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Let Us Help Ourselves

There are tens of thousands of small business firms growing tired of the headlines made by politicians about "doing something for Small Business."

Under several administrations, both federal and state, the wall of woe about the plight of small business has been ringing loud and long.

From our viewpoint, very few of the actual small business concerns in such rural communities as we have in the lower Snake river valley want any help, but they would appreciate being allowed to operate on their own initiative.

Small Business, in the eyes of the federal Small Business administration, seem to be those with 200 to 500 employees, while those with one to 25 employees just don't seem to exist.

The same holds true with the various federal and state agencies that are continually dreaming up new legislation aimed at Big Business, but which hits Small Business right between the eyes.

For instance, each year brings new records and reports—both federal and state—which add to the overhead costs of small firms that ordinarily can keep their own records with little or no trouble. In most instances, Big Business has full-time bookkeeping staffs that can take care of the conglomeration of reports and records with a small percentage of increased costs, while the Small Business firms must hire additional help or outside assistance to keep up with the rapidly changing systems.

The Internal Revenue Service, for instance, has made drastic changes in its social security law this year to bring more headaches for small firms, whose bookkeeping departments are not staffed with certified public accountants.

Here in Oregon, the Industrial Accident Commission has installed automatic posting machines that some of their representatives can't even explain. When a "hole in the card" fails to function like the machine salesman promised, it's up to the individual business firms to figure out the errors and pay penalties for any delays.

Authoritative sources indicate that a more complicated withholding tax system may be passed at this session of the Oregon legislature, which means more money for the state, but also more expense for those business firms

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OPEN LETTER
TO REP. EMIL STUNZ

Dear Sir:

I understand there is a movement to present before the legislature a bill to force all banks in Oregon to close their doors Saturdays and Sundays.

To me and a great many other farmers that would be quite an inconvenience. It's easy to see the point of view for some banks; a 5-day, 40-hour week for all employees.

Under our present law I believe all banks have that privilege if they wish. Our local bank gives us a chance to bank on Saturdays and we appreciate it. In industrial communities where the bank is open on Saturday I am sure the laboring class appreciates being able to commune with their banker on Saturday.

It's my understanding that our local bank works out a system whereas their employees only work a 40-hr. week. Any other bank has the same privilege.

Now Emil, will you give this bill some serious consideration if or when it comes before the legislature?

Sincerely,
Clarence Niccum
Rt. 2, Nyssa, Ore.

Monday dinner guests last week at the James Shaw home were Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Wilson of Emmett and Mrs. Marvin Wilson and daughters of Roseburg, Ore.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steffens were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Robison, Roger, Richard and Stefanie of Sunny Slope.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kelch were Saturday evening dinner guests at the James Shaw home.

not staffed with expert accountants whose sole duties are compiling records.

Unfortunately, Small Business is not organized and has little voice through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce or any association that can hire lobbyists to carry its message to congress and the legislature. Individual trade groups, in many instances, are predominated by larger concerns and do not express the views of the Small Business firm.

As one small business, speaking, we believe, for a majority of nearly 100 Small Businesses in a rural town of less than 3000 people, we want to appeal to the Small Business Administration to help get us off the hook. Most of us don't want loans, free grants, special favors or special legislation, other than some consideration of our problems when new laws are passed to force extra work on us to expedite the collection of tax money and distribution of benefits that are promised to win votes.

The Blind Leading the Blind

Oregon's legislature, which seems to have plenty of problems of its own, has committees busy preparing memorials for congress on how to run the federal government.

Oh well, if legislators are kept tied up in committees preparing memorials, it may forestall passage of new state tax measures.

Stranger
In The County

By Bill Campbell

No doubt about it, it's really cold when the boys playing pinocle at the Olympic can't even "melt."

One of the really few beaming faces peering through icicles these days is that of Bill Schireman.

Speaking of getting a chill, Monday I celebrated my birthday and our office "baby doll" asked me how it felt to be FIFTY.

Get out your hankies, for following is a sad, sad story. (No, I'm not talking about the mustache kid.)

Anyway, Friday when I came home my wife was in tears. Christopher the parakeet had flown the coop. EM had risen from her bed of pain and looked high and low for the little blue powderpuff . . . but no Chris. A couple of the neighborhood children had been in visiting and she figured that the door had been left open too long.

When I arrived the search was repeated to no avail. Cold as it was, I circled the outside of the house, scanning every bush and tree. Every indent in the snow was also carefully studied, cause like his old man Chris isn't as powerful as might appear.

But no bird.
Despondent, we retired, missing our little yappie pal more than we had thought possible. He'd been a member of the family for over two years.

Came the dawn and with a look at the empty cage, I wandered into the kitchen to make coffee, knowing that life must go on even if Chris was frozen solid out in the wide, wide world.

"Peep"

And again, "peep!"
It couldn't be my imagination, or could it? I had torn the kitchen apart, pulled out the stove,

Churches Slate
Special Services

The Christian churches of Nyssa, Vale, Ontario, Payette and Weiser are sponsoring evangelistic meetings beginning Feb. 3 through Feb. 21.

The program, under the leadership of the Jones-Keister team, will hold services at the Nyssa church during the week of Feb. 17. Twenty new members are expected to be received on Decision Day in connection with the campaign here.

Rev. Hastings, minister of the Nyssa church stated that the talent of Miss Dorothy Keister will be a featured part of the program. Miss Keister, the most outstanding evangelistic singer among the brotherhood of the Christian churches, features contralto solos each evening during the campaign. During each service Miss Keister will also paint a chalk or oil painting which will be awarded to the person bringing guests.

Church School
Workers Hold
Conference Monday

A pot-luck dinner and conference for teachers and workers of the Methodist church school was held Monday evening at the Paul Ludlow home. Mrs. Paul Ludlow hosted.

Following the dinner a discussion on "Evangelism in the church school," was led by Cliff Main, church school superintendent and Rev. Ludlow.

Topics for discussion were presented by Cliff Main, Mrs. Gene Grasty, Mrs. Robert Smith, Jr., Mrs. Ludlow and Rev. Ludlow. Two films from the Methodist board of education were shown. The films were entitled, The Great Adventure and The Growing Teacher.

looking in the covered sugar bowl, etc., but there it was—another muffled "peep."

Like a panther after its prey, like a teenager sighting Elvis Presley, I became a mad, mad thing. Directed by the peep-beam I narrowed my search down to the refrigerator. I had already looked into the gadget in back that protects the coils, but the "peep" persisted.

I started to rip the machine apart, but had the foresight to pull out the vegetable bin.

And there, forlorn and dusty, sat Chris on the motor! One look at daylight and he took off for his cage, a wiser, if dirtier bird.

And to date nothing can get him out!

Seems he must have knocked himself out on the wall, fell into the guard in back of the refrigerator, slipped down and ended up on the motor.

Now this has been very involved, but to tell you the truth I didn't have the vaguest idea what I was going to write about this week and look at all the space I've used!

Enough of this nonsense!
Cuddle up and be happy.
Bye now, Bill

RELIGION
IN LIFE

By The Rev. Paul Ludlow

"No Other Gods"

When the Ten Commandments are mentioned most of us are sure that the first one is no problem in our lives. We neither set up idols nor do we worship at the shrines of pagan gods. Let us become too complacent and self-congratulatory we should consider the meaning of God. God is the Supreme Creator, the Ruler of the Universe. This means that he should be the motivating principle of our lives. It was correctly stated by an ancient writer, "In Him we live and move and have our being."

We are guilty of putting lesser Gods into first place whenever we permit unworthy ideals and goals to dominate our lives. Selfishness, expediency, security, and the love of ease and pleasure are some of the gods most commonly enthroned. It is amazingly true that we can worship these inferior deities with our lives while all the time we may be giving lip service to the Supreme Creator. Not many people will take an all-out atheistic stand, yet multitudes will conduct their lives as though God were non-existent. We rarely find someone openly espousing the merits of God whose images are worshipped by Hindus or Central African, but how often we recite the pious phrase in the pledge to the flag or read the monetary inscription "In God We Trust" and do not keep his commandments?

Jesus said "Not Everyone Who Says To Me Lord, Lord Shall Enter The Kingdom of Heaven, But He Who Does The Will of My Father." "You Shall Have No Other Gods Before Me." This is the First Commandment.

Neiger Family
Guests of Ma Pa's

The Ma Pa group of the Methodist church met at the church Thursday evening with a pot-luck supper and business meeting.

Hosts for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Tobler, Mr. and Mrs. Walter McPartland, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Cassingham and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Neiger and daughter Janelle, guest speakers, showed films and gave talks about their trip to Switzerland last spring.

Cliff Main presided at the business meeting, at which time plans were made for raising money.

Adrian Presbyterian
Church Notes

The Monday afternoon classes which meet after school will not be held until better weather. Children will be notified when classes resume.

Saturday evening, Feb. 9, has been set for the ham dinner to be given by the Mary and Martha society to raise insurance funds for the church property.

Jan. 22, Murray McDonald spoke, and showed moving pictures on his work in the North and South Sudan of flying missionaries into the interior of that country. Mr. McDonald has a commission in the Fleet Air Force in Aeronautical Engineering. Mr. McDonald was born in India in 1924, the son of a tea planter. He was educated in Scotland and England. In 1950 he learned of the Mission Aviation Fellowship and in 1951 began his work in the mission field.

Tuesday night, Feb. 5 Rev. Murray H. Russell, son of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Russell will be with us to show pictures and talk on our mission work in Ethiopia. Mr. Russell was born in Saio, Ethiopia. He will speak on Ethiopia awakening. All members and friends of the church are urged to be present.

ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?
YES! WHAT KIND?
JUST A CHRISTIAN.

There must be a way to tell what kind of Christian you are. What kind of church do you go to or who is the head of it? Who started it?

Christ said he would build His church. Matt. 16:18. So it is His church. Christ is the chief corner stone. Eph. 2:20.

Peter preached the first sermon beginning Acts 2:14-39 to confirm Jesus' death and resurrection and how to be saved.

Acts 2:41. There were three thousand souls added to them. Acts 2:47. The Lord added to the church daily.

Let us spell CHRIST, then add IAN. The word Christian was first mentioned at Antioch. Acts 11:26. That is the kind of Christian I am. That was the only kind of Christians there were during the Apostolic days.

The variety of Christians we have today have been founded since the apostles have died.

They started divisions while Paul was here. I Cor. 1:10, 11. In the next verses he put a stop to that. I Cor. 1:12-15.

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