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Are Some Appropriations Phony?

Secretary of Defense Wilson might have been more subtle in his choice of remarks about defense appropriations, but the word "phony," which has stirred up a storm of protest in political circles, probably appeals to more individuals than his critics realize.

Take a look at the recruiters in our own community to typify one type of unnecessary expense. Estimate the cost of equipment, such as sound trucks, being used and the annual pay of the men in charge, multiply that by 7,260 (Malheur county's ratio of population with the rest of the nation) and you have an approximate cost of recruiting for just one branch of the armed forces.

Present day recruiting tactics seem to consist largely of inducing young men to escape the draft and join one branch of the service instead of another.

It seems that sound trucks equipped especially for recruiting and painted with the individual name of the particular branch of the service, are out of place in publicity caravans advertising strictly local entertainment. This phase alone, probably in the name of good public relations, could be expensive if practiced in each of the nation's communities.

There's also the subject of surplus equipment that is another story — and a long one — but waste of those funds now being argued in Washington is just as obvious. The spread of prices paid for equipment and materials, then the price for which it is often disposed of even though there is no wear or deterioration, is definitely not phony.

Neither is form 1040 which most of us have to place in the mail along with a check each April 14 at 7 p.m.

The Wonders and Beauty of Water

When you marvel at modern electronics or gasp when a jet plane exceeds the speed of sound, do you ever stop to think about one of the most common elements known?

Come trips to the moon, electronically controlled cigarette lighters and push-button weather selectors, water will continue to fascinate us and hold first place in our choice of wonders.

You just haven't lived if you've failed to sit on the bank of a river, whether it's the Snake, the Owyhee, the Malheur or some remote trout stream, and watch the ripples, sometimes discolored by mud and debris, and wonder from whence it came and where it goes. There's the mystery of how water can flow through mountains and plains at all seasons of the year, reach the ocean and return by way of rain and snow to the mountains for a fresh start on its long and varied journeys.

Here in the west one can become especially appreciative of water when he looks at the millions of acres of farm land that would still be desert if it weren't for water. One of the most beautiful sights known is that of field crops being irrigated with water running in even, constant streams across a field. Ingenuity has made water run "on the level and uphill" insofar as the eye is concerned, and a 60-acre field of potatoes, onions, sugar beets or any other crop is unequalled in beauty when that precious water is giving it life.

Water provided transportation long before the plane, the car, the ox cart or even the wheel. It once inundated the earth to wash away the sins of man. It has destroyed entire cities, homes and lives, yet it has given far more than it has taken.

Water cleanses the air, our bodies and our souls. It refreshes when all else fails and brings peaceful thoughts when disturbances attempt to crowd out thoughts of better things.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

It's not too often that I use this column to make an appeal of a serious nature but when you read how serious this cause is, I'm sure members throughout the valley will respond to my plea. Every other appeal has been made other than through the media of the press and as a last resort I write this. If you can help, do so, if you can't, check with your neighbor. Let's meet this challenge!

Doc Sarazin wants a live horn toad to take back to Michigan next month!

Doc recalls the days when coyotes, horn toads, et al, were to be found under his house but since the advent of fee-paying settlers to this area he has lost touch with the wild and is in desperate straits having promised to take one of the West's most noble and vocal animals to Northern Michigan when he returns to his boyhood stamping grounds with his son sometime in July — Just for a vacation, that.

This is a crisis! Can YOU help? (It's my suggestion that you take toads to the clinic in a ventilated box. So what if more than one does show up? He's asked for it! Besides he may want to give them a physical to determine which are the least likely to become car sick — check on expectant mothers, etc.)

Speaking of illness, did you hear about the smallpox case in the Gene Grasty family? You know he has three children, but guess who has the smallpox? None other than papa!

Well, well, well. Did you see the story sent over the wire last week from Chicago? Quoting the associated press, it goes like this: "The mercury was close to 90 on Milwaukee avenue (Chicago) today, but the street lights were decked out with holly, Santa Claus and other Christmas decorations. Merchants explained they put up the Christmas trimmings early so they could decide which to use when the real Yule season rolls around."

Hell's bells! We've been ready since December 25, 1955!

Now I know that cows only LOOK gentle. Friday night it had been planned to have a milking contest prior to the Nyssa-Payette game with Harry Miner and Hugh Tobler exchanging pulls, but a couple of females ruined the whole deal. The bossies, in an adjoining pasture refused to cooperate, getting down on their knees and glaring at would-be leaders such as Bob Thompson, etc., and the project had to be abandoned. By the way, Weiser plays Nyssa here Friday in a Border league game. The crowds have been good and Nyssa, which wins their away from home games is due to cop a local contest. They are still in the thick of the race for the flag.

If you didn't believe it before you've got to believe it now — that the Eagles are a straight-laced bunch. They couldn't be much else than walk the straight and narrow — not if their new building is to be 60

Letters to Editor

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Duane R. Alters, Publisher
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Dear Mr. Alters:

There has come to my attention your May 3rd editorial on employment of youth, which seems to give a wrong impression about the operation of child labor laws. Actually very few jobs are prohibited to minors by child labor regulations. Only 5% of the jobs in the country are not open to boys and girls, 16 and 17 years of age. In Oregon they are mainly logging and sawmill occupations which are very hazardous, having the highest accident rate of all occupations. However, camp cook, fire lookout, dry chain puller, yard clean-up and other non-hazardous work is permitted youths over 16 years of age even in these industries. Under the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, no minor under 18 is allowed to work in plants manufacturing explosives or on power-driven woodworking, metal-forming and similar machines or in similar occupations of a definitely dangerous nature. This leaves the great majority of occupations open to 16 and 17-year-olds including cannery, retail, manufacturing, construction, office and

x 6 as written by me last week. I think however they are build-something more like 60 x 56. Yep, the Eagles do things in a big way. No mere shovel for them to break the ground. Had to be a power shovel. The photo which will appear this or next week shows one of the officers holding a WPA crutch, but it's strictly for effect.

Gripe department: This complaint, I believe, will be shared by many up and down the street and probably a lot of homes, too. Scarcely a day goes by that some kind-faced lady doesn't hit the office door, distribute a variety of religious literature, and ask financial aid for a worthy project. Never knew there were so many sects, splinters of sects, and multiple causes. One of my yet peeves are those gals who wear Salvation Army-type bonnets but have nothing to do with that fine organization. It works, too, and I believe it to be just as much of a clip deal as someone peddling phony stock.

Not too long ago one of the bonnetted sweet things made a nice haul around town, snapper her purse shut, climbed into a '56 Mercury with California license plates and took off.

So if this makes somebody angry — they'll know who NOT to ask next time. Just like I've been yapping about — it's your money and will do the most good in your own church and you'll get the most in service and appreciation when you deal with your local merchants whom you know and can trust.

Bye now, and keep your bucks at home.

He Who Makes No Mistakes

(Exchange)

The galleries are full of critics. They play no ball. They fight no fights. They make no mistakes because they attempt nothing. Down in the arena are the doers. They make mistakes because they attempt to try many things.

Ford forgot to put a reverse gear in his first automobile. Edison once spent \$2,000,000 on an invention which proved of little value.

The man who makes no mistakes lacks boldness and the spirit of adventure. He is the one who never, never tries anything. He is the brake on the wheel of progress.

And yet it cannot be truly said he makes no mistakes because the biggest mistake he makes is the very fact that he tries nothing, does nothing, except criticize those who do things.

Christian Church Notes

Morning service—Dan Pennie, Elder and Come Double class teacher will be in charge.

Choir practice every Wednesday evening, New time 8:15.

The Oregon Council of Church women will meet at the Methodist church Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. All women are invited to attend.

The CWF will meet Friday instead of Thursday. Group No. 2 will meet with Mrs. Ewen Chard.

Nyssa Christian church will play ball with the Owyhee Community Church, Thursday evening June 28.

The newly elected deaconesses met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Curry, Monday, June 25. The evening was spent in selection of officers and planning the program for the coming year. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

A CWF executive meeting was held June 22, at the home of Mrs. Vera Bingaman. The program in all departments of service were discussed. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. E. H. Bous flew to Salt Lake last Thursday on business and returned home the same night.

restaurant jobs which account for most of the state's employment.

If you could talk with the mother whose son was drowned in a mill-pond just a few hours after he was illegally employed or the father who lost his boy in a logging accident because he did not know such work was dangerous (both from our 1954-55 files), you would realize the continuing value of child labor laws.

There is a strong basis of fact for concluding the teen-age group is highly susceptible to accident and in need of special accident protection. Oregon's 1954 vital statistics show the death rate from accidents of all causes for the 14-to-19-year-old group almost double that of the next age groups, including those both five years younger and five years older.

Child labor statutes prohibit minors under 16 from manufacturing jobs and work before 7 a. m. or after 6 p. m. as health safeguards. There are few other job restrictions on the younger group except the hazardous occupations forbidden all minors. Farm work, newspaper delivery and vending, and domestic jobs are without regulation for all youths when they do not interfere with schooling.

The minor girls is prohibited the occupations of car-hop, house-to-house canvassing and hotel maid because of the unwholesome situations she may encounter in such work, which could not be prevented by the employer.

You will see from these regulations that child labor laws do not seek to prevent children from working but to channel the work into safe areas for the protection of their health, education and morals. In fact, for many years, all child welfare workers have recommended reasonable job activities for every youngster as a preventive to juvenile delinquency and for the purpose of building good work habits. In trying to promote youth employment programs, they have found the difficulties youngsters are meeting in finding work are due mainly to our changing economy.

Self-service stores, machine-processing and such developments eliminate much work that was ordinarily done by teenagers. As capital investments grow, employers also demand higher requirements and more special skills from their employees which consequently lessens work opportunities open to the inexperienced. The U. S. Dept. of Labor reports young workers having the greatest difficulties in finding jobs are those who dropped out of high school with out graduating.

I have chiefly pointed out to you work which is prohibited in order that you may conclude how numerous are the jobs prohibited to youth. Our files disclose minors employed as service station attendant, in forestry work, as bus boy, waitress, retail clerk, helper in the trades, parking lot attendant, stenographer, fountain worker, theater usher, warehouseman, packer, grill cook, nurse's aide, telephone operator, camp counselor and in many, many other occupations. It is estimated that 10,000 teenagers are employed in Oregon at the mid-summer peak and great numbers work part-time while attending school.

There is every evidence that child labor laws place no stumbling-blocks in the progress of youth but serve to set up a few

Methodist Church News

"But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak." 1 Cor. 8:9.

Thursday, June 28, (today) 1:30 p. m.—All women of the community and surrounding communities are invited to attend a meeting sponsored by the Oregon Council of Church Women. Betty Whitaker of the Oregon Council of Churches and supervisor of the migrant work in Nyssa will be one of the speakers.

Thursday June 28, at 8 o'clock, Wesleyan service guild district meeting will be held at the church. All guild members in the western district have been invited to attend this meeting, for which Miss Lillian Johnson, national executive secretary, of New York will be the speaker. All employed women and all Women's society members are invited. There will be special music by Mrs. Dwight Wyckoff and Hugh Tobler.

Saturday, June 30 9 a. m.—The Alice Hitchcock Circle 2 will have a pie sale at the Eder Hardware. Sunday, July 1 9:45—Church School with classes for all ages. 11 a. m. worship service. Mr.

necessary traffic lights on the way. The Bureau of Labor always welcomes the cooperation of every community and every employer in providing helpful employment opportunities for youth of the locality.

Very truly yours,
Norman O. Nilsen
Commissioner of Labor

Owyhee Community Church News

Thought of the week: Hold a tight reign over the three T's: Thought, Temper and Tongue, and you will have few regrets.

Some 18 were present at the We-2 group which was held at the church on Friday evening. Following the social cake and ice-cream were enjoyed by all.

Youth Activity this evening at 7 o'clock at the church, a base ball game is planned. Last week the Owyhee church group played the Grace Bible Church at Parma in a baseball game and won by the score of 29-16.

Bible School program at the church Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Communion will be observed at the church this coming Sunday during the regular morning service.

Ludlow's sermon topic will be "The Paradox of Freedom."

Following the service, all are invited to an all-church Sunday School picnic in the park. Games for the children in the afternoon. 7 p. m.—Youth meetings.

Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m.—Ma-Pa pot-luck dinner for which special plans are being made for entertainment for the children. Entire families are invited.

Monday, July 2 8 p. m.—Official board meeting at the church.

Tuesday, July 3 2 p. m.—The executive committee of the WSCS meets at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Tobler.

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