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

"You" Take Care of the Kids

(Oregon Agriculture—Oregon Farm Bureau)

It's done . . . all ninety pages of the state printed report on migrant labor. It's titled, "We Talked to the Migrants," and is a preliminary report of the Oregon Bureau of Labor.

On the cover is a picture of a child and a makeshift shelter. The caption, "In a tavern in The Dalles, a migrant said, 'You can't do nothing' for me . . . I can take care of myself. But, God, the kids . . . maybe you can do something for the kids'."

Following is page after page of sociological sleuthing on the despicable life of the Spanish-speaking Americans, the Anglo-American migrant and other such classifications. The real story though is told in the caption on the cover page. Here is a man . . . standing in a tavern telling the Department of Labor surveyors, "You can do something for the kids'."

Perhaps a question is in line for the interviewers. What are they seeking, these knights of the roundtable, when they interview people in a tavern to find the answers to so vital a question as help for people, who in this case, can scarcely afford a drink?

Are these the interviewers who crossed the fence on the "back-forty" to avoid meeting up with the farmer who was paying these unfortunate people up to \$50 per family plus furnishing free housing and utilities?

Fortunately all the reports submitted by agencies and groups did not fall in the propaganda category. By and large they were factual. Especially commendable was the report presented by the farm placement department of the Oregon Employment Service, headed by Joe Wilson. Here were facts and figures of great value to those interested in the real problem.

In contrast the report from the Labor Department reads like a page from the "Grapes of Wrath" . . . star-studded with logophobic terms and crimson adjectives. There is a strong thread of pity tied to the acknowledgment that these people are victims of society. That they are extremely low class citizens who are void of both opportunity and hope for the future.

The invited conclusion, designed into the report, is for the reader to say to himself, "We must have more laws and regulations to help these people." No mention is made of the many groups who are constantly extending a helping hand to those who need help. Instead the report seethes with the pathetic plight of a lost and unaccepted people who, according to the cover page, ask only that society take care of their children while they drown their sorrows in a local tavern.

Hogwash. These people, for the large part, are proud, clean, industrious and have a home in another state. Their stay in Oregon is temporary and their children play in the mud like yours do. But, they shine as bright when they dress for Sunday school. The small group who are socially unacceptable will be no more so if they are lodged in the finest home in Oregon. A standard of living cannot be forced on people . . . it must be earned. Opportunities are unlimited and anyone of them can grow up to be a doctor, lawyer, merchant or chief. Their greatest threat is the people who insist that all is lost and attempt to instill the idea that public dole is the only answer. The philosophy, "YOU" take care of the kids . . . is America's greatest danger.

Methodist WSCS Holds Meetings

Women's Society of Christian Service circles met Sept 18 with Margaret Toothman circle meeting with Mrs. Paul Ludlow. Eighteen members were present. Mrs. Topfiff presided at the business meeting.

Mrs. Orland Cheldelin was in charge of the devotion and program in which each participated. Mrs. Hugo Holmes was co-hostess. Mary Johnson circle members were guests of Mrs. Robert C. Smith with Mrs. Emma Merrick as co-hostess. One guest, Mrs. Orval Hickman and 10 members were present.

Mrs. Merrilean Robbins was in charge of the devotion with Mrs. W. W. Foster giving devotion and Mrs. Dave Beers the program.

The program for both groups was entitled "The New Look in the Caribbean," dealing with the history of schools and the education problems.

The Cella Cowan circle met that evening with nine members at the Boyd Wilson home. Mrs. William Barton was in charge of the business session and Mrs. Bill Wilson led devotion. Program on prayer was taken from the Christian Home and "Prayer and Personal Religion" by John Coburn.

Have Missouri House Guests
Week end guests at the Carl Seburn home were Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMillan of Elk Creek, Mo. Additional Sunday evening dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fox.

Mrs. Joe Zumbahlen of Odell, Neb., returned to her home last week after spending two weeks visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGinley and family and with a sister, Miss Abbie McGinley in New Plymouth.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

"I will arise and go to my Father," Luke 15:18.

Thursday, Sept. 25 (today), 1 p.m. Women's Society officer training day. Mrs. Elva Mason, conference secretary of promotion, in charge. All officers and secretaries of lines of work requested to attend.

7:30 p.m.—Ma-Pa dinner meeting at the church.
Sunday, Sept. 28—Rally day.
9:30 a.m.—Church school with classes for all ages.

11 a.m.—Church school students will participate in the worship service. "The Stories of Jesus" will be the theme for the sermon.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2 to 9 p.m.—Evangelism workshop at Weiser Methodist church with 6 o'clock dinner. Ministers of Methodist churches of Weiser, Payette, Fruitland, Emmett, Ontario and Nyssa will be in charge of the meeting. Members of the commission on evangelism and worship and other commissions are urged to attend.

1:30 p.m.—Woman's society executive meeting.
7:00 p.m.—Wesleyan Service guild pot luck dinner meeting at the church.
Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.—October fellowship birthday dinner. Education commission is planning the program.

Coming Events . . .

American Legion and Auxiliary meet first and third Thursdays of each month at the hall.

Sept. 25—WSCS officers training day at the Methodist church beginning at 1 p.m.

Sept. 30—Cooked food sale at Howard's Chevron Station, sponsored by Altar Society of Nyssa Catholic church.

Oct. 2—Kingman Kolony Polyantha club will meet with Mrs. Art Sparks.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Edison Child returned home recently from Ogden, Utah, where she was called by the illness of her father, J. E. Geiger, who is much improved.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knoedler were Mr. and Mrs. James Grunke, Mrs. Alice Partidge, all of Nampa, and Mrs. Glenn Watts of Wilder.

Visiting Monday evening at the homes of Carl Seburn, Ray Griffith and Mrs. Emma Merrick were Mr. and Mrs. Robert June of Lejunta, Calif.

Local Minister Ordained Here

In Ordination services Wednesday evening Sept. 17 at St. Paul's Episcopal church the Rev. William S. Woodman, Deacon, was ordained to the priesthood by Lane W. Barton, D.D., of Bend, Bishop of Eastern Oregon.

The Rev. Clarence Kopp, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church, La Grande, gave the sermon. Participating were all of the clergy of Eastern Oregon. Rev. Woodman was presented to the Bishop by the Rev. Richard Wanewright, Prineville; the Rev. Louis Perkins, Burns, gave litany; the epistle was read by the Rev. Douglas Burgoyne, Ontario, and the gospel by the Rev. Richard Pease of Canyon City.

This is reportedly the first ordination ever to be held in the local church.

Owyhee Community Church Notes

"Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Psalms 19:14.

Prayer meeting and Bible study was held at the Shirley Boselli home.

The new officers of the women's missionary group are as follows: president, Ethel Price; vice president, Alberta Smith; secretary-treasurer, Martha Lorensen; sunshine dept., Millie Robby; devotional leader, Betty Nielsen, and chairmen, Clara Corfield and Marge Chapin.

There will be a youth rally for the senior young people at the Butte Baptist church Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The film, "Mr. Texas" will be shown. The film is built around Billy Graham's ministry in Texas.

The new officers for the senior young people will take office in October. They are president, Boni Arai; treasurer, Paul Okano and social chairman, Patty Matsunaga.

CECIL RAY BAIR IS BRANCH PRESIDENT

Cecil Ray Bair of New Meadows was sustained as branch president of the New Meadows LDS branch, recently. Bair and his family have lived there for the past one and a half years. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Bair of Nyssa.

How the Candidates Stand For the Seven Prize Bicycles

In the Nyssa Gate City Journal Subscription Campaign

Each active worker in this campaign is sure of earning a prize bicycle or a cash commission as there will be one prize bicycle and four cash commissions for each five active candidates.

The boys and girls are separated into two districts. Those living outside the city limits of Nyssa are in District No. 1 and those living inside the city limits of Nyssa are in District No. 2, but any candidate may secure subscriptions from anyone, anywhere.

The first two choices of prize bicycles will be given to the highest candidate in each district . . . the higher of the two district winners having first choice and the high boy or girl in the other district having second choice. The other prize bicycles will be given to the candidates regardless of which district they are in, having the next highest number of votes. The active candidates who do not earn one of the prize bicycles will each receive a cash commission equal to 15 percent of all money he or she has turned in for subscriptions.

Following is a list of the young men and young ladies who have signified a desire to work in this campaign, arranged in the order of their standings in their respective districts . . . the highest first, etc. The standings below are based on reports of subscriptions turned in up until Tuesday noon.

DISTRICT NUMBER ONE (Living Outside Nyssa)

BREWER, Billy
Owyhee
BAIR, Royce
Enterprise Avenue
SMITH, Stacy LeRoy
Oregon Trail
STEINER, Bonnie Lucille
Adrian
PRICE, Joel H.
Sunset Valley
COTTRELL, Ronald
Columbia Avenue
CARROLL, Orville
Newell Heights
MASON, Marc
Apple Valley
WILLIAMS, David
Ontario Highway
SMIT, Barbara
Columbia Avenue
NELSON, Gwen
Alberta Avenue
CHILD, Laura Lynn
Clover Avenue
ASHCRAFT, William
Homedale, Adrian Hwy.
SKEEN, Tracy
Enterprise Avenue
RUNCORN, Michel
Apple Valley
FLAKE, Val K.
End Columbia Avenue

DISTRICT NUMBER TWO (Living in Nyssa)

RICHTER, Michael
208 Ehrgood Avenue
RICHARDS, Janice
121 Park Avenue
DANFORD, Mary Martha
210 Beece Avenue
SMITH, C. L.
210 Beece Avenue
GONYER, Marilyn
101 Ennis Avenue
KODAMA, Mike
10 South Second
BLENKINSOP, Dick
214 King Avenue
OBENCHAIN, Karel
624 North Second
WAKEFIELD, Terry D.
111 Ehrgood Avenue
SELLS, Frances
821 North Third
HANEY, Carol
415 East Bower
MONCUR, Judy
607 Park Avenue
LAWRENCE, Linda
919 Idaho Street
JACKSON, Caren
28 Park Avenue
ABLEMAN, Jimmy
417 Good Avenue
MITCHELL, Janette
12 East Second
PARRA, Carlos
201 North Ninth
SUTSCHKOW, Luba
517 North Seventh
GARNER, Dennis
513 North Third
SCHWARZ, James
509 North Fifth
ENGLISH, Mary Kay
602 North Second
LESEBERG, Linda
118 North First

Watch for Later Vote Standings
In the Windows of the Nyssa Gate City Journal.

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Christian Church News

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8.

Thursday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.—Loyalty class potluck supper and party.

Sunday, Sept. 28, 9:45 a.m.—Church school for all ages.
11 a.m.—Morning worship. Sermon topic, "Why, O Christians, Suffer?"

7 p.m.—JYF and CYF meetings.
8 p.m.—Evening worship service. Sermon topic, "How to Understand the Book of Revelation."

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.—Bible study and prayer also meeting of all teachers and Sunday

Miss Dolores Van Zelf has returned to Mt. Angel, Ore., to resume her studies as a junior at Mt. Angel's school for women.

school officers.
8 p.m.—Choir practice.

Sunday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vinsonhaler were his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Vinsonhaler of McCook, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Vinsonhaler.

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