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Take a Back Seat, Uncle

It's comforting, or disconcerting, whichever way you may look at the matter, that Uncle Sam is beginning to take a back seat to the State of Oregon insofar as requests for handouts are concerned.

Many have been complaining for several years about the growing dependency of local communities upon the federal government and their loss of sovereignty by the unlimited and frequently unwarranted expectations of tax funds.

Schools, counties, cities, special districts and individuals are now asking Cousin Oregon for more and more money with little or no thought of its source. Naturally, like all other tax money, it must come from individuals in the form of one tax or another. Because of the continuation of such an attitude, it has been necessary for Oregon to adopt one tax plan after another and to stop on the brink of state ad valorem and sales taxes. More than likely it will slide over one or both of those brinks in due time.

The new state sur tax is unpopular, yet there is no letup in demands on the state legislature for money. While the demands are increasing, efforts are being made to make it more difficult for individuals to put a stop to foolish taxation to finance their even more foolhardy appeals for funds.

Oregon taxpayers shouldn't be too jubilant about hopes of those who are working hard to finance schools with 50 percent state funds instead of the average 30 percent now being received by school districts. Just remember that in the Nyssa school district, a large part of the total millage is for bonds voted by the people and a small amount is for regular operations. In other words, the 50 percent formula would theoretically cut local school taxes about 12 mills, yet state taxes would be tripled or possibly quadrupled in one form or another to take care of the so-called "poor districts" of which 26C is not a part.

Another fact to consider is that all millage now being levied is within the 6 percent limitation and mounting school costs could soon have the local millage back to the limit and wipe out the theoretical savings.

This could be a step in the right direction to awaken the American people to the fact that you can't get something for nothing. For instance, the Corvallis Gazette-Times, as quoted by Oregon Voter, points out that Oregonians pay about \$275 per capita U. S. tax and receive something like \$39 in return for grants-in-aid money. This of course, is outside the cost of providing our regular federal functions.

Maybe it's leveling off to the point where the individual will better realize that for all our gripes about local taxes, they're more economical than state funds which in turn are worth more than federal funds.

It's like the man said, though, things have gotta go up before they can come down.

Owyhee Community Church News

Thought of the week:

Worry is like a rocking chair, it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

Youth activity night again this evening at 7 o'clock at the church. We will leave the church promptly at 7 to go to Adrian to play baseball with the Presbyterian young people. Last week the Owyhee church won the baseball game played here at the church.

over the young people from the Grace Bible church in Parma.

Daily vacation bible school begins Monday at 9 o'clock. All children are invited to attend from 4 years of age and up. Look for more on Bible school in special article.

Women's missionary group met at the home of Mrs. Joe Stephens in Cow Hollow Tuesday afternoon.

Prayer meeting and Bible study each Wednesday evening at the church.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

Am organizing a new club to which all who qualify are welcomed. There will be no dues, no meetings, no officers other than myself, no campaign fund and no committee work.

The club is to be called the R. O. P. M.

Spelled out this means the Royal Order of Phone Morons.

To qualify for membership you must have lost at least 50 cents trying to get a number via the pay telephones in this district. I became eligible the first day I hit this town and have contributed regularly since in spite of the clear (?) instructions on the box.

Guess I'm just too dumb to figure it out. I just forget, due to years of conditioning across the country where one simply lifts the receiver, hears a dial tone, puts in the money and dials. If the party isn't home or the line is busy, back comes the coin.

But this deal is really tricky. You don't deposit until the other party answers. A second too soon and you're dead or too late and the line goes buzz again. And no coin return.

Eyewitness reports from the UP station indicate that I could get a membership of thousands there as station personnel spend considerable time explaining to city rubes the operation of the box.

As I say, this club is only open to membership of other morons like myself who don't have intellect to cope with the split-second timing necessary to complete a call.

Imagine my club members will be more than casually interested next time a rate increase is proposed.

Speaking of the station, a gang of local boys visited Hell's Canyon Saturday. One of the highlights of the trip was the ability of Tom Jones, UP agent to point out where practically every still in the area had been located.

My boss went along on the trip and said all had an excellent time but he missed what could have been the picture of the year.

One of Doc Sarazin and Tom Jones, arm in arm, admiring the progress of the dam.

Friday morning Ron Schoen arrived at work with a stiff neck and assorted bruises. Not from having been in a wreck. No, he was showing his three offspring the proper way to somersault. Come, come, Ron, don't you realize we're all getting older?

Monday morning Thelma Mullins came to work with a bun on. I believe that's what you call that gloop of hair on the back of the head.

Like to have some perennial pinks, flax and other perennials free for nothin'? Mrs. O. P. Council would like to share hers with anyone desiring same. She lives in Sunset valley, four miles west and two miles north of Owyhee Junction.

Have had several offers from some of the younger men about town to turn on the Christmas lights so I could admire same prior to the Yule season and also take a picture. Mighty thoughtful of the boys, but if I did get a picture wouldn't that make me a party to the crime? Might be worth it at that.

Imagine it would drive the police nuts having hundreds of lights blinking rather than just the one at the intersection of Second and Main.

Speaking of intersections, I bet almost every driver in this town has broken one traffic law if

Father and Son Outing at Zim's July 29 and 30

The Nyssa stake father and sons outing will be held June 29 and 30 at Zim's Plunge, New Meadows, Ida., with seven wards participating.

The group will participate in outdoor baseball, volleyball, hiking, swimming and competitive games with prizes going to the best team, and other recreational facilities at the plunge.

A campfire program and scout

driving south on First and planning to cut left and go down the underpass. You've simply got to sneak clear out in the street to be able to see approaching westbound traffic. That corner light post is a lot more ornamental than useful. In fact it's downright dangerous. Local police probably realize the driver's problem for there have been no reports of tickets issued for this necessary offense.

What's going on in this town? Drove out on the highway recently and there was a big sign advertising S.M. It seems "clair" wasn't lit up!—on the station at Park and North Main, that is.

Pica the pup is doing fine, thank you. She's had a MIGHTY CLOSE view of the Oregonians lately and accordingly has switched her appetite from pansies to roses what with all the to do about the Rose festival.

But the best thing to do is to buy in Nyssa. Bye now. (This week I got it right!)

Methodist Church News

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck, and kissed him."

Monday, June 11—Daily vacation church school started at 9 a. m. through 11:30 a. m., and will continue each day through June 22. Emphasis will be on the Bible and study of its parts. Each age group will be engaged in projects, songs, etc., that will help them grow in their understanding of the greatest book ever written.

Sunday, June 17—Father's Day. Rev. Ludlow's sermon topic for the 11:00 o'clock service will be, "The Forgiving Father." Opportunity will be given to unite with the church at this service. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Ludlow before Friday.

Monday, June 18—7:30, Sr. Hi

court of honor will be held on Friday evening. Skits and musical numbers from the different groups in the stakes will be represented with prizes for the best skits.

There will also be prizes for the ward per-capita membership at the outing.

Each ward will furnish its own transportation. The groups plan to arrive at Zim's early enough to eat and set up camp before dark. Cabins will be available for those who wish to use them.

Christian Church Notes

Morning sermon—God Exists. Proof Bible True.

Evening service—Daily vacation Bible school program. Everyone in the community is welcome to our program. We especially urge parents to come and see what your children have been doing. 8:00 p. m.

Christian Women Fellowship general meeting, June 14, 2:00 p. m.

Oregon state convention of Christian churches meets June 26 through July 1, at Turner, Ore. Rev. Earl Hastings will have part in the program on the 29th.

MYF cabinet will meet at the parsonage.

Thursday, June 21—Circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet as follows: Circle No. 1 at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Clifford Fox, circle 2 at 2 o'clock at the Evan Tobler home, circle 3 at the home of Mrs. James Stephen. Potluck dinner at 7:30. Miss Frances Foster will be guest speaker. All members of Woman's Society including Wesleyan Service Guild and their families invited. Circle 4—8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Bill Hamilton, 312 South 5th.

The MYF applied one coat of paint to the parsonage last week, and will stain the roof and apply the second coat soon. The congregation extends a vote of thanks to these young people.

AUCTION SUCCESS

The auction held Saturday at the Nyssa grade school grounds by the Nyssa Christian church group was very successful, and members feel the work was well worth while to further the work for the church.

Thanks are extended to members and friends for their help and cooperation.

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