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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

August 14, 1968
Editor,
The Gate City Journal,
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Sir:

It was my pleasure to become acquainted with the Malheur county lads who attended the recent Oregon State Boys' conservation camp at Logan Valley near John Day.

Two of them, Brian Hirai and Mike Smith from Nyssa, were working on a Boy Scout advancement - and one requirement was for them to furnish an article for a local newspaper. You will find them attached.

The youths attending the camp session were 'topnotch' fellows and the four from your county rated as among the best of all groups.

Mike even won all-around honors.

In my opinion, this is a story of our youth today as people should know them and read about them.

Your community deserves a 'pat on the back'! Sincerely,
D. Andy Parker, U. S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

(Here are the letters as written by the Nyssa lads.)

"During the week of August 4-10, four boys from Malheur county attended the Oregon Youth Range camp in Logan Valley.

Gary Boor of Ontario and Bill McLay of Vale, along with Brian Hirai and Mike Smith of Nyssa were among those participating in classes and field trips concerning range management.

The camp was sponsored by the Northwest section of the American Society of Range Management, with 54 Oregon boys attending. - Brian Hirai.

Four boys from Malheur county were among those attending the August 4-10 camping tending the August 4-10 Oregon Youth Range Camping session at Logan Valley.

The youths are Bill McLay of Vale, Gary Boor of Ontario, Mike Smith and Brian Hirai of Nyssa.

The range camp is sponsored by the Northwest Section of the American Society of Range Management, and 54 boys from throughout Oregon participated. - Mike Smith.

(Editor's note: Brian attended the camp meeting as an alternate for Keith Oldemeyer who was at the time playing with the Elks' sponsored Van-

Salem Scene
By Everett E. Culter

PRIORITY TASK FORCE PLANS NOW FOR 1970'S

A priority government reorganization and modernization project is in the works here. Gov. Tom McCall's "Project 70's" Task Force, established by executive order two months ago, is well along on its mission to see how the state government can be organized to help solve -- and, if possible, prevent -- social problems in Oregon in the next decade. Emphasis is on early prevention, rather than emergency treatment when a time for action may come.

"In terms of the gross problems faced by American society on a national scale, Oregon, in most cases, has a little lead time left. The key to the future then is what we do with that lead time," explains Dr. Jarold Kieffer, task force chairman.

"Planning answers to future questions requires thinking in terms of alternatives. We cannot afford to wait for problems to happen, and when considering the costs of some improvement measure, we really should balance our thinking by trying to gain a better comprehension of the negative costs of not taking the action, or not taking it in time."

By attempting to understand our people's needs of the 1970's now, he says, we in Oregon may be able to head off or mitigate poverty, pollution and stagnation. We may be able to prevent our cities from going through what Chicago, Detroit, Newark and Los Angeles have experienced. But without responsive state machinery and local government interaction, "everything that has happened in the East and California can and probably will happen here."

Dr. Kieffer, chairman of public affairs and administrative programs at the University of Oregon's School of Community Service and Public Affairs, heads up a team of four professors working in the governor's office on ways to improve the effectiveness of government in Oregon. Other task force members are Carl Saltveit, also from the University of Oregon; Dr. Ronald Cease, associate professor of political science at Portland State College; and Dr. Jack L. Rettig, chairman of business environment and organizational behavior, Oregon State University.

Specifically, Gov. McCall ordered the team to study the problem-solving capabilities of government and to develop suggestions for making state government more effective, efficient and more responsive to the needs of individual citizens and their communities. They are consulting with state agencies, local government, private industry and citizens in developing their suggestions. Their report will go to the governor before November 30, and the Legislature next January.

The main focus is on the problems of the 1970's and the adequacy of state government to help deal with those problems, Dr. Kieffer says. He

dals State baseball champions. The team later went to Klamath Falls where they participated in the Babe Ruth world series games.)

makes it clear that his study group is far more concerned with strengthening the government's capacities for problem solving and better coordination than with organizational neatness and symmetry.

"Looking ahead, two things are crystal clear," he asserts. "First, the whole federal grant-in-aid system, with its emphasis on special program areas, such as highways, health, education, urban renewal, etc., has produced uneven and fragmented conditions at the community level. Some of the program areas have been well funded; others have not. As a result we have had lopsided local development. Moreover, our local agencies have had to distort their efforts to qualify for well-funded program grants, at the expense of other areas of need where funds weren't available. Worse than that, the resulting unevenness and fragmentation have actually aggravated some of the local problems and created new ones."

"Plainly, the present federal grant-in-aid system has reached a counter-productive stage and is badly in need of change," he says.

"Second, because of the lack of resources at the community level, our cities and counties are defaulting in area after area of their development. The situation has been made worse by the clumsiness of the federal grant-in-aid system and its nonresponsiveness. The federal approach actually discourages communities from attacking local problems in both a comprehensive and timely way."

"Too often federal funds tend to be available only when conditions have deteriorated to some national standard of misery. A community that wants to head off a problem finds that money isn't available because the situation isn't much worse. Unfortunately, the states have not been in a position to help."

"During the 1970's the federal government is going to have to help the states develop greater competence to deal with state and local problems. Thus, the 1970's may well be the crisis period in our concept of state government."

The first job of the "Project 70's" Task Force, then, is to develop a picture of the real problems and questions Oregon is likely to face in the next decade. Why is there such a need for crime prevention? Not enough crime prevention? Why do we have dropouts, unemployment, welfare and their ever-rising costs?

How can we improve our economy without destroying Oregon's incredible beauty? Move more people to work and back each day without further strangling our cities?

Then, in projecting answers, the team must ask: How do Oregon's localities relate to these plans? Cross-government action is imperative, Dr. Kieffer says, to make the state more attractive to non-polluting industry, to develop adequate transportation, to help train and employ the unemployed and underemployed, and to develop a sound tax structure.

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OBITUARIES

DWIGHT R. MASON

Dr. Dwight Russell Mason, a well-known veterinarian of this area, succumbed Friday, August 23, 1968 in Des Moines, Iowa after suffering an apparent heart attack.

He was born October 21, 1919 at Billings, Mont., and attended both elementary and high school at Lavina, Mont. He was a graduate of Eastern Montana State college and received his BS and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees in 1951 from Colorado A & M college at Fort Collins.

He was a member of the Methodist church in Lavina, Mont., the Parma Lions club and the Nyssa aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles. He served for six years on District 137 board of school trustees at Parma.

The deceased was a veteran of World War II, having served as a transportation and supply agent for two years in India.

He taught and practiced Veterinary Medicine at the University of Idaho before entering general practice in the Nyssa-Parma area.

According to members of his family and friends, general veterinary practice brought him much pleasure and he enjoyed working for and with area residents as was indicated by his length of stay in this community.

Just recently Mr. Mason had been employed by the US Department of Agriculture, Animal Health department.

In addition to his widow, Dorothy, he is survived by two sons, Dean and Marc; two daughters, Jill and Jan Mason, all at home.

Other survivors include a brother, Abbott Mason of Rowland Hills, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Underwood of Fullerton, Calif., and Mrs. Peggy Lehfeldt of Lavina, Mont.

Mr. Mason was preceded in death by his parents, Lyman Gates and Florence Mason; a brother, Lyman Gates Mason II and a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Tranberg.

Funeral services were conducted Monday evening at Lienkaemper chapel, with the Rev. J. D. Crego of Nyssa United Methodist church officiating. Cremation followed in Boise.

Many a man who prides himself on being levelheaded doesn't know how low the level is.

Y. YOKAYAMA

Services for Yoshitaro Yokayama, 89, of Ontario will be conducted at 8 o'clock this evening, August 29, 1968 at the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist church in Ontario.

Mr. Yokoyama died Sunday in an Ontario hospital. He was born March 20, 1879 in Japan and had been a resident of the Ontario-Nyssa area for the past 16 years. The deceased was a member of the Idaho-Oregon Buddhist church.

Mr. Yokoyama is survived seven sons, Domo of Gardena, Calif., Jack, George and Sada of Burley, Hiroshi, in the US Army, Tom of Los Angeles and Tsutomu Yokoyama in Tokyo; one daughter, Mrs. Jack Dixon of Pocatello.

Private interment rites will be conducted at Ontario's Evergreen cemetery, under direction of Bertleson-Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. T. Hirota.

ELBERT C. CAGLE

Graveside rites for Elbert Creed 'Tennessee' Cagle were held Tuesday morning, August 27, 1968 at the Nyssa cemetery, under direction of Lienkaemper chapel.

Officiating was the Rev. J. D. Crego of Nyssa United Methodist church.

Mr. Cagle was born August 13, 1896 in Tennessee, and had been a resident of the Nyssa-Ontario area for the past 20 years.

He succumbed Saturday at Malheur Memorial hospital where he had been a resident of the nursing home.

Only known survivor is his widow, Nellie, also a nursing home resident.

KENNETH R. SMITH

Funeral rites for Kenneth Richardson Smith were held Monday morning, August 26, 1968 at the Owyhee LDS church with Bishop Wayne L. Berrett officiating.

Mr. Smith, a farmer in the area, succumbed last Thursday at his home on route 1, Nyssa.

He was born April 1, 1910 at Lewiston, Utah; and on Feb. 4, 1936 was married to Alice Belles at La Grande.

In addition to his widow of the home, he is survived by five sons, Richard of Seattle, Thomas C. of Fruitland, Roger, Stanley and Lawrence Smith of Nyssa; two daughters, Mrs. Effie Shy of Mesa, Calif., and Miss Aneta Larue Smith of Nyssa.

Also surviving are four brothers, Clifford, Ray and Don, all of Nyssa, and Ned Smith of Fremont, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Elmira Ellis of Caldwell.

The deceased is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Rosa Smith of Nyssa, and three grandchildren.

Interment rites were held at the Owyhee cemetery under direction of Lienkaemper chapel.

Active pallbearers were Dee Garner, Ray Schulthies, Kenneth Hansen, Golden Draper, George Besendorfer and Jesse Huffman.

Serving as honorary bearers were Cyril Fuhrman, George Little, Leland Fuller, Dean Blaylock, W. H. Kennington and Irvin Rider.

NHS CALENDAR

SEPT. 3 - 8:50 a.m. School opens with a half-day session.
SEPT. 5 - Frosh-Soph Olym-pics.
SEPT. 5 - Jr. Varsity Cheer-leader tryouts.
SEPT. 6 - Evening game - Varsity football, Kuna here.

LAND HO !

Land Ho. The promised land is in sight. The Great Society has arrived.

Some months ago, a certain Miss Juanita Sith, 24, an unwed mother of five children, moved to Philadelphia from Delaware. She applied for relief, and was told that Pennsylvania required a year of residence. This displeased her. She brought suit and a three-judge court then ordered the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to pay her. Thereupon the State called upon Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., who has jurisdiction over Federal courts in Pennsylvania, to delay the effect of the ruling pending an appeal to the Supreme Court. The jurist denied the plea. Without comment.

More recently, the US Supreme Court has sanctioned "free love." The Court ruled that a woman and her lover of the moment may engage in a continuing affair without fear of losing the Aid to Dependent Children payments.

Now, it appears, no fevered female needs worry about getting carried away some day and marrying the man of the moment. Another judge has opened a third gate. In Brooklyn, New York, a Supreme Court Justice has ruled that the city must pay all expenses involved in procuring a divorce.

In New York State, a necessary step in procuring a divorce is the publication of legal notices. That's expensive business. A woman who could not afford to pay for such legal notices applied to the City Finance Department. The department refused to pick up the tab.

An enterprising attorney took her case "to establish a precedent for others."

As a consequence of his effort, the Great Society is now complete. If the precedent stands, the partner to marriage who can't afford the price of a divorce can send the bill to the local government -- city, or county -- and save the trip to Mexico or Las Vegas.

The understanding judge suggested that poor people who want a divorce, and who can prove that they don't have the wherewithal to pay the tab, can trot down to City Hall and deliver the bill.

And that completes the possibilities: The taxpayer supports those who don't marry, it supports those who live as if they were married, but aren't; and it finances those who did marry and want a divorce.

Take your choice. You can't lose. - U.S. Press Association.

Fad: Something that goes in one era and out the other. Notice that two-thirds of pro-motion is motion!

After all is said and done, Some people have tact, and much is said and little done. others tell the truth.

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