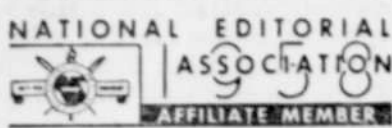


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To escape comment or criticism, do nothing, be nothing,
say nothing.

The Law of the Land or The Law of God

On this page is a letter from Horace L. Arment, manager of the Malheur-Harney counties State Employment service, which is factual insofar as it goes, but still does not answer many of the questions we raised in our editorial which is being questioned.

Our criticism of Oregon's handling of statistical information about the unemployment situation did and must be directed at the State Employment service as a whole, politicians who are using figures as a political football, several legislative assemblies and several recent state administrations for their lack of foresight. The general public and newspapers, including the Journal, must share the responsibility of neglect in allowing an unfortunate beginning to grow like Topsy.

Mr. Arment's comments in his two-part breakdown in the letter can be simply answered. He acknowledges that this and all newspapers receive a copy of the Bulletin, which we will continue to question. For instance, why is such a figure as 700 or 800 unemployed used, with no effort to break the total into groups of those unemployed through no fault of their own, such as layoffs due to business slowdown; those who have voluntarily relinquished steady jobs; those who refuse to accept employment "while the unemployment check is still coming in;" those who are seasonal and part-time workers; and those who come to this area which is being recognized as one of the nation's most economically sound?

Another question is why are 1958 unemployment figures compared with those of one year ago and previous years, yet no explanation is ever given that the state law has been changed to improve the eligibility and benefit that minority looking for an easy way to draw benefits paid entirely by employers.

The letter states, "The causes of these increased rates are basic and fixed by law, are not matters of opinion . . ." With this we disagree; England's outrageous tax on tea, and a few other items, back in the 18th century was a matter of law, but that did not make it right and a few Bostonians dressed as Indians had some opinions one dark night in 1773.

As for the employer being protected, we doubt if

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Mr. Duane R. Alters, Editor
Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon
Dear Mr. Alters:

We have read with much interest the editorial appearing in the Gate City Journal of March 20, 1958.

As some of the questions raised pertain to the operations of the local office we believe that they should be answered. These questions certainly are of interest to all employers especially those faced with the imminence of a raise in their contribution rates. The causes of these increased rates are basic and fixed by law, are not matters of opinion and are too lengthy and involved for a full explanation here.

We shall try to answer the questions as they appeared in sequence in the editorial.

1. The only facts "locked within the secret files of the Unemployment Compensation Commission" are those pertaining to the individual and his claim for benefits. The individual, be he a claimant or an employer is protected from the idly curious, the political opportunist, the ambitious salesman trying to make a contact, the vindictive relative, etc. This also is a matter defined and embodied in statute both State and Federal and not a policy of the Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Mr. Alters, we also protect you as an individual and an employer.

2. In regards to local reporting of unemployment in the Harney-Malheur area. We have the figures and would be most happy to give them for publication. Certainly the press is entitled to any and all such information. The number reported is an estimation and includes all unemployment, agricultural and non-agricultural including those unemployed who

any of them care to be protected from a public airing on the employment or unemployment problems.

Those deserving people, who have lost their employment because jobs vanished with declining business, are entitled to compensation, but their small returns are made smaller by those who are guided by the laws of the state rather than the laws of God.

A law far older than those cited in the forum letter and with no amendments, revisions and technicalities is: "Thou shalt not covet."

are not farm workers and not covered by Unemployment Compensation. We would be most happy to show you how this information is gathered and the numbers arrived at. Certainly these figures are open to question as they are estimates only. However we do not know any other agency in this area who is in a position to make a better or more accurate estimate. As to the county breakdown, the January Labor Market Bulletin prepared in the local office states on unemployment, "a count of the active claim file reveals that while Ontario (Malheur) claims for unemployment are up 48% over January, 1957, Burns (Harney) claims are 13 1/2% less than January a year ago."

You receive a copy of this Bulletin each month. In it we have repeatedly stated that in our opinion unemployment in this area is caused by weather conditions and seasonal activities. There is a possibility that we might have been too optimistic. Many applicants contact the office seeking employment from other areas not so fortunate as ours. Certain it is that if too many of these seekers for jobs moved here to the extent that our economy could not absorb them we would be in the same position as our neighbors throughout the Northwest.

We certainly agree with you that the public should find out for themselves, as you suggest, just how Unemployment Insurance works. You are most welcome at any time to visit our office, ask any questions you wish. Maybe some of them we cannot answer but we will tell you why we can't answer them but we will also tell you where you can get the answers.

In closing we would like to point out and emphasize that Unemployment Compensation is only part of our activities. As an Employment Service we are instrumental in securing, recruiting and dispatching farm labor, as well as non-agricultural workers. Actually our first concern for the unemployed person who contacts our office for the purpose of filing a claim for benefits is to find that person a job. Employment is everybody's business and needs the

METHODIST Church News

By the Rev. Paul Ludlow
"The prayer of the upright is His (the Lord's) delight."
—Proverbs 15:1

Thursday, April 17 (today), 2 p.m.—Woman's Society of Christian service circle meetings. Margaret Toothman meets with Mrs. Gressley. Mrs. Ludlow will present the program. Grace Weaver group meets with Mrs. Lytle with Mrs. Sager in charge of the program.

8 p.m.—Celia Cowan circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Huffman. Mrs. Robert Wilson will present the program.

8 p.m.—Work night for the Young Adult fellowship. Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m.—Rummage sale in the old Gate City Journal building. Please bring all clothing and other articles to the old basement of the church or to the home of either Mrs. Snider or Mrs. Knoedler.

7 p.m.—The Wesley group from Oregon State college will be in charge of recreation. At 8 p.m. they will conduct a program open to all ages. They will present ideas obtained from the National Methodist Student movement convocation held during the Christmas holidays in Lawrence, Kan.

Sunday, April 20, 9:45 a.m.—Church school classes for all ages.

11 a.m.—The groups from the Wesley foundation of Oregon State college will be in charge of worship service. Jim Boston of Ontario will deliver the sermon on "How to Live the Christian Faith Through Prayer." Special musical numbers will be presented by the group.

7 p.m.—MYF and MIF meetings in the church.

Tuesday, April 22, 8 p.m.—Wesleyan Service guild will meet in the church parlor. Myrtle Alexander will be in charge of the program. Mrs. Ludlow and Mrs. Mildred Elliot will be hostesses.

8 p.m.—Bible study on the book of Mark in the church.

CHRISTIAN CENTER MISSION

Mark Carmichael, Pastor
Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m.—Sunday school.

11 a.m.—Church service.
7:30 p.m.—Bible study and evening services.

Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer meeting.

combined community efforts especially at this particular time.
Very Truly Yours,
HORACE L. ARMENT
Manager

The 250th anniversary celebration of the Church of the Brethren was held in Nampa April 9. Delegates from Nyssa were Dr. and Mrs. John Long.
A group of ladies from the Nyssa Church of the Brethren attended the women's work group spring rally in Weiser April 10. Mrs. Irving Lawson, president of the Nyssa group, had charge of the morning devotional period.

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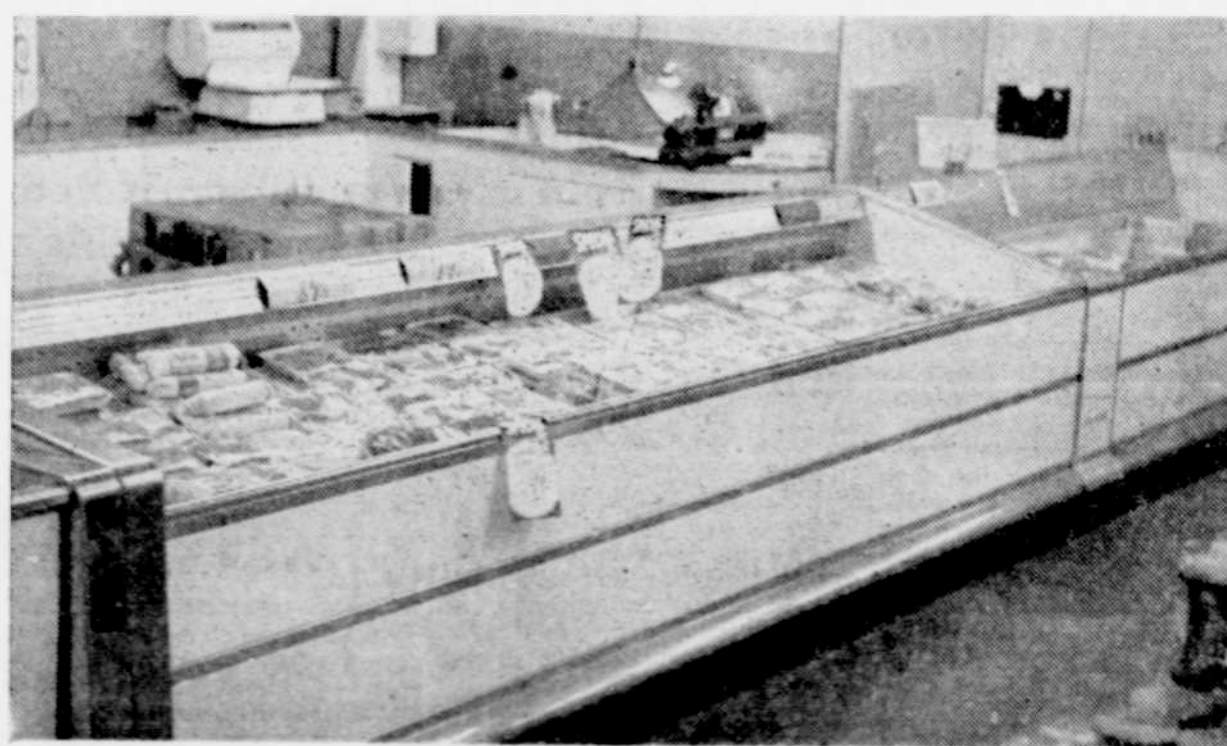
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