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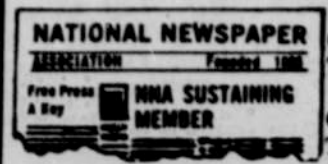
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"Be Prepared"

The slogan, "Be Prepared!" was once more than a Boy Scout motto. It was also a declaration of our national policy. Even so, there have been times when our defenses were down. One such time was the year 1941. As newspaper columnist Lewis Seale recently recalled, "This nation, then as now, sent men to Congress who were budget conscious and who were determined to keep military spending down. As a result there were gaping holes in our defenses."

This, of course, was well known by enemies of the United States. And because they knew we were weak, they attacked. We would not have been attacked if the enemy felt that they could not win. The rest of the story is history, written blood and sacrifice. But would you believe, as bad off as we were in 1941, that today our national defenses are in worse shape than on Pearl Harbor day—much worse?

We were reminded of this unhappy — and dangerous — fact in a speech made by Navy Secretary J. William Middendorf II given aboard the Arizona memorial commemorating the 35th anniversary of the sneak attack at Pearl Harbor.

"Your Navy has been cut in half in the past six years, while and Soviets have been building a gigantic navy," the Secretary said.

"Today your Navy has 40 percent fewer ships than it had at the time of Pearl Harbor. Over the last decade the Soviets have built two and one-half times more submarines than we have; 30 percent more major surface combatants, and eight times as many smaller ships below 1,000 tons. Their research and development effort is some 50 percent greater than ours."

One of the problems confronting the new administration in Washington will be unemployment. Part of the solution is at hand. Just to rebuild our navy alone - to say nothing of our army and air force - could keep many of our unemployed busy for the next ten years or more. All we need is for Congress to wake up and restore the slogan, "Be Prepared!"

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Social Security Contributions Up

Beginning January 1, 1977 the maximum amount of earnings in a year that count for social security will automatically increase to \$16,500, up from this year's maximum of \$15,300. James B. Cardwell, Commissioner of Social Security, announced early in October.

Also in 1977, the maximum amount that a social security beneficiary can earn and still get all his social security checks will increase to \$3,000 in a year under the same automatic increase provisions of the law. Commissioner Cardwell said. The 1976 figure is \$2,760.

People who earn more than \$3,000 in 1977 may still get some social security benefits, but every two dollars they earn above \$3,000 may cause a reduction of one dollar in their social security benefits for the year. No matter how much they earn in 1977, they can get their full benefit for any month in which they do not earn more than \$250 in wages (up from \$230 in 1976) and do not perform substantial services in self-employment.

The Commissioner noted that these increases are determined on the basis of a formula in the law which automatically produces a result based on reported wage statistics.

"The formula is designed to keep both the contribution and benefit base, and the retirement test exempt amount, up to date as average wage levels rise throughout the Nation," Commissioner Cardwell said. "Under the law, these automatic increases can take effect only after a year in

which there has been an automatic increase in social security benefits." This requirement was met by a 6.4 percent automatic increase in benefits that took effect earlier this year.

The contribution and benefit base is the maximum amount of earnings in a year that are creditable toward social security benefits and are taxable under social security. The new base of \$16,500 will provide additional income to the social security program without increasing the taxes of workers who earn \$15,300 or less in a year, the Commissioner said.

He noted that the social security tax rate, now at 5.85 percent of taxable earnings for self-employed people, will remain unchanged in 1977.

As a reminder to social security beneficiaries, if you worked in 1976 and earned more than \$2,760, you are required to file an Annual Report between January 1st and April 15th. It is suggested that these reports be filed as soon as the W-2 forms have been received.

The local social security office is available to assist anyone needing help or information about social security matters. The office is located at 2024 SW 4th Avenue in Ontario. The phone number is 889-3146. The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Take care of your Character and your reputation will take care of itself."

Church Directory

Nazarene Church News

Thursday, February 3 - Nazarene Youth at the Ontario Skating Rink, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 5 - All Church Birthday Party complete with games, cake, and ice cream, to be hosted in Manley Hall, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 6 - 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.

Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

Evening Gospel Hour, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8, Ladies Bible Study at the home of Linda Taylor 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 9 - Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Midweek service for Caravan Children, Teens, Adults, 7:30 p.m.

How trivial so many difficulties seem when laid along side of the fact that God loves me."

THANK YOU !

I wish to thank all the nurses and personnel at Malheur Memorial Hospital and Dr. K. E. Kerby for the excellent care I received during my three weeks stay in the hospital.

Also, thanks to my friends and neighbors for calls and food. I am now recuperating at home.

Mrs. Inga Buckley

OBITUARIES

Irvin F. Powers

Services for Irvin F. Powers, 82, Parma, who died Friday, January 28, 1977 in San Antonio, Texas were conducted Tuesday at Kirkpatrick Memorial Community Church, Parma, by Pastor Edson Pederson. Interment was in Lower Boise Cemetery under the direction of Dakan Chapel, Caldwell.

He was born July 24, 1894, in Wallowa, Oregon. He moved to Emmett with his family in 1896 and two years later they homesteaded in the Parma area.

He married Neva Cayford in 1925 at Emmett. He married Marion Bowne December 19, 1959 in Keyport, New Jersey.

He was a beekeeper who started his trade in 1910 in Parma.

He was President of Powers Apiaries. In 1975, he was presented an award in Grenoble, France for outstanding beekeeping, by the World Bee Congress.

He was attending the convention of the American Federation of Beekeepers in San Antonio when he died. He was a member of the Parma Lions Club and Caldwell Elks Lodge No. 1448, and attended Kirkpatrick Memorial Community Church.

Surviving are his wife; a son, James, Parma; two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Carter El Cajon, California and Mrs. Rexford (Beverly) Wait, Irvine, California; five brothers Alvin, Steward, Florida, Ralph, Prineville, Oregon, Carl, Parma, Idaho, Paul, Port Orchard, Washington and Warren, Lakeside, California a stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert Marshall, San Jose, California, two sisters, Mrs. Ida Crowther, Tampa, Florida and Mrs. Ruby Penton, Moscow, and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Memorials may be made to the Kirkpatrick Community Church, Parma, Idaho.

Sweethearts Ball Set For Feb. 12

The Nyssa Stake LDS Church is sponsoring a Sweethearts Ball, February 12 from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., featuring live music by "Phoenix." The dance will be held in the Ontario Church.

Everyone is invited, free refreshments will be served, and a short program presented. There is no admission.

LDS dress standard is no levis and girls must wear dresses. This will be enforced

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, February 3 - Confirmation instruction, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 6 - Worship Service with Holy Communion, 11 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Luther League Basketball and Pizza party at Vale, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9 - Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 11 - to Sunday, February 13 - Portland Lutheran Youth Congress.

Park Avenue Baptist Church

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

Sunday, February 6 - Sunday school classes for all ages, 10 a.m.

Worship service in the sanctuary with message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, February 8 - Youth Group meets in the church basement, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9 - Bible Study at Paul Penrod home, 617 North 2nd Street, 7 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.

OBITUARIES

Zack Watson, Jr.

Zack Watson, Jr., 54, passed away Friday, January 28, 1977, following an automobile accident.

He was born June 1, 1922, to Zack and Mary Watson in Willow Springs, Missouri. At the age of 17 years, he joined the Navy and served his country for 30 years.

Surviving are three sons, Larry Watson, Pendleton, Oregon, Rick Watson, Porterville, California and Wade Watson, Willow Springs, Missouri; four daughters, Louise Clinton, Willow Springs, Brenda Burns, Springfield, Missouri, Sandra Ficken, New Franklin, Missouri, and Rhonda Watson of the home; and eight grandchildren.

Also surviving are four brothers, Robert, Willow Springs, Elmo of South Carolina, Norton of Springfield, Arkansas, and Phillip, Homedale, Idaho; three sisters, Ernestine Hummel, Willow Springs, Imogene Simmons, Willow Springs and Mary Simmons, Nyssa, Oregon.

Preceding him in death were his parents, one son, Jimmy three brothers and one sister.

Services were held in Willow Springs, Missouri at the Assembly of God Church.

Meals on Wheels volunteers for the month of February will be members of the Nazarene Church.

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A CAPPING CEREMONY marked the halfway point last week for these women enrolled in TVCC's licensed practical nursing program.

Seated, from left, are Debra Bobo, Eileen Lords, Beckie Thomason, Sheri Simpson, June Bowen, Mardel Marlett, Vickie Contant and Betty Lake.

Middle row, Jean Joyce, instructor, Sue McGinty, B. J. Brown, Peggy Farris, Mary Mathis, Penni Vierra, Barbara

Fifer, Wendy Gann, Jan Kennedy, Wanda Gregg, Cindy Phillips, Connie Calvin, instructor.

Top row, Ruth Buchtel, instructor, Marge McBride, Helen Moser, Audrey Parker, Winnie Collins, Connie McClun, director, Louise Parker, Debbie Roberts, Jackie Campbell, Lee Shaw, Cindy Conant and Elaine Balderson, instructor. Missing from the picture was Estela Melendez (see story).

15th Annual Nurses Capping At TVCC

Twenty-eight women received their nurse's caps last Friday evening in Treasure Valley Community College's 15th annual ceremony.

Approximately 250 friends and relatives were on hand for the occasion, their cameras flashing as the women proudly received their caps in

a procession lighted by candles.

The capping represents the halfway mark in TVCC's licensed Practical Nursing program. According to Connie McClun, department chairman, the occasion signifies the future nurses' ability to perform responsibly and

professionally in their field. They will graduate from the one-year program in June.

John Dawson, Mountain States Tumor Institute, Boise was the guest speaker. He covered "The Four Points of Success." The reception was sponsored by the TVCC Faculty Dames.

One member of the class who did not make it to the capping ceremony was Estela Melendez of Nyssa. She has what the college officials consider a valid excuse, however. While the rest of the class was preparing for the big event, Melendez was engaged in an even bigger event—giving birth to a baby boy.



Estela Melendez

First Southern Baptist Church

There are four very important events coming up in February at First Southern Baptist. The State Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held February 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The clinic will be five hours long with most of the time being in conferences. There will be a bookstore at the clinic.

Second is the Church's birthday, February 13, starting at 6 p.m. There will be a reading of the church history and some of the charter members are to be present.

The third event will be the annual Old Fashion Day. This day is filled with wonderful events. The people are asked to bring antique items for display on the platform. Hats will be passed instead of offering plates. Old fashion costumes will be worn on this day, and good old fashioned singing.

On February 12, will be the Sweetheart Banquet with a special guest speaker and music provided by Miss Kay Fowler.

Many other interesting events are in store at the church. Plan to attend every event.

Christian Church News

Thursday, February 3 - Womens Bible Study at the home of Hazel Pounds, 9:30 a.m.

Christian Womens Fellowship at the home of Mildred Sisson. Hostess will be Nancy Goodell. Devotions by Jackie Ann Sisson, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 4 - Good News Club at Wanda Johnson's home, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 5 - Youth Group Meeting at the church, 10 p.m.

Sunday, February 6 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Youth Group Meeting 6 p.m.

Choir Practice 7 p.m. Evening Service, There will be a film shown entitled "Eighteen," 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9 - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at a home to be announced.

Thursday, February 10 - Womens Bible Study at a home to be announced. A new study is starting on Philipians, "The Epistle of Christian Joy," 9:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church News

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

Sunday, February 6 - Prayer Service, 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service, "Gone Fishing," Read Luke, Chapter 5, 1-11, 11 a.m.

UMYF meet at the parsonage. Will begin work on the religious play, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 8 - Study Group, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9 - Devotions in the parlor. This group meets every Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Forum meets at the church every second and fourth Wednesday, 7-8 p.m.

Thursday, February 10 - General Meeting of Women's Society, 2 p.m.

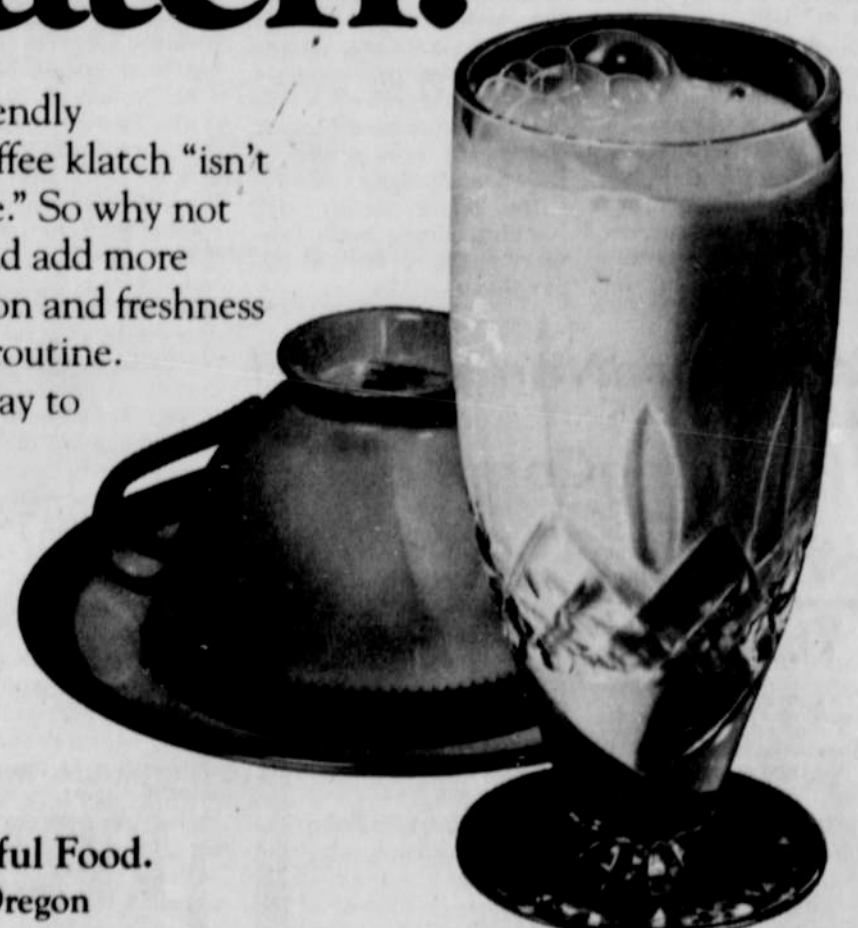
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