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ARE WE SHIRKING CHURCH SUPPORT?

Efforts Being Made To Install Business System

The question may arise in many minds, as to why the Progress and its publisher, are displaying such an active interest in matters pertaining to church work. The answer being as summed up in the opening lines of that good old hymn—"God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform."

While this article deals more directly with the support of the Estacada M. E. Church, the same appeal is made for the financial support of all churches in our midst.

Our schools, of which we are justly proud, are supported by taxation but it is up to each one of us individually, whether church attendants or not, to help support our churches, if for no other reason than our sense of civic pride.

While the Progress does not like to chronicle these facts, it seems best to present them to the public. For instance, Rev. Spiess, who has been in charge of the Estacada M. E. Church since last October and who during that time has accomplished wonders, not only in a spiritual way, but by his tireless work in connection with the new church basement, has not received his salary for the past four weeks. This salary only amounts to about \$9.62 per week, which is mighty small for the services rendered, but owing to its smallness, it is all the more reason that it should be forthcoming regularly.

Other expenses are probably equally in arrears and no one is directly to blame, except maybe all of us together. Much credit is due a few church workers, who are doing more than their share to make both ends meet financially.

It costs but \$12.50 per week to conduct the work of this church or a yearly expenditure of about \$650. This amount is divided as follows:—pastor's salary, \$500; janitor, \$52; lighting, \$12; insurance on church and parsonage, about \$6., and \$80. as their share towards the state denomination's work.

Last year, this church raised and expended \$705.03 but a part of this sum had to be raised at

the last minute of the fiscal year by popular donations and the disagreeable job of soliciting these donations, fell to the lot of a few ardent workers.

It is to the credit of Estacada, that a good response has always been made to these late appeals, but if the present plan works out, these last resort appeals will become a thing of the past and all expenses will be met, when due.

The Progress is printing a supply of church pledge cards and regular monthly business statements, which will be used in an effort to place the Estacada M. E. Church finances on a purely business basis.

There are many of us, who owing to selfishness, are not directly interested in church work, but who are willing to help financially, in a small way at least. There are many Estacada people, who when appealed to, gladly give from \$5. to \$50. in a lump sum each year, to make up a deficit.

If the present plan carries, it will eliminate the asking and making of such donations by all church members and friends being asked to sign a regular yearly pledge card, agreeing to pay each month, on receipt of a regular business statement, one twelfth of their yearly pledge, whether it be a few cents or a few dollars.

This church now has but seventeen regular signed pledges, and on these seventeen about one half of the church support is forthcoming each month. An effort will be made at this time to secure at least twenty-five more pledged contributions, on which an assured monthly income can be relied.

Pledges of from 10c per month up will be asked for and should be received, thus doing away with requests for donations later.

The greatest hindrance to church collections lies in the contributor getting in arrears a few months and then having to pay up, that which collectively looks like a big sum of money. The new arrangement of sending out regular monthly statements, as a reminder, would greatly overcome this trouble.

To any church, in Estacada or tributary country, which desires to inaugurate a similar business system for the handling of church finances, the Progress will donate a supply of printed pledge cards and statement blanks, printed as desired.

School Rate Promised

The establishing of a special rate by the P. P. L. & P. Co., for school children, between Barton, intermediate points and Estacada, will soon be announced by the railway company.

A reduced fare, to allow pupils from down the line to attend the Estacada schools, has been under consideration for several months and within a week or so the Progress will be able to announce the exact fare, which will average from 1¼c to 1½c per mile, probably.

First Carload Of Year

Buyer C. E. Lucke bought and shipped a carload of about 90 hogs from the Estacada yards last Monday, being the first shipment for the 1916 season, with a slightly better price paid than during December, as the price this week was \$6.25 tops.

If the second years growth of these yards with their livestock buying is in proportion to the first year, Estacada and adjacent country will become noted as one of the pork producing sections.

Another shipment will be made Monday, January 24th, parties having stock for sale should notify W. Givens, Estacada.

To Load Livestock At Eagle Creek

Traffic Manager F. D. Hunt announces that arrangements are being made to install at Eagle Creek, a chute and pen, for the loading of hogs and other livestock into the cars.

This added facility is the outcome of the growth of the Estacada stock yards and will be a great convenience to the Eagle Creek and nearby shippers, who formerly have had to bring their livestock to Estacada for loading.

Game Violators Get Suspended Sentence

Game Warden Ben S. Patton of Estacada and Special Deputy George Kitzmiller of Eagle Creek, last week, arrested Charles McCreary of Troutdale and Lee Cooper of Dover, for alleged violation of the game laws.

McCreary and Cooper, in Justice Devore's court in Estacada, Tuesday, pled guilty to having killed a doe deer, the skin of the animal being used as evidence.

Owing to the youth of McCreary, who is about 16 years old, and who shot the deer, Warden Patton, after consultation with the Juvenile Court authorities at Oregon City, suspended sentence on the boy and let him off with a reprimand.

In the case of Cooper, who is of legal age, he was fined \$25. and costs, but on promise of good behavior hereafter, the fine was remitted and the costs of about \$7. were collected.

TAXPAYERS LEAGUE MEETS MONDAY

Big Delegations From All Districts To Attend

The first regular meeting of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers League will take place next Monday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, in the Family Theatre in Estacada.

A big crowd is expected, as word has already been received from the district representatives, saying that good sized delegations would be present.

The first business of the meeting will be reports from the various branch organizations; the appointed presidents of each community organization as follows, being requested to give a report outlining the sentiment of the taxpayers in their respective districts, regarding cooperation with the League:—

Barton—George Turner
Eagle Creek—Homer Glover
Estacada—E. W. Bartlett
Currinsville—John Ely
Upper Garfield—Guy T. Hunt
Lower Garfield—Fred Bates
George—H. C. Stevens
Springwater—J. C. Kilgore
Sandy District—W. A. Proctor
and A. C. Thomas

Viola—Ray Miller
Logan—G. A. Kohl
Cazadero—Aif Drill
Boring—Z. Lake
Damascus—S. Dallas
Dodge—Fred Horner
Dover—H. H. Udell
Stone—F. E. Brown
Kelso—Mr. Karl
Clackamas—A. Mather

The principal speaker of the meeting will be Frank B. Riley of Portland, who will talk along matters pertaining to road construction and its direct benefits to a community. Mr. Riley is well known to many local people, being not only one of the best public speakers in the state, but being a man well posted on community development and kindred subjects.

While no definite announcement can be made, it is hoped that at least one member of the Clackamas County Court will be present and say a few words, although Judge Anderson is unable to attend, as Monday is his regular day for the handling of probate matters.

It is likely that Editor E. E. Brodie of the Oregon City Enterprise, Hon. Geo. C. Brownell and others will be present.

Great interest is being displayed on all sides in the formation
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