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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

The Reverend Martin Luther King, leader of the Non-Violent movement, is dead, killed by an assassin's bullet. The lawless or (using a more kindly word) militant element took over in many cities with rioting, burning, looting and killing --- using his death as an excuse.

Pictures and written reports show that often the looting was done under the eyes of law enforcement officials without any effort to stop it. This was no reflection on the law officials, as they had orders from the mayors, or higher up officials, not to interfere. And the Stokelys and Browns, as acknowledged leaders of these violent actions, say we can expect more of the same in the days to come.

Are the victims of these outrages going to sit idly by and see their property destroyed and their lives endangered, or are they apt to rebel and take actions outside the law that are just as repulsive as these acts of irresponsible negroes? No one seems to know the answer. The peaceful leaders of the negro organizations seem unable to sell the colored people on a peaceful program carried out by laws. Nor do our leaders in government know what to do other than pass laws to give these people more civil rights and spend more money for welfare.

Most of the problems are blamed on poverty by both white and colored leaders. King wanted massive amounts spent immediately in an effort to bring the negro nearer the financial standing of the white man. Immediately following his death two negro leaders were on television (Wilkins and Young) telling that must be done tomorrow by the federal, state and local governments to keep the negro peaceful.

Practically all programs advocated and carried out by our National government in recent years have been "Spend, Spend, Spend" and lift the negro out of poverty -- out of the ghettos into decent homes and into jobs paying a decent wage. Yet they admit they are unable to qualify for the skilled jobs industry is crying for. It takes education and no one can give them an education in one day.

Poverty is given as the reason for the violence, and this is seldom questioned. But Evangelist Billy Graham flatly rejects this claim. He points out, "There was no rioting, looting or killing of police officers in depression days when people were much poorer. Respect for law lies in the character of our people rather than in their affluence. A law-abiding society is built on character and it cannot be created or bought at will with tax dollars."

Government figures show most of the families classed as poverty victims live in rural areas with the states of the south accounting for nearly half of the total. Yet, have you read where the rural people, black or white, have been rioting?

We believe the welfare programs started in the 'thirties' as necessary, and continued have caused more unrest and rioting than poverty -- among both blacks and whites. It has led to SFN (something for nothing) that has become a way of life for whole generations. It is much more dangerous than LSD and other drugs used by a minority of our people. It destroys character.

It's time to give serious thought to the answers. Shall we corral and punish lawless destroyers of life and property or shut our eyes and hope they will go away?

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AHS CALENDAR

TODAY - 2:45 p.m. National Assembly.
 TODAY - 4 p.m. Frosh-Soph baseball at Adrian.
 TODAY - 8 p.m. Adrian PTA
 APRIL 19 - 4 p.m. Varsity baseball, Notus at Adrian.
 APRIL 20 - 10 a.m. Track meet, Boise college invitational
 APRIL 23 - 3 p.m. Girls track at Adrian.
 APRIL 23 - 8 p.m. Varsity Baseball at Marsing.
 APRIL 24 - 4 p.m. Frosh-Soph baseball at Nyssa.

Lose an hour in the morning and you will be all day hunting it.

FROM THIS CORNER

By T. M. B.

Every town with any life left has a newspaper. It may be a big daily, a bi-weekly or once a week (like ours). It may be a real successful one (financially), well-read, liked by the readers or it may be mediocre in all respects.

But there is no business so widely used that is as little understood by the users as the newspaper. No doubt the fault lies with those responsible for producing it. They belabor the merchant to advertise but use their own media very little to tell what they do and why the community needs them.

With this in mind we are "Tootin our Horn" with these well-known reminders:

A subscriber found a spider in his newspaper and demanded to know the meaning of it. Editor Mark Twain replied: "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad. The spider was merely looking over the paper to see which merchant was not advertising so he could go after that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."

P. K. Wrigley (head of the gum dynasty) riding on the train with a friend was told that as well-known as his product was that he no longer needed to advertise, thereby saving the expense and make that much additional profit. He said, "This train is going 60 miles per hour, so why not disconnect the engine? Advertising is to merchandising what a locomotive is to a train. It is the power which keeps it going." (Enuf said?)

AT RANDOM

The Arizona Farm Bureau Federation calls disposable income "take home pay", saying that after taxes and deductions you cannot afford to go anywhere else with it.

A N.Y. taxpayer framed the first dollar he earned. The frame cost him 10 cents. Now the frame is worth \$1 and the dollar worth 10¢.

From the Sierra Booster, Loyaltton, Calif. - "School-teachers are considered little more than baby-sitters by some parents. During the recent vacation one parent was heard to say, "I can hardly wait for school to take up again -- those kids are driving me nuts". If parents turn children like that loose in the schools, you've got to sympathize with the teachers.

Supermarkets are hit for about 40% of all bad check losses in the U.S., indicating they were taken for about \$240 million in 1966, the latest year for which figures are available.

DID YOU KNOW?

The daily tax for Class I railroads of the U.S. amounted to more than \$2,800,000 in 1966? That there are now more married than single women working at paying jobs? And, that there are twice as many Americans working at more than one job than there are unemployed? Or that the first visible gasoline station in the U.S. was

built in Adrian, Michigan in 1915?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) was founded at Fayette, N.Y. And that the newest drink in a New York cafe is called the hemline cocktail. Two of them and you're high as a skirt?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"Kindness is a language which the blind can see and the deaf can hear." -- Fred W. Grown, The Bergen (N.J.) Citizen.

In Memoriam

HOMER EARNEST

Homer Lee Earnest, a former resident of the Nyssa area who had lived at Madras for the past 25 years, succumbed Feb. 9, 1968 at the age of 77 years. He had been ill for some time, and was pronounced dead-on-arrival at the Mountain View hospital to which he was taken from his home near Culver.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the Friend's church in Metolius and burial was made in Mt. Jefferson Memorial park.

Mr. Earnest was born May 5, 1890 in Luray, Kans. He was married May 16, 1917 to Grace Ivie in Lincoln, Kans.

The deceased was a rancher, served on the Jefferson county fair board for several years, was a member of Mud Springs grange for 21 years and a past master of Jefferson county Pomona grange. He was also a former school teacher in Kansas.

Mr. Earnest went to Jefferson county in the early 1940's and was active in the construction of the irrigation project in the Culver area. He first came to Oregon in 1936 and lived for a time at Nyssa.

In addition to his widow of the home, he is survived by one son, Loren Earnest of Madras; a daughter, Mrs. Art (Wanda) Sykes of Metolius. A daughter, Mrs. Vivian Middleton, preceded him in death in 1963.

Other survivors include four brothers, Albert of Hays, Kans., Clark of Garden City, Kans., Seth of Holcomb, Kans., and Joe Earnest of Luray, two sisters, Mrs. Lucinda Russom of Waldo, Kans., and Mrs. Clara Miller of Missouri. Six grandchildren also survive.

NHS CALENDAR

TODAY - 8 p.m. Eighth grade parents night.
 APRIL 19 - 1 p.m. Seniors visitation day at Treasure Valley Community college.
 APRIL 19 and 20 - State Declamation at Eugene.
 APRIL 19 through 21 - Oregon Youth conference at Corvallis.
 APRIL 22 - No Class For Men's Adult P.E.
 APRIL 22 - 3:40 p.m. GAA.
 APRIL 22 - 4 p.m. Girls Soft ball and track, New Plymouth here.
 APRIL 22 - 8 p.m. Dr. Robert B. Heilman, distinguished lecture series in cafeteria.



BIG HARRY CHARTERS, National Bulldogging Champion in rodeo circles, was guest speaker at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Nyssa Lions club. In a humorous, drawl manner he told of the 'ups' and 'downs' of being a rodeo star. He not only holds the championship title, but was runner-up for several years. According to Lynn Snodgrass, who keeps up with all rodeo activities, Charters dogged his first steer at the Nyssa rodeo around 1947, and is also known as a very

good calf-roper. The big cowboy now raises quarter-horses at neighboring Melba, Idaho; and is somewhat less active in rodeo participation. Other men in the photo are members of the Lions club and their guests. The Journal staff will not attempt to identify them, but most can be seen at the rear of the room or reflected in the mirror which hangs on the south wall in Brownie's cafe dining room. - Journal photo.

Special Services In Progress At Nyssa Church Of Nazarene



EVANGELIST JOHN LEIH

Leih in charge. Service time is at 8:00 o'clock each evening, through April 28, except Saturday, with the Sunday services scheduled at their regular time -- 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Rev. Leih resides in Hemet, Calif., and is in full-time evangelistic work in the Church of the Nazarene. He has also served as pastor, most recently in Washington and California. Special music will be presented at each of the services. Richard Stevens, ministerial student at Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa, will direct the music and will be singing during most of the services. The church is located at 5th St. and Good Avenue. Friends in the community are invited to attend these services.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY - 8 p.m. Apple Valley PTA at Roswell, "Spelling Bee"
 TODAY - 8:15 p.m. Adrian PTA meet in grade school cafeteria.
 APRIL 19 - 8 p.m. Treasure Valley Rock and Gem club meet at Nyssa Christian church.
 APRIL 19 - 8 p.m. Dance Display in NHS cafeteria.
 APRIL 20 - 9 a.m. ANK Garden club Plant sale, Nyssa Merc building.
 APRIL 20 - 8 p.m. Rebekah pinocchie party at IOOF hall.
 APRIL 21 - 2 p.m. Ontario Gun club League shoot at target grounds near Ontario airport.
 APRIL 22 - 2 p.m. Malheur Memorial hospital Auxiliary in hospital meeting room.
 Philosophy is common sense in a dress suit.

Evans Attends Rites For Martin Luther King; Gives Detailed Account

(Editor's note: This letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans from their son, Karl, who was present for the funeral rites of Dr. Martin Luther King. Karl, his wife and four children live in Pineview, Ga., where he serves as pastor of a Methodist church. He is also studying at Emory university, a Methodist seminary, in Atlanta.) I went to the services for Dr. Martin Luther King today, and I have an urge to put some of this event on paper, partly so I might try to make some sense of the events of the day, and also, I thought you might be interested.

It was a strange crowd. It wasn't really a funeral, for the mourning was all done on Sunday. Well, maybe not all done, but for the most of the crowd, there was little emotion expressed. It was somewhat a carnival atmosphere, but no gaiety. There were some jokes, a few clowns, but generally a quiet, comfortable crowd. Most of the crowd was really too young to know how to grieve, even had they the urge. The crowd was tremendous. I calculated, loosely, about 20,000 standing around in front of the church, and later, nearly 120,000 around the school. I think, including all those who just stood along the line of march, the total crowd was

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