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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Problems of Schools Studied by Writer

(This letter directed to the attention of parents of Nyssa school children).

Dear Editor:

It is well, occasionally, to consider the needs of our children and then to decide whether or not our homes, churches, community and schools are fulfilling these needs. Homes and churches are a personal affair in which the standards, principles and ideals of the parents are passed on to the children.

Regardless of position, parents are responsible to God for the child He has given them. The community must provide for its youth a chance to grow as good, reliable citizens. It must look to the future with opportunities that will entice the young home again.

A school can be no better than its community and a child can be no better than his school.

We here in Nyssa are fortunate. We do not have extremes of wealth or poverty. We do not have racial dissension. We have a wholesome atmosphere in which to raise our children and we have good schools. We cannot compete with larger schools in courses offered but our children have many advantages.

Special Classes Praised

We have a transition room to help the little ones over rough spots. The accelerated class does two things—it works the better student to capacity and it gives the more average student an opportunity to excel and a chance to compete with the attitude that he might win.

Being a small school, the children are individuals and their problems are recognized and considered. These are only a few of the things that make for better students and better people.

By the time a student reaches high school age his pattern is made but there are four important years in which to make changes and form definite ideals. Soon he will be gone from home and whether it is to college, to work or to the armed forces he will need what we have given him. Has it been enough?

As parents, it is our duty to keep in touch with the school. Each child must be educated to the best of his ability and the school's. He must have social experiences and a good sound sports program. All of these require good teachers.

Are Students Too Busy?

Are our children too busy with extra-curricular activities to do justice to their real education? Must they be involved in so many activities, play so many games that they are away from home

Writer Discusses Reasons for Opposing Medicare Legislation

March 13, 1964

The Editor
 Gate City Journal
 Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Sir:

Those who think the government ought to pass Medicare for the aged or any other group and pay for it out of Social Security or by any other method, ought to do some figuring. Mark Andrews of Freedom magazine writes:

"A man and wife, both of whom were 48 in 1937, would have paid into the Social Security program by Jan. 1, 1954, a total of \$564. His employer would have contributed a like amount, for a total of \$1,128.

"Jan. 1, 1954, they both retire and qualify for Social Security, \$127.50 a month for life or until Congress changes the rules.

"In the first nine months, they receive from Uncle Sam \$1,147.50—more than their total contribu-

so much? What do we expect from them?"

Is our sports program intended for the child—to build strong bodies and good sportsmanship, or is it for the honor and glory of mom, dad and the community?

Let us demand that our teachers set a good example for our children; teach them that rules are to be made, not broken; that knowledge comes from hard work and good grades from knowledge.

Let us have fewer social affairs and make them worth attending. Why can't the Junior-Senior Prom have as much "punch" as last year's box social and this year's Hootenanny? And, of course, a sports program— one for the students.

Grateful for Discipline

Let's be proud when they try. Even if they don't win! In a few years we will all forget the games won or lost. An athlete is quickly forgotten. The students will never forget the teachers and coaches who taught them history, English, math—they will need to know how much and what kind of interest they are paying. They will be grateful to those who expected discipline and gave them ideals.

Why are our children so busy? I think it is because youth is enthusiastic and parents have forgotten how to say "no." Every program offered our children is important to some of them, but parents must insist that the child chooses a few activities and do them well. Time must be left for home, family and certainly for study.

It is necessary that parents know what the school expects and the school must know what we parents want. We must be in tune with one another.

We can have a well-rounded educational program, or one that teaches a little about a lot. What do you want for your children?

Very truly yours,
 MRS. W. K. WAHLERT

History of Farming Traced From Serfdom To Modern Operation

Nyssa, Oregon
 March 10, 1964

To the Editor
 Nyssa Gate City Journal:

Like Will Rogers, I read the newspapers and I saw there that a week or so ago the chamber of commerce gave us farmers a kindly pat on the head. That was really good of them. I can remember when they didn't do that way. They hadn't yet discovered that when the going is rough for Farmer John, times also get hard for the man on Main street.

Seventy years ago when our town cousins used to ask us, "Where do you live?" we would reply in a downcast way, "We live on a farm." "Oh," would be the pitying answer. Now when we tell them that we live on a farm, they rapturously clap their hands and yodel, "O-o-o-h, do you live on a farm?"

"Dumb Farmer" Recalled

Years ago we used to put on our dusters and tie a thick veil over our hats and ride behind tired old Dobbin hitched to an old buggy. It took a good driver to hit all the holes in the road and we got to town looking like a last year's bird nest covered with dust. No wonder we used to say, "Jim and Tom and Bill are smart, so we'll educate them to be merchants and lawyers and preachers—but poor dumb John will have to be a farmer."

In ancient times, farmers were slaves. Then in medieval times we became peasants, peons, serfs. When the Declaration of Independence proclaimed that all men are created equal, we became citizens. Schools for everybody made us social equals. And now, Christianity in politics and enlightened common sense make us see that when one segment of our body politic is sick, the rest of us are not well.

Visits Glamorous Cousin

Years ago while passing through California, I stopped to visit Cousin Lissa, whom I hardly knew. She was a dainty creature and had her English mother's apple blossom skin and

golden hair and eyes like violets. She had married tall, dark and handsome Jim. Across the polished darkwood and the gleam of crystal and silver and soft candlelight at dinner, Jim was manfully exerting himself to be nice to me, Lissa's ancient, homely hick cousin.

I know what Emily Post says about talking business or anything else sensible at dinner, but I sensed that Jim wouldn't be offended. So I said to him, "Jim, I don't know what you do or why you do it, any more than if I lived on the moon."

So he told me about his work. He sold machinery to wheat farmers, bean farmers, rice growers, orange, nut and olive orchardists—California grows everything. He talked horses to the horsey, science to the serious, hobbies to the hobbyist.

Doesn't Worry About Farmers
 As he talked, a little bell began to tinkle in the back of my head. Jim, bless his heart, was doing his best to serve the machinery manufacturers he worked for. He didn't once worry whether the hard-working wheat farmer who got 3 cents out of a 30-cent loaf of bread, would get a decent price for his crop so that he could pay for his machinery.

He never mentioned that the bean grower might go broke because middlemen would monkey with the prices so that at harvest time the farmer would get half the price the beans would sell for four or five months later. The same for alfalfa seed and potatoes and rice and a hundred other agricultural products. I didn't argue with Jim, but I have thought of it many times since.

Are the chambers of commerce the friends of farmers, or are they merely fingers at the end of the long arms of the manufacturing interests whom they serve? The National Association of Manufacturers, arrayed politically in a solid phalanx against us farmers and laborers, should take a leaf out of the farmer's book.

Must Get Decent Prices
 We feed our cows if we expect to get beef and milk. We don't starve them. So, manufacturers oughtn't to squeeze the life out of us farmers, if they want us to do well so that they themselves can prosper. We can't buy cars if we can't get a decent price for our crops.

EASTER MEETING HELD BY CHRISTIAN LADIES

Ladies of the Christian Women's Fellowship group held their Easter meeting Tuesday evening in the church. Mrs. Don Perdue was study leader for the lesson, "Follow Where Thy Feet Have Trod."

Mrs. Tom Drydale was hostess to the group.

Rev. W. B. Taylor began pastoral duties March 1 at the Missionary Baptist church in Nyssa. The new minister, his wife, Bertha, and 11-year-old daughter, Wanda, are residing at 203 North Second street. Wanda is now a member of the sixth grade class and is in Elvin Ballou's classroom.

The family came to Nyssa from Sheridan, Ark., where Pastor Taylor had served for 12 years as missionary in the Pine Bluff association of Missionary Baptist churches. He has served the denomination for the past 25 years in various capacities. In addition to the Sheridan church, he also performed pastoral duties at a number of other locations in Arkansas.

Pastor Taylor states that weekly schedule of services are: Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday school; 11 a.m., morning worship service; 7:30 p.m., evening worship; Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible study.

Methodists Schedule Palm Sunday Concert
 A concert of sacred music will be presented at 4 o'clock Palm Sunday afternoon in the Payette Methodist church. Included on the program will be solo numbers, massed adult and junior choir selections, congregational and hymn singing. Participants will include groups from all Methodist churches of the sub-district.

An invitation is extended to the public.

Sissons Host Dinner
 Come Double class of the Christian church met last Friday evening in the Stanley Sisson home for a spaghetti dinner. In attendance were 25 members of the class.

ANN D. S. PRATT



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How to Hamper Development

If you tried to throw a monkey-wrench into the machinery for future reclamation project development in the Snake river valley, you'd have difficulty doing as much damage as has already been done by the intrusion of the Bonneville Power Administration into this area.

This is because modern-day reclamation projects are costly beyond the ability of irrigators to repay, and revenues from by-product hydroelectric plants must be used to defray large parts of the cost. Present projects built by the Bureau of Reclamation have successfully used this method.

Bonneville has pulled the rug out from under this procedure. It has nullified the Bureau's previous power rates which produced cash benefits for repayment of irrigation project costs, by substituting its own below-cost power rates which are non-productive of irrigation benefits. How can they be with Bonneville's record of deficit operations?

This poses a serious question about the future. It was already difficult to prove new project feasibility and reclaim more of Idaho's arid acres even with the help of surplus power revenues prior to the advent last year of Bonneville meddling. It will be tremendously more difficult now.

A handful of "preference customers" such as REA's, which also benefit by tax avoidance, is now receiving the monetary difference. Isn't future reclamation project development vastly more important?

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A TAX-PAYING CITIZEN WHEREVER IT SERVES

From This Corner...

By T. M. B.

Look at these unusual happenings recently on the national scene...

1. Congressmen defeated a bill to raise their pay from \$22,500 per year to \$32,500. (It's election year and a roll call vote was demanded. Eastern solons are now threatening to vote against the wheat bill as a protest against the Midwest Republicans and Southern Democrats who forced the issue.)

2. A Chattanooga, Tenn., jury found Teamster head Hoffa guilty of trying to bribe a juror and he has been sentenced to eight years in prison.

3. The Supreme court ruled that public officials cannot collect damages for falsehoods published about conduct of official business without proof they were uttered with "actual malice."

4. Several senators from western states voted against the amendment to the wheat-cotton bill to restrict meat imports. These included Oregon's Neuberger and Montana's Mansfield and Metcalf whose states produce a lot of beef. (They both used the same excuse that they feared it would jeopardize the farm bill that passed by a 53 to 35 vote—the amendment to limit the meat brought in from foreign countries lost 46 to 44.)

DID YOU KNOW?

Only three cases of polio were reported in Oregon during 1963.

The Oregon birth rate declined about 6 percent in 1963 from 1962?

President Johnson said he would finance the anti-poverty program through cuts made in the defense program?

He also said Bobby Baker was not his protegee or anyone else's?

A number of cattle feeders in Northeastern Colorado are feeding chips from cottonwood trees as roughage for cattle and say they seem to "do as well as other roughages when fed right?"

PASTOR ANNOUNCES TOPIC OF PALM SUNDAY SERMON

Pastor John Milbrath has announced that Palm Sunday services will be conducted at 11 o'clock March 22 at Faith Lutheran church. Sermon topic will be "Hosanna to the Son of David." The Sunday service will be the beginning of Holy week activities at Faith Lutheran, Pastor Milbrath said.

CATHOLIC CIRCLE MEETING HELD AT CORAK RESIDENCE

A meeting of St. Teresa's circle of St. Bridget's Catholic church was held March 11 at the home of Mrs. Marion Corak. Following the business session, Father C. M. Kirkpatrick showed a film and gave instructions on the mass.

The ladies discussed a rummage sale which they plan to hold in May.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...
 Women are never satisfied. They are always trying to put on weight, take it off, or rearrange it.

The Idaho State Department of Education bulletin says, "To insure the education of your teenagers, parents need to pull a few wires—television, telephone and ignition."

Henry Ward Beecher, the famed New England clergyman, received a sheet of paper in the mail with the single word "FOOL" written on it.

The following Sunday he told his congregation about the message and said, "I've gotten letters where the writer failed to sign his name but this is the first time I ever received one where he signed his name and forgot to write the letter."

PARTING THOUGHT...
 Minds are like parachutes—they only function when open!

Catholic Laymen To Conduct Tours At Ontario Church

A unique and what may prove to be a very interesting program will be conducted by the men of Blessed Sacrament church in Ontario on Sunday, April 5, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m., according to Father C. M. Kirkpatrick of Nyssa.

A guided tour with short explanations at various stations for the general public will be conducted for the first time at the Ontario church. One guide will be in charge of a group of five or six people and several guides will be available. Visitors will be directed through the church and then to the basement for refreshments.

The general public is invited to congregate in the classroom building at the rear of the church where guides will quickly organize their small groups for immediate start of the tour.

Laymen who will participate in the explanation at various stations in the church include Albert Barrinaga, Louis Barrinaga, Ken Taylor, Nick Toole, Hugh Smith, Joe Marquina, John Schram, Harry Erlebach, Merlin Brock, Ralph Hollingsworth, John O'Kief, Dr. James Flanagan, Lawrence Echanis, Jerry Murphy and others.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS TOLD FOR NYSSA PASTOR

The Rev. Wallace Prowell of Nyssa Christian church will be guest speaker Monday evening at the district Christian Men's fellowship dinner in the Payette Christian church.

Pastor Prowell will be special speaker at evangelistic meetings in the Weiser church beginning next Sunday evening.

He will speak to Weiser Lions club members during their meeting next Wednesday noon.

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