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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:

We hope no adult missed reading the article appearing in the Boise Statesman stating that Nyssa has the lowest level of poverty in Oregon. If this choice bit of news reaches the Western Oregon press rooms and is published, how may we anticipate new enterprise coming to a community so illly supervised as to permit such a deplorable condition to exist? A town so lost to human needs whose inhabitants number less than 3,000? "46% of the elderly of Nyssa are living below the poverty level" the Statesman tells us.

We and their relatives - they surely have some - are a careless lot to go about our merry way with two car garages, carpets wall to wall, and colored TV sets, while this percentage of poor souls are in want. Just where and who are they? Are they permanent residents? Do they live near you? Just what is the acceptable norm to establish this, or any poverty level?

Poverty bears a different meaning to different civilizations. I have seen whole families living on dirt floors. Tents walled with mud to exclude cold winds. I have fed families stranded along the highway. This is stark poverty and heart breaking. Not a cozy, small home with all the electric conveniences.

If all the article is true, what is a sane answer? Certainly not to rush out into a program that makes the tax load heavier for the already distressed home owner. Let's never lose sight of the pertinent fact all government money comes from our own pocket. Let's have a listing of these 46% and start from there. The community is only an enlargement of the homes, and reflects the sort of people who live there. If 46% of our elderly are so living in poverty, the rest of Oregon may reasonably conclude we have a number of younger families, also, in need as found in all cities. The rest of us must be a smug few. Do you accept this? Begin by asking questions.

-Bessie E. Long

Editor, The Journal:

Through the generosity of many people I was able to send \$85.25 to Mrs. Woo in Pusan, Korea. This amount of money represents almost three months tedious hand sewing for her.

Whether she buys a sewing machine or saves the money toward the surgery she needs, I am sure she will appreciate the help we have given her. Certainly she and her children will enjoy a happier holiday season.

I want to thank all who made this possible.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bill Wahlert
518 No. 3rd Street
Nyssa, Oregon

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER
By W.L. McParland

A matter of deep concern to me is the complete disrespect of some of the audience at various concerts or musical productions. For example, during the Sixth Grade-Junior High Music Concert held a week ago Tuesday, people paraded in and out, talked loudly, and in general did not listen to a fine performance. Due to the lack of consideration on the part of some of the audience, this musical was not as enjoyable as it should have been. Last Christmas the Messiah was disrupted by children and adults entering and leaving during the singing numbers. The gym is not an auditorium and compounds the noise when people are walking in and out. If it is necessary to leave a performance for an emergency, please do so as quietly as possible.

Parents, where are your children during these performances? Courtesy needs to be taught in the home, school and church. If each of us would make an effort to control our children at community programs, we would all have a more enjoyable time, and the students and performers would know that their talents and efforts were appreciated.

CRADLE ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. James Baldwin of Warrensburg, Missouri, nee Suzy Stutz, are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Thanksgiving Day, November 23. They named her Jennifer Susan and she weighed seven-pounds.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stutz of Nyssa and Mrs. Betty Baldwin of Tucson, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Stoneberg of Portland are the proud parents of their first child, a baby girl, born November 28. The baby has been named Andrea Renee and weighed in at eight-pounds.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eric Boenig and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Harty of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson of Denver are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy born November 16. David Richard weighed eight-pounds one-ounce and joins a sister, Kristin, five years old and a brother, Jeffrey three years. Maternal grandparents are the J. Elwood Flinders of Nyssa and paternal grandparents are the Erick Johnsons of Salt Lake City, Utah.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Residents of the Nyssa district will register for coffee November 23-25, according to M.F. Solomon of the district rationing board.

Death came Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1962, to Ida Bell Ward, who was believed, before she succumbed to be one of the oldest Malheur County pioneers still residing in the area. She died in Malheur Memorial Hospital at the age of 95 years.

Until recently she had apparently been in good health. She was unable to walk, due to a leg amputation at the age of 79, but sat in her chair a part of every day enjoying her friends as they would call to visit her.

The deceased had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Cecil Coleman, for the past 17 years. On April 5 of this year an open house reception was given in the William T. Coleman home to honor Mrs. Ward on her 95th birthday anniversary.

The streets of Nyssa are now attired in Christmas dress, together with many of the store windows.

40 YEARS AGO

The roadway, providing a circle drive over Owyhee Dam has been completed. When Basil Newton and Oliver Beach heard this news, they bled to Owyhee Dam to be the first to bicycle across the great structure. They made the trip last Sunday.

When H.R. Sherwood busked his Yellow Dent corn this week he found five red "sport" ears. Had he been thirty years young and at a busking bee, he would have been permitted to kiss "his girl" each time he found a red ear. Those were the good old days, Mr. Sherwood says. He left the red ears at the Nyssa Realty Company.

The City of Nyssa will be moving soon, as negotiations for the purchase of the handsome Malheur County Bank building for city offices have been completed. The sale has been approved by Estes L. Morton, deputy superintendent of banks, and city warrants have been issued for payment in full. City Recorder A.R. Miller reported today.

50 YEARS AGO

A number of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gathered at the home of Walter Pinkston Sunday in honor of the birthday of Grandma Pinkston, who was 72 years old. Grandma is an old pioneer of this vicinity, having crossed the plains with her husband and children in 1884. She is a devoted mother and has a host of friends beside her near relatives. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The Rebekahs pleasantly surprised Mrs. Skinner last Monday evening, at being a well remembered, as she left the company with her husband left for the coast the following evening to make her home.

Miss Bliss Carter and Levea Vaughn and Miss Kennedy Jim Kakebeke and Pud Igou went to Boise Saturday to attend the football game between Idaho and Utah.

A carload of celery grown on the Ham Brown place in Nyssa was shipped to the eastern market. It was of a quality and is expected to bring about 35¢ per dozen stalks.

Christmas Season 1972

This issue of the Journal marks the start of the 1972 Christmas shopping season in Nyssa. This is the issue when Nyssa merchants announce to our trade area that they are stocked full of merchandise, at reasonable prices, and welcome your trade.

Friday night, the merchants, through the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, also express to the trade area by means of a free pancake supper, that they appreciate the loyalty and business that you the customer have given them during the past year.

Last year the Chamber of Commerce put on this feed for the first time, and it was so successful that it has become an annual event. And what better way can the merchants welcome the Christmas season than through a free dinner for area residents?

Last year over 1,200 meals were served, and committee members are getting prepared to serve many more. And the only requirement for admission is that you patronize your local merchant and pick up a free ticket from him or any other business in Nyssa.

An added treat this year will be the Christmas music during the meal given by the high school stage band and chorus. And to make the start of Christmas really meaningful to the younger set, Santa Claus himself will arrive during the evening with candy for the youngsters.

We in Nyssa can feel most fortunate that we have the many fine stores in which to shop. Not many small communities have as many mercantile stores, food markets, drug and hardware stores, and all the other businesses that we have in Nyssa. Low overhead allows our merchants to provide us with quality merchandise at fair and competitive prices, and they all back their products.

Free and convenient parking is available, and shopping is easy without walking the long distances and fighting the crowds in the bigger malls. In most cases you will find just what you are looking for right here in your hometown store. You will save time and money, and more important, you will keep your money at home where it can do the most for all of us.

We depend on each other in a small town, and without each other we could not exist. That we in this area have supported each other is evident, and the local businessmen are responding in appreciation. Friday evening should be a fun night for all, including those who are turning the hotcakes, frying the eggs and cooking the sausage.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

THURSDAY (Today) - Golden Hour Chapter meets for Missionary study at the home of Mrs. Joe Hobson, 7:45 p.m.

SUNDAY - Sunday School Classes for Bible study, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins, Missionaries from Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa, as special speakers.

Evening Gospel Hour, 7:00 p.m., followed by participation in the Community "sing time" at the Christian Church at 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY - Young Women's Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Phillip Sweet.

WEDNESDAY - Mid-week Service time with Caravan and Teen groups, also the monthly Missionary Study with the adult group, 7:30 p.m.

Choir practice at 8:30 p.m. - Rev. Robert Manley, pastor.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 30 - Messiah practice, school music room, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1 - Friend-ship Circle LOOF Hall, 1 p.m., potluck, gift exchange, bring table service.

Rummage Sale, United Methodist Church 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free Pancake Supper, Nyssa School Cafeteria, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC 2 - Rummage Sale, United Methodist Church 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Recovery, Inc., First Christian Church, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 4 - Golden Rule Chapter #131, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5 - TVCB & PW meeting, Boulevard Grange, 7:30 p.m.

Eagles Auxiliary-officers 8 p.m., Members 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 - TOPS #494 - Adrian Grade School 7:30 p.m.

Junior Golden Age, Library Meeting room, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7 - Jobbies, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah Practice, school music room, 7:30 p.m.

MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

NOV. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Felix Haro, Ontario, girl.

NOV. 29 - Mr. and Mrs. William Gehris, Nyssa, girl.

HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL

NOV. 21 - Rev. and Mrs. Dean Wigstrom, Ontario, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Andrews, Ontario, girl.

NOV. 23 - Mr. and Mrs. Filomeno Anzaldua, Vale, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fernandez, Ontario, boy.

NOV. 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Rick Debban, Ontario, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chapman, Payette, boy.

NOV. 26 - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Teater, Payette, girl.

NOV. 27 - Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Atteberry, Payette, girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimaldo, Ontario, boy.

NOV. 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Vale, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanny, Weiser, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Griffin, Ontario, boy.

Emotional Laws Can Destroy

(Editor's note. This editorial is written by Herb Fitz, New Meadows druggist. His material is usually printed each week under "Herb Sez", but we feel that what he has to say here reflects the thinking of many of us in this area. Herb was elected to the Idaho Legislature on November 7.)

Two years ago the now Governor Andrus beat the then Governor Samuelson. This was supposed to indicate to the rest of the United States that the people of the State of Idaho were in favor of developing Idaho into a great wilderness area. It was supposed to tell the world that the citizens of this state frowned upon building dams for irrigation, flood control, and power. We gave the impression that mining was taboo in Idaho. It appeared as if we all wanted Idaho to stay just as it was. All the election two years ago proved that Samuelson had made too many enemies in the political field.

Jim McClure had always been an advocate of the multiple use of state and federal lands. He hedged on banning dams on the Middle Snake River forever. He objected to setting the White Clouds area aside for back packers only. So the Idaho press got onto his back. According to the press, everything he advocated was bad and he was charged to everything good. This of course was just a opinion voiced on the editorial pages. Not all editors are so fair but some of the city dailies were of the opinion that Jim McClure should not represent Idaho. Jim was elected by the people of this state and if we were to interpret the vote as before we could come to the conclusion that the citizens of Idaho are not as wild as some suspect in preserving our forests for the sole pleasure of out of state back packers and the Sierra Club.

As I have said before, I am not a preservationist. I am a conservationist. I believe in using our lands such as mature forests and then replanting them for future generations. I think more camp grounds should be built in our forests for the pleasures of those who have neither the time nor ability to backpack.

I don't believe in emotional legislation. DDT was banned in all cases and was never to be legally used again. The Tussock Moth is destroying hundreds of thousands of acres of forest land in Oregon. Nothing much is being done to check the onslaught because nothing effective has been found that will kill the little beasts.

I have been told that DDT will destroy them but can't be used because it's illegal. Now which do we want? Should we spray the Oregon forests with DDT or destroy the forests because DDT, like calcium, builds up in the body? No human has been known to die from DDT. Sometimes it's harder to get a law off the books than it is to get one enacted. Emotional laws can be a dangerous thing.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Morning service at 11 a.m. Message, "Who Is The Greatest?" based on Matthew 18:1-14.

Sunday School appreciation dinner at 4:30 p.m.

Evening service at 6 p.m. Message, "The Requirements of the Lord's Supper," based on 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed at this service.

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

You are always welcome at this friendly church with a back-to-the-Bible emphasis.

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

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.

Wish I'd Said THAT

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