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From This Corner...

By T. M. B.

Among my notes for this column I recently found some scribbling on Pinedale, Wyo., that I had made about Christmas time. Pinedale is isolated in big ranch country south of Yellowstone National park and sits in the middle of some big ranches where thousands of horses are raised.

The city was divided on the issue of whether horses should be excluded from the city limits due to a death caused by a horse. Many of the people are ardent horse lovers and it is said the kids grow up wanting horses instead of cars.

About 1938 I spent one of the most miserable nights of my life in Pinedale. Got there too late to get accommodations in a hotel or tourist camp and had to sleep in an old smoke house owned by one of the camp operators. He gave us what he thought would be sufficient cover for June. But one window in the structure was broken out and three of us in one bed could not keep warm.

Also remember that the cost of gasoline there was higher than I had ever paid before. My niece and her husband recently bought the weekly paper there.

Today saw an old man trudging down one of the streets with three small children hanging onto his hands. We guessed it was the granddaddy and it would have been difficult to tell which was the most elated—the kids or the old man. Seldom see these scenes here anymore—they are generally in a car and have no time for walking. Kids sure miss a lot that we older ones had!

Thought provoker seen on the wall of Owyhee Truck and Implement company: "Today is the best day of the year."

Over half the votes now cast in the U.N. are by small nations of Africa and Asia. Yet, following a trip through Africa recently, Sen. Allen J. Ellender of Louisiana said, "I have yet to see any

part of Africa where Africans are ready for self government. The average African is incapable of leadership without white assistance." (Is it any wonder people are losing faith in the U.N. as a hope for world peace?)

A national trade magazine said history shows that the people of the world go through the following cycles: (1) From chains to spiritual faith, (2) From spiritual faith to courage, (3) From courage to liberty, (4) From liberty to abundance, (5) From abundance to selfishness, (6) From selfishness to complacency, (7) From complacency to apathy, (8) From apathy to dependency and (9) From dependency back to bondage.

Thus the cycle is completed. Where would you rate the people of your community and of the nation at this time?

Wife: "Honey, you know I'm ashamed of the way we live. Mamma pays our rent, Auntie buys our clothes and my sister sends us money for food. I'm sorry we can't do better than that."

Husband: "You should be. You have two uncles who don't send us a nickel."

The nickel has become more valuable since the first part of January—it will now buy a 2c postage stamp.

You can tell when a man becomes middle-aged—he dreams of getting a smile from the banker instead of a beautiful girl!

Haines City, Fla., Herald: "A small boy's ambition: To grow up and be a farmer so he can get paid for not raising spinach." "The Lord provides us with relatives but we must find our own friends."—Edward L. Friedman.

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin: "They call it the sea of matri-

The 300 Million Pound Monument

Fifty years ago, when the nation's population was 97 million, the annual consumption of butter was 18 pounds per person. Last year, with the population at more than 185 million, the consumption figure reached an all-time low of 6.2 pounds. That means the country was once using up some 600 million more pounds of butter than it is now.

The slump, to be sure, did not occur suddenly. Consumption held fairly steady until the 1940's. Then the decline set in, hastened over the years by changes in public tastes, cholesterol worries and the introduction of margarine in attractive forms.

But perhaps the biggest cause of the butter slide is the federal government. It put itself into the butter business years ago, propping prices at levels which had little relation to what many customers were willing to pay, even though they have to pay for it anyway, in tax form.

So today, in spite of distributing surplus butter to needy families (whose per person consumption, as a result, is nearly twice as high as the general public's), the government is holding 300 million pounds of the stuff. That's twice as much as it had a year ago. And, as President Kennedy said recently, "It's enough to provide a year's supply of all fats consumed by the people of Korea."

Thus does the government busily improve the market place—by building a 300 million pound monument to the butterless taxpayer.—Rank and File Magazine.

(Editor's Note: Although Malheur county ranks second in dairy production in Oregon, government supports do not make a stable base for the future.)

SERMON TOPIC ANNOUNCED

Pastor John Milbrath has announced that "Prayer Offered Near the Cross" is theme for this week's sermon at Lenten services to be conducted at 8 o'clock this evening at Faith Lutheran church. Mid-week services are being held each Thursday evening until Easter.

mony because he and she are always ready to sail into each other."

"Capital punishment should be retained—it softens murderers up for salvation."—Anglican Bishop Maurice Harland of England.

As a result of the newspaper strike in New York City (recently settled) more than 10,000 claims were filed for unemployment. In that state, claimants are entitled to a maximum of \$50 weekly if their pre-strike pay was \$99 or more per week. This for 26 weeks. It was estimated that it cost the taxpayers \$514,600 weekly.

CLOSING THOUGHT...

Dallas Williams speaking before the Southern California Broadcasters association was quoted as saying: "Is a picture worth a thousand words? Give me 1,000 words and I can have the Lord's Prayer, the 23rd Psalm, the Hippocratic oath, a sonnet by Shakespeare, the Preamble to the Constitution, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and I'd have about enough left over for just about all the Boy Scout oath. I wouldn't trade you these for any picture on earth!"

La Grande Minister To Speak at Meeting Of TV Methodist Men

The Rev. Keith Mills of the First Methodist church in La Grande will be guest speaker Monday evening at the Treasure Valley Methodist men's dinner meeting in the local church. Topic for his talk will be "Christ and the Reds."

The Treasure Valley area includes men from Methodist churches in Vale, Ontario, Fruitland, Emmett, Payette, Weiser, Huntington and Nyssa.

The 7 o'clock dinner will be served by ladies of the Fulton circle.

SATURDAY CLOTHING SALE TO ASSIST NEGRO CHURCH

A rummage sale, with items consisting of coats, dresses and lingerie, will be held Saturday at the old Journal building beginning at 10 a.m.

Articles were purchased in California by Mrs. John E. Long and have been cleaned, sanitized and pressed. No item will be sold for over \$1.50.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to benefit the Freedom Baptist church, Mrs. Long said. This is a Negro congregation with meeting place located on South First street in Nyssa.

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP MEETS AT FEHLMAN HOME

Young married group of the LDS First ward met Saturday evening at the Ronald Fehlman home with 13 in attendance. Charles Mann was in charge of the session.

Mrs. Robert Palmer was chosen as reporter for the group.

A bowling party is being planned for later in the month with date to be announced when plans are complete.

FILM SHOWING SCHEDULED SUNDAY AT ADRIAN CHURCH

A film, "Martin Luther," will be shown at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, March 17, at the United Presbyterian church in Adrian, according to members of the congregation. The film is being sponsored by the junior high church school class and there is no admission charge.

Adrian Community Church News

Women's association members will meet this afternoon at the home of Frankie Worden.

Members of the church session will meet this evening at the R. D. McKinley home.

Payette Services To Be Held Today For Clyde Glascock

Funeral services for Clyde Harrison Glascock will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon, March 14, 1963, at Shaffer Memory chapel in Payette with the Rev. William Clark officiating. He succumbed Monday at Malheur Memorial hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Glascock was born Aug. 1, 1881, in Weiser, Idaho. He was united in marriage to Lula May Barton in 1909 at Vale and they moved in 1911 to Cambridge, Idaho. Mrs. Glascock died May 3, 1922.

The deceased had resided in Council, Idaho, before he moved to Nyssa in 1946.

Survivors include two sons, Harold of Nyssa and Delbert of McCall; two daughters, Mrs. Audrey Goerndt of Fruitland and Mrs. Edith Teagan of Spokane, Wash. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Addie Scheloskie of Weiser, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment services will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon at Hillcrest cemetery in Weiser.

SALEM SCENE ... By ROBERT H. ELSNER

House Republican Leader Discusses Taxes and Tactics

Legislators who introduce bills "for publicity purposes only" drew sharp criticism this week from Rep. F. F. "Monte" Montgomery, House minority party leader.

"With Oregon's taxpayers spending more than \$1,250,000 to operate this year's legislature, it seems ridiculous to see some of the activities of certain members who sponsor bills with no public appeal and which do not meet any demonstrated public need," he told us.

"There are those in the assembly," he said, "who adhere to the principle of 'government by press release.' We neither can afford, nor do the people want, such a system."

Cites Unnecessary Activities

The tall Eugene Republican emphasized that a legislator should "not be judged on the number of bills he introduces" or how many times he is able to get his name in the local newspapers.

Rep. Montgomery further discussed what he considers unnecessary legislative activities.

"Already more than 200 bills have been introduced this session which would tell the private businessman how he will operate his business. The questions of advertising, Sunday closing, trading stamps, etc., are not legislative matters unless the general public is being adversely harmed," Montgomery claims.

He said these are really "determents to the private enterprise system, which in my mind, is the backbone of a free society."

Considers Major Problems

As vice chairman of the important House Taxation committee (where all new tax measures must originate), Montgomery is better versed on fiscal matters than many lawmakers. He considers taxation and appropriations the major problems of the session.

"For the first time," he said, "Oregon is facing critical fiscal problems, because we used every available surplus dollar in the 1961 session."

He believes the eventual general fund tax program will incorporate the following: (1) A net receipts plan to broaden the income tax base; (2) repeal of the federal income tax deduction on state returns; (3) adjustments in the higher income tax rates; and (4) a cigarette tax.

"There is great fear by legislators," Montgomery pointed out, "that the people of Oregon will initiate a petition to refer the final tax program. The governor has recommended, and I concur, that the legislature should refer it themselves during the session. But this seems doubtful," he added.

Democrats Against Vote

"It appears the Democratic majority will not permit the people to voice their opinions on the subject of taxation," Montgomery declared.

He emphasized that the people do have a responsibility to understand Oregon's revenue needs. Should the tax program be re-

pealed by referendum, Montgomery said, "There will be a need, as never before, for all of our people to shed themselves of their lethargy and complacency and to recognize the impact on state services."

As examples, he cited the Basic School Support budget, which must support "15,000 additional youngsters each school year—at a time when both federal and property taxes are at an all-time high." He also mentioned higher education's budget needs, pointing out that "almost 50 percent of Oregon's graduating high school seniors are entering institutions of higher learning. This will mean an increase of 5,500 college students in the next two years alone."

Discusses Governor's Budget

The minority leader discussed Gov. Hatfield's \$405 million budget, which was submitted (by statute) last Dec. 1.

"The governor had a good budget. But it is difficult to anticipate revenues and expenditures as far as 32 months in advance," Montgomery explained. "This budget is designed primarily to meet the demonstrated needs of our times—an objective with which no one can take exception."

"It's a system employed in Oregon for more than 100 years—the results of which made our state the envy of other states for its fiscal security," he said.

"My viewpoint is that when the Democratic leadership gets through with their alleged slices in the governor's program—and other 'adjustments' they want to make—the final result will be an increase of from 1 to 2 percent over Gov. Hatfield's recommended budget, and not a decrease."

Nyssa Chapel Rites Conducted Saturday For W. T. Raffington

Funeral rites for Walter Tyrrell (Doc) Raffington were conducted Saturday afternoon, March 9, 1963, at Lienkaemper chapel. The Rev. Armand Larive of St. Paul's Episcopal church was officiating minister.

Dr. Raffington, who would have been 93 years old on March 10 of this year, succumbed March 6 at Malheur Memorial hospital following a brief illness.

He was born March 10, 1870, in New York, Mo. He was united in marriage to Harriet Roberts on March 12, 1901, in Watonga, Okla. They settled in the Cow Hollow community southwest of Nyssa in 1936, coming there from Taloga, Okla., where Dr. Raffington had practiced dentistry for several years, a total of 52 years in that state.

On March 10, 1961, an anniversary potluck dinner and dance were held at Cow Hollow hall to honor "Doc" on his 91st birthday anniversary. The event also was in observance of the couple's 60th wedding anniversary. Approximately 80 friends and neighbors gathered for the occasion.

In addition to his widow, Dr. Raffington is survived by a sister, Mimi Raffington of St. Joseph, Mo., and a host of nieces and nephews, including Johnny Hamilton, former Nyssa, now in Arizona, and Morton Wixon of Nyssa who grew up in the Raffington home.

Interment was made in Owyhee cemetery under direction of Lienkaemper funeral home. Pallbearers were nephews of the Raffington couple.

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