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You Can't Have Your Cake—Or Eat It!

Next Monday is a birthday for which nobody will bake any cakes.

On February 25, forty-four years ago, the federal government was authorized the power to levy an income tax on individuals. It was felt at the time that rates could never reach 10%.

The first year of the tax total corporate and individual income levies brought the government \$80 million. Dividing this by the population of 1913 shows that the per capita tax bite was 82 cents.

By contrast, in 1956—two world wars and a police action later—the income tax brought the federal government \$55 billion. This is a per capita tax bite of \$328.

Per capita annual income was \$358 in 1913; today it is about \$1,647. In this 44-year period, per capita income increased 4 1/2 times while the per capita tax payments increased an even 400 times.

Other comparisons of then and now are of equal interest. For instance, in 1913 the single personal exemption was \$3,000 compared to \$600 today.

In 1913, a single man with a \$5,000 a year income paid \$20 tax; today, he pays \$944. Rates the first year were 1 to 6%; they range today from 20 to 91%.

Mr. Taxpayers total tax bill in 1913 was distributed 70.5% for state and local governments and 29.5 for the federal government. Today, the federal government takes 72.3%, leaving 27.7% for state and local units.

In 1913, people did locally what they wanted done. Today, they give their money to the federal government and fight among themselves to see who can get the most back.

Our thanks (?) to Doug Piggott, Portland, for making us feel even more miserable.

Methodist Church News

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work. Ex. 20:8-10. "The Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Luke 6:5.

Feb. 21, 2 p. m.—Woman's Society circle meetings: Larry Robinson with Mrs. Hudson Robb, with Mrs. Leslie Topliff in charge of program. Alice Hitchcock meets with Mrs. Clyde Snider. Mrs. Geo. Coleman has the program. Charlotte Alston will meet with Mrs. James Clayton, Enterprise Ave. Program—Mrs. Paul Ludlow. At 7 p. m. the Celia Cowan circle will meet for a pot luck supper with Mrs. Walt Roth. Mrs. Bill Barton has the program.

Feb. 24,—9:45 church school for all.

11 a. m.—Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic for the worship service will be: "Remember the Sabbath," the Fourth Commandment. There will be baptism and reception of members.

7 p. m.—MYF meeting at the church.

Feb. 25, 8 p. m.—Community choir rehearsal.

Feb. 26, 7:30 p. m.—Wesleyan Service Guild meets at the home

Ludlows Leave Sunday for California

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow will leave Sunday for Berkeley, Calif., to attend a three-day pastoral conference at the Pacific School of Religion. While in Berkeley they will visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Ludlow.

Enroute home they will attend a Portland area Methodist meeting March 4 and 5.

Church Group Present's Service

Several members of the Owyhee Community church were in-gam at the Idaho State prison vited to present part of a pro-Sunday by Rev. Orville Stiles, chaplain of the institution.

Gladys Stephen, Garnet Ritchie and May Yoneyama sang a trio and Rev. Kenneth Himple was in charge of the service. Also attending were Sandara Day, Mrs. Himple, Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie and Robert.

of Mrs. Al Chadwick. Myrtle Ilett has the program.

Feb. 27, 4 p. m.—Additional sessions for all primary and junior department children.

8 p. m.—Bible study at the Clyde Snider home.

Feb. 28, 7 p. m.—Ma-Pa pot-luck supper at the church.

Stranger In The County

By Bill Campbell

We were all happy to see Vaughn Stringer back on the Main street of Nyssa last week even though he was still pretty well plastered!

For you who take this paper out of the trade area it is only fair to mention that Vaughn fell off of a haystack, broke both wrists and injured his back.

Enough to get any man plastered (Either way!)

Tom Jones stole a march on me! He spotted my car and with great glee (you know how these democrats are (note lower case), he said he got rid of his bumper signs, Ullman and Morse, before I got rid of Ike and McKay.

Golly—if he's only right!

Speaking of politics, I think it only fair to mention that our senior senator was out on the coast last weekend. Made one speech in San Francisco and another at Pasadena.

According to what I read in the papers things are kinda touchy now back in Washington.

But it's nice to know "our boy" was on the west slope.

Bill Hipp thought I wasn't hep!

It happened this a-way. When I lost my wallet last week I passed it off with saying "who steals my purse steals trash!"

Bill asked me what was the rest of the quotation. I didn't know but said I'd find out, he didn't believe me and WHAT I found out might be a sermon for me and you, kind reader.

To answer that question I submit the following:

Othello, act 3, scene 3:
"Who steals my purse steals trash: 'tis something, nothing; 'twas mine, 'tis his, and has been a slave to thousands; but he that filches from me my good name robs me of that that not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed."

Our "sas" reporter—baby doll—is out to lunch and I just took a news item that utterly confused me!

Mrs. Ross Brown reported a session of the pinocle club Tuesday night, but so help me, I can't figure out how they got through the game.

According to the report Mrs. Neils Larson was "high" and Mrs. Don Herron was next high. To add to the confusion Mrs. Bill Blodgett and Mrs. Bill Hamilton were "traveling."

Who was around to enjoy the refreshments?

Relax Duane—the party was LAST Tuesday).

Oh, golly, I got to write another note to the boss!

DERE Duane:
We've got another 16 pager cookin' but we hope to get out of here a little earlier this week. All is calm—this is Monday afternoon—and with a little luck we'll be out of here by 3 a. m. Thursday morning which the gang considers the same as half a holiday. We'll have our 5x15 Parma ad Tuesday morning which we'll set up and again I'll be a nervous wreck taking OUR form over to Swede for his paper.

If you call here and no one answers, I pied it!

By the way, Nick Rudelick's problems have been solved. He read that there will be an ample supply of water this year! Hope you enjoy the editorial I didn't write.

Tell Skippy to Relax. Pica the pup messes up the front window

RELIGION IN LIFE

By The Rev. Paul Ludlow
How is your Vocabulary?

Most of us tend to get into the rut of using cliches, expressions which have become monotonous through many repetitions. Thus we "Point with Pride", are "scared to Death" and are "Dog-Tired." The purity and effectiveness of our speech is further sullied by slang. This may not sound too badly across the back fence or among close friends and relatives but once the habit is established it becomes difficult to clean up the vocabulary when speaking on more formal occasions.

But the person to be really pitied is the one who has too frequently depended upon profane and vulgar expletives for emphasis or to prove that he is "one of the boys". He is to be pitied because:

1. His poverty of words brings embarrassment on many situations.

2. The emphasis he desires is lost through stupid repetition. Shocking words become like the cry of "Wolf, Wolf" until no one is impressed. The man or woman who must use "strong" language to convince his or her auditors that the truth is being told is in a precarious position and will probably have the story discounted in proportion to the amount of profanity used.

Those of us who believe in God, the Creator and Sustainer of life, and in Jesus Christ, God manifest in human history feel that the careless use of divine names is a grievous sin. Profanity is not the only way to violate the third commandment but it is one way. Let not your speech cancel out the first petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name."

Let the words of my mouth And the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Thy sight O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for flowers, cards and many kindnesses shown us following our recent accident and hospitalization.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Turner and family.

displays as thoroughly as your hour' dawg did.

And speaking of Pica, we're not so sure now. She's getting round, firm and fully packed and I can't believe it's all because of Friskies!

Who owns the handsome cocker with license number 601?

Best we be big about it!

Well, I've written enough to get me tossed out of town again, but will keep sneaking back until you return.

P. S.—Cliff is in Boise today (Monday) checking on a deal involving a lilaceous Asiatic plant. I close, with tears in my eyes. Bill.

Let the Bible Speak

Dear friends, this article is not written to hurt anyone's feelings.

You and I are just hungry for God's word. Matt. 5:6.

We are all trying to get to heaven, the place where Jesus went to prepare for us. John 14: 2, 3.

We cannot get there except through Christ. John 14:6.

He told the apostles they knew the way to get there (John 14:4) and He commanded them to teach us everything they knew. Matt. 28:19, 20.

In Gal. 1:8-9, Paul tells us if there be any other gospel preached to you than that we (the apostles) have preached to you let it be accursed. Yes! Even if an angel should preach any other gospel to you it is to be accursed for there is no other given of God.

Let us notice some gospel that is or was another gospel. Men have set a date for Christ's second coming and preached it as a gospel. Matt. 23:26.

Jesus or the angels in heaven don't know the day or hour, only the Father knows. Matt. 24:36.

Many different times have men preached Christ's coming at a certain time but they were all false prophets or that other gospel.

Let us notice some of the things the Lord set in the church.

Paul instructed Timothy and Titus to ordain elders in every city.

Do you have elders that have one wife and children that are members in the church? Titus 1:6. Faithful children means they must be members of the church. The revised version says believing children.

Please read Titus 1:6-11 and I Tim. 3:2-14 and let God's word be the judge.

An Elder must feed the flock of God and be an example to them. I Pet. 5:1-4.

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