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IT'S YOUR LAW
 By Oregon State Bar

Varied Presumptions In the Law Discussed

In every trial the law puts the "burden of proof" on one side or the other. Until the district attorney, for example, offers evidence that an accused person did commit a crime, he need not prove his innocence.

The state has the "burden of proof." For the trial to move forward, the district attorney must first make out a case.

Where the burden of proof lies depends on who must prove his case and what presumptions of the law help him. For example, an accused person is presumed innocent until proved guilty.

Yet a person who is found guilty may take over the burden of proving that he was insane at the time of the offense. He tries to show he didn't have the legal capacity to commit the crime.

Since the law presumes all people are sane, unless proved otherwise, the accused has the burden of proof if he pleads insanity.

This burden differs: In a criminal case the state has to show the accused guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt."

But in a civil case, say for damages, the test is "reasonable probability." Did the plaintiff make out his case with the "preponderance of evidence?" As a rule this is not as hard a test

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Lutheran Pastor Tells Lenten Service Theme

Ash Wednesday services will begin the Lenten mid-week meetings at Faith Lutheran church, according to an announcement by Pastor John Milbrath. General theme for all services this year will be "Into Thy Hands," the Rev. Milbrath said. Following this theme, "Hands of Humility" will be topic for the Ash Wednesday sermon.

"These sermons will deal with vital issues and problems of Christian faith and life and with God's blessing will help listeners grow in Christian faith," Pastor Milbrath concluded.

to meet as that of "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Some presumptions are "conclusive" and cannot be disputed in court. For example, the law conclusively presumes that a child born of a wife living with her husband who is not impotent is legitimate.

Sometimes the law allows one to make "inferences" from certain facts. In one case a pop bottle exploded as a shopper picked it up. The shopper did nothing to cause the explosion. So the court allowed the jury to infer that the bottlers had not used due care.

In such cases the opposing party has to show that the inference is contrary to fact.

Sometimes two presumptions may conflict in the same case. For instance, when a second marriage is being attacked as invalid because of a claimed prior marriage, there are two conflicting presumptions. The law presumes a prior marriage continues. It also presumes that a person is innocent of a crime (bigamy). In these cases the presumption of innocence of the crime usually gets preference.

(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.)

Pancake Supper Set For Shrove Tuesday At Episcopal Church

Plans are under way for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper which is served annually by members of St. Paul's Episcopal church, according to Mrs. Bernard Eastman, publicity chairman.

This event is always held on Shrove Tuesday which falls this year on Feb. 11 and precedes the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, Mrs. Eastman said.

This project of St. Paul's church is one that is looked forward to by the congregation as one of the more enjoyable events to which the public is invited. Serving hours are from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the church basement.

Tickets are not sold for this supper; however, a silver offering may be made.

Attack Claims Life Of James R. Ritchie; Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for James Robert Ritchie were conducted Monday afternoon, Feb. 3, 1964, at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating minister was the Rev. Wallace Prowell, pastor of the Nyssa Christian church.

Mr. Ritchie succumbed Jan. 31 at Malheur Memorial hospital after suffering a sudden heart attack on the previous Wednesday.

He was born March 11, 1911, at St. Edwards, Neb., a son of Robert and Emma Ritchie.

The deceased was reared on a farm in Nebraska and attended schools at Merna.

On March 23, 1934, he was united in marriage to Roxy Hoffman at Callaway, Neb. The family moved to Wilder, Idaho, in 1938, where Mr. Ritchie was a farmer. In 1941 they came to the Nyssa area and made their home in the Buena Vista community.

Mr. Ritchie was employed by the Stunz Lumber company and also worked at the Nyssa Farmers' Co-op for several years. He had been a carpenter in the Nyssa area for 22 years.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by one son, Robert of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Duane (Garnet) Wilson of Moses Lake, Wash., and a grandson, Clay Wilson.

Other survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ritchie of Sargent, Neb.; three brothers, Ray, Charles and Richard Ritchie, all of Nebraska; four sisters, Mrs. Lucille McCleary, Mrs. Lillian Lauer and Mrs. Luella Farritor of Nebraska and Mrs. Alta Baker of Yakima, Wash.

One sister and four brothers preceded him in death. Interment was made in Owyhee cemetery under direction of Lienkaemper funeral home.

Pallbearers were Calvin Martin, Bill Richesin, Howard Day, Lloyd Cleaver, Gabriel Astoreca and Don Linville.

METHODIST LADIES SLATE BAKED FOOD AND GIFT SALE

Lenora circle of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service is sponsoring a baked food and gift sale Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 1 o'clock in the Idaho Power office.

Hand work and special occasion gifts will be offered as well as valentine foods.

VALENTINE BANQUET SET BY LOCAL CHURCH LADIES

Members of the Golden Hour Missionary chapter of the Nazarene church are planning their annual Valentine banquet at 8 o'clock Friday, Feb. 14, at East Side cafe in Ontario.

Reservations may be made by contacting Dorothy Sheppard, Audrey Tucker or Martha Langley.

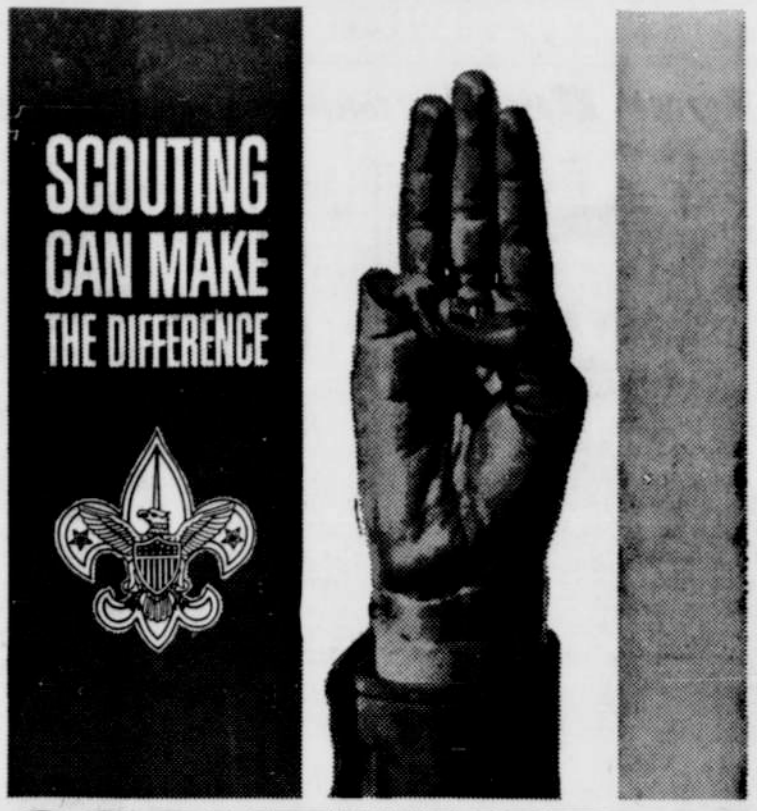
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Assembly Minister To Conduct Classes On 'Soul-Winning'

Classes on soul-winning will be conducted at the Assembly of God church at Second street and Reece avenue each Wednesday evening for the next seven weeks, according to Pastor J. L. Mussell.

Services will begin at 8 o'clock and will follow the textbook "Soul-Winning Made Easy" by C. S. Lovett.

A preliminary service was held Feb. 5, but the first class will convene Feb. 12.

The series will be conducted by Pastor Mussell who extends a cordial invitation to all.

LUTHER LEAGUE SLATES SUNDAY EVENING MEETING

Luther league of Faith Lutheran church will meet at 7 o'clock Sunday evening, Feb. 9, at the church for a potluck dinner and planned evening program, it has been announced by Pastor John Milbrath.

KITCHEN QUEENS GIVE ROLL CALL SUGGESTIONS

Kitchen Queens 4-H club members met Tuesday afternoon following school dismissal at the home of Mrs. Lester Cleaver. President Evelyn Cleaver presided during the business session.

Roll call was answered with "Suggestions for roll call for the remainder of the year."

Butter cakes were made by members and served for refreshments.

Next meeting will be Feb. 18 after school in the Lester Cleaver home.

—Karry Cleaver, Reporter.

Regional Policy Meetings Dated By Farm Bureau

A series of regional meetings which will bring in Farm Bureau leaders from every county in Oregon has been set for the first two weeks in February, according to Harold Beach, OFBF president.

The Malheur county session is dated Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Farm Bureau office in Ontario.

Beach said the meetings will be for the purpose of informing county officers of progress on farm programs and other items of state and local interest.

Topics to be covered at the meetings include the Farm Bureau position on a sales tax initiative, compulsory workmen's compensation and its effect on farmers, compensatory payment plans being considered by Congress and other items of interest to farmers and ranchers in Oregon.

Beach said the regional meetings are annual affairs to keep the members informed of issues that constantly arise in a fast-changing agriculture. He said proposed wheat legislation and beef imports would also be subjects of discussion in areas where they would be of interest.

Two teams of staff members plus members of the OFBF board of directors will be holding the meetings to which all county officers and other interested persons are invited.

Classifieds Bring Results!

PRAYER OBSERVANCE SET FEB. 14 BY CHURCH LADIES

United Church Women of the Nyssa-Adrian area are sponsoring a World Day of Prayer observance at 2 o'clock Friday, Feb. 14, in the Adrian Community church.

Ladies of Nyssa Methodist church are in charge of the service, "Let Us Pray."

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Baptists, Methodists Slate Joint Service

The Friendship Baptist church congregation will join Methodists for the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday, Feb. 9, in observance of "Race Relations Day," according to the Rev. Paul Ludlow.

The Rev. Alvon Griffin of the Baptist church will speak. Special music will be provided by the Blair family of Mountain Home and the choir from both churches.

Race relations day is an annual observance to create better relations, the Rev. Ludlow said.

GUESTS IN ONTARIO

Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Flinders and Randy in Ontario.

Instruction Classes To Begin February 11 At Lutheran Church

Instruction classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday evening at Faith Lutheran church beginning Feb. 11, according to Pastor John Milbrath. Meeting time is 8 o'clock.

During the series of classes which will continue for eight weeks, instruction will be given on "What Is the Church?" The course will explain what the Lutheran church believes and teaches.

Residents of the area who are interested in learning more about the Lutheran church are invited and urged to attend these classes, Pastor Milbrath said.

Adrian Community Church News

Sixteen young people of Adrian Community church had a coasting party Sunday afternoon. Following the activity they were served dinner in the church basement.

Church officers will hold their third and final study session at 8 o'clock this evening at the Presbyterian church in Roswell.

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Isn't It Ridiculous?

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- uses the public treasury as a source of capital funds at an abnormally low interest cost;
- it writes off portions of project investment as non-reimbursable, meaning that taxpayers who furnished the money are never reimbursed;
- it may operate at a continuing deficit despite tricky bookkeeping procedures as has been the case with the Bonneville Power Administration;
- it avoids the payment of all taxes to the detriment of taxing districts of all kinds including schools;
- it sells its services below cost to "preferred" customers who themselves avoid paying their full share of taxes;
- it wastefully builds multi-million dollar facilities with tax dollars to supplant taxpaying investments.

This is ridiculous! Lacking these special privileges, federal electricity would be higher priced than the private enterprise kind. With them, there is merely an illusion of "something for nothing."

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