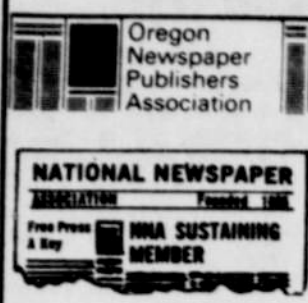


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## Easter

One of the special times of the year to which we look forward so eagerly, is upon us. Easter symbolical of the opening up of a new life, of the renewing of new hopes that may have wavered somehow, greets us all. Winter is past, and the earth at Easter time makes its offering of spring flowers that bring joy to our lives and hearts.

Each year as the new calendar comes to our attention, we look up the date for Easter and mentally note that it is earlier than or later than it was last year. We wonder how the exact date is determined. If we have access to an encyclopedia or other information we not only find the answer to this, but find many other items which help to explain why the Easter season has come to mean so much to us.

The date of Easter in early Christian churches was based on the light of the moon, as pilgrims on the way to the great yearly festivities need the moonlight to facilitate their travel. Dark nights might have meant attacks of robber bands. In the second century A.D. a dispute arose as to the proper time for the celebration of Easter between the Eastern and Western churches. The great mass of Eastern Christians celebrated Easter on the 14th day of the first Jewish month or moon, considering it to be equal or equivalent to the Jewish Passover. The Western churches kept it on the Sunday after the 14th day, believing that it was the date for the commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus. This difference of dates was finally settled by the Church Council of Nice in 325 A.D. in favor of the Western usage. It ruled that the Holy Day should be on the first Sunday following the first full moon that occurred on or after March 21. If this particular full moon comes on a Sunday, Easter is celebrated on the following Sunday. It never comes before March 22 and not after April 25.

The origin of Easter seems to have two theories. One is that it comes from the Saxon "oster" meaning "to rise" so in honor of Christ's Resurrection. The other theory is that it may come from the name of an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, "Eastre," in whose honor a festival was annually kept about the same time as Easter.

In the ancient church, the celebration of Easter lasted an "octave" (eight days). After the eleventh century it was limited to three and in later times generally to two days. It was the favorite time for performing the rite of baptism. The courts of justice were closed and the alms were dispensed to the poor and the needy who were then feasted in the churches. Slaves received their freedom at this season. On Easter Day the people saluted each other with the Easter kiss and the exclamation "Surrexist" (He is risen). The reply was "Vere, Vere Surrexist; (He is risen, Indeed I), a custom still retained in the Greek church.

Many people of antiquity regarded the egg as an emblem of life, or a beginning. The Egyptians, the Persians, Greeks, Gauls, Romans and others believed the secret of life to be with the egg, therefore regarded it as a symbol of creation. The Christians borrowed this idea of the egg and made it part of their Easter festivities, but made it emblematic of the resurrection. To them the egg was regarded somewhat in the light of a prison or a tomb, and the egg at Easter, an emblem of the rising up out of the grave, just as the chick is brought to life its tomb, the shell of the egg. It is thought by many that the Easter egg had its origin in the pagan spring festival which preceded by the centuries the Christian Easter.

The ancients celebrated New Year at the time of the Vernal equinox and the emblem of New Year. For centuries before Christ, the egg had been used for gifts at the spring festival celebrating the New Year.

Just how the bunny came into the picture as an Easter symbol is not known. Easter is a Lunar holiday and the hare is an ancient symbol of the moon, so that may be the reason it is associated with Easter. One authority says that the Easter bunny took the place of the hare in popular practice because confectioners who made Easter candy were not expert on their natural history. The myth that hares and bunnies lay eggs on Easter even may have come from the Teutonic peoples of Europe where so many fairy tales originated.

Submitted By Don Somers

## LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:

To the voters of Nyssa:

As I sit here at my desk my mind is in a deep quandry, and I am unspeakably disturbed as I assess the results of the vote on the TVCC budget. I am aware that everyone has the constitutional right to vote according to the dictates of his conscience, but the thing that makes me sit here and wonder is, "what does it take for thinking people to go to the polls and speak as they have done Tuesday?"

"No, we don't want a local college to teach our young people, one that has the high standards and accomplishments of TVCC. Rather we would have them go away from home for their training, or not be able to go at all." Aren't our homes above reproach - a place where we can keep them two years longer? Furthermore, we can't say that our tax dollar has been squandered - rather it has been very judiciously spent. The record speaks extremely for itself. Morals have been high and we are proud of TVCC.

Next we come to the point of asking, "Don't we have any appreciation for the use of their facilities for our pupils in their extreme need after our fire last June?" "How far must a giver go in such a time of need before we rise up and say 'Thank You?'" Can't we come to our senses and say, "I was wrong and I will say how wrong I was when given another opportunity?"

Our town and community should come out and say "I am proud of our town and I want our neighbors to be proud of us." If we just say so we can more than reverse our last appraisal. May our dignity take possession of our conduct!

Most sincerely,  
 Les E. Robbins, Nyssa

## Christian Church

## General CWF Meeting

The General CWF met at the First Christian Church on the evening of Tuesday, March 18. Nora Snodgrass, president, presided over the meeting. The minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report accepted.

Special birthday greetings were given to Leona Reeves and anniversary wishes were given to Hazel Smith.

Guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Kay Ewing of Boise whose husband is the president of the Bible College there. She brought forth a very inspiring and interesting message about the couple's 32 years experience as missionaries in Brazil.

Devotionals were given by May Bretz who was also hostess for the evening. The meeting was closed by everyone repeating the CWF Benediction.

The members of the Loyalty Class and the Come Double Class of the First Christian Church entertained members of the Church with an early Easter breakfast Sunday morning, March 23. The many hungry guests enjoyed the good breakfast of pancakes, sausage and eggs.

## Let us Worship Together at Easter



## NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, Easter Sunrise Service at the Nyssa Cemetery. (If it is raining, service will be at Methodist Church 7:30 a.m.).

Easter program presented by the Kindergarten, Primary, Junior, and Teen Departments, 9:45 a.m.

Children's Church, 11 a.m. Morning Worship with message by Evangelist Rev. A. J. Finkbeiner, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6:30 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour with Rev. Finkbeiner, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Ladies Bible Study at the home of Mrs. Dwight Seward, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Caravans meet at 7 p.m.

Teens and Adult Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

Take time to worship God. Today's choices determine tomorrow's achievements.

## Park Avenue

## Baptist Church

The Park Avenue Baptist Church extends a very warm welcome to attend this Bible teaching Church. Pastor and Mrs. Chuck Williamson are now residents of Nyssa and live in Fishers Mobile Home Park.

A special Easter program will be presented Easter Sunday morning by the young people of the Church. The youth choir will present special music. This inspiring program will be at the Church at 10 a.m.

Following the Sunday School program, the 11 a.m. morning worship message will be delivered by Pastor Williamson with congregational singing and special musical numbers by the choir. An open invitation to partake of the Holy Communion or Lord's Supper will be extended during this service.

There will be an Easter egg hunt and refreshments following the worship service. Everyone is cordially invited to attend and share the "Glory of the Resurrection of Christ" on this Easter Sunday.

This Church is located at the corner of Park Avenue and North 3rd Street.



Good Friday Community Service will be held at the Nazarene Church, with Evangelist Rev. A. J. Finkbeiner as special speaker at 7:30 p.m.

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## Nyssa Stake

## To Have

## Roadshows

The Nyssa Stake of the LDS church will be presenting their road shows April 9 and 10 at the Nyssa Stake Center at 8 p.m.

There will be seven wards participating and an evening of good family fun can be a certainty.

There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

## Conservative

## Baptist Church

The Nyssa Conservative Baptist Church announces plans for a full day of activities on Easter Day, March 30. The day will begin with a Easter Sunrise service at the Ken McGowan home off Eureka Avenue at 7:30 a.m. This will be followed by a breakfast at the Church of sausage, eggs and pancakes.

At 9:45 a.m. Sunday School will begin with special attention given to the resurrection of Christ. During the 11 a.m. morning worship service the pastor will speak on the subject "Many Infallible Proofs." The day will close with a service by the choir at 7 p.m., singing John Peterson's "No Greater Love."

Throughout all the services there will be special music and congregational singing. The message for the Sunrise Service will be brought by Ralph Werner. All are welcome to any or all of the days happenings.

This Church is located at 318 Locust Avenue.

## Malheur Tattler

The Malheur Memorial Hospital visitation schedule is as follows:

St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Rev. Bob Simard, March 31 to April 6, with services at the nursing home Sunday, April 6.

Conservative Baptist Church, Rev. Don Beattie, April 7 to April 13, with services at the nursing home Sunday, April 13.

## Bible Study

## Group Meets

The Friendship Bible Study Group will meet Thursday (today) March 27 at the home of Mrs. Hazel Smith at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## In The Bible

The Sermon on the Mount—St. Matthew, 5, 6, 7.

The Birth of Jesus—St. Matthew 1, 21 St. Luke 2.

## Remembering Effie Peterson

Dear Effie is gone. It is hard to realize our little community (of Adrian) will have to go on without her. But we have memories of her goodness and her virtues that will remain with us for many years. She lived in harmony and empathy with others. In a humble and unassuming way, her beneficent life became a blessing to many. She cared about our troubles.

She had compassion in her heart for the sick and the sorrowful. Her readiness to help and her ability to be helpful smoothed the way for many and endeared her to us all.

She was a true and loyal friend. She would position herself against injustice and with gentleness and tactful persuasion guide us into unprejudiced thinking. When we had listened to her heart through the quiet words she spoke and sided with her, we enjoyed the feeling we were thinking like true Christians.

Being aware, observant and wise she understood and appreciated the contributions of talents, service and sacrifice that came from each

person in the church and community. It was good to have given much time and effort and then see appreciation and approval on her face and hear her precious words of praise.

Her love and concern covered people of all ages, from her beloved granddaughters to Mrs. Cowling; and many, many more were privileged to live in the sunshine of her love. The Fidalae Amica girls used to love to go to her house. Her delicious food, warm hospitality and her enjoyment of their fun and antics pleased them greatly.

Her unique sense of humor was truly special, and her clever wit tickled and delighted us all. She represented the very best qualities one can be gifted with or strive a lifetime to achieve. Though greater length of years can hardly be expected than those enjoyed by our friend and loved one, we grieve to have her gone. Her dear presence will be sorely missed in our community.

By Evelyn McKinley

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