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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

(As told in Isaiah, written in 700 B. C.)

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good the land that abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings." 7:14-17.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace, there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth and even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." 9:6-7.

WORKING AT THE JOB OF A CITIZEN

We have about reached the point where the average citizen will have to spend more time in being one, if we would avoid a major crisis in both our local and national set-up. The factor which impresses us most is the fact that the government has its hand in the pocket of the average individual to the extent of about 20 per cent of his income in either direct or hidden taxes. Since approximately 25 per cent of our energies must be directed toward meeting our government obligations, a study of these obligations is certainly worthy of a little thought and effort if necessary which so far has not been given.

Instead a large part of the present regulations we live under is the result of the clamor of some pressure group. Boiled down to the last analysis, it means government by the minority with the majority paying the bill.

These pressure groups go to the polls and vote because they either want to get their hands on government funds or because they seek some special privilege. And the pressure groups have been pretty successful in the past too; so successful that the methods they employ approach those of a dictator. It's been the history since the world began that whenever a group or an organization felt that they had the upper hand of any situation, leaders of the particular group did not hesitate to apply dictatorial methods.

In the last general election a good percentage of the votes cast were by individuals who expected to get some special privileges. They went to the polls with a selfish purpose in mind and not the purpose of fulfilling their duties as citizens. Yet even with this condition prevalent there was only about fifty per cent of the potential vote polled in the last presidential election. The percentage of the potential vote has been gradually shrinking for a number of years. In the Bryan-McKinley contest of 1893, we are told the percentage of votes cast was 74.

We can't find any good reason for criticizing the action of anyone who may choose to discuss our national or local affairs. Perhaps more discussions would stimulate clearer thinking of all local or national issues. Gen. Ike Eisenhower now president of Columbia university, intermittently connected with politics since the last general election, is being prominently mentioned again as a possible GOP head because he has discussed national affairs on several occasions recently. If these discussions will provoke greater interest in governmental affairs we certainly can find no fault with them, even though the general is being primed to throw his hat in the ring.

As we said in the beginning anything that requires 25 per cent of your energies and efforts deserves some study from you.

ANOTHER KIND OF COLD WAR

Holmes Alexander, the syndicated newspaper columnist recently wrote that studies now being made "may show that the Federal propaganda forces—about 45,000 government hired publicity writers—are engaged in a cold war against the voluntary health insurance plans covering 60,000,000 Americans . . . The pay-it-yourself services have been much too successful to please the welfare state planners . . . A business concern with offices in six American cities . . . lately found a strange reluctance among its employes to sign up for Blue Cross coverage. The firm's head man found that the workers, all white-collar and non-unionized, had been somehow persuaded not to add to the success of any voluntary plan, but to wait and get health coverage for nothing."

Those who belong to this "get-it-for-nothing" school will have a sad awakening if compulsory government health insurance is ever forced down our throats. Estimates are that it would cost taxpayers at least $6,000,000,000 a year. All the money would come out of our pockets through direct or indirect taxation of some kind. It's a certainty that we'd get inferior medical care under political domination.

As for the efforts to discredit the private health insurance plans, this is part and parcel of the campaign to achieve the welfare state, British model, at any and all costs. Just how successful this kind of state is can be judged from the fact that New Zealand voters recently tossed their socialist government, which has held control for many years and socialized everything in sight, out of office. But powerful forces are trying harder than ever to make us swallow the bitter socialist pill.

THREAT TO HOME OWNERSHIP

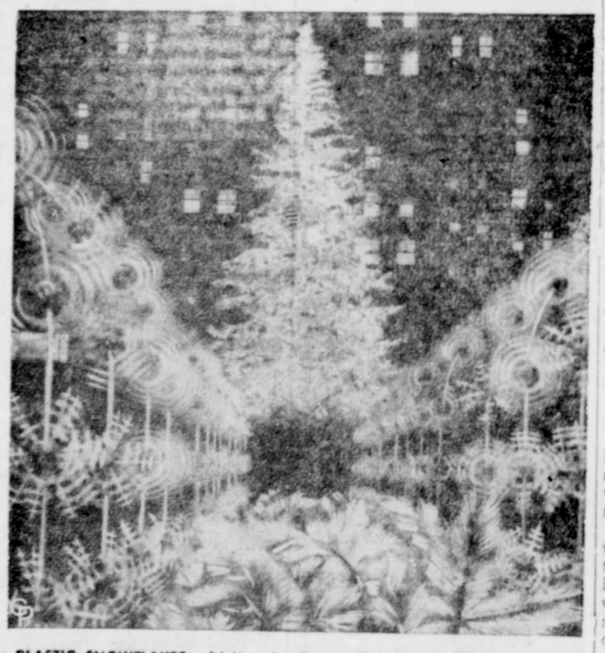
Home ownership we hope does not become burdensome enough to the potential owner to discourage him for home ownership is a stable factor in any community, but unless our present tax structure is revised somewhat, this thing is likely to happen. We know of one who recently completed what might be termed a modest home as homes go now days and he had not much more than settled in this home until the tax assessor came along and assessed it. Figured on the basis of the present tax rate this home will cost the owner $20.00 per month. The efforts of the tax collector to get everyone on the tax roll may be commendable, but it won't reduce taxes as some claim. Tax eduction is more or less of an archaic term. It simply isn't done any more and won't be done in this state until our present system of taxation is modernized and until we make the gimmie boys take a back seat.

EVENTUALLY, WHY NOT NOW!

South American Indians at U.N.

A group of Indians from Ecuador (seen here with Secretary-General Trygve Lie) recently visited United Nations Headquarters at Lake Success, to thank the U.N. for the aid given to their country after the recent earthquake which destroyed many Ecuadorian towns.

NEW YORK LIGHTS UP FOR SANTA



PLASTIC SNOWFLAKES whirling in the wind light up the promenade leading to the 75-foot Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center, New York City, as the yuletide season officially gets under way. (International)

PINCH and PUNCH . . . . . By 'HAP

NEWS ITEM: United Nations General Assembly asks main atomic powers to continue private consultations, to find a basis for international atomic control.

—"I see where those U.N. guys are gonna keep on talking about this atom bomb . . ."
—"Well, at least they ain't thrown it yet."

Words of the Wise

If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world.
—(Francis Bacon)

If dresser drawers stick, even with soap and paraffin treatment, locate the spot that sticks; it probably will be a bit smoother than the rest. Sandpaper or plane down, but be careful not to take off too much wood. Make sure that the front of the drawer remains at its original level, even though the inside edge may be made lower.

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. —Jesus Christ

An era in human history is the life of Jesus, and its immense influence for good leave all the perversion and superstition that has accrued almost harmless.
—Emerson

Past, present, or future philosophy or religion, which departs from the instructions and example of the great Galilean Prophet, cannot be Christlike.
—Mary Baker Eddy

Letters to the Editor

W. C. Martin, Editor
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Dear Mr. Martin:

The Cottage Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church wishes to go on record as being opposed to the blank-day world calendar, which would disrupt the historical weekly cycle.

We were recently advised of the dangers to religion, and, in fact, to our democratic way of life, in material received from our church's world headquarters at Washington, D. C. A statement formulated by the church's Committee on Calendar Revision reads in part:

"The perpetual calendar, with its "blank days" and "Eight day weeks", with Sunday falling on a different day of the original week cycle each year, is a direct though perhaps unintentional attack on religion. The advantage claimed by its backers is that it will permit division of the year into equal quarters and make bookkeeping easier. The blank day scheme and religion stand unalterably opposed. The calendar revisionists propose to select the holy days for Christians, Jews and Mohammedans to observe. They are interfering with religion, and by means of law.

"And when that is done, what will become of all the earnest claims which the Christian church has made about this particular day being clothed with a unique and special sanctity? They will be swept aside when Sunday is replaced by a wholly different day, a day on which Christ was not raised, a day which no church has ever observed, a day which no one will venture to claim as holy.

"Conscientious minorities will most certainly be unable to go along with the rest of the world and thus many difficulties will be raised. What employer would want to hire a man who observed a wandering holy day—this year on "saturday", next on "friday"? Imagine the difficulty of trying to conduct public school when part of the children stayed home one day and part another day.

"The adoption of this calendar would be of questionable value even to business, for it would disrupt all anniversaries and historical events, and would complicate the recording of blank day events.

"No nation can afford to trample on the religious convictions of its citizens for any cause. Business is dependent upon the carrying out of principles founded on and promoted by religion, and which are made effective only through the conscientious convictions of individual citizens; and when these principles and convictions are undermined, commerce will fail, and all other human relationships cannot but collapse."

The movement for calendar revision had very activety backing, I am told. Two calendar revision bills have been pending in Congress. I believe that our entire community should thoroughly investigate the calendar revision situation.

Very sincerely yours,
Walter D. Blehm

LITTLE KITTENS

A good idea or is it? To drop little kittens, too young to hunt, at other peoples homes, even in vicinity of little stores where there are many homes.

Last week a small black and white kitten (owner should be able to identify) was tossed out. No it was not hungry yet, it had been well fed, but was terrified and almost screamed as it rushed up on my porch, wet and muddy.

Yes, I'm feeding it. Oh! sure you knew it would find a home. Do you ever think if someone didn't take them in and many cannot as they have their own pets about the only food they get is moldy food or something the abandoned dogs leave which is very little.

If you cannot keep them can you not afford a little chloroform, it would really be more kind.

Here's what happens to those cute little kittens. Last summer three kittens were tossed in a yard where some dogs were fenced in. The dogs were not used to cats and before the lady could get to save them one was torn to pieces. Another time two were torn and had to be killed. We don't like to see them die either.

No, don't blame the dogs. Some of them are left along the road too. They are so pitiful watching for their owners car till they get so hungry they have to hunt food.

Do you people who toss out cats and dogs really feel proud of it. Maybe sometime, someone won't want you when you get older and are not cute anymore and are costing too much.

Think about it. Please.
An Animal Lover

LANE COUNTY HAS $789,191 IN BACK TAXES

Oregon has $11,205,355 of delinquent taxes on its rolls, the State Tax Commission reported Saturday at Salem.

This represents uncollected ad valorem levies against property over all the years the taxes have been assessed, the commission said, and is only 1.47 per cent of the total levied for the years. The figures were compiled from reports of county tax collectors as of last Aug. 15.

Multnomah County had the largest total of delinquent taxes still on the rolls, $2,814,487. Clatsop County was next with $1,021,549. Lane was third with $789,191.

World Milk Supply Reaches Prewar Levels, FAO Reports

WEEK'S QUOTE:

"We can be sure that public examination of disputes by the United Nations is an important means of moderating their effect and of promoting their ultimate settlement by peaceful means instead of by the use of force."—Trygve Lie, U.N. Secretary-General.

WASHINGTON — World milk production in 1948 was approximately 90 per cent of the prewar output, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) here disclosed in a Dairy Production Bulletin, newest in the series of commodity studies published by this U.N. Specialized Agency.

Increases in milk production were general in Europe last year. Every country except Czechoslovakia, Denmark and Sweden showed an increase as a result of more available foodstuff, the report showed. And although total European feed supplies in 1948-49 were still below the prewar level, they nevertheless were far higher than in the preceding year, when bad weather was the rule.

The increase in Europe, plus an increase of about four per cent in Oceania, was enough to offset a small decline in total milk production of North America.

In the United States, the world's largest milk-producing country, production was maintained at 97 per cent of the 1947 level despite the fact the number of cows was at the lowest point since 1930. The production total was achieved through higher yield per cow. In Canada, as a result of a decline in the output per cow, production fell off three per cent although the number of cows increased.

Before the war, the USSR was one of the largest milk-producing countries, the report declared. During the war, it acquired additional important dairying areas, and it appears that total milk production in 1948 may have been as high as 20,000,000 tons—some 75 per cent of the prewar production in present boundaries, the report said.

In 1948, more milk was used in fluid form and less was produced into manufactured products than in the prewar period. In 1949, however, the report noted, there has been some reversal of this trend.

Butter production in 1948 advanced over the preceding year, but was only some 75 per cent of the prewar average. Cheese production also increased in 1948 and for the world as a whole was near the prewar level, although European production was still at only approximately 75 per cent of the prewar average.

Butter exports in 1948 from the four major exporters—Denmark, The Netherlands, Australia and New Zealand—were 20 per cent above those of the preceding year and 80 per cent of the prewar figure.

You'll find it in the classified. Pages 14 and 15.

With the Granges

Hebron Grange

The Home Economics club prepared Christmas treats for the grange at its all day meeting at the kathryn Patten home December 16.

The profit from the Thanksgiving dinner was turned in and the total for the hope chest was found to be $76.50. Vanilla will be sold to pay for a new coffee urn just received. A committee was appointed to buy two new dishpans for the hall. The next meeting will be January 24 all day at the Lillian Marcy home. The way the funds are growing this enthusiastic group of women with the help of volunteer work of the men which seems to be gathering force will one day make extensive improvement and additions to the grange hall.

The Christmas program was given Saturday night with Santa Claus' appearance and treats for all.

The new officers were installed at the joint installation at Cresswell Monday evening. They will be in charge of the next meeting, January 7.

Where High School Teachers Plan to Spend Christmas

Miss Mary Daughtrey plans on spending the holidays with her parents at Dadeville, Mo.; Miss Lois Rice with her mother at Amity; Miss June Carnes with her mother in Longview, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Rickman with Mr. Rickman's sister in Wisdom, Ore.; Miss Stella Holt with her sister and father at North Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Dalberg with their parents at Moscow, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Crusty with their parents at Portland and Dayton; Mrs. Marion Perkins and husband with her parents at Modesto, Calif.; and his parents at Forest Grove; Miss Julie Crume with her parents in Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Herbert with her parents at Portland, also a short visit on Cannon Beach; Robert Dean with friends in Portland and Cathlamet, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Ciochetti will have a family dinner at home. Mrs. Ethel Krauss will remain with her family at home. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dusenberry will remain at home for the fore part of the holidays and will spend a short time vacationing on the coast. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kingsley will entertain relatives and friends at home. Gard Sellers will visit relatives at Ashland and at Medford. Miss Gertrude Branthover will spend the time with her mother in Astoria and sister in Seattle. William Bladorn will spend the holidays at home. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clark will remain at home. O. E. Ringzett will spend the time here and at Eugene. M. Creutz will remain at home and will have as his guest, his mother from Cloverdale.

LANE COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORY ISSUED

The Lane County school superintendents office started distribution of the 1949-50 directory of county school officers and teachers. The booklet is published annually under the direction of the county school superintendent and contains names of principals, board officials and teachers of all the county's school districts.

The new school directory also contains the valuation of county school districts as well as the most recent school census figures. Current tax levy each of the districts is also included.

Wedding Announcements
— The Sentinel —

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Glancing Backward

(From the files of the Sentinel)

10 Years ago

Efforts will not be abated to have the local governmental airport continued, although the probabilities are that the project will be discontinued after December 31st, it was announced at the weekly luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

Members are desirous of seeing the Chamber of Commerce employ a part time manager for 1940.

20 Years Ago

Something seems wrong with Main street and it seems wider and lighter than it used to be. The reason is that during the past week the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company removed its poles.

At Monday night's adjourned meeting of the city council the first move was made for cutting back Main street sidewalks and installing ornamental lights.

CALIF. MAN ARRESTED ON FORGERY CHARGE

Behing Wilson, said to be a resident of near Santa Barbara, California was arrested by Officers Jones and Wicks on the 15th and charged with forgery by endorsement of a federal check. Wilson had been living near Scottsburg. He was taken to Roseburg the following day by Ira Byrd, Douglas county deputy sheriff.

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