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HAVE WE LOST OUR SENSE OF VALUES?

One can hardly pick up a daily paper without reading where the Supreme Court has arrived at a new decision changing what has been our way of life for generations?

It has made rulings on Civil rights, broadened the rights of criminals, tied the hands of law enforcement officials and recently ruled that one could legally be restrained from selling his private property to his choice of buyers (if sale was judged prejudicial to other would-be-buyers).

Many of these rulings have been made by a 5-4 vote -- meaning that it finally came down to ONE MAN who made the decision governing all the people of the United States. There may not be anything unusual in this except the number of decisions that have been judged in this manner in recent years. Could it be that the appointment of our justices should be non-political and not made by the president?

It also appears that Congress may rush into a gun control bill as a result of the slayings of Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy. It is commonly recognized that they were both National figures with large numbers of followers, but were they so important that their loss should call for a change in laws that have been in existence since we became a nation? Could it be that hysteria and not common sense is playing a part in the proposed changes?

It is easy to ask, "Who can resent having their guns registered?" And, to those who never read any history, it sounds plausible, since there is no effort on the part of most citizens, to hide the knowledge that they own firearms. But all the countries behind the Iron Curtain remain there because citizens do not have the right to own firearms. And, isn't it logical that anyone desiring to take over this country would first ask for registration, and later when some emergency arose, would find an excuse to confiscate them. (And don't say it couldn't happen here. Lots of events have taken place here in the past two or three decades that were thought impossible 30 years ago!)



BIG BEND - Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chaney announce the arrival of a granddaughter, born Friday, June 14, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Graham at Clarkston, Wash.

BIG BEND - William Teter received word last week of the birth of his first great-grandson born with the Teter name. The infant was born Tuesday, June 12, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Teter of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brown of Parma became parents of a six-pound, three-ounce boy, born June 17, 1968 at the Malheur Memorial hospital. He had not been named at press time.

FROM THIS CORNER
By T. M. B.

Nyssa is well-blessed with parks for a town its size. It is easy to take them for granted but it meant planning on the part of city officials in the past. There is the river park, used primarily by tourists, the park at the swim pool, the one in the north part of town and the South park. The latter is really used. The swings, teeter totters, merry-go-round entertains the small fry. Those a little older use the ball field and open sections and teen-agers and some adults use the tennis courts.

Monday afternoon while relaxing on our south porch (just across the street from South park) we kept hearing the crack of a bat and thinking the Little League game was over, decided to investigate. Here was what we found: A lean lanky boy wearing a green hat was the batter, a smaller boy wearing blue shorts and a pale yellow shirt was pitching and a real short pee-wee wearing a pink shirt, pale blue shorts and a bright red cap was the outfielder. The pitcher was throwing strikes, the batter was hitting them and the short-legged outfielder was running his legs off retrieving the ball.

Once he lost his cap, hesitated, then went on for the ball before securing the cap. While we watched he never ceased chasing at his top speed for the ball.

We called the Missus to bring the camera but they were both at the office, so I checked on their identity. The batter was Kirk Savage, age 11, the pitcher was his brother, Randy, age 10, the children of Don and Pat Savage. The pee-wee was Mark Pitts, son of John and Sharon Pitts, and he was a lusty age five.

Sirhan Sirhan of Jordan is accused of killing Kennedy. He's in jail in California. But have they ever found who killed the groceryman in Chicago, who was also from Jordan. It got little publicity but to his family he was probably as important as Senator Kennedy.

Congressional testimony just made public reveals that, according to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, the Miami Police Department's "hard policy" toward criminals is successful. Hoover said statistics showed that robberies dropped 62 percent in the first month after institution of what he called the "hard policy of carrying shotguns and utilizing police dogs" in Negro districts. This program, Hoover said, was popular with the Negroes themselves because "their lives and their businesses are safer."

"I submit that," Hoover said, "as proof of the fact that a strict policy in the enforcement of laws works, whereas some of the theoretical sociological policies that are advanced and urged just do not work."

Traffic deaths and injuries were down slightly in 1967, but, according to a spokesman for The Travelers Insurance companies, "52,200 deaths and 4,200,000 injuries in one year is small cause for rejoicing."

DID YOU KNOW?

The budget for New York City alone is more than \$6 billion dollars? Larger than for any state including New York and California. No wonder they call him a Liberal-what could he do if he were president and had a whack at all Federal taxpayers!

The deepest mine direct from the surface will be in Ontario, Canadian Province-being sunk to a depth of almost a mile and a half?

Of more than 800 major new medicines discovered since 1940, nearly two-thirds originated in the U.S.?

Contrary to popular belief, spinach doesn't contain a lot of iron? (You kids can tell your parents this is according to the Blue Cross of Oregon.)

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Pastor Orville Jacobson and Vernon McCain returned recently from the North Pacific district convention of the American Lutheran church in Tacoma, Wash. The three-day meeting dealt with each aspect of the church, including involvement in issues of the day.

The summer worship schedule for the Faith Lutheran congregation is identical worship services at 8 o'clock Thursday evenings and 11 a.m. Sundays. This will continue through August. Any family in Nyssa who will be away during the weekend is cordially invited to attend the Thursday evening worship services.

The high school youth group of Faith Lutheran will go on a water-skiing party and picnic at Owyhee reservoir on Sunday afternoon, June 23. Cars will leave immediately after the 11 a.m. worship service.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Armand Larive and Grant Rinehart, advisers, left June 16 to attend a ten-day camp session at Ascension summer school, held annually at the Episcopal camp, Cove, Ore. Teenagers going from Nyssa are Patrick Eastman and Sue Schenk.

grave in a cemetery, which had a tombstone declaring, "Here lies a lawyer and an honest man." "Who'd ever think," he murmured, "there'd ever be room for two men in that one little grave."

CLOSING THOUGHT

There are two kinds of baseball managers - Winners and EX!

THINKING IN CIRCLES
By A. B.

Have recently observed a number of young 'bike' riders falling to top at posted stop signs, as well as signal for turns. Remember kids - by obeying bicycle-safety rules, you might save time, hospitalization or even your lives.

And do slow those two-wheelers down for corners. Saw a mishap of that kind lately, too! Injuries were not serious, but there were skinned shins and a tear-streaked face.

Then too, the small fry sorta has to keep an eye on us older folks who drive four-wheelers. Sometimes we let our minds wander, too (which we shouldn't do when driving.)

And there are always those who think the posted "slow" signs are there for the other fellers.

AND NO ONE - 'CYCLIST OR MOTORIST - SHOULD EVER FOLLOW A FIRE TRUCK OR AMBULANCE, UNLESS TO ASSIST OFFICIALLY.

telling about Lawrence Miller's three-legged chicken, learned that no one we asked knew what ya' called the hard-surfaced digits on the end of a chicken's toes. We called them 'claws' - but doubt the correctness since they were on a domestic fowl and not on a bird of prey. Are they toe-nails, talons, claws or ??? Personally, after all these years, we just think of them as being used for 'scratching' - so maybe they're 'scratchers'.

Noted on a recent rainy day: Two small girls coming across the park with gaily colored, open umbrellas, but soaking-wet tennis shoes. They may have contracted pneumonia from sitting in the school room with wet feet, but we bet their hair-dos were still intact.

Sure hope B. B. that no one mistakes that flower-bedecked Volks for one of Nyssa's garden club-decorated trash cans!

Another one about two small girls - saw them trying to XXX-out some 'nasty' words printed on one of Nyssa's business buildings. We don't think the girls were responsible for the printing, but believe they didn't like the appearance. Bully for them - we don't like it either!

Take this opportunity to publicly thank the NHS teacher who sent a beautiful potted 'mum' to the Journal office. The surprise-gift arrived with a note to the publishers and staff in appreciation for publicity assistance.

We might add, that we had excellent cooperation for the instructor. And, we too appreciate those efforts.

Those 'bouquets', physical or spoken, are sometimes few and far between. We too, are guilty of failing to pass them along.



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For the non-advertiser who says everyone knows him and what he sells he should remember this: Latest census figures show 20.3% of the population moved in one year. That adds up to nine million families every year. Mobility of population is highest in the west, with 28% and lowest in the NE, with 13%.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

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