

HOMETOWN NEWS

Mrs. Herman Towne spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Nellie Redford in Glens Ferry, Idaho. Mrs. Jess Huffman and children of Nyssa arrived on Sunday to help celebrate Mrs. Redford's birthday anniversary.

Jan. 19 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith were Mr. and Mrs. Don Strickland and Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sisson and girls, Mr. and Mrs. John Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gib Holmes and daughter, Jolene were Jan. 19 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myrick. The occasion was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes' wedding anniversary. Other afternoon guests were another daughter, Susan Munn and the Jim Farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wahlert recently returned from Calif., where he attended some seed meetings in San Francisco. Mrs. Wahlert visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Brien in San Leandro, Calif. Ray Wahlert, their son, phoned them from Sidney, Australia where he had been spending a month's leave, working on a wheat ranch 300 miles from Sidney. He is on his way back to Vietnam for six months active duty.

Mrs. John Weeks of Seneca, Ore., is visiting this week with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Blanche Weeks. Sunday Mrs. Weeks received a phone call from her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Weeks of Parma.

The Friendship club met Jan.

FFA YOUTHS SLATE SPEECH CONTEST

Members of the Nyssa FFA chapter will hold their annual speech contest at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27 in the high school little theatre. Judges will be Dan Bates, Ray Larson and Dave Peery.

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10 at the home of Mrs. Clarence Wernick. Mrs. Alma Kingrey was assistant hostess. There were 16 members and 2 guests present. After the business meeting "Bunko" was played. Sophia Root won high prize, Mrs. Blanche Weeks won traveling prize and Mrs. Virginia Rookstool received the low award.

Mrs. Elvin Ballou entertained with a Jan. 16 hamburger dinner for her piano and organ students. Later each student played two selections and the others offered constructive criticism. They then spent some time working on their music theory. Those attending were Beth Calhoun, Don Ballou, Nyssa, Timmy Jones of Adrian, piano; and Shanna and La Dawn Bair, organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jenkins spent Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lawrence at New Plymouth.

Mrs. Ronald Batt entertained Jan. 16 with a farewell party for Mrs. Wallace Prowell. Assisting her as co-hostess was Mrs. Tom Johnson. Present were 18 members of the Christian Women's Fellowship group of the Nyssa First Christian church.

Mrs. Mildred Estrick of Meridian was a weekend guest of her sister, Mrs. Orma Cleaver. Alva Goodell and family were Jan. 18 dinner guests of Mrs. Cleaver. Jan. 19 visitors in the Cleaver home were Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cleaver, Gail and Bert.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Grant, David and Marilyn of Lewiston, Idaho were weekend guests of

Cooper, Bob Peterson, Lurelle Robbins, Dana Bratton and Bret Hadley.

Winner of the local competition will advance to the district contest to be held Feb. 6 in Nyssa.

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Apple Valley

APPLE VALLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smalley were Jan. 14 afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Henshaw at Meridian.

Mrs. Lucille Reed visited Jan. 12 in the Jim Correll home.

Mrs. Anna Boston, who had been in Malheur Memorial hospital, is reported to be showing gradual improvement.

Miss Shirley Seward recently went skiing at Bogus Basin. She was an overnight guest in the Hugh Pierce home at Boise.

Mrs. Jennie Seward was a recent luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey were recent afternoon visitors

her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sommars of Notus, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farmer of Nyssa, and the Grants were Saturday evening dinner guests of the Frank Byers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Bowns were Jan. 19 dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mayloy.

Mr. and Mrs. David Beers visited Jan. 19 with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kurtz. While there they served a crab dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hobson of Hagerman, Idaho were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Muri Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chard and son, Lance of Boise were Jan. 16 evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard.

Jan. 19 afternoon callers at the Howard Myrick home were Mr. and Mrs. Harold White of New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Gruber returned Jan. 16 after a month's visit with relatives in Seattle, Wash., Richland, Wash., and Portland, Oregon.

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THE 55TH LEGISLATURE

BY ROBERT F. SMITH

Oregon House Speaker

Oregon's 55th Legislature, which convened two weeks ago, has started on a real note of high purpose and hard work. Committees, which are the backbone of the legislative process, are already digging deeply into the multitude of problems which must be resolved before we adjourn later this year.

Many citizens have asked me my thoughts about the role that the Speaker should play in directing and guiding the efforts of the house.

When I was elected to the Speakership, I realized that the position carries with it some of the most awesome responsibilities which can devolve on a single officeholder in Oregon.

By nature of his position, the Speaker cannot afford to be parochial or regional in his approach to problems. Instead, he must become directly concerned with problems facing all areas of the state, and he must become knowledgeable about each of the 1,800 to 2,000 pieces of legislation which will be considered in the coming months.

In addition, of course, the Speaker is still entrusted with the responsibility of acting as the voice of his constituents.

At times during the past, the title "Speaker of the House" has often been synonymous in

the press with political power. Power is often associated with the negative aspects of political life, and my own view of the Speakership might be better expressed by the word leadership.

I have no desire to impose my will arbitrarily on the other 59 members of the House. If I am to be remembered as a strong speaker, I hope it will be because I was able to use the authority of the office in a manner which protected the right of each member to maintain his independence as a representative of his constituents.

There are numerous ways in which a Speaker can influence the tone and chart the course for House to follow.

Let me give you several recent examples. I have become deeply concerned that citizens often do not have an adequate chance to express their opinions about issues of major concern to them.

They think of government in abstract terms, and feel that they have no voice in government policy.

One point which I will stress is that the legislature--and legislative business--must be brought closer to the people.

I want to see the citizens of Oregon presented with a better opportunity to become directly and actively involved in the decisions being made daily in Salem.



County Court Briefs - Jan. 22

Mr. Gaston Smith resigned from the Family Services Clinic effective March 1, 1969.

Dr. Ken Pfaff resigned as Malheur County Medical Officer effective March 1, 1969.

There was a Community Shelter Planning meeting with the Malheur County Civil Defense Director, the State and Federal men included . . . for particulars, contact Mr. Dick Scott, Vale 473-3395.

The County Court moved that the official county newspapers be the Nyssa Gate City Journal and the Ontario Argus Observer, on the basis of circulation.

The Court approved the sending of Judge Nita Bellows to the Western Region Traffic Council Meeting in San Francisco to be the representative of Justice Courts in Malheur County.

Mr. Joe Hobson was appointed to act as the Court's representative on the Board of Review on the Farm Deferrals.

The County Court will be in Jordan Valley the 31st of January to meet with the people of Jordan Valley and the people of Quinn, Oregon re: various matters. . . roads, bridges, etc.

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