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People See Things Differently

With all of the talk in the past week about Succor Creek, ecology, environment, recreation and all of the other phases of discussion on a given program, it becomes increasingly evident that no two people are talking about the same thing on a given subject. Almost without exception when discussing these things each individual is looking at the same things with different eyes, different motives, and different perspectives.

For instance, a group of us got to talking about Dworshak Dam on the North Fork of the Clearwater River near Orofino. This dam has been much in the news this winter because as it nears completion and the lake starts to fill behind the dam, some deer have been caught on the ice and devoured by coyotes.

Immediately, some people see this dam as a menace to future civilization. Letters have been written to the editor, some want to tear it down, others say it should never have been built, others want to halt construction just months before scheduled completion. Those doomsday prognosticators see nothing good about the project, in fact are sure that it will ruin one of the beautiful parts of Idaho.

They say that it will hurt hunting and fishing for many, which it may. They say that it will ruin deer and elk habitat, which could be true. They predict many consequences as a result of this 55 mile lake filling with impounded water.

Others see this project as a tremendous asset to the North Idaho area. This 700 foot high dam will create a huge lake bordered by forests, impounding untold quantities of water for flood control, power and recreation; water which up to now has been wasted. Without going into statistics, which are all available in the project manual, I see Dworshak Dam as a terribly exciting, impressive project. It met the tests of countless hearings over many years, finally was funded by Congress, and finally after several years of construction is nearing completion.

This brings us to the subject that our group was talking about- RECREATION. One person saw the Dworshak Dam as destroying recreation, because it will force the deer and elk herds to other areas and will end the salmon run up the North Fork. True, the salmon won't go over that 700 foot dam, but the government built one of the largest fish hatcheries in the world at the base of that dam, and fish will be stocked in that lake by the millions.

For every fisherman who has packed back into that river by foot or trail bike to fish that stream, there will be fishermen by the thousands who will fish the lake. For every hunter who will no longer be able to hunt in the river bottom for two or three weeks out of every year, there will be thousands of families who will enjoy this magnificent lake most months of the year in the camp grounds, in their boats, and in the back country surrounding the lake.

The point I am trying to make is that the word recreation means so many different things to so many different people, and who is to say that a thousand families with their camping vehicles enjoying the great outdoors isn't as important as a hundred deer hunters enjoying a hunt.

The yardstick for evaluating most public works projects has always been to determine the greatest benefit for the greatest number of people. Surely, the great multi-purpose dams on the Columbia, Snake and other great rivers of the Northwest meet that criteria. Without doubt, aside from the very obvious benefit that Owyhee Dam has given to this area in irrigation, tens of thousands of people are enjoying its great recreational benefits.

We think that in time to come Americans (taxpayers) will come to our part of the country by paved road (Succor Creek and Hells Canyon Corridor), and will be able to enjoy the beauty and scenery of Eastern Oregon, and in fact have the right to enjoy these assets, just as much as we enjoy the Oregon Coast, Crater Lake, Mt. Hood and other parts of Oregon that have suffered the ecological and environmental ravishes of mankind.

With the added use of our recreational areas comes also the added responsibility to guard against erosion, untreated sewage, litter and garbage, and all the other "people problems". As we use these facilities, we have the added requirement to protect them.

True, it would be nice to keep people out of our little private backwoods, but there's no way. They're coming, just as most of us came, and some of them are going to like what they see.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:
 When tragedy strikes it is difficult to accept or to reason "Why?" This question may never be answered.

It is very gratifying and edifying to live in a community that responded in our hour of need, as the people of Nyssa did, when Ray was taken from us.

It is impossible to express our deep and sincere feeling to all our friends individually but, we would like to express a special thanks to Fr. Simard, Fr. Bumgardner, Duane Buchtel, Mel Calhoun and Larry Blackburn.

God bless you all-- Mr. and Mrs. George Fanning and family; Mr. and Mrs. Lou Johnson.

Editor, The Journal:
 Would like to comment on the Sugar Factory Employee's banquet held in the Elks Lodge in Ontario recently.

Not since the abundant feed put on by the Oregon Trail Group, in Nyssa School, several years ago has the food and service been so ample.

This coupled with the lovely F.F.A. banquet and always welcome P.T.A. Smorgasbord, both held in Adrian this week is enough to spoil many a home cook.

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Eric Mausing, Rt. 3, Parma, Idaho

Editor, The Journal:
 Approximately 10 miles south of Nyssa the Snake River loops completely into the State of Oregon after straddling the border for over 200 miles. This is a unique geographic occurrence. I was therefore surprised to discover that this unusual bend in the Snake River has no name. I would like to suggest the name Bratton's Bend.

Respectfully yours,
 J. Mark Kirchmeier
 Co-signers
 Stuart E. McDowell, Roydon Aedes, Bruce LeRoy Fitzgerald, Michael T. Bennett, William M. Blakley, Dennis McKay, Robert G. Rinehart Jr.

Adams Hall, University of Oregon
 (Editor's Note:) We suspect that this letter was written by dormitory friends of Dana Bratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bratton, who is a freshman at the University of Oregon. In any event, we appreciate their interest in this part of the country, and for their information this part of the Snake is called the "Big Bend".

In Memoriam

Lucile Morfitt

Lucile Morfitt, 62, Silverton, Oregon died February 24 in Silverton.

She was born Jan. 24, 1910, at Baker, Oregon. She had lived in Unity, Oregon many years. Her great-grandfather, William Morfitt, owned the original townsite of Ontario.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Morfitt and her parents, W.L. Morfitt and Mary A. Morfitt.

She is survived by a brother, Herbert Morfitt, Unity; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Dutton, Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Nettie Brosig, Silverton.

Graveside services were conducted February 29 at the Evergreen cemetery in Ontario.

CARD OF THANKS

We, members of the family of Ethel Mae Wild, would like to express our thanks to all our friends and neighbors for cards, flowers, and money for the Memorial Fund (in her honor) and sympathy extended our family at the passing of our loved one.

A special thank you for food donations and to the women of the church who furnished food and helped with the serving.

—Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward and Gary; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wild; Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rathbun and family; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pierce and children; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson and children; and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Smith.

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OBITUARIES

Lydia C. Pfeiler

Word was received of the death of a former Nyssa resident, Mrs. Lydia C. Pfeiler, 86, of Ventura, California. Mrs. Pfeiler passed away February 23, at Santa Barbara, California. She was born July 16, 1885, in San Francisco, California, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Fricker. She attended St. Vincent's Day and Boarding School, Santa Barbara and St. Joseph's Institute, Oxnard, California.

The deceased was married to Albert L. Pfeiler, September 3, 1904 at Oxnard. She was preceded in death by her husband, March 28, 1952.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiler moved to Nyssa in 1934, from Oxnard, where the family has had farming interests since 1880. They were among the first to buy land in the new Reclamation Project on the Nyssa Bench. The land is located at Enterprise and Highland Avenues. The farm is now being operated by David and Douglas Pfeiler, grandsons of the deceased.

After Mr. Pfeiler died, Mrs. Pfeiler returned to Oxnard to live, making occasional visits to Oregon.

Services for Mrs. Pfeiler were held February 26, under the direction of Reardon Mortuary at Oxnard. Interment was at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Montalvo, California.

Survivors include two sons Robert J. Pfeiler, Oxnard; Ralph L. Pfeiler, Long Beach, Calif.; a daughter Mrs. M.L. (Florence) Boyd, Santa Barbara, Calif.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ethel M. Wild



Ethel Mae Wild, 85 who has been a resident of Nyssa, Oregon, for nearly 35 years, passed away early Wednesday morning February 23, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dwight Seward, near Parma, Idaho, where she has lived the past 16 months.

Services were held Saturday, February 26, at the Church of the Nazarene by the Rev. Robert Manley. Interment was at Nyssa Cemetery.

Ethel Mae Wild was born April 2, 1886, near Waterville, Marshall County, Kansas. Her mother was a native of Sweden and her father, a foster son of Iowa parents. She received her schooling in the area of her birth, and became a Christian at the age of 14 as a young Sunday School pupil.

She was united in marriage to Joseph E. Wild on November 1, 1905, in Marshall County, and to this union four children were born, Hilda, Roy, Howard, and Arlene.

Mr. and Mrs. Wild were residents of Oklahoma for about three years following the opening of the "Oklahoma Strip," before they moved to Western Kansas. They lived near Plainville for six years where their little son, Howard, passed away at the age of four. They settled near Palco, Kansas in 1917 where they farmed for 20 years.

Because of conditions in this "Dust Bowl" area they sold their holdings in Kansas and due to the influence of other Kansas friends, found the fertile valley of Idaho and Oregon and settled at Nyssa where they started the O.K. Rubber Welders in 1937. Mrs. Wild worked along with her husband and their son, Roy, mending tubes and recapping tires to help make their business successful.

Mrs. Wild was diligent, not only to satisfy her customers and give them her best, but also to share with each one some of the joys of Salvation and to witness of Christ, her Saviour, with whom she was deeply in love.

Mrs. Wild was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene at Nyssa when it was organized in 1937, and served as Church secretary for several years. She was also WCTU President of the Nyssa area; Treasurer of the Church Missionary organization; and served as Sunday School teacher of the Adult Bible Class until her recent illness forced her to lay aside this responsibility, which was so dear to her heart.

In spite of her handicap after having an amputation in 1960, she continued to show her love for others through sharing her garden products, home-baked cookies, and pastries, a cup of tea or a glass of milk to anyone within her reach. She loved people. She delighted in new experiences, a new friend, a recipe, a dress pattern, or an airplane ride to visit her daughter in California.

By her passing, she leaves to share the memories of a devoted, Christ-centered life, two daughters, Mrs. Hilda Rathbun of La Puente, California, and Mrs. Arlene Seward of Parma, Idaho; a son, Roy Wild of Nyssa; a brother, Guy Augustus of Lawrence, Kansas; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a host of friends, and dear ones who have been brothers and sisters in Christ.

Memorial's may be sent to the Nyssa Nazarene Church in care of Rev. Robert Manley.

Rev. Armand Larive 1972 Coordinator

The Rev. Armand (Bunky) Larive, Ph.D. candidate in philosophy and religion at Claremont Colleges and University, Pomona, California, will be 1972 summer coordinator of the Ascension Summer School Program at Cove, Oregon.

Following ordination, Bunky who grew up in Hermiston, served as the Vicar of Nyssa and Vale. He left that position two years ago to take up graduate work.

His wife, Ruby and their children, will be with him at Cove this summer.

MINISTERIAL ASSOC.

SPONSORS SERIES

The second in a series on Alcohol Problems, sponsored by the Nyssa Ministerial Association and coordinated by the Malheur County Council of Alcohol and Drug problems, will be held at St. Bridget's Catholic Church March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are open to the community.

Sgt. Joe Ammirati of the State Police Department, will present this class and give the facts about one of the traffic problems of today, driving while under the influence of alcohol. He will show a film, "NONE FOR THE ROAD," which shows the hazards of drinking, then driving. He will discuss the laws of the State of Oregon and will answer questions from the audience.

Sgt. Ammirati has been with the Police Force for 12 years, coming to Ontario from Baker, Oregon.

United Presbyterian

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Community Church

The Junior High Church School group under the direction of Melba Schiemer will give a musical program of instrumental and singing during the Sunday School hour from 10:30 to 11:30 Sunday March 5 at the Church. There will be no Church School classes and everyone is invited to stay for the musical that follows the regular Church service.

The World Day of Prayer Service for the Parma-Adrian area will be held in the Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roswell on Friday at 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mr. Banks. Baby sitting will be provided.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The United Methodist Church is sponsoring a rummage sale starting Friday March 3. There is a good selection of children's clothing, coats, and many other items. Nothing will be priced over 25¢.

The opening sale will be held at the church, 3rd and Emison and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will continue each Friday thereafter.

Anyone wishing to donate rummage may do so by dropping it off at the church during sale hours.

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Pentecostal Church Special Meetings

The Pentecostal Church will hold special meetings today, Thursday, March 2, and Friday, March 3, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Robert Dunaway of California will be guest speaker.

The church is located on the corner of 7th Street and Emison. Rev. Carl Lassiter is pastor. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and church services at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening services and Bible study at 8 p.m.

The Pentecostal Church is located at the Corner of 7th and Emison.

—Carl Lassiter, Pastor.

Park Avenue Baptist Church

Sunday School, classes for all ages, 10 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

This past Sunday, February 27, we were privileged to have Brother and Mrs. Webb as visitors among our congregation.

Brother Webb led our song service. Other visitors were Trena, Treca and Donald of Connell, Washington. Trena, Treca and Kaylene Fowler sang a special song. Glad to have young people eager to do things for our Lord.

Sharon Fowler's, Sunday School class also sang. They all had smiling faces and were proud to serve their Lord in some way.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School, classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Sunday evening, C.Y.F. for all Jr. and Sr. High youth, 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday evening, 5th and 6th grade group, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday evening, Bible Study, (Special study now on the Devil) 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Choir practice, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Bible Study, 8 p.m.

Friday, Good News Club, for children of all ages, 3:30 p.m.

NOTE MEETING CHANGE

Thursday, March 9--CWF at the home of Violet Drydale, 2 p.m.

St. Bridget's News

Suggested Lenten programs for adults:
 Tuesdays--Understanding Alcohol, presented by the Malheur Council on Alcohol Problems, Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesdays--The Book of Romans, in the rectory, 10 a.m. Focus on Hope, discussion series, in the parish hall, 8:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:30 p.m.
 Fridays--Mass at 7:30 p.m.

The 3rd Semester programs for high school students have been worked out. Offered are Marriage (for seniors only); Confirmation (only those desiring to be confirmed); Making of banners and posters. All will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The family of Rosa R. Smith.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends for food, flowers, cards and many acts of kindness expressed in word and deed, during the recent loss of our mother and grandmother, Rosa R. Smith. Also thanks to Dr. David Sarazin, and the Owyhee Ward Relief Society, for serving lunch.

The family of Rosa R. Smith.

FIRST WARD

The First Ward Relief Society will hold their Home-making meeting March 8, beginning at 10 a.m. The lesson will be presented at this time by Jean Wood entitled "Time is Working For Me." The objective: To show that the homemaker can utilize her time to good advantage through controlled balance and adjustment.

Following the lesson Stella Ross will present her ceramic class. Lunch will be served at noon.

SECOND WARD

Nyssa Second Ward will meet March 7. The Visiting Teachers message will be given at 9:30 by Nora Larsson. "We Need Each Other." Objective - To remember why we need each other and to explore ways of meeting these needs.

At 10 p.m. the Spiritual Living lesson will be given by Vicki Mitchell on "Last Things." Objective - To assist women to appreciate the fact that the Prophets have given sufficient information about the future so that preparation may be made for those prophesied events. A nursery will be provided for the children.

The second session will be at 7 p.m. and will feature the same lesson given by Mildred Williams.

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