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An Easter Message

Some few months ago we wrapped up our holiday ornaments and displays, and put them in dead storage for another year. At the same time we placed our still green holiday tree on top of the trash pile. In retrospect it almost seems that our actions were sowing the wind that created the whirlwind. The intervening days have been dark and gloomy; the wind has blown - and blown hard - from all points of the compass; the rains have come, and the snow, and the ice, and the sleet; and the earth has been a dark and deadly place to live.

But in these last few days, or weeks, the sun has come to shine once again; the earth is warm and receptive to the touch of the farm equipment; the planting has begun; and the fields reflect a rebirth of the life without which our life is in vain.

There is beauty coming to life all around us, and men's hearts are glad. Here is new life and the promise of the harvest of the tomorrow; here is the joy of a rebirth of the cycle without which men's sustenance is indeed meager.

We survey all this from our world of happiness, and it seems that there can be no mar or defect to obscure this wonderful Springtime, which has ever gladdened the hearts of men. But as our eyes scan the entire horizon which is ours, suddenly there comes into our perspective that trash pile on which we placed that green holiday tree but some few months ago. The tree is still there but it has changed. It is no longer green and it has lost all its needles, leaving it brown and bare and ugly. As we continue to gaze off into the distance at this tree it seems as though it has lost not only its green needles but most of its branches. Out of the mist of the distance comes the picture of this tree with but two branches left - and these are in the shape of a cross. We continue to gaze and - it can't be true - but yet there is the shape of a man hung from those remaining branches of our dead tree.

So, regardless of all the new life and growth around us, we are, it seems, in the midst of the death from which we have just arisen.

All the happiness, joy, and beauty which has been ours is suddenly tempered by this view of ugliness and death. We can't tear our eyes from this tragic sight! There is mourning in our hearts for this man and all mankind which has caused this agony and suffering, the unspeakable ingnominy of the cross.

We continue to gaze into this tragic distance, and then, suddenly, there is a change! The cross is still there but its arms are now empty. Our eyes search and search in vain for this man who was hung on this cross, but He is no longer there. And because He is no longer there, we are free from the stigma of the death of that tree and cross, and he who hung on it. Once again the new birth and growth bring nothing but joy to our lives and the lives of those about us. Yet there remains in our hearts the knowledge that all this wonderful reborn emotion which is now ours, can only be because that Man came down from the cross.

Who can that Man be? Who could stir within us and all mankind over the ages this tearing of the mind and heart? Certainly no ordinary man could do this.

We travel along the restless road of life, and then we meet a stranger. Usually this meeting is when our lives are in precarious balance, and we know not which way to turn. This stranger holds out His hands to us in love and affection, in forgiveness for all our errors against Him and all mankind, and in promise of life eternal. We look again and - no - this Man is not a complete stranger. The view is a little clouded but soon it becomes clear that this is the Man who hung from the cross. Who is this Man? Who could open our hearts and minds to all the loveliness of nature, the true brotherhood of all man? Who could bring this rebirth within us? Who could offer us forgiveness and the love which passes all understanding? Truly this IS the Son of God! And because He lives, we too shall live!

By Rev. John K. Worrall
Rector, S. Paul's Episcopal Church

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: The following letter was written by Michael Shunn who was raised in this area but now lives in Portland. His letter is addressed to Americans of Mexican ancestry:

Look around you when you're in any of the Snake River Valley town. Many of the people you see will belong to a minority group.

There are three very strong minority groups in the valley: the Japanese, the Basques, and you, the Mexican Americans.

The Basques have been here the longest of the three. They are respected ranchers, farmers, businessmen, teachers, etc.

The Japanese started with an overwhelming handicap -- World War Two. During the war, most were interned in concentration camps. Their homes and businesses were confiscated and sold.

In 1942 or 1943, there was no person lower on the totem pole than a Japanese-American When they were released, they were homeless and impoverished.

The Japanese came to this valley with many strikes against them, but they stayed, bought homes and farms, educated their children. They overcame prejudice by very hard work.

The Japanese, like the Basques, have invested their lives in their businesses and the valley. What they take from the land they return. They are respected businessmen, farmers, doctors, and state senators.

And you, Mexican Americans, came to this valley to very little prejudice. You came in the spring, worked until the harvest was in in the fall, and went back to Texas and Mexico for the winter with your summer's wages.

Valley organizations taught you health and sanitation practices, your children attend local schools, the BLM has trained you to fight range fires. You have taken from this valley, but what have you returned?

Youv'e taken your wages to Mexico to spend. How many of you have taken advantage of the opportunities for education and now want to abuse them?

If you don't want to contribute to the good of the valley, then leave the area. If you want to join the rest of us and live here, then meet us half way. Help build our valley. Don't tear it down.

Michael K. Shunn
Portland, Oregon

Editor, The Journal:

Please accept our thanks for your support in sending the Pep Band to the State Basketball Tournament. Without your help the band would not have been able to make the trip.

Sincerely,
Craig D. Northrup
Band Director

ONE GOOD JOB DESERVES ANOTHER. HIRE THE VET!

OBITUARIES

Gerald T. Curry

Services for Gerald Thornton Curry, 42, Caldwell, who died April 3 at a Caldwell hospital were conducted April 6 at Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church in Caldwell by the Rev. John R. Harland and the Rev. James Moiso. Interment was at Canyon Hill under the direction of Dakan Chapel.

Mr. Curry was born Oct. 21, 1928, at Goodland, Kansas. In December, 1936, he moved with his family to Nampa and in 1939 the family moved to Nyssa where he attended school and graduated from high school. After graduation he was associated in business with his father until 1951.

February 9, 1947, he married Donna Courtney of Ontario. He was employed by the Moore Radio and T.V. Company of Boise for seven years. In 1961, he and Allen Hockstrasser established an electric wholesale house in Caldwell known as the A-Gem Supply Company.

He was a former member of the Caldwell Junior Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be given to the Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church in Caldwell.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Barry Lee, Michael Lynn, Jerry Brent and Jeffery Kent Curry, all at home; a daughter, Jill Ann Curry, at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curry, Nyssa; and a sister, Mrs. Nadine Sweaney, Eureka, California.

Henry Chamberlain

Services for Henry Ernest Chamberlain, 83, Nyssa who died April 4 at the Nyssa nursing home, will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Lindquist Funeral Home in Ogden. Interment will be in Ogden.

Mr. Chamberlain was born May 3, 1887 in Willard, Utah. He was a retired Southern Pacific Railroad man after having worked for 30 years for the company. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a Bridge-Builder Carpenter. He moved from the Ogden area to Nyssa in 1960. His wife, Susan M. Jensen, died June 15, 1965 in Nyssa.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. S.P. (Virginia) Bybee, Nyssa, Mrs. Ralph (Roma) Alvord, Tucson, Ariz. and Mrs. Rod (Jean) Schow, Brigham City, Utah; three brothers, George Chamberlain, Baldwin Park, Calif., Walter Chamberlain, Honeyville, Utah; and Lester Chamberlain, Pleasant view, Utah; a sister, Mrs. Anna Burnett, Ogden; 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

His wife, two daughters and a son preceded him in death.

Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Killed In Accident

Mr. and Mrs. George Conrad of Los Angeles, California, were both instantly killed in a car wreck near Wells, Nevada, Tuesday March 30. Mrs. Conrad was the only sister of Harold Sisson of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad were enroute to the funeral of Mrs. Conrad's mother, Mrs. Anna Mae Sisson, which was held March 30th in Twin Falls.

Joint services for the Conrads were held in Twin Falls Saturday, April 3, at White's Mortuary.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Rev. Crego, friends, neighbors, relatives, and the women of the Church of Christ in Ontario. A special thanks to Mrs. Arthur Cartwright for all the kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to us at the time of the passing of our loved one.

—The family of Mary Newgen

FIRST WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

The Nyssa First Ward Relief Society will hold their homemaking meeting April 14, starting at 10 a.m. The lesson will be given by Jean Wood intitled "Thy Speech Betrayeth Thee." Activities will include childrens' hassocks, making men's ties and sweet breads. Lunch will be served at noon. A baby sitter will be provided.

Editor, The Journal:

In behalf of the United Americans of Nyssa, I wish to offer my sincere thanks to all of the members of our community for their effective volunteer effort which produced the fine voter trunout at the recent OEO election. When we asked anyone to help, they did so eagerly and many started projects on their own. We should all be proud of the outstanding results.

Now that new Area Council officers and Advisory Board members have been elected, we hope they will be able to function as the law intends. If attempts are made by the former office holders to block their efforts, we may call on the community to help again. Those who, for their own selfish purposes, seek to divide the people of the community into antagonistic groups should now have ample notice that the Nyssa-Adrian residents have, and will again if the need arises, unite in a common effort to support those who truly are working for the best interests of all of the residents of our area.

Thanks again.
Sincerely yours,
Gene Stunz

Easter Services

ST. BRIDGET'S NEWS

St. Bridget's Catholic Church will in its liturgy relive the last few days of Christ's life and his Resurrection during Holy Week. Thursday at 7:30 p.m. the Mass of the Last Supper will be celebrated. Friday at 3:00 p.m. the traditional hour of the death of Our Lord, the Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord will be celebrated. Easter Sunday morning at 5:30 a.m. the Resurrection of Our Lord will be celebrated with an Easter Vigil Sunrise service. There will also be Masses at 8 and 11 a.m.

Confessions will be heard Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m., Saturday 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

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The women of the Altar Society of St. Bridget's parish cleaned and prepared the chruch for Easter. The 7th and 8th grade CYO group has been preparing to sing at the Vigil Service to give leadership to the congregation. Palms were distributed to the parish at all the Masses last Sunday.

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Films on modern religious problems are being shown at the St. Bridget's high school sessions Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Last week a film on a sensitivity session was shown. The films chosen by the senior group take up various aspects of marital problems.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Easter services at the Conservative Baptist Church will include a sunrise service and the regular morning and evening services. These services begin at 6:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively.

The sunrise service will be held at the Buchtel farm on Columbia Boulevard in Nyssa Heights. The service will include instrumental and vocal music, a poetry reading and a message by Pastor Coats entitled "The Early Watch." Breakfast will be served to all who attend at the Buchtel home.

Pastor Coats announced that his sermon topics for the 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services will be "Jesus, The Resurrection" and "Jesus, The Conqueror".

NAZARENE CHURCH

Easter activities at the Church of the Nazarene will begin with brief Sunday School classes at 9:45, to be followed by the Sunday School Easter program presented by the children's departments at 10:15.

The worship service will include Easter music and a message by our pastor, Robert W. Manley. A class of new members will be received into the church during the time of worship.

A program of Easter music is being prepared by the choir and various musical groups for presentation at 7:00 p.m. Sunday. The choir and musicians are being invited to the parsonage for fellowship and refreshments following the evening service.

Friends in the community will benefit from the ministry of these Easter services and are welcome in the fellowship.

LATIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

A special Good Friday service will be presented at 7:30 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be served.

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Sunday, church activities begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by the worship service at 11 a.m. and Sunday night service at 7:30 p.m.

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Young people's service, every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. Bible study every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

A friendly church with a friendly smile. The Rev. David H. Martinez, Pastor.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. Day of the institution of the first Lord's Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY - There will be a Service of Prayer and Meditation, beginning at 12 noon and continuing for about one hour.

HOLY SATURDAY - Service including the lighting of Paschal Candle at 4 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY - Celebration of the Holy Communion will be at 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thursday evening, 8 p.m., April 8, Maundy Thursday will be observed with a Communion service at Grace Lutheran Church in Vale. Pastor Jacobson will preach from John 19:30 with the theme: "Love Offers Sacrifice." Debbie Fangen will sing a special number.

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Good Friday services will be held at 12:15- noon on April 9. Pastor Jacobson will give a brief meditation on Luke 23: 45-46 with the theme: "Love is Acceptable to God."

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Festival Easter worship will take place at 10:30 a.m. with the Biblical text of Mark 16: 1-7 and the theme: "If we Really Believed."

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The United Methodist Church will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday at 8 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall. It will be a candlelight service around the tables somewhat in the manner of the Last Supper the disciples had together in the Upper Room. Everyone is welcome to this service.

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There will be two identical services of worship on Easter Sunday morning at the United Methodist Church. The first will be at 8:30 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m. The choir will sing "Alleluia." A nursery will be provided for preschool children for both services. "Come worship with us," say the Methodists.

APOSTOLIC FAITH

Apostolic Church of the Faith in Christ Jesus services will be held in the evenings Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 p.m. Sunday School services are held from 10 a.m. until noon. All are welcome, announced Pastor Mike Valverde, Jr. The church is located at 612 North 9th

NYSSA LDS FIRST WARD

The Easter Program for the Nyssa LDS First Ward will start at 9:30 a.m. under the direction of the Sunday School. Seperate programs will be presented by both the Senior and Junior Sunday School.

NYSSA LDS SECOND WARD

Easter services for the Nyssa Second Ward will begin at 11a.m. A special program "Biblical Witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus," will be presented by the Sunday School. Also musical numbers will be included in the program by the Women's Trio and the Men's Quartet.

Sacrament meeting will be at 7:30 p.m.

OWYHEE LDS WARD

Services for the Owyhee LDS Ward will begin at 10:30 a.m. The Junior and Senior Sunday School will hold a special Easter program following the service. Everyone is invited to attend the service and program.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY - Night Service will be held at 8 p.m. There will be five messages of five minutes each, given by laymen, on five people who were present or had something to do with the crucifixtion of Christ.

Those giving messages will be: Mrs. Elver Neilsen, Pilate; Mrs. Cal Martin, Judas Iscariot; Miss Linda Martin, The Two Thieves; Boyd Haney, The Centurion; Mrs. Gary Neilsen, Simon of Cyrene. A solo "Ten Thousand Angels," will be sung by Mrs. Bill Neilsen. Communion will be commemorated at the service.

EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday School will be held at the regular time at 10 a.m. Worship service with special music at 11 a.m. A message by the Pastor, "Victory Through Death." Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and urged to come out and worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Good Friday services at the Christian Church will be at 8 p.m., the last of a series of special meetings being conducted by the Rev. Martin Lee of Castle Rock, Wash.

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The Annual Easter breakfast of the Loyality Class of the Christian Church will be Saturday, beginning at 7 a.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Focht, with Mr. and Mrs. John Lane assisting.

Did You Know ?

OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 1971 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 29 SUMMARY

Amends Oregon Constitution, contingent upon voter approval, to establish right of people to acquire, possess, own or use firearms for lawful purposes, and to prohibit imposition of registration, transfer or licensing requirement, fee or tax upon right of people to acquire, possess, own or use firearms.

HOUSE BILL 1006 SUMMARY

Prohibits carrying loaded firearm in motor vehicle while hunting. Exempts designated firearms and persons. Provides penalties.

HOUSE BILL 1495 SUMMARY

Requires additional hunting license for use of bow and arrow during special season or in special area. Sets fees for additional license.

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