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They Are Responsible

We quite often blame all of our ills on government. There now seems to be an element in our society which is worse, and far more destructive than government.

As a matter of fact, government as most of us know it, isn't all that bad. City councils, school boards, county commissions - all are pretty good and responsive to their constituents. State government gets a little more remote, especially if you live in Eastern Oregon. Federal government is something else, but our government doesn't have too bad a record when measured over its 200-year life span.

The element I am referring to is something elusive, it's **they**, and you can't really put your finger on **them**, or figure **them** out.

Alaskan Pipeline

For instance, when the Alaskan pipeline was first planned, it was estimated to cost \$750 million. Now that it is finally being built it will cost over \$7 billion. That's ten times more than it should have cost had there not been the delays.

Now who is responsible for this? It can't be the conservationists, because we are conservationists. Some blame it on the ecologists. It can't be those who need gas and oil, because that includes us all. Is it the Communists who don't want us to have oil, or the Arabs who want us to buy their oil? It's not the government, it's **them**. And who are **they**?

I-205 Freeway

A little closer to home, take the I-205 freeway which was to be constructed around Portland. Part of it has already been built, rights-of-way have been purchased for the rest of it, millions have gone into its planning, and now it has been stopped. Who stopped it? **They** did. Not the State of Oregon, or the Federal government, but **they**.

Of course some day it will be completed. It's needed now, and will complete a well-planned freeway ring around Portland. The point is, when construction again starts and the job is done it will cost every citizen of Oregon up to ten times its originally estimated cost. And **they** are responsible.

Idaho Power Company

Real close to home is Idaho Power's proposed Pioneer plant. **They** are doing everything possible to stop it, or at least delay its construction, and again, who are **they**? Not the government, not the engineers or power experts, not the people who must put up the money, but **them**.

The plant will be built, because it is needed. But before it is built, **they** will exert every pressure and delaying tactic possible to insure that it costs us more money. **They** ignore power use studies, ecology studies and opinions of experts, and **they** prey upon the fears of the uninformed.

What are their motives? Who knows? **They** use electrical power the same as the rest of us, and presumably **they** will have to pay more for **their** power when more power is needed, the same as the rest of us.

They have succeeded in stopping any further hydro-electric development on the Snake River. **They** don't want nuclear power. **They** know that solar or other more exotic new systems aren't ready yet, but **they** continue to fight the only other source of ready power, coal.

Government, in this case the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, will undoubtedly rule in favor of Idaho Power. The PUC will not be influenced by hysterical fears, letters to the editor of The Idaho Statesman, or other outside factors.

Idaho Power's charter requires that the company provide this area with electrical power. To date this job has been performed most admirably, at reasonable cost, and with excellent service. We hope that Idaho Power can continue to do the job without too much further costly delaying tactics by **them**.

They know that Idaho Power will continue to do its job. **They** know that Oregon's freeway system will be completed. **They** know that the Alaskan pipeline would be built, and **they** know, as we know, that **they** have been successful in driving up the costs beyond all comprehension.

What really is **their** motive, and who are **they**.

PROCLAMATION LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, the citizens of Nyssa are a prideful people who are interested in the well being of this community and;

WHEREAS, they are interested in observing and taking an active part in the planning of Ordinances, Resolutions, Land Use, Resources quality and other local laws, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council and City Planning Commission wishes to provide the best possible services and environment for Nyssa, and;

WHEREAS, local government meetings are open meetings at which all citizens are welcome to attend;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Oldemeyer, Mayor of the City of Nyssa, do proclaim the week of March 8, 1976, LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK and do encourage ALL CITIZENS to attend Council and Planning Commission Meetings and to contribute their ideas and desires.

Signed Don Oldemeyer, Mayor.

Dairymen To Meet March 8

All Malheur County dairymen are urged to attend an Eastern Oregon Dairymen Association meeting on Monday, March 8, 7:30 p.m., Starlight Cafe, Vale, Oregon, according to Marvin Rempel, president. The president went on to say that the program will include a discussion from Cindy Osborn regarding her experiences as a dairy princess and Mrs. Judy White who served as chaperone during the Portland contest. Other business matters will include a discussion about the recent

ODA convention. Rempel emphasized that Scotty Payne, board member, would discuss various aspects of the awards program.

All dairymen, whether a member or not, are welcome, Rempel concluded.



Potatoes were unknown in Europe until the Spanish conquistadors found the Incas eating them in South America!

OBITUARIES

Cecil Morrison Sr.

Services for Cecil H. Morrison Sr., 76, Nyssa, who died Sunday, February 29, 1976 at Malheur Memorial Hospital were conducted at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by the Rev. Donald Beattie, Conservative Baptist Church. Interment was in Nyssa Cemetery, under direction of Placer Lodge No. 3, AF&AM. He was born March 22, 1899, in Blackwell, Oklahoma. He was married in Nelson, Nebraska, February 27, 1918. He moved from Atlanta to Nyssa in 1945 and established the Morrison Electric Company.

He attended the Conservative Baptist Church, Nyssa and was a member of the Placer Lodge No. 3, Placerville; Scottish Rite, Baker, Oregon; and Al Kader Shrine Temple, Portland.

Surviving are his wife, Aileen, Nyssa; a daughter, Mrs. Mae-Margret March, lone, Washington; two sons, Bill and Cecil Jr., both Nyssa; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital.

Leona T. Reeves

Services for Leona Thyrne Reeves, 67, Nyssa who died Saturday, February 21, 1976 at a Boise hospital, were conducted Tuesday at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa, with the Rev. Erlend Johnson officiating. Interment was in Nyssa Cemetery under the direction of the Yellow Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 202, Nyssa.

She was born March 18, 1908, in Johnson City, Missouri. She married John Reeves, October 28, 1925 in Clinton, Missouri. They came to Nyssa in the 1940's.

She was a member of the Yellow Rose Rebekah Lodge, the First Christian Church of Nyssa and the Senior Citizens.

Surviving are several cousins from out of the area. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1968 and two sons.

Mable Van Slyke

Services for Mrs. Mable C. VanSlyke, 79, 1015 11th Avenue North Extension, Nampa, who died Saturday, February 28, 1976, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Nampa with the Rev. Ernest E. Wilson, First United Methodist Church of Nampa officiating. Interment was at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

She was born May 16, 1896, at Randolph, Nebraska, where she was reared and educated. Graduating from the Randolph High School in 1914, and continuing her education at Wayne Normal, she later taught school north of Randolph. She married William H. VanSlyke, November 7, 1915, at Randolph, Nebraska. They lived and farmed at Randolph for 27 years, moving to Washington in 1914. They returned to Nebraska and farmed for four years before operating a motel at Gibbon, Nebr. They moved to Nampa in 1951. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Nampa.

She is survived by her husband William H. VanSlyke, Nampa; four sons, Dwight VanSlyke, San Diego, California; Blair VanSlyke, Nampa; Dick VanSlyke, Caldwell and Don VanSlyke, Tulsa, Oklahoma; one daughter, Mrs. Joy Adams, Nyssa, Oregon. 32 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be given to Malheur Memorial Hospital in Nyssa, Oregon.

If you have been bereaved, there is a message for you in I Corinthians 15 and Revelation 21.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. McPartland:
 On behalf of the National Association of Biology Teachers, I wish to extend to you our most sincere congratulations. Your biology teacher, Miss Mary L. Omberg, has been chosen by the State Selection Committee to receive recognition as an Outstanding Biology Teacher of the State of Oregon for 1976.

Each year the National Association of Biology Teachers presents a certificate of award showing recognition for teaching excellence to an outstanding biology teacher in each state who has been evaluated and chosen by the State Selection Committee. We are happy to announce that the selection this year gives honor to one of your teachers, and thereby gives honor to Nyssa High School.

The NABT award will be presented to Mary Omberg by myself at the time and place which you establish. Please let me know at the earliest possible moment what dates in May are available. We encourage you to arrange for publicity prior to and on the occasion of the award presentation.

In addition, the NABT also awards an appropriate framed certificate to the award recipient's school.

The American Optical Company is providing a generous gift of a research quality binocular microscope and carrying case. This gift will become the property of Mary at the time the NABT award is presented.

As Oregon OBTA Chairman, I will present the microscope and case to Mary on behalf of the American Optical Company.

Cordially,
 Ray Thiess
 Specialist
 Science Education
 Oregon OBTA Chairman
 378-3602

Editor, The Journal:

I certainly wish to express my gratitude to the Bicentennial Committee, the ministers of our city, the school officials, and the Gate City Journal for all the cooperation given by them to promote the Religious Bicentennial emphasis last Friday evening, February 27, 1976. Bob Brownlee's presentation of "God and Country" and the gospel singing and testimonies by Gene and Mary Jayne Gaither were inspirational and well received.

Sincerely
 Bill Russell
 Bicentennial Committee Member

Editor, The Journal:

It is gratifying to have read, the long months of speculation and planning have finally culminated in final Contracts being awarded for completion of our new School facilities.

Should this speculation and planning have taken so long? Just one short year ago a School Complex in Omaha, Nebraska was completely demolished by a tornado. By the start of 1975-1976 School year it had been completely rebuilt, and students attending School in the new classrooms. Here we are almost two years after the devastating fire, and not one building ready for occupancy.

I'm sure members of the School Board, Budget Board, and Building Committee have worked many more hours than would be required under normal circumstances. However, I believe, these persons in asking for our votes said, in effect, "I will devote whatever time and energy necessary to insure the children of our Community will receive a high quality education." If the quality of our educational programs has increased in proportion to monies expended, then they have done their jobs well, and are to be commended. If not, they should be summarily admonished.

In the article "School Buildings Underway" Re: Nyssa Gate City Journal, February 19, 1976, you stated "Out of all the compromises, plan changes, and eliminated options have come decisions that are right." I'm sure some of the decisions are right, but question whether

Editor, The Journal:
 With the resignation of Glenn Ward, the Adrian Schools are losing a fine and capable administrator and the community, a good friend, neighbor and citizen.

Mr. Ward's administrative abilities and accomplishments are well known. During his many years here, he has worked diligently with many different school directors, teachers, students and patrons. His success in maintaining discipline and stability through rapidly changing times, conditions and attitudes has required a great deal of patience and understanding.

Whenever a project or task has been undertaken for the good of the community, he has willingly and efficiently done his share quietly and without publicity, and has seldom been too busy to lend a helping hand when needed.

It has been commented "He will be a hard man to replace." He will, indeed, and he will be missed. We wish him and his family the very best in their future endeavors.

Respectfully,
 Mrs. C. G. Brown
 Box 247,
 Adrian, Oregon

Editor, The Journal:

We would like to express our appreciation to the T.V.C.C. Board, Administration, Coaching, and Custodial staffs for the use of their facilities.

Nyssa High School has used the T.V.C.C. gym during the past two years free of charge. One way Nyssa could show their appreciation would be to support the T.V.C.C. budget March 9.

We the following Nyssa High School students are urging our parents to vote YES. Won't you join them?

Sincerely,
 Bill Tensen, Robert Fehlman
 Joe Joyce, Scott Holcomb,
 Sheri Simpson, Enri Rodriguez,
 Clark Kido, Terry Fife,
 Luis Mosqueda, Larry Wood,
 Bill Marcum

all are so. I have yet in my lifetime seen any person, working as an individual, or as a member of a committee make decisions that are always right. The proof will come after our new School Facilities are in use. Then, we may be able to gloat over the accomplishments.

I see some of our incumbent School Board members aren't too eager to file for re-election. If they are confident they have made the right decisions concerning expenditure of the taxpayers money, then I feel it behooves each of those persons to seek re-election to their respective positions, and campaign vigorously to attain that goal. They should want to see this building program through to completion. Now is no time for changing horses in the middle of the stream.

I further urge all registered voters to go to the polls April 20, 1976, and re-elect the incumbents to School Board positions Numbers 4, 5, and 7. This can very easily be accomplished through a write in vote although their names do not appear on the Ballot.

Carl H. Wade
 Nyssa, Oregon

[Ed note: Two incumbents have filed for re-election. The third does not wish to run after serving ten years, and two others have filed for this position].

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, March 4 - Confirmation Instruction, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 7 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, March 10 - Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. Parish Lenten Service at Pioneer Nursing Home, Vale. Sermon theme "I Believe in God the Son."

Thursday, March 11 - Confirmation instruction, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 12 - Potluck dinner at church, followed by slides of the Freedom Train, presented by Evelyn Bailey, 7 p.m.

United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Monroe welcome you to all church activities.

Sunday, March 7 - Prayer Service at the church, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, "The World of Parables," Part I, by the Rev. Monroe.

Marjorie Tuell, Musical Program at the church, 1 p.m. UMYF, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9 - Bible Study at the Parsonage, 6:30 a.m.

Fellowship Bible Study, noon potluck, 12 noon. Religion in America, 4 p.m.

Thursday, March 11 - General meeting of the Women's Society, church parlor, 2 p.m.

Banner Covenant Group, parsonage, 4 p.m.

Friday, March 12 - Bible Study at Fern Adams home, 9:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church News

This Sunday, the First Sunday in Lent, will be marked by special observances at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday, March 7. The service will begin with the Penitential Litany, and the Rev. John Worrall will be celebrant for the service of Holy Communion which follows.

The Rev. Tish Croom's sermon topic will be "Abba, Father," the first of the series of sermons based on the Lord's Prayer which will continue through the Sundays in Lent.

Nazarene Church News

Friday, March 5, World Day of Prayer will be observed by a time for Prayer and Fasting. Meet at the Church for special prayer together, 12 noon till 2 p.m.

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

Morning Worship with message by Pastor Russell, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6:45 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 9, Ladies Bible Study will meet with Mrs. Beverly Hammar, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 10, Bible Study in the Nursing Home, 4 p.m. Midweek service for Caravans, Teens, and the adult special study, "In His Likeness," 7:30 p.m.

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of Celestial fire called Conscience."

[by George Washington]

St. Paul's Guild

Makes Puppets

The sewing section of St. Paul's Episcopal Guild met with Mrs. Greta Broad on Thursday and completed their project for the year of making hand puppets for Malheur Memorial Hospital. These puppets are given to children who enter the hospital for surgery. This is the 3rd year for this project. Their next project will be making mattress covers for the Church Camp at Cove, Oregon.

Summer camps at Cove are open to those in the fourth grade through high school. Any student interested in camp is asked to call Mrs. Grant Rinehart who has all the available information.



SPEECH THERAPY is a part of the program at the Easter Seal School and Treatment Center in Eugene, where Angel Vedder, 7, of Eugene, is shown in a session with Ms. Marjory Millholen, speech therapist. School was founded in 1947, and offers the three R's as well as speech, occupational and physical therapies. Children come to the center from all parts of Oregon.

From The Prophet's Corner

By the Rev. Don Beattie

"But whom say ye that I am?" This was the question that the Lord Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in Matthew 16:15. This same question is still being asked of all men today through the ministry of His church and disciples. There is no way to escape this issue. Jesus Christ was either a liar, a lunatic or He was who He claimed to be "God manifest in the flesh."

Peter's answer to this question was clear, direct and without compromise "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Matthew 16:16. Peter had witnessed Christ in life, in His miracles and in His love to all men. Peter had become convinced in his total being that no other explanation as to the identity of Jesus could be correct.

Today we hear many say that Jesus was a great man, a great teacher, a wonderful example for us to follow. He was and is all of these but He is far more. The Bible, God's word, declares Him to be "God manifest in the flesh." Following His death for our sins, His resurrection from the dead proved Him to be who He claimed to be. Some of the greatest historians of all time have attempted to destroy the claims as to the resurrection of Christ. Most of them became believers and then disciples. This is the way they answered the age-old question as asked by Jesus "But whom say ye that I am." Have you given your answer as Peter did "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Emblem Club

Elects Officers

The Emblem Club #192 meeting of February 16 was called to order by Ruby Pfost, president. Betty Collier presented a report on the Sweethearts Day, which was a great success. A report on community service was presented by Verna Coffinberry.

Time spent on volunteer work during the month of January was as follows: Aiding the Elks, 20 hours; blood drawing donated hours were 72; hospital hours, 35 and to the Elks hat check room, 41 hours, for a total of 173 hours. A total of 155 1/2 miles were driven in the performance of volunteer labor.

It was voted that the Emblem Club sponsor the Naturalization Program in Malheur County, working with the County Court and County Judge Dorrah.

The slate of new officers elected were as follows: Claire Jenkins, president; Ruby Pfost, junior past president; first vice-president, open; Neva Turner, second vice-president; Ruth DeFrance, financial secretary; Sarabell Myers, treasurer; Norma Ferguson, recording secretary; Erma Colman, correspondence secretary; Inez Polly, chairman trustee; Mildred Scholls, second trustee; Ann Howland third trustee; Genette Tankersley, marshal; Mary Danilsen, first assistant marshal; Freda Palmer, second assistant marshal; Sharon Dundas, chaplain; Ruth McIntyre, organist; Pearl Mason press secretary; Zona Murphy, historian; Loretta Wanka, outer guard and Alta Baer, inner guard.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for the flowers, calls, cards, visits and prayers during and since my surgery at St. Als. in Boise. I and my family deeply appreciate everyone's concern and May God Bless You.
 Beth Ann (Kassman) Christensen

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