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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:
 May I present a tribute to the memory of Oscar Schafer of Adrian, who passed away a week ago today?

We are newcomers to Oregon, and lived in Adrian, as a neighbor of the Schafers for a year and a half. (We are on Route 3, Parma of Big Bend, Oregon now.)

It seemed to be the joy of Oscar's life to be doing for others. He planted and kept a large garden which was his pride and joy. So very often he came to our house with a sack of delicious sweet corn, an armful of Swiss chard, or carrots, whatever was in season. He brought us fish, fresh from lake or stream, sometimes pan-ready. His wife is also a very thoughtful and generous person sharing fruits and meats and various things with us. Not that we needed them especially, or that they expected anything in return, but that they loved to share.

One particular time, we had gone to California to see our children and on our return home our pickup developed rear axle trouble at McDermitt, on the border of Nevada and Oregon. McDermitt is about like Adrian, in availability of car parts, we were stranded, no way to go anywhere and the only way to get parts was by Greyhound from Winnemucca, Nev. which would take 48 hours or more and the price out of sight. In desperation we called Anna Long at Adrian, who was the only person we knew well enough to call.

She was petrified at the thought of coming all that way alone, for us, but promised she'd see what she could do. Bless her heart, she knew where to go. She asked Oscar Schafer if he could rescue a couple of stranded people at McDermitt.

Did Oscar say, "No! I'm busy, let George do it?" He did not! He and Hazel got in the car, dropping whatever they were doing, and headed immediately for McDermitt. They got there in due time and we were soon on our way home to get our car and parts and return for our pickup.

They were reluctant to accept even money for their expenses. We reimbursed them as well as they would permit, but, such was our neighbor, Oscar Schafer, and at that time we knew him only slightly. He became a valued friend in the time since then.

I couldn't help wondering, the day of his funeral as I saw the many friends who came out, in spite of bad roads and dismal, nasty weather. What stories each could probably tell of various occasions when Oscar had been as fine a neighbor to them as he's been to us.

OBITUARIES

Oscar F. Schafer

Services for Oscar F. Schafer, 76, of Adrian, who died at his home of natural causes, Monday, January 17, 1977 were conducted Friday at Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa by the Rev. Robert Ball of the Adrian Presbyterian Church. Graveside services were at the Owyhee Cemetery.

Mr. Schafer was born February 8, 1901, at Muscoda, Wisconsin and as a youth also lived in Montana and Nez Perce, Idaho. In 1920 he moved with his parents to a farm at Kingman Colony.

He worked as a miner and logger in Northern Idaho before returning to Kingman Colony, where he married Hazel Lenaghan in 1934. He worked in construction on the Owyhee Dam project and purchased a farm near Adrian in 1936. He retired from farming and moved to Adrian in 1962.

During his farming career, Mr. Schafer was a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau and the Grange and also served as a 4-H club leader.

Surviving are his wife, Hazel, Adrian; a son, Fred, San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Celia Knutson and Mamie Hamilton, both of Nez Perce, Idaho; and three grandsons.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters.

Robert W. Forrester

Services for Robert W. Forrester, 81, Emmett, who died Sunday, January 23, 1977, at an Emmett hospital, will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at Beatty-Potter Chapel by the Rev. Harry L. Granger, Emmett First Baptist Church. Interment will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Weiser.

He was born June 15, 1895, at Madisonville, Tennessee. He married Grace Barr August 4, 1920, at Madisonville. He moved to Mesa in 1947 and to Emmett in 1954. Mr. Forrester was a member of the First Baptist Church and a veteran of WWI.

Surviving are his wife, Emmett; five sons, Verne and Kyle, both of Emmett, John, Boulder City, Nevada, Norman, Richland, Washington, and Dale of Boise; three daughters, Mrs. Lester (Margaret) Rolland, Nyssa, Mrs. Ben (Mary Lee) Parks, Emmett, and Mrs. Kenneth (Elizabeth Anne) Wright, Boise; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Large, Lenoir City, Tennessee, and Mrs. Edwin Mize, Plant City, Florida; 23 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son and a grandson.

We await word from you assuring us that you will forgive us if we quit paying social security and income taxes, also we await the return of our money. This should not be too difficult for you because those who continue to pay are not going to get killed or get their bodies blown up like many of the boys who went to war while these buddies of yours you are forgiving flew the coop.

"Sam" Cleveland McConnell

Services for Samuel "Sam" Cleveland McConnell, 83, Nyssa, who died Saturday, January 22, 1977 at Malheur Memorial Hospital were conducted Tuesday at the United Methodist Church, Nyssa, by the Rev. James Monroe. Interment was in the Nyssa Cemetery under the direction of the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.



He was born April 11, 1893, in Nebraska. Mr. McConnell was a veteran of World War I. He married Bessie M. Wilson in 1917 in Aurora, Nebraska, where they farmed for a short time. They moved to Alliance, Nebraska and farmed there until moving to Nyssa in 1936. He opened Maxie's Confection Shop on Main Street in Nyssa in 1937 and operated the shop for approximately three years. Selling the shop he then worked for Amalgamated Sugar Company until he retired in April of 1959.

His wife, Bessie McConnell, preceded him in death April 11, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Maxine Moore, Nampa; two granddaughters, Mrs. Charles R. (Kay) Powell of Scappoose, Oregon, and Mrs. Gary (Peggy) Mumford of Kuna, Idaho; and four great-granddaughters.

Memorials may be made to the Nyssa United Methodist Church.

But Only One Mother
 In memory of her February 1 birthday
 Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers, and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one MOTHER in the whole world. Our Mother, Mrs. Ralph E. Capper Greatly missed by her families.

Christian Church News

Sunday, January 30 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Young Peoples meeting 6 p.m.
 Choir Practice 7 p.m.
 Evening Service 7:30 p.m.
 Monday Evening, January 31 - Church Potluck 6:30 p.m.
 Gospel Light Group Singers, 7:30 p.m. Everyone invited.
 Wednesday, February 2 - Midweek Bible study and prayer meeting at a home to be announced.
 Thursday, February 3 - Women's Bible Study at a home to be announced, 9:30 a.m.
 Friday, February 4 - Good News Club at the Pastor Johnson home, 3:30 p.m.
 Saturday, February 5 - Youth Group Prayer Meeting at the church 10 p.m.

Nazarene Church News

Friday, January 28, Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Twilight Cafe, 6:30 a.m.
 Sunday, January 30, Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.
 Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.
 Children's Church, 11 a.m.
 Morning Worship with sermon by Pastor Russell, devoted to "A Message to our Youth," 11 a.m.
 Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
 Evening of Singing, the Good News through Gospel Music, "All-Request" night, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 1, Ladies Bible Study at the home of June Sloan, 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday, February 2, Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.
 Midweek service for Caravan Children, Teens, Adults, 7:30 p.m.

An African proverb: He who forgives ends the quarrel

Conservative Baptist Church News

Sunday, January 30 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday School appreciation dinner, 1:30 p.m. Jail service, 2:30 p.m. Evening Service, 7 p.m. Hi-Time service, 8 p.m.
 Monday, January 31 - Bible Study with Ralph Werner leading, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study, with Pastor Beattie leading, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 2 - Ladies Prayer meeting at Lillian Zittercocks, 9:30 a.m. AWANA, 6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer, 8 p.m.
 Choir practice, 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, February 4 - Men's Prayer meeting at Bauman's Inc., 7 a.m.
 This Sunday will be our Sunday School appreciation dinner. It will be a potluck at the church at 1:30 p.m.



THE GOSPELITES, a gospel quartet from California will be appearing at the Christian Church, Monday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend and hear this great gospel quartet music.

St. Bridget Parish To Celebrate Anniversary

St. Bridget parish, Nyssa is preparing to celebrate its Silver Anniversary. The theme of the commemoration is "25 Years." The kickoff event is a Parish Breakfast on Sunday, January 30 at 9:15 a.m. This will be followed with Blessing of Family Candles on Wednesday, February 2; Blessing of Throats on Thursday, February 3; Home Movies-Slides, Saturday, February 12; Solemn First Communion on Sunday, February 13; a month-long display of photographs and newspaper clippings. The closing event will be Former Pastors' Night with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 20.

United Methodist Church News

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

Park Avenue Baptist Church

Sunday, January 30 - Prayer Service 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sermon title, "You Can't Make Bricks Without Straw," by Rev. James Monroe, 11 a.m. UMYF will meet at the bowling alley, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, February 2 - Administration board, 8 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, January 27 - Confirmation instruction, 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, January 30 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship service, 11 a.m.
 Wednesday, February 2 - Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. Church council, 8 p.m.
 Thursday, February 3 - Confirmation instruction, 6:30 p.m.
 Luke 4:16 - Tells us that Jesus attended worship regularly. If He felt a need for regular worship, don't you think we need a regular worship life?

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the beautiful flowers, many sympathy cards and each kindness shown me during the recent loss of my husband, John "Doc" Long. These expressions have been deeply appreciated and will long be remembered.
 Bessie Long

Amnesty And MIA's

One of the first actions our new President has said he will take is some form of blanket pardon for military draft evaders and deserters during the Vietnam war era. There is no question that the President has the constitutional authority to grant such a pardon, but I am deeply sorrowed that he has chosen to take this course of action.

[Editor's Note: President Carter has granted blanket amnesty to draft evaders, but has not acted on military deserters.]

At the present time, there are about 800 American military men and women still listed as missing in action in Southeast Asia. During the Vietnam War, 50,000 American men and women lost their lives, 300,000 of our young people were wounded, and about 3 million gave more than a year of their lives to serve their country. My purpose now is not to argue the benefits or faults in engaging in such a war, but to state that blanket amnesty for those who ran from military duty is an affront to those who served, and especially those who lost so much.

And what of the 800 still listed as missing in action, our MIAs? It is ironic that the anticipated blanket pardon by President Carter will occur almost four years to the day after the Paris Peace Accord was formally signed. As we all know, that document did not merely promise release of captive prisoners. It guaranteed that all parties, including North Vietnam, would "help each other to get information about those military personnel and foreign civilians of the parties missing in action. The North Vietnamese have arbitrarily disseminated available information about our MIAs at sporadic intervals determined by no one but themselves. It appears clear that Hanoi has more information about our missing in action, and they will wait until they get their price before releasing further information.

Since it appears Mr. Carter will go ahead with his blanket amnesty for Vietnam draft evaders and deserters anyway, many of us in the Senate are calling on him to also create a special Presidential task force on MIAs and POWs. This would be a tangible force for seeking out information about those Americans never accounted for. I will still fight blanket amnesty, but it appears that the least our new president can do is to make every effort to help the families of those who still have no word as to the fate of their loved ones.

One final consideration which all Americans should think about is what this pardon would mean in the future. I doubt one citizen among us wants another war, but what if we find ourselves in another conflict? What if we must call on our citizens to defend this country in our military forces? Will those who are called upon to serve report for duty, or will they run to Canada or desert to Sweden secure in the knowledge that they will never be called to task for breaking the law.

We are a nation of laws. Right or wrong, those laws were passed by those elected to represent the people. If we are to have open defiance of our laws, and then grant pardons to those who disobey, are we not undermining the basic structure of our system of government?

I feel our courts are the proper place to decide whether there are extenuating circumstances and whether some individuals deserve leniency, but this should be done on a case-by-case basis. Those who ran and refused to serve, and those deserted were well aware that they were violating the law.

Sen. James McClure (R) Idaho

OBITUARIES

Mary O. Merrill

Private family services for Mary O'Brien Merrill, 57, Adrian, who died of natural causes Tuesday, January 25, 1977 at an Ontario hospital, were conducted Wednesday under the direction of the Ontario Chapel of the Roses, with cremation to follow at Cloverdale Crematorium.

She was born August 1, 1919, at Lyle, Washington. She married Parley Merrill July 28, 1956 at Portland. He died in June, 1975. She moved from Portland to Adrian, where she had lived for the past five years.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Adrian Lions Club for the Braille watch and lighted magnifier they gave Carlene. She is real happy to be able to tell the time without having to ask someone. It means a lot to her to be independent and to be able to do things on her own without having to depend on someone else for help.

We would like to also take this opportunity to thank the Adrian School and everyone who has helped so much with her education, including her regular classroom teachers and Braille teacher. We are so thankful for the opportunity to keep her at home with the rest of the family and feel that she is receiving the best education available. We are grateful for all the help and cooperation we have received from this community.

The Jim Carroll family

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The family of Oscar Schafer would like to thank all of those friends who have assisted us in many ways during this time of passing of our loved one.

The Schafer family



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