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GUEST EDITORIAL

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"IS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MEETING TODAY'S CHALLENGE?"

Comenius, an educator and scholar in ancient Rome, was regarded as a great teacher. He wrote a book on education in which he described the ideal class room.

The teacher, he wrote, was to be seated on a raised platform at one end of the school room, while the "students place their attention like a wide-mouthed jug beneath the words of wisdom that flow from his lips."

This is no longer considered the best method of teaching and, in spite of improved methods in teaching, the educational systems of today are said to be failing.

Public and parochial school authorities attempt, through use of the most up to date methods, to send out students filled with a good knowledge so they can assume a responsible place in society. Success depends upon the intensity of a pupils interest, the capability of teachers who use sound methods, and good homes.

The high percentage of drop-outs, the shriveling of one's desire to put into practice one's education, and the host of "overly educated fools" are pointed to as evidence of modern education's failure.

Religious education departments in the non-Catholic or non-Jewish (I cannot speak of their instruction as I am not familiar with it) American church denominations have, for over a century, strongly tended to follow the concepts of the public school. To pour religious subject matter into the student with the hope that he would grow up to be a good Christian, or whatever faith his parents were, is unrealistic.

In general, however, religious education for the young has failed. A few do make it, though, and some children who have attended church school and Sunday worship services regularly for years alongside their parents do turn out to be adults of wisdom and people who attempt to live the "will of God."

The drop-out rate from religious training is a scandal and the lack of depth in religious understanding is equally poor.

Part of this failure can be laid at the feet of the instruction. Church school teachers who didn't study and plan their lesson before class, or who were often absent, surely conveyed to their pupils that what they were doing wasn't really very important.

Religious education in the Christian faith is far more than knowing the size of Noah's Ark or being able to recite I Corinthians 13. It is a day by day, year after year, basic grounding in prayer, learning to know right from wrong, self understanding, and knowledge of God, all learned under the tutelage of good parents and the church. This type of training will help prevent the ills of society and of individuals as we see them today.

The first task of formal religious education is to educate the adults! And I classify an adult as primarily those persons between 14 and 45. Parents, instead of saying to their children, "Hurry and get to Sunday School," should say as they go out the door, after leaving the youngsters in the hands of a middle-aged baby sitter, "When you get to be 18 then you can start attending church school."

What is the use of a grade school child attending church school half a dozen times a year for a couple of years? Hardly any that I can think of. A little education is often worse than none.

Harold Blake Walker writes, "What is the use of studying botany and knowing the secrets of plants and flowers unless one pushes on beyond the 'flower in the crumpled wall' to its meaning in God?"

"What is the use of studying history and mastering the long story of humanity's struggle to be free from tyrants and from cruel forces without seeing that God's 'truth is marching on'?"

It requires wisdom to live successfully in our age. Taking religious education seriously means to teach the young adult first and the insights he gains will set the atmosphere in which he rears his family. To be truly educated is to begin with the things that are seen and known and end by knowing and understanding "the things that are not seen" with the eyes.

No matter how carefully acquired, knowledge, skills, and

The Rhyming Philosopher

COMMUNICATION

"How can I make a friend?" the youngster cried,
"There's no one seems to want me though I've tried
To be a sport and never to offend,
So tell me grandpa, please, what makes a friend?"

The old man shook his head: "Plus your good looks
You get high grades and master all your books,
You play in all the games, you have good health,
But first you have to be a friend yourself!"

"To be a friend," he said, "you have to share,
And never domineer, but learn to care.
Rejoice when someone else has won the race—
Many a worthy man took second place!"

"True love," he added, "comes in varied form,
But never cold and distant, always warm;
And friendship lends itself to richest living
Because it's based on love's unselfish giving."

The youngster sighed: "I'll learn this lesson well
And change my ways, but how will people tell?"
The old man smiled, "If you're sincere and true,
Just be yourself, and friends will come to you!"

HARRY W. FLETCHER

INFORMATION ABOUT WAGE EARNERS' RIGHTS FROM THE OREGON BUREAU OF LABOR

NORMAN O. NILSEN
COMMISSIONER

A primary concern of persons who work for wages appears to be the means and method of payment for their services by their employers.

At least this is the case in Oregon. According to Norman O. Nilsen, the State Labor Commissioner, a large number of inquiries about the responsibilities of employers in paying their employees who pay wages by the Oregon Bureau of Labor.

Here are some of the questions posed to Nilsen and the Bureau of Labor staff followed by the appropriate answers:

Question: How must employers pay their employees?

Answer: A criminal penalty is provided in the law for an employer who pays wages by means of an instrument which is not redeemable in cash except by prior agreement with the employee.

Question: When must an employer pay wages due his employees?

Answer: The employer must set a regular pay day. There can be no more than 35 days between pay days although an employer can and usually does establish a shorter interval.

Question: When must an employer pay an employee he has fired or who has quit the job by mutual consent?

Answer: Wages owed are payable immediately except in the case of workers in food processing plants whose employment has ended because of the fluctuation or cessation of perishable or seasonal commodities. Such commodity workers must receive their wages on the next regular pay day.

Question: When must wages be paid to an employee who quits his job?

Answer: If the employee gives 48 hours notice (excluding Saturday and Sunday), he must be paid immediately upon leaving the job. If he quits without giving notice, he must be paid his wages 48 hours (excluding Saturday and Sunday) after leaving the job.

If there are further questions, write to Norman O. Nilsen, State Labor Commissioner, 115 Labor and Industries Building, Salem, Oregon 97310.

PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to your County Assessor Joyce Ritchie, under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX." Please ask only one question per sheet. Then watch this column for the answer.

QUESTION: Our cemetery association did not include in its personal property tax return the burial vaults and certain equipment located on its property. The burial vaults were not owned by us, some of the unreported equipment was fully depreciated and some was held in storage for later use. Should some of these have been included on our personal property record?

ANSWER: While all burial grounds, tombs, rights of burial and all lands and buildings thereon are exempt from taxation under ORS 307.150, there is no provision in ORS 307.150 to exempt personal property of a cemetery association. All tangible personal property located in this state is subject to taxation under ORS 307.030, unless otherwise provided by law. Even though the personal property, such as the burial vaults, is not owned by your association, it is subject to assessment in your hands since ORS 308.105 provides that personal property may be assessed in the name of the owner or any person having possession or control thereof. Consequently, the vaults which are on the association's property would be taxable. The equipment which was not reported is subject to assessment only for income tax purposes. The rest of the equipment, which is not in use at present, has its situs for tax purposes in the county where the association's cemetery is located and is, therefore, taxable, whether it is being used or not.

attitudes are, they mean nothing unless they are used every moment of our day. When we take this seriously and remember that our children's great educational impact lies in the home, we will have a sound philosophy of religious education. This does not imply that we toss out church school courses for children. Instead, it means we realize what has been the cause of failure in the past.

Calling All Hunters
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HUNTER'S BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 17 and 18
In Old Van's Variety Building
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MR. AND MRS. STEVE HUNKAPILLAR (Kay Daggett)

Pendleton is Home For Newlywed Couple

A nuptial mass at St. Mary's Catholic church in Pendleton united in marriage Miss Leslie Kay Daggett and Steve Hunkapillar on Saturday, September 27, at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. James O'Connor performed the double ring ceremony. At the altar were floral arrangements of white gladioli and pink carnations.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Daggett of Heppner, and parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Chet Hunkapillar of Athena.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride appeared in a self-fashioned wedding gown of white chiffon over taffeta, in empire style with reemboiled lace bodice, full, long sleeves detailed at the wrist with pink ribbon trim. The veil of illusion extended into a full flowing chapel train, held in place by a caplet of lace. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink rosebuds. Her single strand of pearls was a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Jill Schmidt of Hermiston and formerly of Heppner, attended as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Marsha Sowell of Heppner, Mrs. David Resing of Corvallis, and Cindy Hunkapillar of Athena, sister of the groom.

The attendants wore identically styled gowns of floor-length white sheer cotton, patterned with hot pink pin stripes and pink daisies, featuring empire waistlines, long sleeves and scoop necklines. They carried single stem glads in shades of pink, with matching satin streamers.

Ring bearer was Scott Healy of Roseburg, and flower girl was Jackie Gentry of Heppner, cousins of the bride.

Servers during the ceremony were Philip Healy, Pendleton, and Jerry Gentry, Heppner, cousins of the bride.

Organ selections were played by Mrs. Walter Moore.

Serving his brother as best man was Bill Hunkapillar of Portland. Ushers were Tom Hunkapillar, also a brother of the groom, Michael Wallen and Douglas Dunlap, both of Athena.

Guests were greeted by the newlyweds at a wedding reception in the parish hall following the ceremony.

Two honor servers were grandmothers of the bride, Mrs. Margaret Healy of Heppner, who poured coffee, and Mrs. C. T. Hunkapillar of Beaverton, who poured punch. They were assisted by Mrs. Ed Burchell of Los Alamitos, Calif., and Mrs. Bill Gentry of Heppner, both aunts of the bride.

The tiered wedding cake was cut and served by Mrs. Dennis O'Donnell of Heppner and Miss Diane Tally of Pendleton.

Attending the gift table was Miss Sheila Healy and at the guest book was Miss Judy Gentry.

Following a wedding trip to Spout Springs the couple is at home at 514 N. W. 4th in Pendleton, where he is employed by Umatilla County Road Department and attending Blue Mountain Community College.

Mrs. Hunkapillar is employed in secretarial work by Ray Danner of an underwriter adjusters firm.

The groom graduated from McEwen High school in 1967 and his bride graduated that year from Heppner High school, then attended Oregon State University and BMCC.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Connor of Forest Grove are announcing the birth of a daughter on October 11. The baby has been named Calla Jean and weighed 6 lb. 10 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Connor of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Popham. Calla Jean joins two brothers, Mike and Dean.

Relatives Attend Wedding Reception

Mrs. Amanda Duvall spent the week-end at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lula White near Pilot Rock. In company with their nephew, Lloyd Waid and wife, they attended a reception in Pendleton for Mr. Waid's daughter, Karla, who was married September 27 to Ernest Lewis of Pendleton.

The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bratton, friends of the couple. There were about 100 people in attendance.

Mrs. Olive Hughes returned to her home here Friday evening, after spending the summer months with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hughes in Sutherlin. Last Monday she enjoyed a day of visiting at the home of Mrs. F. R. Brown in Albany, who was a former resident here when they operated the Balfour-Guthrie Warehouse, and wished to be remembered to friends here. She also spent some time with a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Marshall in Albany, where he is assistant administrator of schools.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

HAYRIDE AND DANCE
For Grades 9-12, Sat., Oct. 18
Meet at Ione United Church of Christ, 8 p.m. for hayride
Dancing from 9-12 at "The Spot"
Music by the Burnt Sleep,
\$1.25 per person; couples,
\$2.00

FOOTBALL GAMES
Heppner vs. Grant Union at
John Day, Friday, Oct. 17,
8 p.m.
Ione at Echo, Friday, Oct. 17,
7:30 p.m.
Heppner Elementary at Ar-
lington, Friday, Oct. 17,
2:00 p.m.

HUNTERS' BREAKFAST
All Night Friday, Oct. 17
Former Van's Variety build-
ing
Pancakes, sausage, eggs, cof-
fee
Served from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
Saturday
All you can eat, \$1.50

SENIOR CITIZENS
Afternoon social meetings
Each Friday, 2 p.m.
Heppner Neighborhood Center

FALL RUMMAGE SALE
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-
25
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