

The Gate City Journal

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:
I was just reading the Gate City Journal and in particular the articles re: the athletic power that Nyssa High School has become. You can remember as well as I, when a successful season in football and basketball was winning more than two games! The wrestling teams under Mel Calhoun have always been great, but to have the other sports finally achieving the potential that many of us have felt for many years was in Nyssa is a pleasure to behold. In this regard, I think your editorial of March 11 hit the nail squarely on the head. Winning is indeed a state of mind and a healthy and needed one, I think, for Nyssa. But of far more significance than the winning of those athletic contests, the successes which the Nyssa teams have enjoyed can be a catalyst to a winning attitude downtown and in the community at large.

I would like to say that I recognize with appreciation the efforts that you, as editor of the Journal, have put forth in encouraging that winning attitude in the school and in the community. The positive, pro-school, pro-community stance which the Journal has assumed under your direction is gratifying to observe. A local newspaper that supports and encourages initiative and pride and all that is good in community activities is a tremendous asset to that community. Sincerely yours, J. Frank Turner, Chairman Music Dept., Santa Monica College.

Editor, The Journal:
Pride comes in excellence! It is really difficult for me to be quiet at a time like this. Our local High School Basketball Team has finally broken the shackles of which they seemingly have been bound, and came up a winner. Apparently desire has overcome defeatism. Most of the members of this years team have not tasted defeat, beginning in the seventh grade, which could be a leading factor. Lets face it. This team got what they have wanted so far, and they like what they got. With the determination they have expressed individually, I expect they will do well in State competition. Loyalty is a big factor of success. Without loyalty there is no foundation. A loyal athlete is a reasonably happy athlete. He believes and defends his team, in the face of detractors. He feels and reflects the image that he is a member of a winning team. He willingly accepts each task when necessary without question. This athlete is the answer to a prayer. Now comes the "sticky bit". Psychologists claim that loyalty is a trait that is developed while maturing. No one is born with a ready made supply. Sad but true, it cannot be taught to an average mature adult. Even though an adult cannot accept the teaching of loyalty, all is not lost. Loyalty is a reciprocal asset. It can be earned by a good manager, or withheld from the not so good. A little soul searching can often pay big dividends. Loyal team members, who respect managers stand little chance of being led down the path of disloyalty or defeat. Along with loyalty comes respect. Our boys have respect for their coaches and show them respect. Our coaches are teaching them loyalty, which draws respect and honor. With all the attributes of the team and with the desire to attain the goal they

OBITUARIES

Nimrod C. Thomas, 70, a retired Adrian resident, died March 19 at an Ontario hospital. Mr. Thomas was born August 31, 1900, in Barry County, Mo. He was married July 17, 1921, to Gladys Rush of Powell, Mo. Survivors include his widow of Adrian, a son Kenneth E. Thomas, Livermore, Calif., a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Lane, Adrian, four sisters, Mrs. Martha Baker, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Leona Beaver, Anderson, Mo.; Mrs. Anna Ridenour, Belleville, Ill.; and Mrs. Millie Stanton, Payette; four grandchildren, Mrs. Lloyd (Shari) Collard, Parma, Kelly Thomas, Fort Lewis, Wash., Bill and Sandra Lane, Adrian, and a great-grandchild, Fred Collard, Parma. He was preceded in death by five brothers, two sisters, and a grandson, David Thomas. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. March 22 at Lienkaemper Chapel of Nyssa by the Rev. Raymond Wilson of the Adrian Presbyterian Church. Interment was at Owyhee under direction of the Lienkaemper Chapel.

Mary Pearl Newgen, 72, Nyssa, died March 20 at the Nyssa hospital. Mrs. Newgen was born Nov. 2, 1898, in Texas. She was married to L.E. Newgen on October 23, 1919, in Yuma, Ariz. They came to Nyssa in 1925 and then moved to Apple Valley in 1936. In 1946, they moved to Sunset Valley. Survivors include her husband, Nyssa; a son, Bob Newgen, Nyssa; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Also serving are two brothers and eight sisters. A daughter, Bonnie May, died in 1940. Services were conducted March 23 at Lienkaemper Chapel at Nyssa by the Rev. J.D. Cragel of the Nyssa United Methodist Church. Interment was at Parma under direction of Lienkaemper Chapel.

E. Ben Rust, 75, formerly of Nyssa, died March 20 at Lawndale, Calif. at the home his sister, Mrs. Georgia Porter. He was born April 15, 1895, in the Owyhee community between Nyssa and Adrian. He was a ranch foreman for Johnnie Ray, a well known Malheur County cattleman. Mr. Rust was a member of the United States Army in World War I and was in the Navy during World War II. He entered the sheep business in Rock Springs, Wyo. where he lived for 36 years. Survivors include three brothers, Theo Rust and Tom Rust, both of Nyssa, and Herman Rust, Prineville, Oregon and one sister, Mrs. Georgia Porter, Lawndale, California. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday (today) at Lienkaemper Chapel at Nyssa with interment at Owyhee.

Dorthea Henneman, 57, a former well known resident of Nyssa, died of a heart attack March 18 in Enterprise, Oregon. Mrs. Henneman was born September 27, 1914 in Carns, Nebr. She and her husband operated the Gamble Hardware Store in Nyssa from 1939 to 1951. They moved to Baker, where they operated a variety store for 10 years, and have been engaged in the same business in Enterprise since 1961. Survivors include her husband Harold and a daughter Mrs. Jill Masterson, Middleton, Delaware. Also surviving here are a brother and a sister. Services were conducted Monday, March 22, at the Episcopal Church in Enterprise. Interment was at Enterprise cemetery.

Card of Thanks
We wish to thank Rev. Wilson our many friends and neighbors, and the women of the Adrian Presbyterian Church for all the kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to us during the long illness and death of our loved one. -The family of Nimrod C. Thomas

Faith Lutheran Church Notes
Faith Lutheran Church congregation will worship on Passion Sunday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m. with the theme: "Coming to Terms--With Death," based on John 8:46-59. After the worship the Sunday School classes will meet with the adults continuing their study on the Christian Faith with the topic, "What is God Like." Wednesday, March 31, 8 p.m. another Lenten Service will be held for members of Faith Lutheran at Grace Lutheran Church in Vale. Pastor Jacobson's meditation on John 19:28-29 will be entitled, "Love Bears Punishment." A special children's sermon on a "Friend of Jesus, Peter" will also be given.

Tuesday, March 30, members of the Church Council and the Task Force on Evangelism will meet at the parsonage, at 8 p.m. have set before them, who is to deny the end result of a State Championship? We are proud of this team, and win or lose at State, we will be proud of next years team too. Lee Dail.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

Special services are scheduled at the Church of the Nazarene, to begin Tuesday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. This series of services will continue each evening through Palm Sunday, April 4.

Rev. G. Franklin Allee, Moses Lake, Wash., will be speaking in each service, and music is under the direction of Dan Ketchum, a student from Northwest Nazarene College. Rev. Allee is coming to Nyssa directly from a tour of Bible lands and will have fresh information and pictures from Palestine. His first message, on Tuesday, will be on the subject around which his latest book is written, the fulfillment of Christ's prophecies relating to this present day. Friends in the community are invited to share the inspiration of these services next week.

St. Bridget's News

The 7th and 8th grade CYO group of St. Bridget's parish is sponsoring a skating party Thursday afternoon March 25. All interested 7th and 8th graders will meet at 4 p.m. at St. Bridget's Christian Education Building. The group will go from here to Ontario to skate until 7 p.m. at which time they will go to the Grizzly Bear for pizza and root beer. Any parents who can help with the transportation needs are invited to do so. Further details are available from Enriqueta Rodriguez, Dolores Elguezabal, Anna Dority and Barbara Bosselman.

The annual Docesan Development program collection which takes care of 15 needs of the Diocese of Baker will be taken up this coming Sunday, March 28, between noon and 1 p.m. All registered Catholics of St. Bridget's parish will be contacted by the men of the parish to support this program. Brochures explaining the program have been mailed to all Catholic families registered at St. Bridget's parish. Any families not contacted should contact Father Young so they may participate in this most worthy cause.

Friday evenings during Lent finds St. Bridget's parish having an evening Mass with sermon at 7:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross. Good Friday will find the service beginning at 3 p.m. to commemorate the hour of the Death of Christ. All interested persons are invited to participate in these services.

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The First Ward Relief Society will hold their monthly visiting teacher's report meeting April 7 at 9:30 a.m. The message will be presented by Violet Griffen entitled "Responsibility". All visiting teachers are urged to attend to report their teaching orally. The Spiritual Living meeting

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Nyssa Volunteer fire department answered an alarm at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 12, at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou, located five miles southwest of Nyssa on Fairview drive. Cause of the fire was believed to be a faulty oil stove. The family was preparing to move into the house during spring vacation and had already moved some furniture. Both house and furniture were completely destroyed.

Larry D. Mackey has been named valedictorian and Mary Elizabeth Ashcraft chosen salutatorian for Adrian graduating class of 1961, it was announced this week by Glenn Ward, Adrian School superintendent.

Adrian students Susanna Martinez, Mary Worden, Karen Conant, Effie Laan and Lucy Flores hiked to Nyssa from Adrian Saturday to earn GAA points. It took them about 3 1/2 hours. They all attended the matinee in Nyssa that afternoon.

20 YEARS AGO

The Nyssa fire siren which has been in use for about 20 years, is to be replaced by a larger, noisier and more effective siren. The age of the siren has caused it to fail several times during the last few months. The new siren may be used over the fire station. It is a directional siren, reflecting the sound downward, so that it can be more easily heard throughout the town.

The seniors beat the faculty 27 to 16 in what passed as a basketball contest, and received \$154 dollars toward expenses that will be incurred when the boys are taken to Eugene to attend the state basketball tournament.

The "Sad Sackers" entered the gymnasium garbed in football warm-up suits to heat their sagging bodies. Their playing was as unorthodox as their costumes, which included long legged white drawers, shorts, pajamas, dresses and other articles of clothing. The faculty team included Henry Hartley, Dennis Patch, Walter McPartland, and Murl Lancaster. Other characters were Kinsey Keveren, Dale Overstake, Lynn Lawrence, Richard Wilson, Harry McGinley, Howard Lovejoy, Rollie Cox, David Mortimer and Frank Mazzio.

Seniors playing in the game were Marcum, Bowen, Pounds, Wilson and Mitchell. The dead-eye seniors could have accumulated a much larger score, if they had not entered into the spirit of the occasion. The school teacher yell leaders, Viola Dunkley and Lois White went through enough contortions to draw ample response from a timid rooters section.

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TVCC Budget Defeat

The Treasure Valley Community College budget has gone down again. Not a new thing for the 2-year college. As has been the case in many elections for budgets for the college, it was soundly defeated in the rural area of the county and in communities such as Vale.

In our opinion there are a number of reasons that the voters turned out in such numbers to defeat the budget. Being in the position that we are, we hear more of both sides of the story than most. There are two sides, and as always, both are right. First, understand that we favor the college. We feel strongly that there is a need in our area for a college and the development of our area hinges on the success of the college. We feel that the taxpayers and others in the area have invested a great deal in the college and it must not close. However, we also feel that the college is attempting to grow too rapidly. The college does not, in our opinion, have to offer everything for everyone. It does not need to become a 4-year university, either. We feel that taxpayers would be more tolerant, if occasionally the college administration would say simply, "we can't afford to do that right now," when there is a request for a specific class or program. This is especially true in the adult education programs. The same thought applies to the building program. Many of these programs are funded with money other than local money, but it is hard to convince an overburdened taxpayer that it isn't all coming right out of his pocket.

We feel that perhaps part of the problem lies in communication - or lack of it. We feel that rather than trying to "sneak the budget by" as has seemingly been the case in the past, it would be better to prepare a justification of the budget and present it to groups and organizations in the education district of the college.

We realize that communication is a 2-way street. We know also that more often than not the only citizens at a budget hearing are those serving on the budget board. This indifference is not found only at the college's budget hearings, but is typical of most. Just because taxpayers don't come to a budget hearing, however, doesn't mean that they aren't interested. Again, from our point of view, it seems more of an effort should be made to make these hearings more understandable to the layman. We feel that few understand budgets and the official budget document well enough to ask questions without being made to feel like an idiot.

We feel that the discussions and problems in the migrant education program have created many questions and some voters cast no votes because of this. Again, lack of communication is a basic problem in this area. Not one single faulty member from the college visited or expressed an interest in visiting Vale to discuss this problem at a public meeting.

As always, some are calling for heads to roll and some have even named those to go. We don't feel that the general house-cleaning of the administration will solve the problem any more than it did a few years ago. Undoubtedly, there are those on the staff that are not as effective as they might be in another situation and we are sure that the administration and board are astute enough to recognize this and take the necessary action. Malheur Enterprise

Bilingual Schools?

Because English is the official, national language of the United States it behooves all residents to become fluent in that difficult-to-learn tongue. It is easier for a small child than for a more mature person to learn the language.

During the years of mass immigration from non-English-speaking countries to America, millions of children entered school here knowing little or no English. This made the subject matter extremely difficult for them at first. But they soon learned to speak, read and write the language of their adopted country, whereas in many instances their parents, who continued to speak their native tongues at home, never mastered English. Had the children been taught in school in German, Polish, Chinese or whatever their native language might have been, they would not have learned English as quickly or as well.

Therefore, the bilingual education system suggested by the Governor's Advisory Committee on Chicano Affairs would tend to delay rather than hasten a Spanish-speaking child's assimilation into our English-speaking society. The argument is that basic courses should be taught in the language the child speaks at home to avoid his becoming educationally deficient by the time he learns English.

It would be helpful if teachers were available who could explain the English-language lessons in the child's home language. But mastery of the national tongue is vital and experience has shown that early introduction to it and instruction in it achieves that goal. The Oregonian

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