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NHS Student Expresses Views

(Editor's note): The following editorial was written by Jonathan Reece, Nyssa High School senior, and appeared in the NHS Bulldog last week. Jon is an outstanding athlete and excellent student, and typical of the many fine young people who are taking a leadership role in his school and community. We think his editorial is well worth reading.

When asked how I feel about the U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia I immediately take an offensive position, in favor of President Nixon's Vietnam policy. I have not agreed with all the actions taken in this war but I do support the war 100%. Many people think this is a very unintelligent statement on my behalf because of the fact that I am not fighting the war. In less than 18 months I will receive my lottery number which in turn is going to tell me where I stand in respect to the draft. Therefore, I, too, have a small involvement concerning the war. The point that I would like to make is that we must all stand firmly behind our government or our strong nation will cease to exist.

I will condemn no man which gets out of the draft because of his own deep and firm beliefs concerning not only Vietnam war, but any war. The man that I will condemn is the one who is really afraid to fight for this great and beautiful country and is really just too frightened to admit it. Have you looked out your window lately and really taken a look at the things surrounding you? You see people driving their own cars, young people sitting at drive-ins sipping Cokes, and hundreds of other things that display the freedom that we Americans have. Now stop and ask yourself this, "Isn't this great thing that we call freedom worth fighting for and worth sharing with those who wish to receive it?" This is what I believe the great United States of America has stood for, for the past 300 years and will remain to do so for another 300.

Some say American youth of today are more informed on what is happening in the world today than any other generation. This is good, because the more a person knows about a problem the less trouble he will have solving it. But are we, the American youth, really doing this? In the 1960's alone there were more useless burnings, rioting, and demonstrations than in the entire history of this country. I believe we need changes made in our society, but in a nonviolent manner.

Besides war there is another grave problem that the American youth is faced with. This is the problem of drug abuse. Since I am not an expert on this subject, I cannot give very many statistics about drug abuse, but I can express my opinion. I feel that anyone who has taken drugs or smoked pot should be immediately put under a doctor's observation. I feel that these people are a threat to the public. I once heard a person say that he never encouraged the use of drugs but still didn't condemn the use of them. I feel that this is an unhealthy attitude to take. We must discourage the use of drugs, for the American youths are in grave trouble. We cannot blame the parents of these kids entirely, but still we cannot blame only the kids. Who is at fault then? The fault lies on the shoulders of both parent and youth. Steps should be taken to educate young people about the great troubles and problems involving drugs. I cannot understand why a person would risk his entire future by taking that first big step in using drugs.

To summarize I just believe in my country very much and support her in any manner possible. I know that all people cannot live together in harmony, because there are just too many differences in opinion. But there is one thing that we can all do and that is bend over backwards to try to solve our problems. The day that man will stop and realize that other people have feelings too, that will be the day when the world will start on an improved course.

St. Paul's Rector Returns

The Rev. John K. Worrall, Vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Worrall, have just returned from a vacation trip through Southern and mid-California. This trip took them through San Diego, LaJolla, Monterey Park, Huntington Beach, North Hollywood and Oakland.

At Oakland the Rev. Worrall was acting rector for two weeks at St. James' the Apostle Episcopal Church. This church dates its origin back to 1858 and is one of the oldest churches in the area. Constructed of redwood in the beautiful pioneer style, it was once a congregation of quite wealthy people who dwelt within the confines of the church vicinity, and many of the very large, so-called mansions, of these people still exist, some in good preservation and some deteriorated rather badly.

The congregation, once totally Caucasian, is now about 50% black, mostly young or middle aged, with the other 50% composed of elderly Caucasians. It is interesting to note, that with the great national and, at times, local emphasis on integration, often a conservation piece rather than fact, in this very aged church there is a true melting pot of at least two races of different origin, with a true line of communication and relation existing between all involved, where the fact, rather than the word of integration is the rule.

The neighborhood, once a

Amity Women Meet

Amity Club women met October 1 at the home of Mrs. Solon Lewis with Mrs. Carl Burningham as co-hostess. Mrs. Frell Blair conducted a short business meeting. Guest speaker for the evening was Gene Stanz, Nyssa attorney. He discussed wills and explained techniques of probates. Refreshments were served. The door prize was won by Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, October 10 - 9:30 a.m. The church at study--Sunday School for all ages, and the choir will practice also.

11:00 a.m. The church at worship. Mr. Dale Adams will sing "My Task".

5:30 p.m. The Senior High UMYF will meet for fun and study.

7:30 p.m. The Evening Worship. The prayer and study group will be led by Mrs. Leo Gonyer.

Monday, October 11 - 6:45 p.m. The Webelos Den meets at the church.

8:00 p.m. The Administrative Board will meet in the Parlor with the chairman, Don Somers presiding. The Rev. C. Keith Mills, District Superintendent will be present.

Tuesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. a meeting will be held for all adults, parents and leaders, who are interested in Cub Scout Pack 450.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. The Study and Prayer Group will meet at the Cecil Evans home in Nu Acres.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 419 will meet at the church, George Hiral Scoutmaster and L.D. Walburn, Assistant Scoutmaster.

J.D. Crego, Pastor

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Ministries:

Sunday School with classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Morning service, message: "The Greatest Possible Event" at 11 a.m.

Evening service, message: "The Assurances of Rapture" at 6 p.m.

Youth Training Hour, Junior High and High School, 7:15 p.m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

First Christian Church, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.

CYF - For all Jr and Sr. High Youths, Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Choir practice, Wednesday at 7 p.m.

CWF group meeting today, Thursday, October 7, Mrs. Ronald Batt, 2 p.m.

Good News Club for all grade school children will begin Friday, October 8 at the church basement at 3:45 p.m. Singing, Bible stories and refreshments will be served. Mrs. Johnson is in charge.

Church board meeting, Tuesday, October 12, at the church 8 p.m.

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.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Nyssans Dale Willoughby, his wife Juanita, and their five-month-old baby returned safely last Thursday to the Neil Dimmick ranch following an unpleasant experience during an excursion into the mountains.

The family left the Dimmick farm early Wednesday morning for a day's jaunt into the hills. They were headed for the Twin Springs area, but made a wrong turn out of Deadman's Gulch and found themselves in strange territory. They attempted to ford a stream which appeared to be shallow, but found it too deep to cross, then ran out of gas. Willoughby left his wife and baby in the car and walked until he found help.

The Dimmick couple, for whom Willoughby worked, became worried when the trio did not return Wednesday evening as scheduled. They, together with L.L. (Red) Kreager, searched with two pickups until 2 a.m. County Sheriff Robert Ingram was contacted Thursday. He flew over the area where the family was supposedly lost, but sighted nothing.

The Dimmicks set up camp on the summit between Mitchell Butte and Lone Willow Springs, friends and neighbors joined them in another search. Among those assisting were Charles McCoy, Glen Strickland, Johnny Niccum, John Strickland, Delbert Cleaver and Kreager. Meanwhile, the Willoughby family had returned to the ranch, but had come home by way of Jordan Valley.

20 YEARS AGO

The first fall rains of the season beginning last Friday brought happiness to the deer hunters, but delayed harvesting operations in the Nyssa section to such an extent that opening of the sugar factory "campaign" was delayed for at least a week. The loading of onions and lettuce has been materially slowed down by the rain. Closing date for the Owyhee project canal may be advanced several days because of the rain.

First deer of the season taken to Fischer's locker plant was killed by Mrs. Fred Mull, the deer was a four-point buck. The second deer taken to the plant was killed by Grant Maae and the third by Ira Ure, Jr.

30 YEARS AGO

Those who will answer the call of the local draft board of Malheur County from Nyssa are Don R. Strickland, Earl W. Nye, and Wilson Keck. Loren E. Ernest, who was in the call, has enlisted for the Army Air Corps and has left for Portland for his final physical examination. In the event that he passes, he will be sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for his training.

30 Years Con't

Chester Ashby, member of the Nyssa Chapter of Future Farmers of America, was declared by judges to be the best individual judge of beef in the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland last Saturday.

Henry Hartley, superintendent of Nyssa schools, took the local judging team to the exposition. The team was composed of Ashby, Alvin Ekanger, Marlon Suiter and Ramond Fox as alternate.

40 YEARS AGO

As the schedule of the \$18,000,000 Owyhee Project provided, the present fall is bringing the great irrigation dam 25 miles southeast of Nyssa near completion. With the top of the main section of the dam less than 90 feet below the crest roadway, or 440 feet above the lowest foundation, the General Construction Company's contract is 85 per cent finished.

Onions may be high, but there will be onions for the needy in Nyssa this winter. Five Boy Scouts, who had the time and the wish to help the needy, with Scoutmaster Ray Amens, went to the Chas. Garrison farm Monday night and from the cropped field, they picked up 16 bushels of onions. The onions were given to Rev. Josie Blokland for the community chest. Scouts who did their good deed were Arthur Cook, Roy Nadeau, Harold Anderson, Howard and Warren Larsen.

50 YEARS AGO

Nyssa School Notes -- The first football game of the season will be played at Vale October 1. The team has been practicing for the last two weeks and intends to make a good showing with the Vale bunch. The line-up will probably be: Duncan, full back; Beam, quarter; Reberger and Davis, halves; Blodgett and Hoxie, ends; Walters and McMurren, tackles; Schaffer and Shelton, guards and Lawrence Blodgett, center.

The football boys are giving a pie social in the school building Friday evening in order to raise funds for football equipment.

Two new freshman girls, Violet and Fern Newby, entered school this morning, making a total of fifty-one in the High School.

The sophomores organized their classes last week. The

50 Years Con't

following were elected officers: Annette Blodgett, president; Frank Sherwood, vice-president; Cleston Hoxie, secretary; Warren Blodgett, treasurer.

Freshmen officers are Gladys Garrison, president; Cheral Green, vice-president; Rita Beam, secretary-treasurer.

60 YEARS AGO

Married at the rectory at Weiser, Idaho, Monday, August 8, 1911, Mr. Ed Hillier to Mrs. Mary Engles, both of Nyssa, Rev. Robert Stringfellow officiating.

Mr. Hillier is the well known and popular manager of the Boydell Mercantile Company, and the bride one of Nyssa's most popular ladies. Mrs. Engles, who has been spending a few weeks at the sea-coast, was met at Baker City on her return home by Mr. Hillier, and they repaired to the pasonage at Weiser, where the matrimonial knot was tied. They are now at home to their friends at the Hillier's home on First and Good Streets.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank Dr. Kerby and the staff at Malheur Memorial Hospital for their care and to friends and neighbors for flowers, cards and calls.

—Clarence (Charlie) Wernick

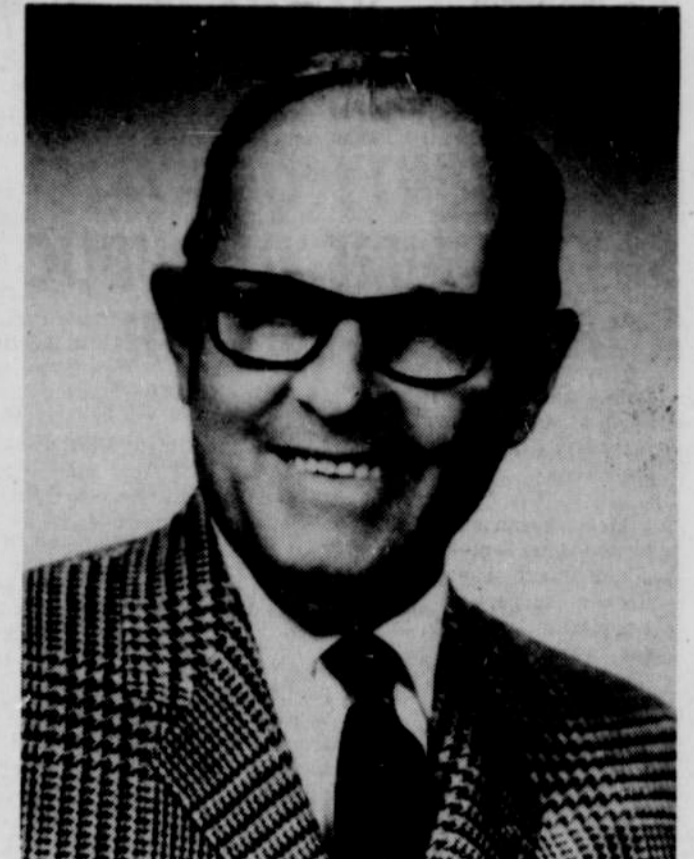
Latin Assembly

Of God Church

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.

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

Knife & Fork Speaker



Ralph Huntington Richardson, a scholarly and erudite minister from the Trinity United Methodist Church of Portland, who has been observing social trends throughout the United States, in South America and Asia during the past generation, will be the guest of members of the Knife and Fork club at its meeting October 14, 7:30 p.m. at the East Side Cafe.

A native of California -- he was born in Modesto -- Richardson attended the University of the Pacific, was graduated from Stanford University with a degree in Business Administration and received his Divinity degree from Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois.

He has served pastorates in California and Oregon and has conducted a number of television programs from several cities in the latter state.

SECOND WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

The Second Ward Relief Society will meet Tuesday, October 12 beginning at 10 a.m.

Lesson will be presented by Julia Jensen, "Twenty Four Hours a Day". Quilting, Halloween ideas, sewing helps and

novelties will be available with the assistance from Diane Fife, Afton Mitchell and Gladys Feik. Lunch will be served. A second session will be held at 7 p.m.



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