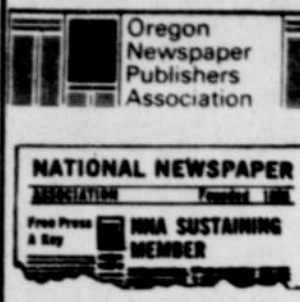


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Guest Editorial

By: Henry Mitchell, Pastor
North Star Baptist Church, Chicago

A small number of blacks and whites are trying to discourage black Americans from celebrating our Bicentennial next year, because of the many years the black people were under slavery.

One thing those people fail to understand is that every nation on earth, at one time or another, had people living in slavery.

The question was asked, one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-five years ago: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Can anything good have come out of slavery?

If those men and women who are against celebrating the American Bicentennial would go to Africa, India, Mexico, China, Vietnam or Russia and see for themselves the deprived, depressed, oppressed and primitive conditions under which thousands of millions of people live, they would realize that out of slavery came blessings for the black people in America.

Please don't misunderstand me. I am against slavery in any form for any people in any country. But I say to black Americans across this nation: "Let's not look back." We know the story of Lot's wife, after she was told not to look back, she turned into a pillar of salt.

The handful of black dudes who are encouraging black Americans to look back only fills their hearts with hate and resentment. A man has only one heart, and out of that heart only one thing can proceed: hate or love.

I have spoken in many colleges, high schools, churches, and great institutions which have been built with love and understanding. I have yet to walk into a building which was built through hate and confusion. Love builds. Hate destroys.

I know we had slavery in America. I am very much aware of it. But as I travel throughout this world and see the poor living conditions in Africa, where thousands of black people are dying because they don't have water to drink, food to eat, shelter, doctors or medical supplies; if slavery were my only transportation? If my only way of coming to America was by slavery, I'd get down on my knees and thank God for slavery. If it had not been for slavery, my family and I would be among the hundreds of thousands of Africans who are starving, naked, out of doors, diseased, and dying for lack of water and medical care.

If our black forefathers, sleeping in their graves, could see the condition which exists in Africa today compared to the condition of their black American descendants, they would witness that out of their slavery and suffering came a blessing for their offspring.

Let's not look back. Let's not turn into a pillar of salt. Let's get involved, not just with the Bicentennial, but let's get involved with everything which is building a better America for all Americans.



CARL AND DUANE MORTON, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Morton, enjoyed cookies and cider at the Fire Station last Friday evening after visiting with Santa Claus. They are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Don Somers.



The Light Touch

By Ernie Metcalf

There's someone in every crowd who stays just quiet enough to be able to tell afterwards what fools the others made of themselves.

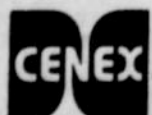
December is when you can't find the Christmas cards you bought for half price in January.

It takes a genius to earn as much in 40 hours as his kids can spend in two.

Canapes: a ham sandwich cut into 40 pieces.

Remember the good old days, when you had to do without some things because you couldn't afford them? They're back.

Don't do without this Christmas. See the large selection of gifts at Nyssa Co-op Supply.



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OBITUARIES

Bernice A. Cash

Services for Bernice A. Cash, 62, Nyssa, who died Sunday, December 7, 1975 at Malheur Memorial Hospital were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by Elder Doug Flowers. Interment was in Nyssa.

She was born November 3, 1913, in Arkansas. She married Lee A. Cash, February 28, 1945, in Columbus, Kansas.

Surviving are her husband of Nyssa; four daughters, Mrs. Ed Stephens and Mrs. Dave Rieb, both of Nyssa, Mrs. Willis Wiley, Castleford and Virginia Zinn, Twin Falls; two brothers, Harold Sommars, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Floyd Sommars, Parma; a sister, Mrs. Mark Noel, Parma; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Otto E. Coffman

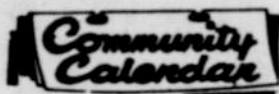
Otto E. Coffman, 91, of Nyssa passed away December 9, 1975 at Malheur Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held December 12, at 2:30 p.m. in the Lienkaemper Chapel at Nyssa.

A full obituary was not available at Journal press time Wednesday but will be printed next week.

Deloris A. Riess

Funeral service arrangements for Deloris A. Riess of Germany, were pending at Lienkaemper Chapel at Journal press time Wednesday.

Deloris Riess was born in Idaho on November 19, 1957, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Orr, former Nyssa residents. She passed away in Germany Thursday, December 4, 1975, as the result of an auto accident.



Saturday, December 13 - Bowling Party for Jobies, Eastern Stars and Masons, Sugar Bowl, 8 p.m. Refreshments at Masonic Hall afterwards.

Adrian Community United Presbyterian Church Bazaar and Chicken Dinner, 11 a.m. Dinner 11:30-1 p.m., adults \$2.00, under 12 \$1.00.

Monday, December 15 - Golden Rule Chapter #131—Christmas Party, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16 - Tops #494, Bea's Beauty Bar, Adrian, 7:30 p.m. Eagles Auxiliary, Eagles Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17 - Nyssa Golden Age, 113 Green Avenue, potluck, 12 noon. Job's Daughters, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.



THE MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Auxiliary bingo party each Thursday morning gives much enjoyment to residents of the Nursing Home. The new bingo game set consisting of cage and ball numbers and slide window cards was purchased by the Auxiliary.

Methodist Men

To Hear Speaker



Tom Snyder

Tom Snyder, Elementary Physical Education teacher in the Nyssa schools will be the speaker of the evening at the Methodist Men's meeting next Monday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.

Tom is a native of Ohio, received his Masters in Elementary Physical Education from Montana State, and taught in Australia in a school for delinquent boys. Tom will tell of his work and his travels and show slides.

Anniversaries

December 6 - Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Tanner

Baptists Plan Choir Concert

The Nyssa Conservative Baptist and the Treasure Valley Baptist Churches will present a Choir Concert on Sunday, December 14, at 7 p.m. in the Nyssa Conservative Baptist Church, featuring the combined choirs of the two churches. This program will be the Bill Gaither musical "Alleluia" a praise gathering for believers. The presentation will be sung with full orchestration provided through means of tape recordings. The program has already been sung in Ontario and was very beautiful.

BIRTHS

Malheur Memorial Hospital
December 5, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hite, Nyssa, boy.
December 7, Mr. and Mrs. John Michael Foskitt, Adrian girl.

Holy Rosary Hospital
December 3, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lancaster, Vale, boy.
December 5, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Parker, Homedale, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Petersen, Homedale, girl.

December 7, Mr. and Mrs. John Beeson, Payette, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sturn, Fruitland, girl.
December 8, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pett, Nyssa, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver Nyssa, boy.
December 9, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Schaffer, Jamieson, girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ward, Vale, boy.

Samba Group Meets

The ladies of the Samba Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Guthrie last Friday. High honors went to Mrs. Bert Lienkaemper and Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb took second high.



Second Lecture For LDS "Know Your Religion"

The second program of the "Know Your Religion" series is to be held this Saturday evening at 8 p.m. in a new and larger location for the area. Because of an over-flow crowd at the first program held in the Ontario L.D.S. Cultural Hall and chapel, this lecture will be held at the Weiser Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The second of the L.D.S. selected scholars to speak will be Joseph C. Muren, an instructor at the Weber L.D.S. Institute of Religion at Ogden, Utah. He will speak on the subject, "Your Testimony...A Delicate Possession" and elaborate on the continued nourishment and proper understanding of

one of the Spirit's gifts and how essential it is for the continued gospel stability and growth we must have.

The objective of the "Know Your Religion" series is to provide informative and timely lectures on religious subjects that help build and strengthen testimonies of L.D.S. members and their friends who may attend.

Church Bazaar Set For Adrian

The Women's Society of the Adrian Community Presbyterian Church is planning their annual bazaar and dinner at the church from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, December 13. Adult tickets will be \$2.00 and children under 12, \$1.00. They will be serving a chicken dinner.

Bazaar items include fancy work, gifts, foods and misc. All bazaar items not sold by 1 p.m. will be auctioned during the afternoon. Home-made quilts will also be auctioned. Everyone is invited to attend.

Nazarene Church News

Thursday, December 11, Annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Golden Hour Missionary Chapter. Diane and Donald Larson, Missionary teenagers from Swaziland South Africa, who are at NNC this year will be honored during the evening at Manley Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 13, Pairs and Spares Christmas Party at the Keith Langley home, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14, Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m. Children's Church, 11 a.m. Worship Service with message by Pastor Russell, 11 a.m.

Evening Service will feature the presentation of a Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles," by the Sanctuary Choir directed by George Knapp, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16, Ladies Bible Study at the home of Mrs. Sharon Pittz, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 17, Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m. Midweek service for Caravan groups, Teens, and Adults, 7:30 p.m.

"Every day calls for our best for God."

Valley Baptists To Have Banquet

The Nyssa Conservative Baptist Church is sponsoring a Christmas Banquet on Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. The banquet will be at VIP'S in Ontario.

The program will feature the Rev. Russel Wood, pastor of the Baker church, as speaker. Also on the program is a fine musical program with numbers from the participating churches.

Those sharing in this event are: Treasure Valley Baptist, Malheur Butte Baptist, Bible Baptist, Conservative Baptist in New Plymouth and the Nyssa Conservative Baptist Church.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hite of Nyssa proudly announce the birth of their son, Justin Wayne. Justin arrived at Malheur Memorial Hospital in Nyssa, Friday, December 5, 1975. He tipped the scales at seven pounds and five ounces. The new arrival will join a brother Joseph Eric, age two years, at home.

Grandparents are Mrs. Marge Isaguirre and John Echevarria both of Homedale and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hite of rural Nyssa. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pegram of Homedale are the beaming great-grandparents.

The Birch Log

"Saturday Night Specials"

by John F. McManus

Belmont, Massachusetts — Whoever coined the phrase "Saturday Night Special" must now be in sufferable. Virtually every man, woman, and child in the United States is using the term.

But what is a "Saturday Night Special"? According to most Americans, it is a cheap, unsafe, and easily available weapon that is widely used in the commission of crime. The emphasis invariably falls on the cheap and unsafe character of these weapons, because the drive to rid the nation of "Specials" is proceeding not so much because they are guns, but because they are "cheap" and therefore supposedly "unsafe" guns.

A Differing View

If a person approached a licensed gun dealer and asked for a "Saturday Night Special," he would betray his ignorance. For, amazing as it may seem to some, there is no such item available. Because a gun dealer knows what is meant by the term, he might lead his potential customer to a display of inexpensive handguns. And if the customer satisfactorily complied with the many existing legal requirements for gun ownership, there might eventually be a sale.

All of which leads us to a significant point: Whatever else the term "Saturday Night Special" may mean to some, it always means a gun. And therefore, the drive to ban private ownership of "Saturday Night Specials" is a drive to ban private ownership of guns. This is a clear invasion of the Constitutionally protected "right to keep and bear arms" enunciated in the Second Amendment. It is also an invitation to tyranny.

Noses In Tents

Who is there who has not heard the story about the camel who succeeded in sticking his nose into the tent? He soon entered the tent and eventually drove everyone else outside. For years, government at every level has been sticking its nose into all kinds of tents. Experience

has shown us, especially in the case of the federal government, that a little government involvement usually leads to total control.

For instance, the federal nose in the public school tent was the lunch program. Out of that initial step came the justification for more involvement, leading to federally mandated forced busing and the practical federal control of our schools. And Medicare was the federal nose in the tent for socialized medicine's promoters. After Medicare for the aged came Medicaid for the poor, and now Professional Standards Review Organizations (P.S.R.O.'s) are bringing us closer to the obvious goal — total control of medicine.

The campaign against "Saturday Night Specials" is nothing more than the federal government sticking its nose in where it doesn't belong in the expectation of gaining additional powers later. If the federal government is allowed to ban private ownership of one type of gun, then it will soon ban private ownership of all guns.

Safety Not The Real Concern

In 1971, the U.S. Treasury Department financed a test of fifty-eight different models of small handguns. Each weapon was fired as often as 5,000 times under very severe conditions in order to test it for safety and endurance. Treasury's eventual 920-page report showed that (1) a \$25 American revolver was just as reliable as a \$225 import; and (2) an inexpensive import (\$14.95) failed at about the same point as a more expensive (\$57.50) American-made weapon. The report gave no evidence to prove that a so-called "Saturday Night Special" presents any greater safety hazard than does a more expensive weapon.

Someone once remarked that the campaign against "Saturday Night Specials" was a campaign to keep poor people from owning a gun. It is certainly that, and more. It is a big step in the direction of banning everyone's "right to keep and bear arms."

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