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BIRDS OF A FEATHER...



THANKSGIVING, 1972

All of us can be proud of and thankful for our remarkable heritage, our many blessings, and our hopeful future. With hindsight we can quibble about some of the actions of our forefathers, but we should be forever grateful that they fought for freedom and won, that they sought and achieved a government responsible to the public will, and that they developed a competitive economic system under which our people have grown and prospered. George Washington's call for "humble thanks" in his first Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation asked his countrymen to pray for forgiveness of "our national and other transgressions," for performance of their duties "properly and punctually," and for a "government of wise, just and constitutional law, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed."

The Father of our Country urged his people to pray for other nations "to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best."

Thanksgiving Day

A day for giving thanks? or just another holiday? In its origin this great day was one set aside by the early settlers of our Country for the purpose of giving thanks to Almighty God for all the goods and benefits, for all the freedoms which had come to be theirs in this new land of their choice. Today, we quite often agonize over the deprivations of our lesser endowed citizenry, yet such endowments as are theirs quite often exceed by far the basic needs of life which were apportioned to these early settlers. So each one of us, in his or her own way, and on the level of each one's attainment or experience does have good and just reason for the giving of thanks.

What will you make of this day? Shall it be but another "day off" in which to experience relaxation and the enjoyment of such entertainment, or participation in entertainment, as may be offered for our enjoyment?

Certainly there is nothing wrong in man's experiencing relaxation or entertainment. God did not create him to lead a dull, unemotional or dismal life. Rather man was created and asked to make "a joyful noise." Yes, that "noise" was unto the Lord, but man was not commanded to stop there. So, carry this "joyful noise" into your whole life and into this day of Thanksgiving. Enjoy your day of relaxation and entertainment, but for the sake of, and in the name of Almighty God, do stop for one brief hour, turn your heart, and mind, and voice to Him, and say, "Thanks" dear God for whatever I have, and whatever You have given me, "THANKS!"

Then when your day is over, and may it truly be one of joy, happiness, and thanksgiving, you can raise your hearts and voices to your God and say, "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee."

—Rev. John K. Worrall
 St. Paul's Episcopal Church

NYSSAN PREACHES AT JOHN DAY

Harry Brendle, a missionary membership locally, hopes to organize if sufficient interest is shown, a spokesman said. Mr. Brendle has been appearing in John Day the past two weeks to aid in the organizational effort.

WE FIX FLATS FOR LADY DRIVERS FREE

Bob Elliott Tire Center
 NYSSA, OREGON

LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, the Journal:
 (This letter was received by the writer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Habar, 'ak).

Lilongwe, Malawi
 November 1, 1972

Dear Friends and Relatives, The peace of Christ! Hopefully you have received my last letter by now. Since I wrote, the bishops of Malawi have gathered and are planning on meeting with government officials in an effort to halt the persecution of the past weeks directed against the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Local Christians as well as non-Christians are against the atrocities we've seen. Right now, however, there is a lull. The immediate future is uncertain, as the slowdown in official action was precipitated by an international Commonwealth meeting which was held in Malawi some ten days ago. Now the delegates have gone and there is no trouble except that refugees continue to flee to Zambia.

These days we are doing some talking a lot of praying. Praying that God will strengthen us for the future--and trying to see what it means to stand as a Christian here in Malawi. It may not sound like much, but in the last month it was a matter of life and death. Hundreds died.

So, you are all in my prayers. And as we spend the next few weeks preparing for the feast of Christmas, let us pray that we can become more aware of the places where Christ is being born again in our world today--whether in beautiful apartments or the lonely surroundings of a straw hut.

God bless!
 —Vic Haburchak, S. J.

OBITUARIES

David Leroy Upshaw

David Leroy Upshaw, 61, of Apple Valley, near Parma, died Saturday, November 18, 1972 at his home.

He was born April 9, 1911, in Hebron, Missouri. He was reared in Missouri and came to Parma in 1947. He spent his life farming in the Parma area. He married Peggy Corfield on November 20, 1954.

He was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church, Wilder. Survivors include his wife, Peggy of Apple Valley, a son, Troy Lee Upshaw, at home; three daughters, Nora Ann Upshaw, at home, Mrs. Grace Shey, of Warrensburg, Mo., and Mrs. Goldie Garner, of Cleveland, Ohio; a stepson, James Smith, Parma; three sisters, Mrs. Reba Hicks, Fruitland, Mo.; Mrs. Versa Watts, Willow Springs, Missouri; and Mrs. Imogene Spikes, of Pocahontas, Ark.; a stepister, Mrs. Hettie Collins, Willow Springs, Mo.; a brother, Eugene Upshaw, Aurora, Ill.; four stepbrothers, Melvin Collins, Willow Springs, Mo.; Lloyd Collins, Pilot Rock, Oregon; Haskel R. Collins, and Larkin Collins, West Plains, Missouri; and eleven grandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday, at the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa with the Elder Plais Johnson of the Missionary Baptist Church, Wilder, officiating. Interment was at Parma.

Rose J. Wilbur

Rose M. Johnston Wilbur, 55, Portland, formerly of Ontario, died Wednesday, November 15, 1972 at her home in Portland.

She was born March 27, 1917 in Bonita, Oregon. She moved from Bonita to Nyssa where she attended school and graduated from Nyssa High School.

She was married to Dean M. Johnston September 18, 1935 in Caldwell. They lived in Ontario until 1952 when they moved to the Portland area. Mr. Johnston died October 4, 1970 in Portland.

She married Dewey Wilbur June 1, 1972, in Reno.

She is survived by her husband, Dewey Wilbur, Portland; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth I. Quener, White Salmon, Wash.; a daughter, Mrs. Cheri Lee Barber, Portland; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 18, at Riverside cemetery in Payette under the direction of Bertelson-Lienkaemper Memorial Chapel of Ontario.

Latin Assembly

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.

ATTEND CHURCH

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

THURSDAY: Special Thanksgiving service at 10:30 a.m. "The Procedure of Thanksgiving" will be the message, based on Psalms 105, 106, and 107.

SUNDAY: Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with Bible classes for all ages and a systematic Bible memory program for all.

Morning service at 11 a.m. Message, "The Bible and Your Life," based on 2 Timothy 3: 15-17.

Evening service at 6 p.m. Message, "The Preeminence of the King," based on Matthew, chapter 17.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek service of Bible study and prayer at 7:30 p.m.

St. Bridget's News

Religious Education Classes for grades 4, 6, 7 and 8 meet on Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Religious Education Classes for grades 1, 2, 3 meet on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving morning at 11 a.m., there will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving.

The High School CYO group are collecting clothes for the needy. Please bring them to the parish hall.

Sunday, December 3, is the annual fun day for cutting Christmas trees. The campground on the John Dayhighway beyond Unity is the meeting place.

New altar boys ready to serve Mass are Jose Urrutia, Ray Grijalva, Nick Lopez and Rolando Ramos.

On the first two Sundays of December there will be only two Masses scheduled: 7:00 p.m. Saturday night, and 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

the GALILEANS



THE GALILEANS, A POPULAR GOSPEL MUSIC GROUP from Boise, will be featured in local churches this weekend.

In the United Methodist Church, they will present "A Sacred Worship Service" on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., according to the Rev. Bob Hutchinson, the pastor.

The Church of the Nazarene will be host to the Galileans in the evening Gospel Hour which begins at 7:00 p.m.

Formed in 1967, the group includes Tom and Karen Calvin, Dave Williams, Don Fee and Dave Wynkoop. Mrs. Calvin is the former Karen Saunders of Nyssa. The Galileans were participants in the "Two Nights in the Park" feature here in Nyssa in early September, having also previously presented their music in local churches as well as throughout the Treasure Valley.

Friends in the community are encouraged to attend these services at the United Methodist and Nazarene churches this weekend.

Ministerial Association News Nyssa and Adrian

Most Christian Churches in America are gearing up for an aggressive evangelistic campaign more broadly based than any in history. This tremendous evangelistic effort is being projected by over 140 denominations, 200,000 local churches representing about 100 million people. The effort is to be undertaken in 1973 and is to be known as Key 73. It came to be known by this unusual name because the first meeting of concerned churchmen who gathered to consider such an undertaking took place nearly six years ago in a hotel near the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Arlington, Virginia.

The purpose of Key 73 is to powerfully and forcefully present the story of Jesus Christ and his redemptive death to every man, woman and child in North America. Key 73 will share Christ from house to house, village to village, city to city, state to state until all have heard.

Taking part in Key 73 will be mainline Protestants, Pentecostals, independent associations and several Roman Catholic dioceses.

Key 73 will be launched in Nyssa at the Nyssa-Adrian Annual Thanksgiving Service which will be held Wednesday night, November 22, at 8:00 p.m., at the Assembly of God Church, on South 2nd & Reece Avenue.

Throughout North America, from December 26 through January 6, each noon, Christians will be called to Noon Prayer Call. Plant whistles, church bells, the broadcasting of reminders on T.V. and radio will sound the call to prayer. At that time, millions of Christians will pause for prayer at a church, on the street, in their cars, in offices, in restaurants, in schools, in homes and wherever noon may find them. This is prayer for renewal, for forgiveness and for Christ's ministry on earth.

Salt Lake Elder To Address Nyssa Stake

Elder James F. Faust, an Assistant to the Council of Twelve of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will speak at the Nyssa Stake (an area with several thousand members) Conference Saturday and Sunday, November 25th and 26th, in Nyssa.

Elder Faust, a prominent Salt Lake attorney, has served in many capacities dealing with politics and church work activity. He received his B. A. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Utah, and has since been active in affairs of the state democratic party.

He has served as a high counselor in the Big Cottonwood Stake, and counselor and later bishop in the Big Cottonwood Ward. He then became a counselor in the stake presidency and later stake president of the Cottonwood Stake for 12 years.

The visiting Church official also may discuss the Church's unique Welfare program, which is an integral part of its Gospel teachings, fulfilling the Savior's admonition to His followers to love one's neighbor as one's self and to help one another.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

During the last year, the Church Welfare Program provided direct assistance in commodities and cash to worthy needy in the amount of \$17,722,800, saving government welfare programs that amount. Donated labor in farm, food and clothing production and in helping the sick, needy and bereaved totaled 4,005,515 hours. Work opportunities furnished the handicapped, enabling them to be wholly or partially self-sustaining, totaled 1,480,000 hours. The over-all emphasis is in helping others to help themselves, building self-respect and avoiding the evils of a dole.

In Nyssa Stake itself, \$2,972.75 in welfare aid was provided a total 38 recipients, during the last year.

The Conference session will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Stake Center, West Alberta Avenue, Stake President Delhin A. Erickson, Ontario, says visitors are welcome.

Reunion Planned

Anyone interested in attending a reunion of Nyssa High School classes, 1934 thru 1937, please contact Mrs. Audrey (Vera McConnell) Collins, 1509 Leadville, Boise, Idaho 83706 or Mrs. Verl (Lois Enos) Hershberger, P. O. Box 275-1390 George Street, Woodburn, Oregon 97071.

If you know addresses of classmates, please forward them. This reunion will be held in Nyssa this coming summer, 1973. We are open to suggestions and help from all our classes, whether you graduated or at some time attended, we would like to have you attend.

Other contacts are: Mrs. Ralph Lawrence, Route 1, Box 3, Nyssa; Bob Holmes, Nyssa; Vernon Parker, Adrian; and Paul Johnston, Malheur Insurance, Ontario.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY: Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday evening, youth groups meet at the church, grades 4 through high school, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY - CWF - Craft day at the church

WEDNESDAY - Choir practice, 7 p.m. Bible study, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY - Womens Bible study, 9 a.m.

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

—Erlene Johnson, pastor

JOB'S DAUGHTERS ACTIVITIES

Job's Daughters of Bethel #33 held a box supper Sunday, Nov. 19. This was Carol Nelson's project as senior princess. Carol would like to thank Roy Holmes for acting as auctioneer and all the others who attended and helped make her project a real success.

SENIOR CITIZEN

Nyssa Senior Citizens will meet at the social room of the United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 22. Bring a sack lunch, coffee will be served.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By W.L. McPartland

At this Thanksgiving time I'd like to give thanks for two outstanding teachers--two women who have dedicated the best years of their lives to the Nyssa School System.

Harriet Brumbach came to Nyssa in the early 30's as a young teacher in the Elementary School. After teaching at Ontario, Adrian, and Lower Bend, she returned to Nyssa High School in 1947 as an English teacher. Her life has been dedicated to helping the underdog. Most of the extra helps in money, meals, clothes, and advice were only known to the recipient and her husband, Joe. The past year has been one of anxiety. Even her closest friends could only guess the real reason she missed several days of school, which was a rarity during her 26 years in Nyssa.

Virginia Steffens had taught first grade before coming to Nyssa as a young Home Ec teacher in 1943. She courageously finished her spring classes thinking the summer's vacation would give her a much needed rest. It was only late summer that she sent word to me that she would need a year's leave of absence.

Her teaching career was spent trying to help make young people more aware of better ways to cook, sew, and maintain a home. Many of our college girls have confided in me that they learned more in her classes than any of their higher education courses.

Nyssa School System has been fortunate to have two such completely dedicated teachers. About all we can say is "Thank you, Virginia, and Harriet." All our lives are richer because of our association.

A Thanksgiving Story

A sincere farmer was asked to dine with a city gentleman. The farmer, according to his custom, gave thanks to God. Immediately his host jeered him, "That is old-fashioned, it is not customary nowadays for well-educated people to pray at the table. The farmer stated that it was his custom but that there were some members of his household who did not hold to his custom. "Oh, then," said his host, "they are sensible and enlightened. Who are they?"

"They are my pigs," replied the farmer.

—Pastor Arthur Coats.

POTLUCK FOR MUSIC GROUP

There will be a potluck dinner immediately following the church services Sunday at United Methodist Church.

The potluck is in honor of the Galileans, a gospel music group, featured at the church Sunday.