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Civil Rights Bill Presents Problems

The nation's press, like congress and the country as a whole, is divided on the merits of civil rights legislation. NEA has taken no position on the bill pending in the House of Representatives. As a matter of information, however, all NEA members should be aware of the following section in the minority report on HR 7152, the civil rights bill reported by the House Judiciary committee:

"Race, as the first criterion of employment, applies to newspapers, periodicals, radio and television under this bill, as well as to other elements of our commerce. If a job applicant can 'write' and there is an opening and if he is of the race called for to balance the makeup of the staff, that person must be employed in preference to someone of another race.

"What such employment would do to the character of the paper or program is quite apparent to those who earn their living in the world of mass media. Yet that is the sense of this bill. The bill grants the power to make it mandatory that the staff of a newspaper be thoroughly integrated, racially and religiously, else the owners are in violation of federal law . . .

"Even so, this destruction of the right of free choice, serious as it is, is not the most fearsome feature of this bill as it applies to the 'press.'

"Title II, section 203, says: 'No person shall . . . incite or aid or abet any person to do any of the foregoing,' i.e., deny or attempt to deny any person any right or privilege described in the title.

"Read that language as you will, in simple terms it means that no editor would dare editorialize in opposition to the provisions of the bill if it becomes law.

"If a citizen takes a position in direct opposition to some provision of this bill and a newspaper writes an editorial in support of that position, indeed, urges others to take similar stands, is that newspaper inciting, or aiding, or abetting? It would seem so.

"The fact of the matter is this: If a person stands in a public square or before a civic club and advocates that segregation is best for either race—and his stand was supported by a newspaper editorial—both would be in violation of federal law and both would be subject to fine and imprisonment. Under such a circumstance, what becomes of the right of free speech? Or freedom of the press?"

Data Concerning Freshman Students Reported in Bulletin Issued by OSU

Nearly 85 percent of the 2620 new freshmen at Oregon State university this year are from Oregon and nearly 50 percent entered with high school grade averages of B or better. The Oregon freshmen graduated from 201 different high schools, according to the study made of the new class by Wallace E. Gibbs, registrar and director of admissions. A total of 1024 of the new freshmen are women and 1596 men.

Twenty-two of the new students received college credit for courses taken while still in high school. The courses were in English, mathematics, biology and chemistry.

About 200 new freshmen had high school grade averages between 2.00 (C average required for admittance last year) and 2.25 (the new requirement for next fall term). Students with a 2.00 average or better could be admitted to OSU in winter or spring terms, however, under the new requirements approved for 1964-65 by the State Board of Higher Education.

Out-of-State Standards Higher
A total of 547 high school graduates were denied admission to Oregon State this fall because of low grades and other deficiencies, according to the report. Only 82 were from Oregon, however; 416 were from other states and 49 from foreign countries. Entrance requirements for out-of-state students are higher than for Oregon residents.

Out-of-state freshmen enrolled at OSU this fall came from 40 states and 16 foreign countries.

One new freshman attended a Russian high school.

A six-year study on the classroom performance of new freshmen, measured against their high school grades, was reported in 1960 by Oregon State university. Dr. D. T. Ordeman was then registrar.

Lower Grades as Freshmen
The study showed that on the average, college grades made by individual students are slightly more than one-half a grade point, or letter, lower than those made in high school. Students who had a B average in high school, for example, make about a B-minus or C-plus average—on the average—during their first year of college.

Startling individual variations were noted, however. Of the 1935 members of the 1959 OSU freshman class, 323 had grades during their first term that were better than their high school averages. In some cases, they were better by a full-grade point or letter.

The other 1612 freshmen of the 1959 entering group saw their grades go down from those of high school.

On Behalf of Our Infant Daughter JENA MARIE

(The Lucky First Baby of 1964)

We Wish to Express Our

THANKS

TO NYSSA MERCHANTS For the Many Nice Gifts.

Dean and Thelma Burley

Mrs. Stack Praises Band's Performance; Kansans Send Letters

Santa Barbara, Calif. Jan. 4, 1964

Gate City Journal Nyssa, Oregon Dear Ted and Arlene:

The Nyssa high school band was beautiful and just exactly as you would have had them be at the Rose Bowl parade. We had seats across from the section reserved for VIP's and at the beginning of the parade route.

The band members were fresh and tooted their best as they marched by our section of seats. They couldn't have been better.

Every uniform was perfectly pressed; they all fitted beautifully and the sun shone brightly on the blue and white suits. This is how your hometown band looked as it passed through my range of vision.

Love, Louise Stack

(The above was taken in part from a letter received Monday day at the Journal office from Mrs. Louise Stack of Sumner, Wash., who was visiting in California during the holidays and viewed the Rose Bowl parade. Mrs. Stack is well-known by many Nyssans as she is the lady who conducts the Journal bicycle subscription campaigns.

She and her late husband, J. D. Stack, conducted many a campaign with headquarters in the Journal office. Many of the band students had probably participated in the contests when they were in the fourth, fifth or sixth grades and perhaps were winners of bicycles. Mrs. Stack's most recent Journal subscription campaign ended Nov. 9, 1963.)

The Brammers also received a note from her cousin, the Rev. Roy E. Frey of Wichita, Kan., who had seen the band on TV. His comments were also most complimentary.

Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb has reported that they received letters from relatives in Coffeyville, Lucas and Troy, Kan., praising the young musicians and their performance seen via television.

IT'S YOUR LAW

By Oregon State Bar

Changing of Court Decisions Discussed

Courts usually decide cases by interpreting laws in the light of earlier cases. They are known as precedents.

But a court may overrule its earlier decisions. Since 1800, for example, the U. S. Supreme court has overruled some hundred decisions or so. Many things enter into such actions: Changing times or new social or economic conditions, different philosophies of government, or different judges.

A decision may be expressly overruled. In other cases, it may be distinguished on its facts, or otherwise slowly pushed aside.

Take the recent segregation cases: In 1896 the U. S. Supreme court upheld racial segregation so long as the facilities for each race were "separate but equal." Bit by bit the Supreme court moved away from the 1896 decision.

At last in 1954 the court overruled the 1896 case: No state could segregate students on racial grounds. "Separate" schools, the court said, are inherently unequal.

Some decisions are never expressly overruled but lose their value as precedent by being ignored. This may come as the result of changing social and economic conditions.

In recent years courts have enforced rights which courts in earlier years did not recognize. For example, the right to privacy and to protection against mental and emotional disturbance were unknown 70 years ago but are not upheld by courts in the proper circumstances.

The legislature can also change the law as declared by courts. Decisions are frequently overruled by legislation.

The importance of precedents is that they give stability and predictability to the law. But these must be balanced with adaptability to changing conditions. The law must change with the needs of the people.

These needs are for the most part for the legislature to decide. But in deciding cases and applying the rules found in precedents and statutes, the courts recognize that a rule should only be followed if the reason for the rule applies to the case being decided.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney, who is completely advised of the facts involved. Even a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

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Patrolmen of the Month



SHERRY MEDINA and DAVID GALLEGOS, Jr., sixth grade students in Mrs. Hazel Lane's class room took honors for the month of December for school safety patrol duties. Sherry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Medina of 801 Ehrgood and was named patrol officer of the month. David was selected by members of the faculty and city police department as patrolman of the month. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. David Gallegos of 706 North First street. —Staff Photo.

Guild Members Feted By Methodist WSCS At Recent Meeting

Wesleyan Service guild members were honored at the Jan. 2 meeting of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Leo Gonyer gave the purpose of the guild and told of work done by the organization. Mrs. Madge Thomson told the meaning of the emblem which was displayed.

January is guild month for this auxiliary organization of the woman's society and members are gainfully employed women.

Mrs. Paul Ludlow presented the program, "The Maturing Church in Southern Asia," showing establishment of the church and its advancement toward maturity. A printed cloth from Southern Asia was used as a background for a picture of mission work, the globe and a single lighted candle.

Mrs. Alfred Adams presided during the business meeting. Members voted to sponsor a bazaar and dates for the mission study, "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia," were announced for Jan. 20, 23, 27 and 30 at 2 o'clock each afternoon.

Additional sessions for children in grades one through six began Wednesday with "Asia" as theme. Classes begin at 3:45 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Earl Farr, Mrs. Maurice Corey and Mrs. Clarence Fritts were hostesses to the 22 ladies in attendance. Cut flowers from Hawaii and candles graced the serving table.

Ballad Contest Won By Japanese Pen Pal

A report from Mrs. Harvey Easton tells of a Japanese pen pal, Yukio Utimura, who recently took honors in a ballad contest and was given an all-expense paid trip to Tokyo and a television appearance in his home country.

Together with eight others, he placed in the semi-finals competition and on Dec. 26 was awarded the trip and TV appearance. At that time he was one of two contestants to receive the highest scores.

On Jan. 14 he will be given a second trip to the capital city of Japan where he will compete for top honors.

Mrs. Easton said that she began corresponding with Utimura when they were about 14 years of age, she was in school at Bellingham, Wash., and he was a member of a pen-pal club. They have continued to write about once a month.

The folk-song performer is married and has one son, 4 years of age and a daughter, 2. He is a Japanese farmer and has prospered greatly in the past few years. He has studied English since he was in high school and one of his greatest desires is to visit in America.

During his December stay in Tokyo, he met an American for the first time and was privileged to try out the language.

GRANDSON INJURED

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Penrod returned home Dec. 27 from Pocatello where they spent Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Penrod and sons.

The Nyssans have received word that their grandson, Sammy, was injured in a sledding accident on Sunday, Dec. 29, and is still hospitalized.

Pastor-Lay Leader Conference Dated Jan. 20-24 at Oregon State University

Pre-registrations are now being accepted for the 1964 Oregon Pastors and Lay Leaders Training conference scheduled Jan. 20 to 24 at Oregon State university, reports the Rev. Cyril Dorsett of Newberg, conference chairman.

Registration forms are available from county extension offices, denominational executives and local clergymen, he explained. The conference is planned for town and country pastors, priests, church and community leaders and others interested in church and community leadership.

Conference objectives include helping clergy and laymen to better understand economic and sociological factors affecting the community and their implications for churches; giving aid in educational methods and processes of working with people; and in developing leadership to allow discussion of mutual problems.

Special Programs Planned

Conference participants will be enrolled in three basic courses and have a choice of three elective classes, it was pointed out. Special programs are planned for each evening.

The three basic classes are the individual in society, agriculture and forestry in Oregon's economy and a leadership seminar. Elective courses to be offered include the older American, religion in the novel and communications.

Keynote speaker at the conference's opening session will be Dr. Benton Johnson, University of Oregon sociologist. His topic will be "The Churches Face the Future."

Many Sponsors Listed

The conference is sponsored by and planned cooperatively by representatives of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Lutheran church (Missouri Synod), National Lutheran Council of Churches, Oregon Council of Churches.

Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Oregon-Washington Farmers Union, Oregon Home Economics Extension council, Oregon State Grange, Oregon State university, Salem Unitarian Fellowship and United Church Women of Corvallis.

RETURN TO QUINCY

Mr. and Mrs. Arvel L. Child, Lynn and Gary left Saturday for their home in Quincy, Wash., after spending the past five days with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders and Gail.

VISIT OGDEN RELATIVES

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Flinders and Randy returned home Friday after spending the past two weeks visiting relatives and friends in the Ogden area.

IN APPRECIATION

We are sincerely grateful to those donors who gave replacement blood at the Jan. 3 drawing for our daughter, Julie Robb.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Robb

Sunday School Class Honored With Parties

Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders was hostess to the girls of her Sunday school class at a party during the holidays. Refreshments were served with guests seated at a table centered with poinsettias and Christmas ball arrangements.

Each girl was presented a gift according to merit attained during the past two years. Those present were Dawn Drown, Connie Mitchell, Kathy Peterson, Colleen Staples, Peggy Moore, Vicki Peterson, Patty Peterson, Arlene Larson, Doris King, Martha Maine, Nola Watson, Diane Fife, Debbie Brower, Carla Jensen and Janan Bunn.

Boys in Mrs. Flinders' class went on a roller skating party Monday night in Ontario with Mrs. Madge Wilson as co-chaperone. Following the party, they returned to Mrs. Flinders' home for chili, pie and ice cream.

Prizes were awarded to Jim Beck, Steve Parker, Charles Bale, Norman Wilson and Mike Hust for highest attendance and other achievements. Others attending were Michael Glenn, Myron Peterson, Harold Christensen, Craig Lewis and Warren Farmer.

MEETINGS SLATED TODAY BY ADRIAN CHURCH GROUPS

Members of Adrian Community church board will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the Charles Witty home.

Women's association will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Auken in Big Bend.

VISIT IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Lewis Riggs left Dec. 29 for California where she visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Manning and family in La Puente and with other relatives in Los Angeles. She also viewed the Parade of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's day. Mrs. Manning and children accompanied her mother home and they arrived here Saturday evening.

GUESTS IN SHAW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson and family of Jordan Valley were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaw and family.

IN APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity to thank our friends, neighbors, relatives and members of various organizations for food, flowers and other expressions of sympathy following the death of our loved one.

—The Family of Ida M. Hodge

Friendly Familiar Faces Fitted For Finer Facilities

In our continuous effort to give our customers the very best of service, we have placed

GEORGE ROTH (left)

in charge of our pump department. He'll head sales of the Famous STA-RITE PUMPS and service all makes.



CARL SELLS (right)

who is well-known in the area, will be in charge of servicing automotive equipment. He has had 10 years' experience and is considered "tops" in this field, throughout the area.



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