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The Sick (?) Society

Gloom purveyors love to call the United States the "sick" society. Because the U. S. fails to measure up to their utopian standards, they claim that revolutionary changes are necessary. Hardly ever do they mention some of the benefits of living in this nation.

We have the highest living standard in the world. Our national income equals that of the next six highest nations combined. While half of the world subsists on \$100 per capita income a year, the U. S. enjoys an average of \$3600. Even the highly developed West European nations have per capita incomes of only about \$1600. Russians living in an alleged "workers' paradise," average \$800 a year.

A mere six percent of the world's population lives in the U. S. Yet, it graduates as many from high school as all the nations in the world combined. We also have more college graduates than the total of all the other nations.

Professional pessimists often cite the number of American poor, some 15 percent of our population. But if 15 percent are poor, 85 percent are not poor. Most countries would be pleased if they had such low poverty figures. Many Americans, however, make a point of always looking at the negative side.

Adherents to the sick society myth believe that the good life cannot be measured in material terms alone. They are correct. The U. S. allows more personal freedom than any other nation. An American can freely travel from New York to Los Angeles. There are no commissars to check papers at state lines, and our high standard of living has given most Americans enough wealth and leisure time to afford the trip.

Under our capitalist system, any citizen can start the enterprise he wants. He has a free market in which to dispose of his product. Besides the freedom to work where he wants, an American can worship where he chooses, travel where he pleases and write what he wants. We have no state regulations against personal freedoms. Perhaps those who call this a sick society are sick.

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

Tuesday, (during the summer months) CYF for Jr. High and High School youth, 6:30 p.m.
 Jesus' Followers, 5th and 6th graders, 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Choir practice, 7 p.m.; Bible study, 8 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY CHRISTIANS

Services every Sabbath, 56 Main Street, Nyssa.
 Saturday - Sabbath Lesson 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
 Mid-week service, Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
 Every one welcome. Lloyd and Bernice Pounds.

Latin Assembly of God Church

Sunday, church activities begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship service, 11 a.m.
 Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m.
 Bible Study every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
 Royal Rangers, every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
 Young people's service, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

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

MERRY WIDOWS

The Merry Widows met August 5 at the Rebekah Hall, Virginia Rookstool was the hostess. Mary Elkins and Verna Tobler were guests. The next meeting will be on August 19.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, the Journal:
 We of the Thunderegg Days Committee wish to thank everyone who had a hand in getting our promotion to the attention of the public.
 Thanks from Thunderegg Days Committee
 Wayne Moncur, chairman.

OBITUARIES

Joe Percz

Services for Joe Percz Sr., 85, of Parma, who died Thursday, August 3, 1972 after an illness at a Caldwell hospital, were conducted August 7 at 2 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church at Parma, by Pastor Victor A. Schulze. Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell directed at the Parma cemetery.

Mr. Percz was born March 23, 1887 at Sayoe, Kazincz, Hungary. In 1906 he came to the United States and settled at Franklin, Washington, where he worked in the coal mines for 14 years. He married Rosa Mezes on December 19, 1910 at Seattle. The couple home-stayed at Malheur City, Ore., until 1929 when they moved to the Arena Valley near Parma. They had farmed in the Valley.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Parma. Survivors beside his widow of Parma include three sons, Joe Percz, Jr., Parma, Alfred Percz, Parma, and Oscar Percz, Parma; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Camp, Republic, Washington; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A sister and two brothers preceded him in death.

Memorials may be sent to the Trinity Lutheran Memorial Fund.

Robert C. Smith

Services for Robert C. Smith 81, who died Monday, August 7, 1972 at the Malheur Memorial Hospital of natural causes, were conducted Wednesday, August 9 at the Nyssa Cemetery, under the direction of the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa. The Rev. Robert S. Hutchinson, Nyssa Methodist Church, officiated.

He was born December 12, 1890 in Canada and married Elsie Huffman on December 25, 1911, in Leland, Idaho. The family had lived on a farm in the Nyssa area since 1937. Survivors include his wife, Elsie, Nyssa; three sons, Robert C. Smith Jr., Pendleton, Rodney L. Smith, Ashland, and Willard H. Smith, Portland; a daughter, Mrs. H. J. Counsel, Othello, Washington; three brothers, Ralph Smith, St. Louis, Missouri, Harry Smith, Pomeroy, Washington and Howard Smith, Kooskia, Idaho and a sister, Mrs. Ruby McGhee, Lewiston, Idaho.

Azel (Pete) Johnson

Azel A. (Pete) Johnson, 66, of Route 3, Parma, died Tuesday morning, August 8, 1972 in his home.
 Mr. Johnson was born March 5, 1906, in Pollock, Mo., and married Mae Coleman May 21, 1932, in Linn, Kansas. They moved to Parma in 1948 from Clifton Hill, Mo.

He was a member of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Johnson are a son, James M. Johnson of Adrian; a sister, Mrs. Estelle Griffen of Kansas City, Mo., and several nephews and nieces. A son, Dennis A. Johnson, died March 12, 1971, in Burley.

Services will be conducted at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. Thursday (today), August 10 at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Stanley Banks. Interment will be at Parma under direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel.

St. Bridget's News

Members of St. Bridget's parish are invited to attend a special Mass at 11:30 a.m. this Sunday at the Owyhee Dam. Bring your picnic lunch along and enjoy the fun of meeting some of your friends.

Also attending will be members of the Ontario and Vale churches.

This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School, classes for all ages 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m. (Special music each Sunday)
 Sunday evening, BTC, 7 p.m.
 Song Service, 7:30 p.m.
 Bible Message by Pastor Smith, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, Bible study, 8 p.m.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

After 41 years and five months as regular Nyssa rural route mail carrier, Artie Robertson retired effective July 31, 1962. Mr. Robertson was born 10 miles southwest of Nyssa, and attended Owyhee Grade School and Vale High School.

Robertson started as a rural substitute carrier in September 1919. He also worked as a general land surveyor and at Idaho orchards, northwest of Nyssa. He was employed at the orchard when he received his appointment as regular route 1 carrier on March 7, 1921. At that time Elizabeth Thompson was postmistress and he was the only other Nyssa postal employee.

The post office was then located on Good Avenue, just across the street north from the Nyssa Furniture Company. The office was moved in the early 1940's to the corner of First and Main Streets, and in 1955 to the present location on North Fourth Street.

Mr. Robertson started carrying the mail in a Model T Ford. His route was approximately 33 miles long with about 200 yards of it graveled, the balance was dirt roads.

On the evening of Robertson's retirement, approximately 22 postal employees, their wives and husbands honored the long-time carrier and his wife with a dinner at Maudie Owens in Payette. He was presented a spinning reel, rod and tackle box.

20 YEARS AGO

Water flowed again Thursday in Owyhee Canal following a break early Sunday morning at Tunnel Canyon that deprived more than 40,000 acres of irrigation water for several days. No crops were flooded, but two sections of the Owyhee Dam road were washed out.

Dr. Kenneth Danford of Mahonomee, Minnesota will open a medical practice in Nyssa about September 1 and will be associated with Dr. J.J. Sarazin and Dr. K.E. Kerby at the Sarazin Clinic, it was announced this week.

Nyssa won't be accused of being unpatriciot either by local residents or people from neighboring towns when the American Legion Auxiliary completes its current project. The organization is spearheading a drive to have American flags on display for every appropriate occasion.

Mrs. Clifford Mink and Mrs. Kermit Lienkaemper have charge of a drive to sell flags and poles to all business firms in Nyssa.

In addition to the project to have an American flag in the possession of every business firm, efforts are being made to have the city install "wells" near the curbing in front of each place of business.

The project resulted from a letter to the editor in the Gate City Journal when a writer criticized residents of this city for their forgetfulness in recognizing the special day.

30 YEARS AGO

Nyssa, including Jordan Valley and the Granges from Nyssa to the south end of the county, raised \$740.38 by women in the Nyssa territory, on completion of the U.S.O. drive. Mrs. A.V. Cook was chairman of the Nyssa Committee.

The report given shows that Malheur County's quota of \$2000 was exceeded by \$324.37.

"We have kept the soldier faith, and have proven to those boys of ours out there somewhere we have not forgotten," according to J.A. Davenport of Ontario, county chairman.

Purchase of the Emma Quincy property between the Union Pacific railroad tracks and Snake River in Nyssa by the government for farm security administration labor camp has been completed.

40 YEARS AGO

No celebration will mark the event but the end of this week will see the first water pass through the gates of the Owyhee Dam. A bulkhead will divert the waters of the river from the 1000-foot tunnel, through which it has been carried since work began on the dam three years ago. The bulkhead will permit drainage of the tunnel and then the plugging of the inlet end with concrete will begin.

A treat is in store for Nyssa Civic Club members and friends

United Methodist Church Notes

THIS I BELIEVE

by Rev. Bob Hutchinson

When a new minister comes to a city many people wonder what he believes. So with the blessing of our newspaper editor, Dirick, I will have a weekly column titled, "This I Believe." The column will preview my weekly sermons. However, this week's column brings you up-to-date on the last three Sunday's sermons.

My 1st sermon in this series was, "I Believe in God, the Father." In this sermon I gave a definition for God. "God is the personal spirit, perfectly good, who in holy love creates, sustains and orders all." I believe in a personal God, a God we can know in a personal and intimate relationship. Not a God who is afar off, but a God who is close, concerned and who greatly loves us, who created us in His image so that we could know Him, love Him, and worship Him. The 2nd sermon was, "I Believe in Jesus Christ." Christ was God's answer to the sinful plight of man. Man was alienated from God. Guilty and condemned to everlasting death. I believe that Christ took our place. He died, the sinless for the sinful; the righteous for the unrighteous; the guiltless for the guilty. Christ took the Cross of Calvary, threw it across the chasm, the gulf which separated man from God. He made the cross and His death upon it the bridge upon which man could come to God and God to man. The cross became the bridge over troubled waters. Christ took His right arm and reached out to His Father, and His left arm and reached out to man and with His dying breath brought us into fellowship and communion once again. My sermon last Sunday morning was, "I Believe in The Holy Spirit." I believe in the Holy Spirit for the Holy Spirit is as much a person in the Trinity as God, The Father and God, the Son. What does the Holy Spirit do? First, I believe He draws people to Christ. Secondly, I believe He reveals the truth to people. Third, I believe He makes Christ's presence real unto us and then He gives

the Christian strength to live the Christian life. I believe in God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Their weekly schedule of meetings is as follows: Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. the church meets in the church parlour for Bible study and prayer. They are currently studying the Book of Romans. On Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. the men of the church meet for Men's Prayer Breakfast at Brownies Cafe. This meeting is inter-denominational in program and other men from other churches are invited to attend. On Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. the young people meet in the church parlour for a Bible "rap" session. On Tuesday also at 9:30 a.m. the women meet in another inter-denominational coffee hour at Fern Adams. They extend an invitation to all women of the community to join them. Wednesday nights the church meets in different homes for Bible study in the Book of The Acts at 7:30 p.m.

The education department of the church are holding weekly organizational and planning meetings to prepare for their fall and winter Sunday School program. Activities are being planned to provide an interesting study program and a continual growth of the Sunday School.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Wayne Yoshiaki Takami wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to all the friends, neighbors and students and those who came from afar for the comforting words of condolence and kindnesses extended to us upon our bereavement. Thank you sincerely for the beautiful flowers and the food brought to our home.

We are deeply grateful for everyone's kindness and for the Memorial Service given by various churches and the establishment of a Memorial Fund at Treasure Valley Community College in memory of our son, Wayne Yoshiaki Takami.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Takami Janet Sue, Janis Mae and Carol Joye

Wednesday, when the mid-summer session will be held at the beautiful gardens at the home of Mrs. C.W. Barrett near town. Her flowers are at their loveliest and guests may spend the usual program hour inspecting the beautiful blooms for which the Barrett rockery is famous.

50 YEARS AGO

Nyssa citizens were surprised Wednesday morning to discover the monument which has marked the Oregon Trail at the site of Old Fort Boise a few miles above Nyssa, standing against the door of the Commercial Club rooms.

All inquiry as to how it got there was without result and it was finally accepted as an act of Providence, which recognized that Nyssa was the logical point for it to be set up, as the crossing at that point has been abandoned and the route of the old road changed to pass through Nyssa. The monument will be set up at some conspicuous point in the vicinity, probably near the school house at the intersection of the Jordan Valley Market road with the Oregon Trail.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY: Family swimming party at the city pool at 7 p.m. or as soon as you can come thereafter. Devotions, refreshments and fellowship time at 9 p.m. at the parsonage, 718 King Avenue.

SUNDAY: Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with Bible classes for all ages including a choice of classes for adults.

Morning service at 11 a.m. Message, "Harvesters Needed Now!" Based on Matthew 9:36-10:42.

Afternoon retreat at Lake Owyhee beginning with a potluck picnic at the Lower Park at 2 p.m. "Family" devotions will follow the picnic. Afternoon activities will include children's races, boating, skiing, swimming and other water activities.

Evening service will be at the lakeside at 7 p.m. (THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE AT THE CHURCH.) Message, "The Lord is Coming." Based on Peter 3:1-18.

Guest soloist and guitarist for the afternoon and evening will be Meredith Wheeler of Weiser. The entire afternoon and evening program is open to everyone who would like to share a good time of spiritual fellowship.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek service of Bible study and prayer at 8 p.m.

FUTURE: Promotion Day in Sunday School is scheduled for August 27. Rally Day will be the second Sunday in September.

A friendly welcome awaits you at each of the services of this back-to-the-Bible church.



Confirmation at St. Paul's
 Three young people were confirmed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday by Bishop Wm. B. Spofford, left, Bishop of Eastern Oregon. Rev. John Worrall, rector of St. Paul's, gave the instructions.
 The confirmands are Bill Tensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tensen; Linda Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Church; and Melissa Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Larson.

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER
 By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

About nine thousand kinds of birds live throughout the world. Some make their homes in the cold places, and others in the hot jungles. Many live on land, but some live on or near the water.

The largest bird is the male African ostrich. It may grow eight feet tall and weigh three hundred pounds. But the smallest bird is the Cuban fairy hummingbird. It is about two inches long and weighs about one tenth of an ounce.

The fastest fliers are the common swifts of Europe. They can fly as fast as two hundred miles an hour. But the highest fliers are the geese. They have been seen at a height of more than twenty nine thousand feet.

Their graceful flight, their beautiful colors and their sweet songs have inspired artists, musicians and poets. One wrote in Living Psalms 104:12, "The birds nest beside the streams and sing among the branches of the trees."

Each kind of singing bird has its own special song. And sparrows sing as many as twenty variations of the same song. They are God-fashioned and God-tuned.

And there is a kind of music that only God can impart. Songs of pardon and peace. Got His songs? Then sing your troubles away. Who ever saw a bird worry?

First Graders Enroll

Aug. 17, 18

Registration for new first graders will be at the Primary Building, Thursday, August 17 and Friday, August 18 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Please remember to bring the child's birth certificate. The child's physical examination should be completed with the Golden Rod Sheet sent to the County Health Office," said Melvin Munn, elementary principal.

There will be a \$1.75 registration fee which will provide for the year's supplies. School insurance for elementary students is \$2.50, and may be purchased at the time of registration, reported Munn.



For safety's sake, convert most of your ready money into travelers checks before you start your trip. First National City Travelers Checks, which are available through most banks, are like cash when you need them and, if lost or stolen, can be refunded "on the spot" at more locations (30,000) than any other travelers check.

Generation II

Arriving Saturday August 19

It's the biggest tractor announcement day in more than ten years. It's August 19 — the day you can enter Generation II and meet four new tractors from John Deere ranging from 80 to 150 hp. It's the day you can start farming more safely—in greater comfort and luxury. It's an all-day affair you simply can't afford to miss. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

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