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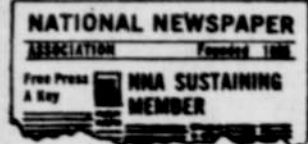
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What's It All About?

The other day, one of my sons was watching an advertisement on television, and after he heard the message of the ad, he came to me and said, "Daddy, that sure wasn't right! That man said that Christmas is candy and if you didn't have any of that candy it wouldn't be Christmas. Christmas isn't candy, Christmas is Jesus. We could have Christmas without candy, but we sure couldn't have Christmas without Jesus."

I was really happy to hear my five-year-old son say those words to me. Sometimes I guess we parents do get something across to our children, and when it is something that important, it makes a parent feel pretty happy.

I decided to ask some students of mine what Thanksgiving meant to them. And after their joking and grumbling was over, they went to work on their short essays. When I read those papers, it made me happy again that Thanksgiving to them isn't just turkey, cranberries, a day off from school, and a time to gather as a family to eat a big dinner (these were their first statements when they got the assignment and when they spent a few nervous moments joking and grumbling about the topic and the assignment).

One girl remarked, "Well, I don't know what to write, I never really thought about what Thanksgiving meant to me." Yet when she wrote her paper, after spending some thoughtful moments, she said, "...we gather together to give thanks to God for all that he has done."

Another girl shared the same feeling, but went on to say, "I don't really see why we just have it once a year. I think that we should have it a lot of times throughout the year so more people would give thanks. It would help them realize what God has given us. They would realize that the only way we could have a 'Thanksgiving feast' was if God had given us life and the earth."

The purpose of that assignment to the students of one of my classes was not to come up with any great essays on "Thanksgiving." The purpose was just to get them to think seriously for a moment about one of our greatest national holidays and to reflect personally on its meaning. The purpose of this editorial is to ask you to do the same.

So often we seem to let the events of our lives fleet past us with little thought as to what it really all about. Thanksgiving surely should not be one of those events which escape serious thought. Yet it can be--as mothers frantically prepare the huge meal that many of us enjoy, as fathers sit down in front of a TV to feast on football, as cousins use the moments to play their hardest together, etc. And while our community's Thanksgiving worship service is always a rich experience for those who attend, it always makes me wonder what people are thinking about when not even one church can be filled to capacity with our community's people. There are always empty pews--even when we supposedly all come together for a big community worship.

Surely Thanksgiving is more than turkey, cranberries, grandmas, cousins, aunts, and uncles. Think about it this year. What is "Thanksgiving" to you? Write your own personal essay, if not on paper at least in your mind. Take time this time to let the true meaning of this HOLIDAY turn it into a HOLY DAY for you, so that it might not be just a once-a-year-thing, but an attitude that pervades every day.

Being a pastor, I want to direct you to the Word of God, for I believe God's Word ought to be foremost in our lives. Especially should that be so when we celebrate a holiday like "Thanksgiving." So I would suggest that, if this editorial has meant anything to you at all, you end it by turning to God's Word and spending a few moments of thoughtful reflection. I would suggest to you Psalm 145:13b-21 as a very appropriate passage.

Then I hope too, to see the church filled Wednesday night as we gather together for community worship; there shouldn't be an auditorium large enough in Nyssa to hold all of us. We can surely fill the Christian Church.

And I hope you have not only a "Happy Thanksgiving" but also a "Blessed Thanksgiving" as you "praise God from whom all blessings flow."

—Rev. William R. Lewis
 Nyssa-Vale Lutheran Parish

OBITUARIES

Julian Murl Burns

Rosary for Julian Murl Burns, 59, Nyssa, who died Thursday November 15, 1973 in a Boise hospital was recited at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa. Mass was at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Nyssa. Interment was at Nyssa.

He was born October 18, 1914, in Kane, Pa., and was graduated from high school there. He married Rose Smith in Kane May 17, 1937. He was employed as an interior decorator. He came to Nyssa in 1960, worked for the Railway Express, and also operated an insurance agency. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife of Nyssa; a son, Richard Burns, Ketchikan, Alaska; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Mai, Burley, and Mrs. Janice Sillons, Adrian, and seven grandchildren.

Luray H. Trabert

Services for Luray H. Trabert, 64, of 129 Davis Avenue, Nampa, who died Thursday, November 15, 1973 in a Nampa hospital after an extended illness, were conducted at the Alps Funeral Chapel Monday by the Rev. Dr. James O. York of the First Christian Church, Interment was at Hillcrest with Masonic rites.

Mr. Trabert was born July 19, 1909, in Billings, Mont., where he was reared. He was graduated from Billings High School in 1926. He married Rae Koehner Aug. 20, 1931, in Gering, Neb., and they lived at Rocky Ford, Colorado until 1940, when they moved to Nyssa. He worked for the Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Nyssa and was transferred to Twin Falls in 1950. He worked for the firm in Twin Falls for 21 years, retiring October 1, 1971, as assistant superintendent. The couple recently moved to Nampa.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Trabert, are a son, Robert Luray Trabert of Nampa; a daughter, Mrs. W.G. (Donna) Kirkman of Phoenix; two sisters, Mrs. Rozella Maier of Rocky Ford and Mrs. Lona Mae Zitkowski of Denver; and two grandsons.

Memorials may be given to the pulmonary rehabilitation center at Mercy Medical Center.

Horatio Griffiths

Horatio (Ray) Westcott Griffiths, 72, Nyssa died here Wednesday, November 14, 1973 of natural causes.

He was born Nov. 28, 1910, in Kansas. He was a retired farmer and had lived in the Nyssa area for many years.

He married Merle Todd in Colorado, September 30, 1927.

Survivors include his wife of Nyssa; three sons, Ray Eugene, Nyssa; Ralph Westcott, Klamath Falls, Ore.; and Glenn LeRoy, Portland; a daughter, Mrs. Ellene Lyonais, Milwaukie, Ore.; two sisters in Colorado; one brother-in-law, Clarence Todd, La Junta, California; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Lora Gettel, Rocky Ford, Colorado; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were Saturday at the Nyssa Cemetery by Robert Manley, pastor, Nazarene Church, under the direction of the Lienkaemper chapel.

Church Head To Speak At Nyssa Stake Conference

O. Leslie Stone, as Assistant to the Council of Twelve of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will speak at the Nyssa Stake Conference Saturday and Sunday November 24-25, in Nyssa.



ELDER LESLIE STONE

Elder Stone has been recently released as the president of the Salt Lake Temple, a position he has held since 1968. He has served as Regional Representative of the Twelve and as bishop of the Oakland fifth Ward. He was president of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake for 11 years, and also chairman of the Oakland Temple District prior to and during the construction of the Oakland Temple. He was chairman of the Oakland Region of the Church Welfare Program.

Open House At Nyssa Stake Center

In the spirit of better understanding, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints cordially invites the public to this Open House at the Nyssa Stake Center, Friday evening, November 23, beginning at 7 p.m.

Translite displays similar to the ones used by the Church at the New York World's Fair, the Hemis Fair and at the Visitor's Center on Temple Square will be shown.

Also a film "In This Holy Place" will be shown, and a demonstration on how to hold a successful Family Home Evening will be given.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Wednesday, November 21, 8 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Worship at the Nyssa Christian Church. Offering for the work of the Nyssa-Adrian Ministerial Association.

Thursday, Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!! Sunday, November 25, 9:45 a.m., Sunday School.

11 a.m. Worship. Worship this Sunday will take the form of a singspiration with request hymns. The Privilege (Pledge) Cards distributed to members previously are due to be turned in at worship or through the mail. The response last Sunday was very good, with over 50% of our 1974 Budget pledged. We want to thank the members for this fine response, and encourage those who have yet to respond to do so.

Thought for the week - Set your minds, then, on endorsing by your conduct, the fact that God has called and chosen you. 2 Peter 1:10
 Faith Lutheran Church, Fifth and Park. Pastor William Lewis.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everyone who sent cards and best wishes during my stay in the hospital. I returned home today (Nov. 19) but it will take about four weeks to fully recover.
 C. E. Leseberg

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

Wednesday (tonight) 8:00 p.m.—Community Thanksgiving Service at the Christian Church, there will be no Caravan, Teen or Adult groups meeting at our church tonight.

Sunday, 7:00 a.m., Early prayer time at the church. 9:45 a.m., Bible study for every age group. 11:00 a.m., Service of Worship.

4:30 p.m., Devotional service at Malheur Memorial Nursing Home. 6:30 p.m., Choir practice. 7:30 p.m., Evening Gospel Hour.

Tuesday, 9:45 a.m., Women's Bible Study, with Shirley Wells. Wednesday (Nov. 28), 7:00 p.m., Caravans. 7:30 p.m., Teens meet, also adult Bible study.
 —Robert W. Manley, pastor

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MRS. MARK O. HATFIELD, wife of U.S. Senator Hatfield of Oregon, received the symbolic 43 millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man," the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version, in recognition of her creative Christian leadership and devotion to the Bible cause. Miss Alice E. Ball, an AHS executive secretary, made the presentation at the Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, Maryland, at a luncheon for wives of senators and other officials.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By W.L. McParland

Christian Church

SUNDAY - 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School Classes for all ages. 11 a.m. - Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. - Youth groups meet at the Church-grades 4 through High School. 7 p.m. - Evening services or the whole family.

WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. - Choir practice.

There will be a film shown Sunday, November 25 at 7 p.m. at the Christian Church. The film is a new one, entitled "A Thief In The Night."

There is no admission charge and the community is invited to attend.

Energy Booklet Offer

"Energy: the need is NOW" is a new booklet published by the Women's Department of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Drawn from many sources, the booklet covers such concerns as the price restrictions on natural gas at the well-head; the inability to utilize all of our coal resources because of the fear of ecological damage, the need for accelerated oil exploration, and an increase in the use of nuclear energy, and other vital decisions.

Copies may be obtained by writing NAM at 277 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

more pressures are coming for at least a good intramural program, but we lack gym space. Volleyball, drill team, and any other girls' use of gym facilities is limited by the number of boys programs going on now.

The old Gym needs to be replaced. The Building Committee recommended to the School Board that the Old Gym could not economically be repaired to where it would be satisfactory to serve the needs of the Elementary School program. The floor is in very poor condition and there are very limited shower facilities.

The needs of the school district require more gym space if we are to carry on the programs that are now in progress.

Starting at the 7th grade, we now are practicing five groups--7th, 8th, 9th, JV and varsity. The 7th grade team is now practicing during the noon hour; the 8th grade practices in the Old Gym at 3:30 p.m.; the 9th grade uses the Junior High School gym before school.

The problem of space shortage is that the Junior High and High School are using the same facilities. There is a problem of scheduling in shop, music, gym, and all areas the same physical space is needed.

The girls really come out on the short end. More and

more pressures are coming for at least a good intramural program, but we lack gym space. Volleyball, drill team, and any other girls' use of gym facilities is limited by the number of boys programs going on now.

The Elementary School needs a place to carry on a good intramural program during the winter months. Space is at a premium, and we actually need a new building that can be divided into two practice areas.

The Old Gym is used every day, and most evenings with community groups that need practice space. Last year two town groups of young men and two church groups used the Old Gym most nights during the week.

We need research to know better how to turn coal into liquid and gaseous products and, in particular, we need a better balance between energy requirements and our environmental needs."

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"The guy who leans on his family tree may end up never getting out of the woods."

ENERGY TALKS

By Warren B. Davis, Director, Energy Economics Gulf Oil Corporation



"Is coal that important in solving the U.S. energy crisis?" "Yes, in the long run it will be important. Coal is our most abundant fuel resource in this country. The problem is that it's difficult and expensive to handle and much of it contains sulfur. We need very badly in this country some processes for removing sulfur from the stack gases. We need research to know better how to turn coal into liquid and gaseous products and, in particular, we need a better balance between energy requirements and our environmental needs."

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Vern Richards, Marie Main, Bruce Mayeda, Calvin Martin, and Randy Hanson.

DINNERS

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