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A Bribe of 1/2 of 1%!

In an appearance before the Ontario Chamber of Commerce last Friday, following the highway dedication ceremonies, Mrs. Maurine Neuberger praised the efforts to control billboard advertising on the new interstate highway.

She pointed out that there was much opposition to this legislation and emphasized that the new national policy could be put into effect only by laws within each individual state.

It was further noted by Mrs. Neuberger that according to federal law, "States have only until July 1, 1961, to enter agreements with the Secretary of Commerce in order to come under the provisions of the national billboard control law." She further explained that "States which agree to regulate billboards along the new interstate highway system will receive a federal bonus of one-half of one percent of the cost of highway construction."

Another quote of Mrs. Neuberger's was, "America's taxpayers, who are footing the bill for our new federal highway system, are entitled to have their investment protected and to enjoy an uncluttered view of the countryside without the ever present intrusion of billboards." We have no fuss with those who are circulating the petitions to control this advertising by the outdoor billboard industry but we thoroughly dislike the "BLACK-MAIL" feature of the law giving the 1/2 percent reward for states who control it.

If this highway system is built primarily for military purposes and is to be financed by federal funds, then the laws controlling the construction should be the same through all the states. If control is good it should be in all the states. And why should any of these highway funds be used to buy votes to control lining these highways with billboards?

This bill, sponsored by the late U.S. Senator Neuberger, was passed by the same congress that appropriated a few hundred thousand dollars to make a study of juvenile delinquency.

This report has just been released and gave absolutely no information that was not already available. It showed a vast increase in crimes by juvenile delinquents—a much faster increase than the rate of population growth. It also noted that there was a lack of trained personnel familiar with handling this type of problem.

If the congress should learn that crime, based on population, had reached an all-time high, while church membership had also reached a similar peak, we feel sure they would appropriate a few hundred thousand to make a study of this anomaly.

It is time we made a study of what our lawmakers plan for us and not what they plan for themselves. It is not sufficient that they are willing to help the potato growers, the beet growers, or the grain growers. They must be for the welfare of all the people and we don't mean economically. We must not sell our votes for a "mess of pottage."

Back to the Classroom

Let's do some arithmetic. Advocates of federal aid to education say we need \$975 million in federal funds to build new schools in the next three years. They have a bill in congress to appropriate the money, at \$325 million per year.

The House Education and Labor committee, which studied the bill and reported on it, placed the yearly need for new classrooms at 52,700 for 1960-64, and fewer thereafter. If federal funds are needed to build these classrooms, it would seem that local sources are not able to construct them at the desired rate of 52,700 a year. Yet the fact is that over the last 10 years—without any federal aid—the construction rate has averaged 59,400 classrooms a year. Since 1955, the average has been 66,900.

Under the congressional bill, 42 percent of the federal tax money would go to just seven states. Far from being the seven "neediest" states, these are seven of the richest—New York, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan.

When you add it up, the argument for federal school building funds isn't very convincing.

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From This Corner . .

By T. M. B.

The Republicans have had their Rockefeller and now the Democrats have their Truman again. But the Republicans do know what the N. Y. governor finds about Nixon that he doesn't like, while the Demos have to guess what Truman finds against Kennedy.

We ordinary mortals are unable to ferret out the truth about governmental situations in an election year. Not that this is anything new with either party but it does seem that with world conditions like they appear to be now, each party could summons up some statements.

When we see what has been done in the way of recent legislation before the conventions we dread to have congress reconvene. Once the platforms are drawn up we'll be offered the MOON of GREEN CHEESE topped off with a slice of the GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGG! And each party will try to be there first with it.

If thou findest obstacles in thy path, thou shalt desist from struggle against them. Thou shalt petition Washington to remove them, and Lo and Behold! thy Congressman will come forth with a bill (costing only a few million dollars) and they shall be removed.

"Diplomacy in the old school was the art of giving a hand without a handout." —Phil H. Tuseth.

"The Man who sows more than he can reap is in danger of losing his Subsidy." —Larry Braun.

"If a middle-aged man could sell his experiences for half what they cost him, he could retire in luxury." —Burton Hillis.

The Corvallis Times observes: "It is interesting to note that in a time when states require inspections of almost everything from elevators to barber shops to cows, that 34 states do nothing in regard to inspecting the biggest cripple and killer of all—the automobile."

Most people like hard work—particularly when they are paying for it.

The August 1960 Ford Times

Missionaries Slated To Speak Monday At Methodist Service

The Rev. and Mrs. Ira Gillet will be guest speakers at the Methodist church July 11 at 8 p.m.

The Gillets have been in East Africa serving as missionaries for 40 years. They just recently retired and are presently living in Corvallis. They have been attending youth camp at Fairfield and will be at the senior high camp at Wallowa lake next Tuesday.

The public is invited to attend the program Monday evening.

Adrian Community Church News

The Rev. Harold Kurtz, a missionary to Ethiopia, will be guest speaker next Sunday morning, July 10 at the Adrian Community church. Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz leave Monday for the east coast where they will spend a few weeks before returning to Ethiopia.

Next Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Farris will again show pictures of Ecuador and work among the Indian tribes where four missionaries were murdered. The public is invited.

The Mariners will have a picnic next Sunday after church in the Park area.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bellon and Joan and Martha Jean Brown spent the Fourth of July weekend at McCall.

PERSONALS

Miss Judy Bingham returned recently from Salt Lake where she had been visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Savage and family returned Wednesday to their home in Covina, Calif., after visiting the past week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Damon Savage and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Haroldson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eggleston and Marlene of Buhl visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hopkins visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. North Overton in Mount Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beck and family swam at Given's Hot Springs and picnicked at Silver City the Fourth of July.

Guests last week at the Earl Bingham home were his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Bingham and daughter of Venice, Calif., and Mrs. Bingham's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Arnone and Linda of Salt Lake.

Dean Morgan of Davenport, Wash., and Gene Ashmore of Rockford, Wash., classmates of Dennis Savage at Washington university, were his guests over a recent weekend. They were here to attend his June 25 wedding to Miss Marjorie Tyler.

ONTARIO LUTHERAN LADIES TO HOLD RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale will be held Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9, at the old Journal building in Nyssa. The sale, being sponsored by Pilgrim Lutheran church of Ontario, will begin each day at 9 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and Lucille, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Simpson and Klair and Dennis Wilson picnicked in the Caldwell park on the Fourth of July. Mr. and Mrs. Bertram later attended a ball game in Boise and the rest of the group stayed in Caldwell to watch the fireworks display.

Miss Belle Voegelien of Washington, D.C., is spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Ernest C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Capper of McCleary, Wash., spent the past week with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Capper.

Mr. and Mrs. Frelly Blair and family spent Monday at Payette lakes.

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