Nyssa And Vale

Maybe, as a practical matter, one might paraphrase an old saying and come up with an axiom for high school athletic teams: "No team can serve two leagues."

This is the problem that Vale and Nyssa of the Greater Oregon league face with the announcement that football games in the league next year will be played on a round-robin basis. This means that every team in the league will play every other team, regardless of whether they are in the east or the west.

The Round Robin will mean that each Greater Oregon team will have nine league games with the champion representing the A-2 district in state playoffs.

In this part of the state, where distances between schools is great, it has been difficult to devise a league that would provide equal competition for all. Until recently, most of the competition has been in the west. Only Enterprise, Nyssa and Vale have competed in the eastern division, making it relatively easy to win a title. Vale's Vikings, who seem to be perennially strong, have emerged winners year after year.

Meanwhile, the other seven -- Heppner, Grant Union, Wahtonka, Madras, Sherman County, Burns, and Pilot Rock -- have gone through tough schedules against each other to produce a division champion.

Pilot Rock, which dropped out of A-2 ranks for a while but now is back, was shunted into the eastern division this past season, which meant some long road trips for the Rockets as well as their opponents.

Nyssa and Vale for many years have been tied to the Snake River Valley conference in Idaho. This is convenient for them because most of the schools are within 25-50 mile range, such as Weiser, Payette, Parma and others. They have common interests, and they have a good league.

However, with the Vikings and Bulldogs allied with the Snake River Valley, the Greater Oregon has always been beset with problems and complications.

League members recently took the bull by the horns and decided that the two far east teams would have to decide whether they want to play in Oregon or Idaho. This is a pretty stern edict, but a reasonable one.

While Vale and Nyssa have competed in the short end of the circuit, their championships cannot be minimized. Vale has been so strong and dominated that end of the league so long that, in football, one almost concedes the Vikings to be the annual winner. West teams have had little luck in trying to subdue them in district playoffs, and Vale's record of state championships surely has been a boom to the Greater Oregon banner.

While the Vikings' ties are strong with the Idaho teams, they are not eligible to compete in championships in the Potato State. Their trophy case must be bulging with awards won in Oregon. It would be a good guess that if they cannot squeeze out of the plight in which they now find themselves, they will reluctantly bid adieu to Idaho teams and come home to the Greater Oregon League.

In doing so, though, they will have trips far beyond those of their past seasons.

Addition of Vale, particularly, to a round robin will mean a tougher schedule for the rest of the teams unless the Vikings undergo some unexpected drought.

If they continue as powerful as in the past, it might be speculated -- perhaps facetiously -- that some of the league members who voted for the round robin may regret it.

One wouldn't think that the round robin schedule will continue very many years. Once the Vikes and Bulldogs pledge allegiance to the GO league the circuit may decide on an equitable east-west split that will eliminate some of the long trips that will be demanded by the round robin. The hope is that Vale and Nyssa will think first of Oregon competition without being wooed by the attractive Idaho teams. -- (Heppner Gazette)

Agri Occupation Survey Underway At Area College

A practical research project is underway at Treasure Valley Community College. Students in Mr. Bill Murphy's Research Techniques class have prepared a two phase project that aims to find out the number of high school students interested in entering an agricultural occupation and the specific needs of prospective employers.

College officials will use the results of the research project in constructing courses that will meet needs of both employee and employer.

High schools and production agriculturists along with related occupation employers within a fifty mile radius of Ontario are cooperating by participating in the survey Murphy said.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Women of the missionary circle of Owyhee Community church met Jan. 9 in the Gabe Astoreca home. Present were ten members and three guests, Dorothy Pattee, Emma Lee Myers and Mrs. Edna Meyers.

Opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Wayne Robb, with Mrs. Ken Lorensen in charge of devotionals.

COMING EVENTS

- TODAY - 10:30 a.m. Senior Citizens meet in Library Conference room.
- JAN. 27 - 1 p.m. Arcadia 4-H club at home of Dick Miller.
- JAN. 27 - 6 p.m. Apple Valley PTA Carnival.
- JAN. 27 - 8 p.m. Pinochle party IOOF hall.
- JAN. 27 - 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Annual dance sponsored by Women's Golf Association at Merchants Bldg. County Fair grounds, Ontario.
- JAN. 29 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Republican Workshop meet at Dragon room, East Side cafe, Ontario.
- JAN. 29 - 7 p.m. Men's adult Physical Ed program.
- JAN. 30 - 7 p.m. Women's adult Physical Ed program.
- JAN. 30 - 8 p.m. Ladies Eagle Auxiliary #2134 officers meet at Eagle hall.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Members of the women's association of Adrian Community church met Jan. 11 in the home of Mrs. Elmer Rosenkilde.

Roll call was answered by the women telling of friendship calls made during the past two months. The collection plate for the least coin was passed, and plans were made for the church women to serve lunch at a sale on the Dudley Kurtz farm.

The hostess was in charge of the program. She gave a review of three stories from the book, "Deep Well".

She presented each officer with a dainty bow for her dress. The group then adjourned to a long dining table where they completed their Dial Program books for the year.

After refreshments, each one present was given a plant to take home.

NHS CALENDAR

- TODAY - 3:45 p.m. Thespian play practice.
- JAN. 26 - 8 a.m. High school Guidance committee meeting.
- JAN. 26 - 9 a.m. State farmer degree interviews at Ontario.
- JAN. 26 - 8 p.m. Varsity Basketball - John Day here.
- JAN. 27 - 2 p.m. Frosh Basketball - Payette here.
- JAN. 27 - 8 p.m. Varsity basketball - Burns here.
- JAN. 29 - 3:45 p.m. Thespian play practice.
- JAN. 29 - 7 p.m. Men's adult Physical Ed program.
- JAN. 30 - 3:45 p.m. GAA.
- JAN. 30 - 3:45 p.m. Thespian play practice.
- JAN. 30 - 4 p.m. Frosh Basketball at Vale.
- JAN. 30 - Varsity Wrestling at Caldwell.
- JAN. 30 - 7 p.m. Women's adult Physical Ed program.
- JAN. 30 - 8 p.m. Varsity Basketball at Vale.
- JAN. 30 - 8 p.m. TVCC Basketball - Sheldon Jackson college, Sitka, Alaska, NHS gym.
- JAN. 31 - 4 p.m. Jr. Varsity Wrestling - Ontario here.
- FEB. 1 - Deadline for Senior pictures.

MARGUERITE SCOTT

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1968 for Mrs. Marguerite Scott, a former resident of the Big Bend area.

She had been a resident of Valley View Manor at LaGrande.

Details of Mrs. Scott's death or information for an obituary were not available at press-time Wednesday.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Members of the Nyssa high school group of St. Paul's Episcopal church met with Vale and Ontario teenagers to attend the movie "To Sir With Love" at Ontario.

After the show they met at the Ontario church for a discussion period and refreshments.

Firemen Summoned

A small fire at the American Service Station was put out by the Nyssa Volunteer Firemen, Monday afternoon, Jan. 22. A flying spark from some burning trash ignited gunnysacks that had been used as stuffing between the siding and the eaves to keep out the cold. The fire was quickly extinguished. There was no fire damage to the building.

AHS CALENDAR

- JAN. 26 - 6:45 p.m. Frosh Basketball - McCall at Adrian.
- JAN. 26 - 7:30 p.m. GAA Mother-Daughter Volley ball play night at Adrian.
- JAN. 26 - 8:15 p.m. Varsity Basketball - McCall at Adrian.
- JAN. 27 - 5:30 p.m. Girl's Volley Ball - Harper at Adrian.
- JAN. 27 - 6:30 p.m. Jr. Varsity Basketball - Harper at Adrian.
- JAN. 27 - 8:15 p.m. Varsity Basketball - Harper at Adrian.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

The Luther League from Faith Lutheran church will meet at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, January 28, at the church for rides to Ontario where they will view the motion picture, "The Bible."

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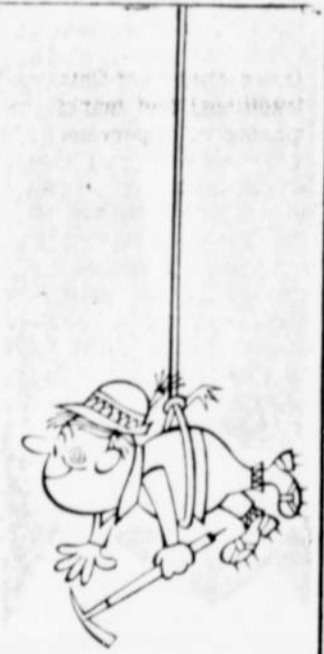
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