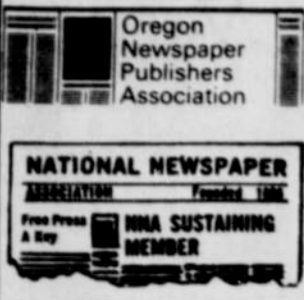


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Statements of Economic Interest

The requirement that elected or appointive city officials must file an Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest has resulted in resignations by four members of the Nyssa Planning Commission.

Other members of the Planning Commission and members of the City Council seriously considered resigning, but were persuaded to file the statements and hang on as a matter of service to their city, we are told.

According to a letter from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission addressed to some city officials who were late in filing, penalties for late filings may include assessment of civil fines, not to exceed \$1,000, suspension of official salaries, and suspension from exercising official duties.

Before you howl in righteous anger and indignation, recall for a moment that it was the voters of this community as well as Ontario, Vale and Malheur County who imposed this law on public officials by their vote in the November election. Only the voters in Juntura, Adrian, Jordan Valley and one or two other smaller communities voted against the law that was passed in the 1974 Special Session of the Oregon legislature.

Those required to file the statement are top state elective officials, appointive officials, and members of many state boards and commissions. County and city officials, and members of county and city planning commissions must also file, unless a majority of the voters in the 1974 General Election were in opposition to the Ballot Measure.

It seems ridiculous to us that public minded citizens who serve our city as non-paid members of the council and planning commission must reveal all their sources of income, property ownership, stocks and bonds, business connections, loans, debts, and other personal data. Incidentally, all Statements of Economic Interest are public information and are available for review.

The City of Nyssa has lost four valuable public servants, businessmen and citizens whose good judgment and service are needed in this community. Obviously they thought that filing the statement was an invasion of their privacy, and we agree.

The requirements of this law will keep a lot of good citizens from running for elective office, or accepting appointments to boards and commissions. We predict that most cities and counties in the state will face the same type of loss that we have suffered.

We have only recently seen the results in Idaho of the humiliation and suffering of Congressman George Hansen, who was fined and pardoned from a jail sentence at the last minute because of some discrepancies in filing campaign expenditures. Many people are not going to take that chance to run for public office.

If all of this is a backlash of an isolated incident called Watergate, let's hope we get off that kick and back to some common sense principles of government. This country has functioned well for 200 years under the concept of democratic, representative government. We don't need this type of legislation, which tends to discourage successful business and professional people from agreeing to serve as public officials.

Johnny Still Can't Read

The fact that Johnny can't read isn't news any more, but the extent to which he can't read is. The American Press Institute met at Columbia University a few months ago and made tests of readership comprehension among college upperclassmen, all English majors from good high schools. The first group to take the test, and flunk it, was Columbia's graduate journalism school. It makes one wonder how a student who cannot read gets into a graduate school of journalism, but that isn't the point right here. Other interesting figures were arrived at: 90 per cent of high school graduates never read another book in their lives; half the college freshmen are required to take bonehead English; they can't write a simple declarative sentence; and they are ignorant of grammar and syntax. What to do about it? Professor Fry, head of Rutgers University's reading center, had this to say: "Until educators put more emphasis in the early years on basic communication skills, newspapers and wire services must solve the problem by writing more simply, or they'll lose that vast potential audience."

There is something sad as well as tragic in this suggestion that U. S. newspaper reporters and editors, in order to communicate with younger people, must "write down" to the average person's 8th grade level of difficulty with the language. This involves me personally, as an editor who got the well-honed and polished tools of his trade in a two-room country school 50 years ago—and who is now being asked to trade those tools for the two-syllable communicative system of the Stone Age in order to be understood by youthful illiterates. There may be something practical in the "If you can't whip 'em, join 'em" theory. But I hope the nation does not embrace that theory by encouraging the illiterates and lending dignity to what should be humiliating disgrace.

There were no illiterates in my elementary school. There were no illiterates in my high school. There were no illiterates in my college. Yet, according to Associated Press accounts, there are more illiterates in the United States today than in 1900. Why? I was 50 years old before I began reading of the increasing rate of illiteracy. I cannot believe that this situation exists because our young people are less intelligent than they once were, or that the learning desire has diminished. One reason for growing illiteracy may lie in the tendency to de-emphasize the English language in public schools, and to neglect grammar.

There is reason to believe that the quality of education suffers in proportion to the money we spend on it. Dr. Martin Larson, economist, recently testified before Cong. Al Ullman's Ways and Means Committee in Washington that "The federal government now disburses about \$14 billion a year for education, although education got along very well without any of this money before 1964, and the net result has been that the cost of education has quadrupled." Apparently, the more money we lavish on education the greater the increase in illiteracy.

Somehow the delusion that more money insures high quality education must be exploded. Hopefully, it will happen before our children become totally illiterate.

("Horse Sense" written by Ernest V. Joiner, Gazette Times, Heppner, Oregon, March 27, 1975)

LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:
 Recently State Officials discussed moving the Nyssa Human Resources Center to Ontario into a Multi-service center. I strongly feel that we should not only retain our center, but, that the State should consider building the Multi-service center here for the economic reasons set forth in my letter.

The following letter was written to:
 Mr. Clayton Penwell
 Department of Human Resources,
 Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Sir:
 On 8 April Mr. Vern Gerberding presented a briefing on consolidation of a multi-service center with possible location in Ontario.

After discussion Council moved to make a formal request that consideration be given toward establishing the multi-service center in Nyssa and if this is not possible, request the Nyssa Human Resources Center be retained here. Council agreed to help locate the proposed center here, giving all possible assistance.

I would like to point out that Nyssa recently constructed a three-million gallon additional storage tank which means we can provide better water service than any community in this part of Oregon.

I'm sure you are aware of the need for ample water supply and storage for fire protection and insurance ratings.

Nyssa also has an adequate sewage treatment facility which can assume the additional load and our sewage plant turns out effluent which is higher than state standards. At present we even provide the laboratory tests for the City of Ontario and Payette, Idaho. Adequate sewage treatment must be a prime requisite for location of such a facility you are planning.

Nyssa has several sites which would be suitable for the multi-service center and you can be sure that real estate costs in Nyssa are considerably lower than in Ontario.

Nyssa has good access highways and is a centrally located to possible service center clients as are other possible communities. Our zoning however is more flexible so that location of the center would easily be arranged.

Request an objective review of Nyssa's utilities and site location costs be made and then compared with Ontario's potential to reveal the economic differences.

Request strong consideration be given toward locating the new center in the Nyssa area.

Henry Schneider
 City Manager

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbors and especially our children and grandchildren who helped celebrate our 45 anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeHaven

Church Directory

Missionary Baptist Church News

Sunday—Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m. BTC training course 7 p.m. Evening Worship, 8 p.m.
Wednesday—Prayer service 7:30 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Orland Cheldelin

Orland Edwin Cheldelin, long time Nyssa resident, passed away in San Diego, California April 21, 1975. Death followed a month of hospitalization necessitated by a stroke.

He was born February 19, 1903 at Sumas, Washington. Orland married Marian Wyatt June 23, 1927. He was a pioneer farmer of the Nyssa area, having resided there for forty-one years. He served several years on the Nyssa school board, on the Nyssa Co-op board, and on the F.H.A. Committee. Mr. Cheldelin was instrumental in raising funds for the Malheur Memorial Hospital. He was a member of the Oregon Trail Grange and the United Methodist Church. His interests included traveling, fishing and hunting.

Survivors include the widow; two daughters Mrs. Charles (Donna) Gutzler, of San Diego, Calif and Mrs. William (Phyllis) Young of Saratoga, California; his mother, Mrs. Fannie Cheldelin of Portland, Oregon; two sisters, Mrs. Norris (Lida) Bowdish of Seaside, Oregon and Mrs. Carl (Lillie) Bock of Portland, Oregon; two brothers Earl V. Cheldelin of Mt. Vernon, Wash. and George O. Cheldelin of Prosser, Wash; five grandchildren, David, Douglas and Diane Gutzler, and Stephanie and Stephen Young.

Mr. Cheldelin requested that he be interred in San Diego, as the Cheldelins had planned to retire there when they left Nyssa. The Rev. Harry Brahmans, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of La Jolla, officiated at the funeral service held at the Clairemont Mortuary in San Diego on April 24. Interment was at the El Camino Memorial Park.

A memorial service will be held in Nyssa at some future date. Memorials may be made to the Nyssa United Methodist Church.

Mexican Fiesta At Ontario Park

Plans are set for the Cinco de Mayo (5th of May) celebration to be held at the Lion's Park in Ontario, Oregon on Sunday, May 4 following Spanish Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church scheduled for 11:30 a.m. The festivities will begin about 1 p.m., according to Sylvia Estrada, publicity coordinator. Activities will include both group and individual performances in dance and music with performers garbed in traditional Mexican costumes. Refreshment booths will be set up to offer authentic Mexican foods at a small cost. The public is invited to come.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, May 4, Worship Service with Holy Communion 11 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 7, Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
 Church Council 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 8, Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Bible Study 8 p.m.

We extend a warm welcome to all to come and worship with us.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.
 Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Children's Church, 11 a.m.
 Morning Worship with message by Pastor Russell, 11 a.m.

"All Church Sing" to be conducted at the Lutheran Church, 4 p.m.

Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
 Evening Missionary Service sponsored by the NWMS 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 2:30 p.m.
 Caravans, 7 p.m.

Teen Meeting and Adult Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Young Womens Prayer Fellowship with Kay Rodriguez, 9:45 a.m.

United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church welcomes you.
Sunday - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship - message by the Rev. Millard Coleman of the Whittier Methodist Church in Boise, 11 a.m.

Bible Study in the Church Parlor, 7:30 p.m.
 MYF - at the church, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1 - General Society of Methodist Women will meet in the Church Parlor, 2 p.m.

Friday, May 2 - Bible Study at Fern Adams, 9:30 a.m.

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Assembly of God Church

Christian Church News

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

Wednesday - Choir practice, 7 p.m. Young people meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Bible study for adults, 7:30 p.m.

Friday - Good News Club, ages 4th to 6th grade, 3:30 p.m.

Pastor Ledford

Attends Institute

Pastor Robert Ledford of the Missionary Baptist Church has resigned his position to attend the Baptist Institute and Seminary in Lakeland, Florida.

Bill Lowrance will supply as interim pastor until the pulpit can be filled.

CARD OF THANKS

To my many friends and relatives my heartfelt thanks for the many flowers and other gifts and cards I received.

Special thanks for the prayers which helped me recover from hip surgery so fast.

Also, special thanks to the nurses and personnel at the Holy Rosary Hospital, Dr. Thrasher and Bill English.—Mrs. Vera Winchell.

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to Dr. Fuson, Dr. Kerby, the nursing staff at Malheur Memorial Hospital, the ladies of the Christian Church, Yellow Rose Rebekah Lodge, the Nyssa Senior Citizens and my friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness and concern during my recent hospitalization.

Erma Sparks

Pentecostal Church Of Jesus Christ

Sunday - Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday evening service, 7 p.m.

Tuesday - Women's prayer service, 7 p.m.

Wednesday - Bible study, 7 p.m.

Sunday School Bus Service call 372-3332.

Dial for Prayer, 372-3925 or write Box 2582.

Park Avenue Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome to attend services at this Bible teaching church.

Sunday Services: Sunday school classes for all ages, 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the Sanctuary with message by Pastor Chuck Williamson, 11 a.m.

Christian Training Program, 7 p.m.
 Evening Service - Message and fellowship, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Bible Study and prayer with choir practice afterward, at Paul Penrod home, 617 North 2nd Street, 7:30 p.m.

A friendly smile, a warm handshake and the words of the Lord await you at Park Avenue Baptist Church, on the corner of North Third Street and Park Avenue.

Malheur Tattler

Malheur Memorial Nursing Home residents who will be celebrating birthday anniversaries during the month of May are: Leo Hatfield, May 7; Hazel Vinsonhaler, May 7; Juan Najera, May 27; Dixie Kinkade, May 28.

The hospital visitation schedule for May is as follows: United Methodist Church, Rev. Bob Hutchinson, Chaplain for April 28 to May 4 with nursing home services Sunday, May 4.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. Letitia Croom, Chaplain May 5 to 11 with nursing home services Sunday, May 11.

Bible Missionary Church, Rev. Dale Hayford, Chaplain May 12 to 18 with nursing home services Sunday, May 18.

Park Avenue Baptist Church, Rev. Charles Williamson, Chaplain for May 19 to 25 with nursing home services Sunday, May 25.

Happy Birthday

May 2 - Dennis Urry, Neta Mae Wiley, Georgia Wild, Lenora C. Jenkins.
May 4 - Bob Holmes Jr.
May 5 - Earl Jennings, Yolanda Menchaca, Mary Lee Chadwick, Ruben Lopez, Jr.
May 6 - Julie Ann Wells, Karla Beck, Lydia D. Reyna.
May 7 - Dustin Kassman
May 8 - Jodi Grunke, Matthew Stringer, Ruth Draper.

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