

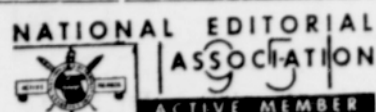
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A New "Children's Bill"

With various bills and committee recommendations based on the Holy report in the Salem news these days, the public is getting used to seeing "education legislation" on every page, and unless the reader has time to stop and peruse each item carefully they all look pretty much alike.

One legislator, however, has come up with an idea for saving money on education that is no part of Dr. Holy's recommendations, and at first blush looks almost as good as a license to print money. He has support from a number of other legislators, part of whom are keeping their support very much on the q.t. until they get a chance to sniff the wind and see how safe it is.

At the last general election, the voters of Oregon approved a measure raising the basic school support paid to the counties by the state from \$50 to \$80 per "census school child." It is true that the measure passed by the rather small majority of 2538; however in democratic America an election is like the waggish doctor's "slight touch of pregnancy" — a candidate or a bill either wins or loses, and the matter of degree doesn't enter into it.

The legislator above referred to has discovered that by law a "census school child" is any person between the ages of 4 and 20 — this has been going on for some time, and was the basis of the previous \$50 support fund. However this representative makes the obvious point that few persons aged 4 or 20 are actually in school, and why not scale these ages down to a realistic 6 to 18 years and save the state an estimated \$8,000,000?

It is estimated that the added state support under the "children's bill," the basic support bill just passed, would increase state educational aid to the counties by a total of \$11,000,000. Juggling the census age would subtract \$8,000,000 from this and leave the counties virtually back where they started, regardless of the age of school children. What becomes then of the wishes of the people who believed that the state should shoulder a larger portion of the educational burden, and voted thus in the last election? They will have been circumvented by what can only be described as a piece of legislative chicanery.

The fact that the state is hard put to find the money doesn't alter the situation; when taxpayers vote a measure which will cost money, it must be assumed that they realize they must pay for it, and this fact was aired before the election by groups opposing the "children's bill." If the voters have foolishly bitten off more than they care to chew and find themselves chafing under the added tax burden, they can alter the measure in the same manner it was instituted in the first place. It ill-becomes the legislature to go to such expense to ask the people what they want, and then tell them they can't have it.

The Oregonian has said editorially: "To change the age limits without restoring the full amount voted by the people would be a dodge which would not go unchallenged. Nor should it. The popular vote in 1946 was based on the intention to make state and local support of schools a 50-50 proposition. State aid never reached 50 percent, and in four years of rising school costs it dropped to around 30 percent. The vote to raise state aid from \$50 per census child to \$80, last fall, was clearly delivered with the intention to restore the state's share to between 45 and 50 percent. . . ."

Perhaps the fault lies with the people who originally set the school census age at 4 to 20, instead of granting a larger sum for the smaller number of children between the ages of 6 to 18 — it appears to be a "kid yourself" dodge in itself. However you can't sell goods by the yard and then measure it with a two-foot yardstick, and if it is felt advantageous to change the school census age, the per capita figure should also be raised to provide the same overall sum of aid to the counties.

The people of Josephine county, who voted heavily in favor of the "children's bill," have a vital stake in this matter — deprived of the added state aid expected after passage of the bill, it would be up to the taxpayers of the county to reach way, way down to make up the difference. Because it is going to cost so much to run the schools, regardless of the ages of the children in them.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

The citizens of the Illinois Valley have made a big success of their first blood donation for the armed forces.

The success was not an accident; it was not achieved through the efforts of a few. Workers and donors alike had to cooperate to attain such perfection.

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary furnished excellent quarters for the operation of the American Red

Cross mobile blood unit. The facilities were the best furnished the unit to date.

I wish to thank the people of the Illinois Valley and to congratulate them for a job well done.

Harold Bowerman

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, former Del Norte residents, plan to make their home on a cattle ranch they have purchased here. Mr. Smith formerly operated the Del Norte laundry.

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CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION

"Civil Defense" is very much in the news these days, and the reaction of the citizenry ranges from sober concentration to bored cynicism ("Who's gonna drop a atom bomb on this berg?").

Josephine county is fortunate in having had men of energy at the top of her organization, and they, working with the Josephine county court and the city governments of Grants Pass and Cave Junction, have completed a civil defense plan that is becoming a model for other counties which are lagging in organization.

We are indebted to Lloyd E. Haynes, Josephine county director of civil defense, for an early copy of the "Plan for the Civil Defense of Josephine County and the cities of Grants Pass and Cave Junction," adopted February 13, 1951. Adequate copies for general circulation will be available at a later date.

The purpose of civil defense, outlined on page one, is a good place to begin:

"1. To provide for the mobilization, organization and direction of the civilian populace and necessary supporting agencies to prevent or minimize the effectiveness of enemy or subversive action directed against populations, communities, industrial plants, facilities and other installations, and to maintain or restore those facilities essential to civilian support of the war effort.

"2. To utilize the entire resources of the County where required in floods, earthquakes, fire or other natural disasters.

"3. To delineate responsibility and establish mutual understanding of the authority, responsibility, functions and operations of the various local, state, federal, public and semi-public agencies and organizations and to provide for Civil Defense and disaster needs.

"4. To establish a county-wide Civil Defense and disaster relief organization and to provide a basis for the planning and coordination of effort and resources.

One point immediately apparent is the value of the organization in case of fire, flood or earthquake — things that can happen any place at any time, without reference to world politics.

Skipping through the distribution of brass at the higher levels, we get down to the part of the organization that concerns us on page nine: "City and County:"

"a. The Judge of the Josephine County Court and the Mayors of the cities of Grant Pass and Cave

Junction, will head all Civil Defense activities within the county.

"b. The Josephine County Advisory Council for Civil Defense will assist and advise the Judge and Mayors on Civil Defense matters.

"c. The Josephine County Civil Defense Director, appointed by the Judge and Mayors, is authorized to exercise overall supervision of the Civil Defense effort in accordance with their directives.

"d. The Assistant Director of Civil Defense, appointed by the Director of Civil Defense, with the approval of the Judge and Mayors, acts as Executive Officer to the Director of Civil Defense for all Civil Defense activities. During the absence of the Director of Civil Defense, he is authorized to take appropriate action in his name.

"e. The Assistant Director of Civil Defense, Cave Junction Area, appointed by the Director of Civil Defense, with the approval of the Judge and Mayor of Cave Junction, is authorized to exercise overall supervision of the Civil Defense effort in the populated areas of the Illinois Valley, to include the City of Cave Junction and the communities of Selma, Kerby, O'Brien, Takilma, Holland and the Oregon Caves. (Following the recommendation of Mayor Salvage and the council of the city of Cave Junction, Edgar (Butch) Hollingshead was appointed the assistant director of civil defense, Cave Junction area).

"f. Deputy Directors of Civil Defense for Warden Services, Fire Services, Law Enforcement, Engineering, Public Utilities, Telephone Communications, Health Welfare, Plans and Operations, Personnel, Public Information, Public Education, Transportation and such other services that may become necessary, appointed by Director of Civil Defense, with the approval of the Judge and Mayors, act as supervisors, under the coordination of the Director of Civil Defense, of specific Civil Defense activities."

Civil defense is of vital importance to us all, whether we expect to be attacked or not. It is the duty of every citizen to inform himself fully on civil defense organization, to attend the various civil defense meetings called from time to time, and to cooperate with the requests of the lawful civil defense officers (these "requests" become binding orders in time of emergency).

Marguerite Rebekah News

Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 111 met last Wednesday evening, February 28, at the Oddfellows hall in Kerby.

Noble Grand Carolyn Covington presided and all but one of the officers were in attendance.

Mabelle Duncan, girl scout troop leader, gave a very interesting report on girl scouting. Due to ill health, she is resigning her position, and anyone interested in this project is asked to contact Noble Grand Carolyn or Vice Grand Alice Vahrenwald.

A card party is scheduled for Friday evening March 30, at the Legion Auxiliary room. Pinochle and canasta will be played and there will be prizes and refreshments.

The Rebekahs thanked their secret pals for the gifts and cards received. Noble Grand Carolyn has been busy visiting with members who are ill.

Various members offered to contribute something to the "Country Fair" to be held at the grade school Friday night.

After lodge closed, all assembled in the dining room, which was cleverly decorated with small hats made by Noble Grand Carolyn.

V. F. W. To Hold Meeting

There will be a V. F. W. meeting Monday, March 12, at the V. F. W. clubhouse at 8 p. m. Election of officers will be held.

NOTICE

After this date I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by any person other than myself.

Mrs. Iva May Harms

lyn. The theme was "George Washington's birthday." Table favors of small red hats of red, white and blue, were filled with treats made by Carolyn and Pearl Anderson.

The center piece for the table was a replica of the cherry tree, with make believe cherries hanging from the branches which looked real enough to eat.

Sophia Bunch won the prize for guessing the number of hatchets used in the decorations.

Several members were remembered by their secret pals, and Erna Doney, right supporter of the noble grand, presented a beautiful hand painted picture to both Noble Grand Carolyn and Past Noble Grand Virginia Stiener.

The potluck supper was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 28.

O'Brien School News

The O'Brien school students enjoyed the use of a slide projector from the county office last week. The slides were about the railroads and how they help our communities. One was about the lumber industry in the western states. They liked the slides because they could stop and discuss each picture.

Four loads of gravel were delivered and spread on the playground and parking space last week. This will fill up some of the largest puddles on the school ground.

Mrs. John Campbell, local leader for the Brownies and Girl Scouts, attended an all-day meeting at Kerby last week. This meeting was a training course for leaders of the Girl Scouts.

The P.T.A. of O'Brien held another recreation evening last Saturday at the school. Folk dancing was directed by Mr. Breckenridge.

Nancy Bittle and Sharon Prather were given awards for first and consolation prizes on guessing the number of beans in the jar sent over by Mr. Preston. Nancy got a giant pencil box while Sharon got a box of Easter egg candy. Donna Campbell and Leon Sorrells were given treats of milk shakes over at Melody Lane for making duplicate guesses.

Quite a few of the students are now eating lunch at the Melody Lane cafe. A safety patrol leader from Mr. Johnson's room sees the group across the highway at noon time. The members of the P.T.A. discussed the possibility of getting Safety Sally signs for the cross-walk.

Milk took another rise lately and the school carton of milk is now seven cents.

Kenneth Perry now only has a short cast on his arm, and will soon be able to have it removed entirely.

Mrs. Wilfred Blanchard brought cup cakes and ice cream to the primary room Friday so that the students could help Joe celebrate his ninth birthday. Students from the other rooms joined to play games while waiting for the bus.

The snow kept many students away from school on Monday. The students from the third and fourth grades took this opportunity to practice making textile paintings, using stencils. Later the students will stencil the curtains for their own room. They plan on making their samplers into hot dish holders.

The Boy Scouts held a re-organization meeting at the school Tuesday evening, February 27. Mr. Merle Preston, scoutmaster, and Roy Kiser, assistant scoutmaster, were present and organized a troop with nine members signed up. Others plan on joining later. Er Cook, chairman of the sponsoring committee from the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union of O'Brien was also present to assist in organizing the troop. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ellis, Marshall Burrows and Richard Davis.

F. O. E. Auxiliary News

The auxiliary had as guests Friday February 23, Pearl Keagay and Irma Chipley, drill team members of Caveman Aerie Auxiliary, Grants Pass. There was a short business meeting at the Tythcott residence, followed by a social in the Legion kitchen. Games of bingo, canasta, etc. were played prior to a stork shower at which Mrs. Betty Jolley was guest of honor. Mrs. Jolley received many lovely gifts.

Refreshments were served immediately following the shower.

American Legion News

In answer to numerous questions about a Legion sponsored benefit for the IVHS turf and lighting project, it should be remembered that the Legionnaires established a precedent when they donated \$325 at the first meeting of the floodlighting committee, thereby relieving the people of one benefit function and clearing the field for other organizations who are not so well financed.

Dance Chairman Les Henry is no patron saint of Ireland, but he wishes to announce the annual St. Patrick's Day dance will be held in the Legion hall March 17. The Baker orchestra will furnish the music and help celebrate the expulsion of those venomous creatures from Ireland.

Mrs. Brainerd of Brookings writes that Les Tythcott has been busy there. Said Mrs. Brainerd: "Les picked up his ears at the possibility of getting a bunch of 'barbershoppers' going over there, or having the Brookings bunch sing there."

Illinois Valley Grange

The officers of Josephine County Grange paid an official visit to the Illinois Valley Grange last Thursday evening, March 1.

All subordinate granges except Williams and Sunny Valley were represented in the group of 115 grangers attending. There were fifty members from the Illinois Valley present.

Honored guests included Naomi Clark, state juvenile matron, four grange masters, Harley Hemingson of Redwood, Leroy Barnes of Shan Creek, Dick Woodson of North Pacific and George Blue of Deer Creek.

Robert Desaulniers was the presiding master.

Ray Proctor led group singing and Mrs. Charles Hubbard presented several delightful readings. This was followed by retiring upstairs to partake of sandwiches, ice cream, cake and coffee.

The next grange meeting will be held March 15.

Don Noel, USN, is home visiting from San Diego, where he has recently been stationed.



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