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EDITORIALS

The Slow Victory

By Bill Klier

Following the end of World War II, President Harry S. Truman took an action that began a battle we are still waging in this country. That action was the establishment of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and that battle is for full equality in employment of disabled people. We are beginning, after all these years, to see signs of victory.

Improved medical care, both on the battlefield and at home, had led to an ever-increasing number of disabled persons—veterans and civilians. The country had to do something. Truman recognized that opportunity for employment offered the only realistic hope for the handicapped to have a better life.

One of the first necessities was a change in attitudes. It was generally thought that people with any type of physical or mental impairments had to be taken care of for the rest of their lives. If they had families, the physical and economic burdens fell there. If not, institutionalization—with the expenses borne either by private charitable organizations or public agencies—was the only other option considered. For progress to be made, it was essential for employers and co-workers alike to be educated to the fact that handicapped people could be productive.

I'm old enough to remember the first publicity efforts regarding employment of the handicapped. Quite naturally, I hoped these efforts would lead to a job for me. But the picture was not as rosy as it seemed. As my personal attempts to find a job ended in failure year after year, I became cynical. Invariably I was told, "Oh, yes. We are employing the handicapped, but no one as severely handicapped as you."

There will be those who say it is impossible to find employment for the more severely disabled. Thirty years ago these same cynics were scoffing at the idea that people without arms or legs could work on production lines, much less hold professional or managerial positions. President Carter's appointment of a triple amputee as administrator of the third-largest federal agency should lay that belief to rest, for once and for all. By further utilizing the techniques of rehabilitation engineering and job modification, we can look forward to the employment of an ever-increasing number of severely disabled people.

However, their success in the world of work still depends in large part on an understanding public. Scientists and engineers can devise all types of ingenious ways for disabled people to function, but these will be useless unless employers are convinced that disabled individuals can perform the jobs they need done.

But, things are getting better. The public is more aware, as disabled people are becoming more confident and more articulate. The first White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, coupled with the signing of the Section 504 Regulations of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, signalled a turning point. Winning the battle is, at long last, within our reach. President Carter recently established the tone for the country when he urged all branches of the government to "set an example for fair employment practices by demonstrating what can be done to make the fullest possible use of the abilities of qualified handicapped people."

This year there are many reasons to celebrate National Employ the Handicapped Week. As one severely disabled person who at long last has found a way to earn my own living, I wholeheartedly join in the celebration. However, many other severely handicapped Americans have not yet found their places in our work-oriented society. Great as it is, this victory will not be complete until we find meaningful work for all who want it. Then, with that done, we will have just cause to celebrate with all our hearts.

LDS Conference Set

The 147th semi-annual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2, according to the Church's First Presidency.

Thousand of lay leaders of the Church from throughout the world will be in Salt Lake City for the conference, which will be conducted in the historic Mormon Tabernacle on Temple Square.

Presiding over the conference will be President Spencer W. Kimball, 82, world leader of the Church. He will be assisted in conducting the conference by his counselors in the First Presidency, Presidents N. Eldon Tanner and Marion G. Romney.

The First Presidency, members of the Council of Twelve Apostles, and other General Authorities of the Church will address the conference. Music will be provided by the Salt Lake Tabernacle Choir.

General sessions of the conference will be conducted Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. In addition, there will be a welfare session Saturday at 7 a.m. and a general Priesthood session Saturday at 7 p.m. The day before the confer-

ence begins, Friday, September 30, Church leaders will conduct a seminar for Regional Representatives of the Council of Twelve Apostles. These sessions will be held in the Church Office Building.

Broadcast Schedule for the Church Conference

Saturday, October 1 - KTVB TV Channel 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; KBRJ Radio, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. KAID TV Channel 4, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, October 2 - KTVB TV Channel 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon; KBRJ Radio, 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.; KAID TV Channel 4, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Legion Plans

Potluck Dinner

The American Legion and Auxiliary and family members are invited to a potluck dinner Thursday, October 6, at the Legion Hall at 7 p.m. Please bring a covered dish and own table service.

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

OBITUARY

Gladys Swigert

Services for Gladys M. Swigert, 64, Route 3, Parma, who died Sunday, September 18, 1977 at the Caldwell Memorial Hospital, were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Dakan Funeral Home, Caldwell, by the Rev. Paul Yaden, Parma United Pentecostal Church. Interment was in the Wilder Cemetery.

She was born October 22, 1912, at Big Bend, Oregon, where she attended school. She married Otis C. Swigert, August 27, 1932 at Baker, Oregon.

She was a member of the Parma Senior Citizens Group, Adrian Riding Club, Parma Riding Club, Parma Historical Society, and Gem and Mineral Rock Club.

Surviving are her husband, Parma; a brother, Lewis Miller, High Valley, Idaho and Adrian, Oregon; a sister Ruth Morgan, Payette; and her mother, Anna Miller of Ontario.

Memorials may be made to the Parma Historical Society or the Heart Fund.

Edgar Benoit

Graveside services for Edgar E. Benoit, 67, Caldwell, who died of natural causes, Friday, September 23, 1977 were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell, by the Rev. Paul Goins, Greenleaf Friends Church, under the direction Flahiff Funeral Chapel, of Caldwell.

He was born October 13, 1909, at Van Buren, Arkansas. He was reared and educated at Pearridge, Arkansas, where he farmed with his father until 1929. He married Essie M. Hardy, June 1, 1929, at Neosho, Missouri. He mined in Oklahoma and worked in flour mills in Neosho. In 1942, he moved to Parma, where he farmed until moving to Nampa in 1951. He was a foreman of the wet hopper for Amalgamated Sugar Company. He moved to Caldwell in 1968, and farmed part time.

Surviving are his wife, Caldwell; five sons, Tom J., Bob L., Steve and John K. Benoit, all of Caldwell and Melvin G. Benoit, Nampa; two daughters, Mrs. John (Verna) Young, Ontario, and Mrs. Ronald (Marcella) Brownfield, Nampa; two brothers, Calvin Benoit, Nyssa, and Warren (Bud) Benoit, Bend, Oregon; three sisters, Mrs. Maude Keene, Caldwell, Mrs. Iva Brubaker, Payette, and Mrs. Opal Pierce, Benetta, Oregon; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

Methodists

Plan Party

Monday night, October 3, will be the Nyssa United Methodist's annual Charge Conference. This is a yearly birthday party at which the members celebrate the witness they live, as a church, for Jesus Christ.

All members and friends are invited to join in these festivities. The evening will include a birthday cake for the church; a report from the Pastor, Jim Monroe; and a chance to share with others about your ideas and thoughts on the goals and purpose of the United Methodist Church in Nyssa.

Festivities begin at 7 p.m. Eat your dinner at home and come to the church for dessert.

Home Extension Group to Meet

The Thunderegg Hens, a unit of the Malheur County Home Extension Service, will meet October 6, at the home of Mrs. Peggy Van derOord at 1:30 p.m. The topic of the lesson will be "Removing stains from modern fabrics" and will be presented by Mrs. Laura Ure.



Mr. and Mrs. Adan (Robyn) Patino, Nyssa, proudly announce the birth of their first child, Aaron Joseph. Young Aaron arrived Wednesday, September 7, 1977 at Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario. He weighed five pounds and five ounces.

The beaming grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe (Margarito) Patino of Nyssa and Mr. Raymond Bowman of Valley View, Pennsylvania.

Christian Church News

Saturday, October 1 - Prayer meeting 10 p.m.
Sunday, October 2 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. No evening services
 The Dwayne Friend Crusade begins at 7:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Come and hear a fiery evangelist and his musical group.
Monday, October 3 - Women's Workday 9:30 a.m. No midweek services to attend the Crusade.

Bible Missionary

730 North 2nd Street, Nyssa, Oregon.
Sunday - Sunday School, 10 Church
 Morning worship, 11 a.m. Young People, 7 p.m. Evening service, 7:45 p.m.
Wednesday - Mid-week service, 7:45 p.m.
 Everyone is welcome. Rev. Carl A. Johnson, Pastor.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will welcome Father Jim More of Letha, Idaho as Celebrant and Preacher at the 11 o'clock service this Sunday morning.

Completing the pulpit exchange with St. Matthew's Church in Ontario, Miss Croon will be preaching there this Sunday.

Christian Home Evening Slated

Anyone of any Christian creed is invited to attend an evening built upon the concept of the Christian Home. This will happen Wednesday night, October 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Nyssa United Methodist Church. Each month, the United Methodist Church sponsors an opportunity for people to gather together and discuss what it means to belong to a Christian home. Various problems facing homelife are dealt with.

Singles, young families (and their children), couples without children, and older adults are all invited.

This month's program will deal with drugs and alcohol and the threat they pose to our well-being.

Share an evening with family and friends.

Nyssa Meal Site Menu

Friday, September 30 - Surprise Dinner.
Monday, October 3 - Turkey and noodles, cheese wedges, vegetable, dessert, beverage.

CHURCH SERVICES

Nazarene Church News

Friday, September 30 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. at the Twilight Cafe with Dr. John Knight. Prayer and fasting at the Parsonage, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Prayer at the church for special services 7 p.m. Evangelistic Service with Dr. John Knight and Meredith Mortimer Song Evangelist, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 2 - Morning Prayer at the Church 7 a.m. Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m. Children's Churches 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship Service 10:50 a.m. with Dr. John Knight and Meredith Mortimer song evangelist. Evening Gospel Hour with Dr. John Knight and Meredith Mortimer in Closing Service.

Wednesday, October 5 - Midweek services and Bible study at the Nursing Home at 4 p.m.



Dr. John Knight

Dr. John Knight, evangelists for the services currently being held at the Nyssa Church of the Nazarene will be the speaker for the Men's No-Host Prayer Breakfast, Friday, September 30 at 6:30 a.m. at the Twilight Cafe.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH NEWS

Ron Wenning, Pastor
Sunday, October 2 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Missionary Monroe Robison from Ghana, West Africa, will be speaking and showing slides concerning his ministry on the mission field. Dwayne Fried Crusade, high school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 6 - Home Bible Study on the book of Hebrews. 8 p.m. Call 372-5004 for further details.

Park Avenue Baptist Church

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

Sunday, October 2 - Sunday school classes for all ages, 10 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary with message by guest speaker, 11 a.m. Fellowship time downstairs following the worship service.

Wednesday, October 5 - Bible study and prayer meeting, 7:30 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.

United Methodist Church News

Friday, September 30 - Bible Study in the Pastor's office, 12 noon.

Sunday, October 2 - Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. World-wide Communion

Sunday

Youth Groups, Planning for Spring trips, 4:30 p.m. Annual charge conference and Church birthday party - sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5 - study "Edge of Adventure" 10 a.m. Christian Home evening, in Fellowship Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 6 - United Methodist Women general meeting, 2 p.m.

Southern Baptist Church

The Youth of the First Southern Baptist Church of Fruitland, Idaho enjoyed a time of games and fellowship at the home of Doti and Lee Brown's on Saturday, September 24.

There will be a "Work Day" at the Church October 1, at 9 a.m. Bring your old Rags & Scrub Buckets and help with the Regular "Fall Cleanup."

The 1977-78 church year will begin the first of October. All of the teachers and officers are prepared for a victorious year. Marion Richey is once again the Sunday School director and Karla Belvoir is the outreach director. The public is cordially invited to any and all services at the church, located on Pennsylvania Avenue in Fruitland, Idaho. Pastor: Richard Carlson

PROCLAMATION

EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK

WHEREAS, Handicapped Men and Women make up a considerable percent of the national labor force and they can have a vital effect on the economic and social stability of a community and of a nation.

WHEREAS, Discrimination against handicapped workers still exists in many areas, more and more employers are recognizing the value of the skill of these workers. Their ability is to be commended in breaking this mythical barrier.

WHEREAS, the federal government has initiated efforts to hasten elimination of unrealistic bias against handicapped workers and to point out the many contributions of these workers to our national well-being.

NOW THEREFORE, I, George Coffman do hereby endorse the efforts of our Federal Government on behalf of the handicapped workers and do proclaim 2 through 8 October as EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WORKER WEEK here in the City of Nyssa.

I, FURTHER urge all employers of this area to give special consideration to the skills and qualifications of these handicapped men and women, by cooperating with the Oregon State Employment Service to place these handicapped workers in our community.

AND FURTHER ask those public officials who are responsible for job placement, counseling, training and retraining services to intensify, starting this week and throughout the entire year, their efforts to help handicapped workers find suitable jobs and training opportunities.

AND REQUEST this to be a community-wide effort which will engage the active support of all our institutions.

Signed *George Coffman*
 Council President

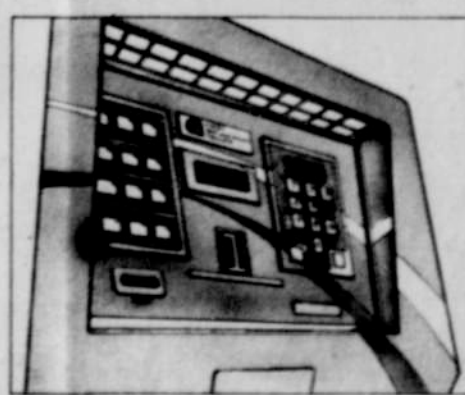
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