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PIONEERING EQUALITY!

If your glasses fog up a bit as you read these lines it may be because the writer is just a bit steamed up by all the oratory and hand-wringing of recent days. It's time for the politicians and loud-mouthed self-appointed critics of United States' citizens to shut up.

This is a pioneering country, and the fact is that for more than a hundred years we've been pioneering in the field of race relations. In recent days violence flared in 125 cities in the United States. But it was not racial violence. Whites did not confront blacks. The fact is that a herd of teenagers and a few adult criminals went on a spree in a lot of cities, and a permissive society tolerated it. And by tolerating it, the authorities encouraged it. Maybe that permissiveness was part of the experimentation that is essential in pioneering. It certainly isn't the way we would have handled the situation, but it is the way some men of unquestionable motive and integrity chose to handle it.

In any event, let the critics of the United States, particularly foreign critics be silent, and quickly. Is there a country in the world where the black man has the freedom, the opportunity, or the worldly goods that the Negro in America enjoys? You know there isn't. Britain closes its doors to such immigrants. The hip set in France tolerates them as tourists and pets. Black students from Africa have recorded, repeatedly, the insults and isolation the USSR affords. And some of those GI's who ran off to Sweden to avoid Vietnam were Negro. They've come back from Sweden to face the medicine -- court martial and prison and discharge. Why? Because, they say, the Swedes didn't accept the Negro in that Socialist society.

So we are having problems. Difficult as it may be for those of us who live in small communities like this one to understand they are very real and very disheartening problems. But America is working at resolving them, and already we are a hundred years ahead of most of the nations of the world. You haven't heard any of those "world opinion" nations inviting American Negroes to immigrate to their countries have you? And you won't.

The pioneering will go on, as it must. And when America has learned how to handle the problem, then some other nations of the world will copy the formula and the Negro will be accepted and incorporated into their national society. But not until America has shown the way. You can bet on it. - U. S. Press Association.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Rev. Wallace Prowell, pastor of the Nyssa Christian church, announces that the 10 a. m. worship service Sunday, May 5 will be conducted by Paul Piper, a student from Northwest Christian college in Eugene.

He is one of many students and faculty members, who each year at this time, visit Christian churches of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Northern California where they discuss the work and program of the college.

Piper will present a Biblical and inspirational talk to the Nyssa congregation. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The young man who thought the world owed him a living is and the old man who is blaming the year at this time, visit Christ-

FROM THIS CORNER

By T. M. B.

The U.S. Press Ass'n. tells of a grade school teacher who had a disciplinary problem in her class. A young tough threatened her with a knife.

The teacher ordered every pupil in the class to return to her room at the end of the school day and sit in silent meditation for one hour every afternoon that week. Before the end of the second day parent protests were shrill and the principal was "on her back".

With the principal at her side, our teacher hero e planned sweetly to her students that she was only demonstrating to them the principle of "collective guilt" which the President's riot commission announced, and which the politicians memorialized after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Thereupon, she polled the class to inquire if each student understood the principle of "collective guilt". THEY DID, and the "stay after school" order was rescinded, and the young tough expelled from school.

LET JOHN DO IT!

A somewhat different view is expressed by Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, controversial president of the University of Oregon. In a recent interview, recorded in Old Oregon, the alumna magazine, he was quoted as follows: "Businessmen say they don't want to be involved in public issues because it might adversely affect their business."

"Teachers are afraid involvement might affect their standing with the school board. Government workers are afraid they'll lose their standing."

"Church leaders hesitate to take a stand because the risk of adverse effects on church contributions."

"If everybody feels this way, who is left? Where are the people who will speak out on the issues of our day."

It is no longer enough to leave the problems to "John" and we believe national and state conditions show it already!

"Inflation is when you have money to burn and can't afford to buy matches!" - Fred W. Brown, The Bergen (N. J.) Citizen.

Plastic surgery has advanced to the stage where they can do most anything to the human nose except keep it out of other people's business.

Middle age is when your narrow waist and broad mind begin to change places.

There is said to be a new perfume so potent that with it a girl gets a free course in judo.

DID YOU KNOW?

Herbert Hoover, with 84 honorary degrees, holds top honors in the nation?

A Japanese company has brought out a diaper cover wired for sound. First sign of moisture sets off a transistorized buzzer alarm?

CLOSING THOUGHT

"What this country needs are dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds." -- Will Rogers.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

The Rev. Gaylord Grant, a missionary of the American Lutheran church who is now home on furlough from mission work in Brazil, will be guest speaker at Faith Lutheran church at 6 p. m., May 2. A potluck dinner will precede his talk to be illustrated with colored slides.

Pastor Grant was born in Freeborn County, Minn., and is a graduate of Augsburg College and of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul. He also attended the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis.

He, Mrs. Grant and their five boys left for Brazil in the summer of 1962. They have been in evangelistic work in Marilia, Brazil, along with 60 other missionaries of the American Lutheran church. The mission field was founded in 1953. The family will return to Brazil in late June this year.

Members of Faith Lutheran and the general public are cordially invited.

Area Church Women Plan May Meeting

Church Women United of the Nyssa-Adrian unit will meet Friday, May 3 at Adrian Presbyterian church for their May Fellowship session.

Activities will begin with a potluck luncheon at 1:30 p. m., followed by the business meeting at 2:15. All church women are urged to attend.

Theme for the day is "Human values in a Technological Society: Anonymity and Community".

Failure is the line of least persistence.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE FOLKMAN

Funeral services for George O. Folkman will be conducted at 10:30 Friday morning, May 3, 1968 at the LDS Owyhee ward, with Bishop Wayne Berrett officiating.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p. m. Thursday or as early as 9:30 Friday morning to pay their respects.

Mr. Folkman succumbed Tuesday morning at his home, after suffering a sudden heart attack.

He was born Nov. 4, 1910 at Plain City, Utah, a son of Lester G. and Grace Folkman. He grew up in that area, attended Plain City elementary school and Weber high school in Ogden.

He began working for Swift and Company at the age of 16 and continued working for the firm for nine years.

On Nov. 26, 1930 he married Rhea Etherington in Ogden, and they became parents of three children.

The deceased trucked and farmed in the Plain City area until March, 1948 when the family moved to Nyssa. After coming to this area, Mr. Folkman farmed in the Sunset Valley area until time of his death.

Mr. Folkman was an active member of the Alfalfa Seed Growers organization, and for nine years served as president of the Malheur County Legume Seed Growers association.

He was also active in work of the Interstate Seed council, and served for one year as president. He also served as a member of the local hospital board.

The deceased was a member of the LDS church. Among his favorite hobbies were camping and fishing and developing of the alkalai leaf-cutter bee.

Preceding Mr. Folkman in death were his parents and his wife, Rhea.

He was married July 3, 1965 to Roxy Ritchie, who survives.

Other survivors include a son, G. Brent Folkman of rural Nyssa; two daughters, Rena Hadley of Boise and Carol Taylor of Lynwood, Calif.

Also surviving are two brothers, Clifford of Terleton, Idaho and Carl Folkman of Plain City, two sisters, Mrs. Edna Simpson of rural Nyssa and June Willard of Liberty, Utah.

A stepson, Robert Ritchie of Nyssa; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Garnet Wilson of Moses Lake, Wash.; and 12 grandchildren also survive.

Interment will be made in the Nyssa cemetery, under direction of Lienkaemper chapel.

THOMAS LANKFORD

Funeral services for Thomas Wayne Lankford, 20 were conducted Saturday, April 27, 1968 at Lienkaemper chapel, and interment was made in the Nyssa cemetery.

Mr. Lankford succumbed April 24 at Madras.

He was born October 23, 1947 at Nyssa and was graduated from grade school here. He was a graduate of Weiser high school.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Hazel Lankford of Ontario; a brother, Jerry Lankford of Redmond, Ore.; a grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Lankford of Ft. Collins, Colo., and a grandfather, Oscar Hildred, also of Ft. Collins.

His father, Sam Lankford, succumbed in 1967 at Nyssa.

METHODISTS DATE

SPRING BREAKFASTS

Members of Nyssa Methodist church will serve their annual May breakfasts from 6:30 to 9 a. m. Friday and Saturday, May 3-4 in the church basement.

On the menu will be sourdough and buttermilk homemade hot-cakes, served with eggs, sausage, syrups and honey.



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NYSSA UNITED METHODIST IS NEW NAME AFTER MERGER

The Nyssa United Methodist Church is new name of the former Nyssa Methodist Church, according to the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence. The change in name was brought about at the general conference of the Methodist church now in progress at Dallas, Tex.

During the conference the Evangelical United Brethren church and the Methodist churches merged.

The Rev. Lawrence said many new changes in procedure, church structure and policies are anticipated. An up-to-the-minute report on the conference will be given Monday, May 6 when Dr. Erwin Schwiebert will

be guest speaker at the senior banquet. The Dallas conference has been in session since April 21 and will complete its work on May 4.

Delegates from the Idaho annual conference are Dr. Schwiebert of Caldwell, lay delegate; Homer S. Deal of Boise, reserve lay delegate; Earl W. Riddle of Caldwell, ministerial delegate and Orville A. Coats of Boise, reserve ministerial delegate.

PIANO RECITAL SET

Mrs. Dorothea Mitchell announces that 25 of her piano students will be presented in a recital, beginning at 3 o'clock Sunday, May 5 at the Nyssa LDS stake house.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Carl Johnson, Jr., pastor of Nyssa Assembly of God church, announces special revival services beginning at 8 p. m. Sunday, May 5 and continuing through Friday, May 10, with the Rev. Austin Barton of Salem as guest speaker.

The Rev. Barton, for nine years, has been pastor of the First Assembly of God church in Salem, one of the largest of the denomination in the state. It has a seating capacity of 1500.

Pastor Barton was born on a ranch in Oklahoma, and his favorite pastime is horseback riding. After seminary training in Oklahoma, he entered the ministry in the late 1940's.

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