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Food For Thought

The following address was given before the California-Hawaii Elks Association by Miss Lori Cox, a high school student from Scottsdale, Arizona. It was given to the Journal by Mel Fisher to pass on to our readers. It is indeed "Food For Thought.

I have come here today to tell you what it has been like during my campaign to restore time in my school to have the opportunity for the Pledge of Allegiance. When I first requested a classroom time for the Pledge of Allegiance my school administrators were reluctant to initiate a time for such an observance, my principal explained we no longer have the Pledge of Allegiance in the classroom because some of the students do not respect the ceremony and the teachers complained about their conduct.

I waited weeks for a response from the administrators. My request was ignored...l then went to the school boards and later to the State Senate... During my plea I was dismayed to find many of my "peers" "turned off" to America.

Twice during my efforts for patriotism our Nation's Flag was stolen from my school premises. Once during the National Anthem a student paraded down the hall proudly displaying a Communist flag. The flagpole lines were cut so that our Nation's flag did not fly over our school for eleven days...it was not until the news media put pressure on the school that the lines were replaced. My efforts for a Memorial Assembly were denied because it involved...I quote: "Too much patriotism

My Vice-principal made the statement to my parents that my efforts have put the school back five months. I found that some of my peers and teachers felt it unnecessary to protect our symbols by calling our flag nothing more than a piece of cloth, and our Pledge of Allegiance nothing more than meaningless words.

One evening I attended a dinner at the Disabled American Veterans Post and I looked around at the men in attendance. Some veterans were young, some were very old...some were without limbs...but when it came time for the Pledge of Allegiance they stood proud. Those men in wheel chairs, unable to stand, seemed to be ten feet tall. I thought about those students who had complained before the school board that they had to stand every day for fifteen seconds to pledge our flag...yet those veterans without limbs live every minute of their lives with remembrance of preserving this Nation. I

think we owe these men something! Many students wanted the Pledge of Allegiance in their classrooms but have been ridiculed for their display of patriotism and now many are afraid to come forward. Personally, I think the jeers and ridicule are a small price to pay for our freedom. Those in protest of the pledge were and still are well organized and are continuing their efforts to deprive (the students) of the opportunity for a patriotic observance in our schools. Many students find only fault with our nation, - therefore they choose to disrespect our National symbols.

I regret many young people are unwilling to protect and preserve those things our forefathers died for. We must restore pride in ourselves by being honest and loyal Americans. We will be a better people because of pride, and by transmitting those attributes unto one another we will find our Nation's Stars and Stripes reflect truth. Many students do not want to pledge allegiance because they say Watergate shamed us, so why bother to salute a flag that may represent them? I hope all Americans will realize that though Watergate was shameful, we certainly must not blame all our leaders for the mistakes of a few. Our Nation is "of the people" and Watergate certainly does not represent all of the

I have worked closely with national leaders on a project called "National Patriotism Week," and found there are many who care and have taken a great deal of time with me. I presented my ideas to many clubs and organizations to gain support. It has meant writing many letters to Washington in hopes my program would be adopted into a Bill form and presented to Congress.

Here I am, 16 years old...not even old enough to vote..and yet our leaders in Washington listened and encouraged me to continue with my efforts for patriotism. Congressman John Rhodes and Senator Paul Fannin have introduced into the Congress a joint resolution calling upon the President to proclaim a National Patriotism Week. I feel N.P.W. will help restore the patriotism which has dwindled from our United States. N. P. W. will encourage primary and secondary schools to adopt an appropriate curriculum for that designated week in February, including such elements as the study of the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, National symbols, seals, mottos, monuments, heroes, accomplishments.

Hopefully it will be a week of honor, unity, and appreciation for America. I am proud to tell you that Congressman John Rhodes has asked me to go to Washington D. C. and speak before a committee on behalf of the importance of a National Patriotism Week...

You may be surprised to learn that when some of the high school students in my city of Scottsdale were asked to write the Pledge of Allegiance, some wrote: "I pledge a legion..and invisible with liberty and judges for all." Some grammar schools were asked to write and it and could not do it.

Some day we will be your leaders, and where are the adults of today going to be if we, your future leaders never learned to abide by the rules or respect others? Patriotism and respect go together.

I want my children to be morally righteous, unselfish, patriotic, and thankful for being an American. If they have these values they will secure my future as we should secure theirs. They will be the ones to hold our great Nation on the pedestal where she so rightfully belongs.

I love America and will continue to work for her!



Joy cometh in the morning.

LETTERS THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:

Attached is my check in the amount of \$7.00, please renew my subscription to your very splendid Journal. Each issue seems more

interesting than the last. Your young folks are so busy - the boys working. harvesting the crops-

The girls are so active in the Miss Oregon Pageant. I am sure all of the young folks are busy helping their parents in many ways-they are so capable.

Your Editorial quote of Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of Commerce, gives us such hope.

We do need more of the 'Positive" in these unsure days.

More "Faith in God," who never fails us when we call on him for added strength and

Yours truly Mrs. M. C. Leveaux Fallon, Nevada 89406

Editor, The Journal:

This is to thank you and your paper for the very fine support that was given our annual Japan Nite Obon Festival. A great number of persons came from far and near. Many tourists as well, enjoyed the festivities food and our temple.

Yours very truly, Idaho-Ore. Buddhist Temple

Connie Shimojima, Publcty Japan Nite Obon Festyl.

Forceful Film To Be Shown

The story of Jesus is sung and narrated by Johnny Cash in a film entitled "The Gospel Road" being shown

Filmed in Israel, the movie is characterized, among others, by Cash and his wife, June, who appears as Mary Magdalene. The forceful narrative of life in the Holy Land will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nyssa, on Saturday, and is cordially open to the entire public says Pastor Dale Mitchell. There is no admission fee.

Pentecostal Church

Sunday - Sunday School

Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 7 p.m. Tuesday - Women's pra-

er service, 7 p.m. Wednesday - Bible study,

Sunday School Bus Service Call 372-3332

Dial for Prayer - 372-3925 or Write Box 2582.



and hopes you haven't.

several times.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, July 24 - District Camp meeting continues in Nampa, 10:30 a.m. and

Sunday, July 27 - Morning Prayer at the Church, 7

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m. Children's Church, 11 a.m. Worship Service with mes-

sage by Pastor Russell, 11 Evening Service will be dismissed so that as many as possible may attend the closing service of the District

Camp in Nampa, 7 p.m. Monday, July 28-Aug. 1 - Summer Camp for Seventh Graders at Victory

Tuesday, July 29 - Ladies Bible Study at the home of Mrs. Dwight Seward, 9:30

Wednesday, July 30 - Bible Study at Nursing Home, 2:30 p.m.

Mid-week Prayer and Praise Service, 7:30 p.m. "He that does good for

good's sake seeks neither praise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end."

United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. James Monroe welcomes you to all

Church activities. Sunday, July 27 - Informal prayer service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Worship - "And What Does the Lord Require of Thee?" This will be the first message in a series of four by the Rev. James Monroe

Youth sponsored "All Church Picnic' at the Nyssa South Park. Everyone invited, There will be a ball game between the "under 30 and over 30" men in attendance at 1 p.m.

Bible Study in the Church Parlor, 7:30 p.m.

Office hours at the Church, Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Telephone,

Planning Ahead: Tuesday, July 29 - Fellowship Bible Study group Dohner. Pot luck dinner at

noon, followed by Bible Sermon Feedback Discussion group will meet in the Pastor's study, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30 - You th group at the Church, 7:30 August 8 - Ice Cream

Social at the Nyssa Grade School, 7-10 p.m. August 16 - Youth car wash - time to be announced

August 22-23-24 - All Cho rch retreat at McCall.

The Light

Touch

by Larry Shaw

A good storyteller is someone who has a good memory,

Glasses affect vision-after you've emptied them

If the Good Lord had wanted us to see the sunrise, he

Last week, 50 people picketed for action on air

pollution. Then they got into 48 cars and went home.

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would have scheduled it in prime time.

doesn't go as far back as it used to.

Church Directory

Park Avenue **Baptist Church**

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

Sunday Services - Sunday school classes for all ages, 10

Worship Service - in the Sanctuary with the message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11

Christian Training Pro-7 p.m. Evening Service - Mes-

sage and fellowship, 8 p.m. Wednesday Evening - Bible Study and prayer at the Church with choir practice afterward.

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.

Group Has Picnic

Twenty-eight young people parents, church members, and Pastor and Mrs. Dale Mitchell enjoyed an outing on the North Fork of the Little Malheur River, Thursday, July 17.

The "Youth Day" was enjoyed by all and brought to realization how truly grateful we should be to God for his many miracles.

The group enjoyed the outdoor cookery, getting wet in the creek, exploring. fishing (for some, this was the first fish they ever caught) fellowship and devotions. A very tired but happy group returned to Nyssa that evening with shouts of "Lets do it again soon.'

Pastor Williams and the young people wish to thank all the parents and members of the Church for taking time to make the outing so great.

FAITH LUTHERAN

Thursday, July 24. Enquirers Class, 7 p.m. at the Parsonage

Saturday, July 26, Workday at the Church, 9 a.m. Sunday, July 27, Worship Service,11 a.m

Sunday, July 27, Parish Luther Leagues Softball game and swimming party, meet at the

church,1 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, Midweek Service,7:30 p.m.

Christian Church Sunday - Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday - Choir prac-

tice, 7 p.m. Young people meeting,

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

the doorprize. The Club Picnic will be held Wednesday, August 13

OBITUARIES

Nellda M. Raney

Services for Nellda M. Raney, 67, Parma, who died Sunday, July 20, 1975 at a Caldwell hospital, were conducted at 2 p.m., Wednesday at Northam-Jones Chapel at Weiser. Interment fol-

lowed at Fairview Cemetery. She was born January 10, 1908, at Weiser, where she grew up and married Virgil Raney. October 14, 1929. They lived in Weiser for three years, then moved to

Parma, where they farmed. She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church at Nyssa. She is survived by her husband Virgil Raney, Parma, two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Eastwood, Burns, Oregon, Mrs. Millie Pinkston, Nyssa; her mother, Mrs. Myrtle Turner, Baker, Oregon; a sister, Mrs. John Colton, Baker, Oregon; a brother, Howard Harris, Pawtucket, Rhode Island and seven grandchildren. A brother,

Zeb A. Harris, died in 1966. The family suggests memorials to the Heart Fund or the Cancer Fund.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to Dr. Fuson and Dr. Kerby, the nurses and aids and everyone at Malheur Memorial Hospital for their excellent care during my recent surgery. To all relatives and friends, my deepest appreciation for gifts, flowers visits and cards. Sincerely

Amalia Pratt 568 N.W. 3rd St., Ontario, Oregon

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Ralph Taghon wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness in our time of

Mrs. Ralph Taghon and children

Amity Women

Members of the Amity Club met Friday, July 18 at the home of Mrs. Cleda Blair. Mrs. Lavin Roberts gave the book revue and Mrs. Flo-

at the home of Mrs. Barbara Burningham.

Journal Classifieds **Bring Results!**

President Proclaims Today for Prayer Day

Following in the footsteps of the Second Continental Congress of 1775. President Gerald R. Ford has called upon all Americans to unite in a day of national prayer and recognition on Thursday. July 24.

In his proclamation from the White House, designating July 24 as National Day of Prayer - 1975, President Ford cited action of the Second Continental Congress on June 12, 1775, "200 years ago,...the Second Continental Congress called upon the inhabitants of all the colonies to unite, on a designated Thursday in July, in 'humiliation, fasting, and prayer.

The President explained that on that day in 1775, Americans were asked to address their prayers to the "Great Governor of the World" to preserve the new Union and secure civil and religious liberties.

Exclaiming that those first prayers were answered in full measure and that the Union survives with the liberties our forefathers prayed for never as see re as they are today. he cor 'nued by warning that 'Material progress and human achievement often beckon mankind from the spiri-

tual virtues The President then expressed the hope that as the nation prepares to mark its 200th anniversary, "Americans will not forget that it was prayer that helped us forge our freedom and foster our liberties.'

Calling upon all Americans to pray on July 24, each after his or her own convictions, Ford suggested that thanks be given to God for the many blessings granted to American throughout these two centuries.

First National Bank Reports Less Earnings

First National Bank of Oregon reported a decline in earnings for the second quarter of 1975, reflecting the effects of the nation's ailing economy. Deposits were up and loans off compared to mid-year 1974, according to Robert F. Wallace, president.

The bank's domestic deposits totaled \$2,172,362,000 on June 30, compared to \$2,-077,432,000 recorded at the end of the second quarter of 1974. First National's loans generated by 142 statewide offices were \$1,361,612,000. down slightly from the \$1,384,016,000 reported on the same date in 1974.

Additionally, First National held \$5,211,000 in foreign loans and \$5,203,000 in foreign deposits in its Cayman Island branch. The funds in the office are being used on a selective basis as an offshore depository and financing branch for the bank's business customers.

Total resources were \$2. 820,296,000, up from \$2,601. 589,000 on June 30 of last

For the second quarter, income before securities transactions was \$4,820,000. down 6.2 per cent from \$5,137,000 in 1974. This amounts to 91 cents per share compared to 97 cents last

The decline in earnings is a result of generally slack loan demand and the continued narrowing of interest spread which produced less than a two per cent gain in the bank's net interest income. This increase together with small gains in other operating income categories was not sufficient to offset a ten per cent rise in non-interest operating expenses.

Income before securities transactions for the first half of 1975 amounted to \$10,047. 000, or \$1.89 per share, up 1.2 per cent from \$9,927, 000 or \$1.87 recorded in 1974. Net income after securities transactions was \$10,064,000 compared to

\$9,940,000 last year. The Nyssa branch reported deposits of \$15,528,377 and loans of \$8,680,953 as of June

Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$12,779,019 in deposits and \$7,219,297 in loans.



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