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The Strength of America's Economy

Here are some questions for Americans to consider. Before they are stated, it may be said that all have the same answer. So let us begin:

What is it that raises our buildings to the skies and spans our rivers with mighty bridges? What links our cities together with great highways? What finances every major civic development in our free America?

What is it that inspires and produces the inventions which have made our country so technologically great? What provides our American workmen with the finest production tools in the world? What has enabled us to find so many and more productive ways of doing beneficial things?

What is it that gives so many Americans profitable jobs? What separates the able man from the inefficient man and the lazy man?

What is it that provides medical clinics for low income groups? What provides the laboratories where our wonder drugs are born? What begets the tools of production which in turn, breed performance and, in its turn, breeds progress?

What is it that gives muscle to our national security? What is our best insurance against successful aggression? What is it that a free nation can least do without?

What is it that the world Socialists and the Communists would like most to destroy in the United States of America?

If you analyze the answers to these questions, you will find that the basic underlying answer to all the questions is simply the incentive which we call the profit motive.

It is profit and the expectation of profit that distinguish our mode of production and our manner of living from those of the Communist-enslaved nations of the world. Profit and the expectation of profit are the tonic and energizer of our economic life stream.

Here we come to the major puzzle of economic life in America today. Why, in view of this are there so many people in high positions who make a career of criticizing and downgrading profit as if it were something rather obscene or unworthy? Why is there so much misunderstanding about profit? Why do businessmen think it necessary to apologize for the profits they make? Why do we sit passively by and allow the profit motive in our economic life to be downgraded? Why do we acquiesce in government policies at the national, state and community level which pinch, squeeze, siphon away and even destroy our legitimate profits?

Almost every day we hear profit scorned and derided. Almost every day we hear spurious objections raised against legitimate profit-taking. Yet too many people are intimidated; they are too fearful to raise objection to the economic nonsense being thrown against us.

Everyone who buys a product for a dollar and who knows that there is a 10-cent profit on the item wonders whether the article couldn't be sold for just 90 cents.

But in so wondering we forget that profit is not something arbitrarily added to value, but a necessary and integral part of the article's price.

It is the profit that pays the manufacturer for the use of his tools. Without those tools the article would never have been manufactured in the first place.

It is profit that went into the research facilities which improved the article's quality and brought down the cost of manufacture to a reasonable level.

In fact, investigation would probably disclose that without the profit motive the article would never have been invented and produced in the first place.

Often we hear employees object to profit-making. They see the competition cutting into their own company's sales and they argue that if the management reduced its own profits the competitive position of the product would be improved.

This is like tearing up the floor to provide kindling in order to keep your family warm during the winter.

No one needs profit in a business so much as a worker who wishes to retain his job in that business. Out of profits come the cost of the workers' tools and the funds which help to replace those tools. Out of profits come the funds which pay for the research facilities which better the company's product and lower the cost of manufacturing it. Out of profits come those elements which strengthen the job and make it more satisfying. It is profit that increases the number of jobs in a free society and makes the jobs themselves profitable.

Day after day we hear people who should know better speak of profit as if it were something that a few people siphon off at the expense of the many. Nothing could be further from the truth. This is an old Marxist tale, and if the managers of economy had more courage they would have laid it to rest a long while ago. Profit is the source by which the lot of the many is improved.

The profit system is the one thing which the world socialists and all the other mistaken enemies of freedom want most to destroy in the United States. Why? Because it represents an incentive which they cannot equal. It represents the system that has given us the healthiest, highest standard of living in the world. The profit system is the element which distinguishes us from the slave economies which lie beyond the Iron Curtain. We should rejoice in it, not apologize for it. We should encourage it, not sit idly by while misinformed persons seek to destroy it.

Miss Kent Named Oregon Delegate To Youth Meeting



Miss Karen Kent

Miss Karen Kent, a member of Nyssa Christian church, has been selected to attend the North American Ecumenical Youth assembly during the week of Aug. 16-23.

Miss Kent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rollo Kent of 208 South Fourth street, Nyssa, will be an official delegate to the assembly to be held on the University of Michigan campus at Ann Arbor.

The NAEYA will be the most broadly representative gathering of young Christians from many backgrounds and traditions ever brought together on this continent. There will be approximately 2,000 participants from a wide spectrum of theological opinion. Thirty-nine denominations will be sending delegates.

Miss Kent will be delegate from Oregon as part of the International CYF commission (Disciples of Christ) at the assembly. She is one of the state officers of the Oregon CYF commission.

General theme of the NAEYA will be "Entrusted With the Message of Reconciliation." Under this theme the delegates will be confronted with the entire scope of the church as they enter conversations with delegates of diverse Protestant confessions, with Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox observers who will be there and with those from overseas as well as North America.

Miss Kent reports that the delegates are asked to approach this assembly "with the Bible in one hand and the daily newspaper in the other" to study and discuss what it means to be "Entrusted With the Message of Reconciliation" in mid-century North America. They will convene to enter into conversations with each other to enrich their understanding of "The World Which We Live In," "The Gospel We Live Under" and "The Mission of the Church."

As part of her preparation, Miss Kent is making a number of research interviews with various other young people and adult leaders to determine what the church means to people locally as to its purpose and mission.

GUESTS SLATED TO SPEAK AT METHODIST SERVICES

The Rev. Stanley Andrews, district superintendent of the western district of the Idaho conference of Methodist church, will be guest speaker Sunday, Aug. 13, at the local church in the absence of the Rev. Paul Ludlow who is on vacation.

Dennis Spitze, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Spitze, will be speaker at the Aug. 20 service.

ATTEND CHURCH REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Obenchain and family attended a church young people's reunion Sunday at Julia Davis park in Boise.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our sincere thanks to our neighbors and friends for letters, cards and flowers at the time of our bereavement. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy were deeply appreciated and will be long remembered.

—W. F. Findling
 W. E. Findling Family
 Laurence B. Findling Family
 Walter L. Obendorf Family

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sherrill, their daughter, Mrs. Wesley Haskins and two children of Merrill, Ore., arrived Aug. 2 to spend a week with relatives in the Nyssa area.

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.

Nyssa, Oregon
 Aug. 5, 1961

To the Editor,

The Gate City Journal:

Some time ago I read an editorial in a Portland newspaper that scolded some of the municipal judges. It told of policemen arresting well known drunks for drunken driving, of juries doing their duty and then of judges who sentenced the culprits to a slap on the wrist. The editorial asked, "How can we expect our policemen to risk their lives making arrests of lawbreakers if we then discourage them by turning the malefactors loose to do it over again?"

I think we have good judges now, but 40 years ago when horse stealing was the common offense in this county instead of drunken driving, a prominent attorney said to me, "If I prosecute the cheap scamp as he should be, at the next election every third cousin of his will vote against me, but the good people will forget to vote for me." And I suspect that the situation isn't much changed now—only the kind of crime.

At a meeting called by people of good will to see what could be done to help our migrants, I listened to an earnest young officer telling of what a policeman has to go up against. Not only does he have to face natural-born thugs with guns, drug runners who would just as soon as not leave him dead in some ditch or the thin shining knives ready for his back if he dares to turn it or the fifth rib if he doesn't, but he has, worst of all, to endure the shrugs of an apathetic public.

I thought, "What if that slim young fellow in uniform were my grandson?" and shuddered.

As jurors we should do what most of us can see is the plainly right thing to do. As voters, let us have the good sense and the good citizenship to support the good officials. What difference does it make if they are Republicans or Democrats, or Chinese or Mohammedans, if they do their part to enforce our just laws?

We expect plenty from our officers. Back them up! If we don't, our property is not secure, our lives are not safe on the highways, our young folks are trapped into living death by drug sellers, our children and women are in horrible danger from pervers.

Let's back our men in uniforms!
 —ANNA D. S. PRATT

Methodist Ladies Plan August Events At General Meeting

Recorded sacred music was played as Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service members entered the church social hall recently for a general meeting.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Dale Osborne. Mrs. Raymond Sager presented the program, "A Council of Churches," pertaining to the World Methodist conference convening this month in Oslo, Norway.

Mrs. Roy Knoedler, vice president, presided at the business meeting. Reports were read by various chairmen. Mrs. Don Jones was accepted as a new member of the organization.

Ladies were reminded August is hospital sewing month, with Mrs. Osborne in charge of arrangements. A rummage sale was slated for Aug. 25 and 26.

Arrangements of dahlias graced the refreshment table from which the 17 members were served by Mrs. Waldo Smalley and Mrs. Clarence Fritts, hostesses.

Educator From Cuba Scheduled to Speak At Nazarene Church



The Rev. Spurgeon L. Hendrix

The Rev. Spurgeon L. Hendrix, whose work as a Nazarene educator and missionary in Cuba has been suspended by political unrest there, will be guest speaker at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17.

He is on furlough in the United States doing deputation work among churches of the denomination. He was sent to Cuba in August 1956 as superintendent of the field and to direct a Bible school.

Previously, he had served for 15 years as a teacher and missionary in Argentina for the Nazarene church.

The Rev. Hendrix will describe the island nation and its people, and tell of the church program there. He will show curios and illustrate his talk, where possible, with slides and a motion picture.

Final Services Held Saturday Morning For Leva M. Findling

Funeral services for Leva Mae Findling were conducted Saturday morning, Aug. 5, 1961, at Lienkaemper chapel with the Rev. Paul Ludlow officiating. She succumbed Aug. 1, 1961, in a Boise hospital following an extended illness.

Mrs. Findling was born Aug. 17, 1891, in the town of Western, Neb., a daughter of Ephraim D. and Charlotte Ellen Frost.

She completed a teacher training course after graduating from high school and taught school for six years prior to her marriage on Feb. 23, 1916, to William F. Findling at Fairbury, Neb.

The family moved to Nyssa in September of 1936 and resided here since that time. Mrs. Findling was united with the Nyssa Methodist church in 1942 and had been active in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Her favorite hobbies were sewing and needlework, and she made many items to be sold by the WSCS at annual bazaars.

In addition to Mr. Findling of the home, survivors include two sons, Willis of Vale and Laurence of Salt Lake City; one daughter, Mrs. Verna Ruth Obendorf of Alicel, Ore.

Among other survivors are two brothers, Bernard Frost of Payette and Friel Frost of Van Nuys, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Bessie Brown of Twin Falls, Mrs. Hazel Brown of Southworth, Wash., and Mrs. Mildred McVicker of Echo, Ore. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren.

Burial was made in Nyssa cemetery under direction of Lienkaemper funeral home. Pallbearers were Jacob Fischer, Wilbur Coffman, Glade Chadwick, Wilbur Holcomb, Robert Thompson and H. F. Terhune.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Batt visited Sunday with Clifford Scarborough of New Plymouth, who is in the Veterans' hospital in Boise.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH GROUP SLATES OUTDOOR SERVICE

Nyssa Christian church outdoor services will be conducted Sunday, Aug. 13, beginning at 9:45 a.m. on the Apple Valley school grounds.

Potluck dinner will be served following the morning worship service. Special music will be included on the program.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD YOUTH ATTEND SUMMER CAMPS

Seven youths from the local church recently attended Assembly of God Youth camp near Prairie City. There were 185 children registered at the camp from eastern Oregon churches.

According to the Rev. J. L. Mussell, pastor of the local church, another age group will attend camp this week.

Robert Lee Heiens Takes Naval Training At California Center

Robert Lee Heiens, son of Mrs. Helen Heiens, route 2, Nyssa, was enlisted July 24 in the Navy. He was accepted through the Navy Recruiting station in Ontario, received the oath of allegiance at Boise and was then flown to the Naval Training center in San Diego, Calif.

Heiens is a graduate of Nyssa high school, class of 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Robb spent the weekend in Prairie City where they visited an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Glasgow.

Delmer E. Grannis Completes Engineer Maintenance Course

Army Pvt. Delmer E. Grannis, whose wife, Elizabeth, lives in Adrian, completed the seven-week engineer equipment maintenance course July 21 at Engineer school, Fort Belvoir, Va.

Grannis was trained to repair and perform maintenance on heavy construction equipment such as tractors, graders and crane shovels.

He entered the army last January and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

The 24-year-old soldier attended Nicholson (Pa.) high school. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Grannis, live in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Urry, Patty and Dennis returned Sunday from Salt Lake City where they visited several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Urry and other relatives.

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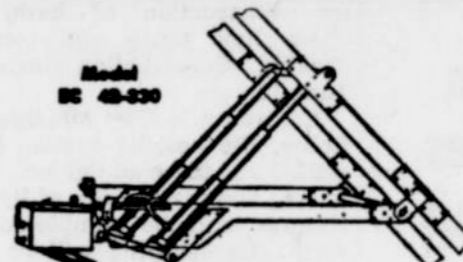
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