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Salem Scene

by Robert L. Darnedde

Oregon—like most states—has long found it difficult to find new sources of revenue without placing an additional burden on those who already shoulder a substantial contribution to state and local governments. It is with this in mind that considerable legislative attention has been given an Oregon Senate Joint Memorial which offers a bold and new approach toward solving this problem while also providing a means of reducing the national debt.

SJM 3, which has received wide bipartisan support, petitions Congress to take action on any one of three plans to open the door for Oregon to place federal public lands on the tax rolls and thus provide tax relief to many Oregonians.

Introduced by former Senate President Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) and 28 other senators and representatives, the bill memorializes Congress to provide one of the following suggested alternative forms of relief:

(1) The Oregon Admission Act of Feb. 14, 1859, be amended to allow Oregon to tax federal lands.

(2) The United States carry out the intention and policy of the Admission Act and dispose of and patent public lands in Oregon so they may be placed on the tax rolls. In so doing, Oregon is to get its agreed share of funds received from the sale and the balance used to reduce the national debt.

(3) Federal lands in Oregon, not essential to federal use, be conveyed to the state so that the legislature may provide for their sale in order to put the lands to productive use and on the tax rolls.

The memorial is based on the failure of the United States government to fulfill a contractual agreement in the Oregon Admission Act of 1859 which called for the sale of lands owned by the government to the citizens of the nation and to return to Oregon a share of the revenue.

Federally owned lands in Oregon amount to 52.1 percent of the state, or over 32 million acres, none of which is taxable under the Oregon Admission Act. This property has been valued at \$3,500 million, equal to one-third

Men's Meeting Set At Christian Church

Christian Men's Fellowship group of the Southern Idaho western district will meet for dinner at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, in the basement of Nyssa Christian church.

Approximately 75 men are expected at the gathering and the dinner will be served by the Christian Women's Fellowship group of the local church.

An inspirational meeting will follow in the sanctuary and a guest speaker has been secured. The men's sessions are held every two months at one of the area churches and are on a free-will offering basis.

The Rev. Wallace Prowell has asked the Journal to announce that all men of the area are invited to attend.

NORA GRAHAM FETED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE

Mrs. Nora Graham left Wednesday morning for a two-month visit with relatives and friends in England and France. A sister, Mrs. Rose Harris, is staying at the Graham residence. She will be joined later by another sister, Mrs. Alexander Gray of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Friends honored Mrs. Graham on March 9 during a social hour at Brownie's cafe and presented her with a gift. She was also feted during the regular Monday meeting of Golden Rule chapter 131, Order of Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Lawrence entertained Tuesday evening with a dinner party in her honor.

ATTEND CALDWELL MEET

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Penrod attended a dinner meeting Monday evening of the Treasure Valley Chamber of Commerce in Caldwell.

the lands now on the state's tax rolls.

Washington has changed the policy of selling federally owned lands to citizens by adopting a unilateral policy of retaining such lands permanently and obtaining more and more lands through condemnation proceedings, all of which places the total tax burden on those privately owned lands comprising less than half the state.

The memorial also states that "... the United States agreed that Oregon be received into the union on an equal footing with all of the other states in all respects whatsoever, yet Oregon is not on an equal footing with all of the states of the union, since it is only half a state. The other half is a federal state within the state, administered and managed by bureaucratic agencies directed from our distant national capital ..."

SJM 3 is in Senate Taxation committee where some testimony has been received from the bill's sponsors and supporters. Meanwhile, the committee is investigating whether or not other western states have such contractual sale of land agreements in their admission acts.

Once this information has been received, SJM 3 will probably get a do-pass recommendation from the committee.

It is unlikely Congress would consider the first alternative, but the latter two could create quite a national stir and place Oregon in the forefront of influencing national policy as it has done in the past with workmen's compensation and the initiative, referendum and recall.

LETTERS To the Editor

March 16, 1965

Editor

The Gate City Journal:

Would you please print the following in the hopes that some child will be spared the unhappy experience which our seven-year-old son endured the past week.

To Whom It May Concern:

Have you ever watched a small boy and his dog romp and play? For the past two years we have had that joy.

In the spring of 1963 a small part Cocker Spaniel wandered into our yard, half starved, ill and apparently unwanted. Kind hands gave him food, a bath and medical aid. The big brown eyes of a then very small boy watched the transformation from something pitiful to a frisky, happy playmate, a real "PAL"—the name the lad chose for his newfound friend.

The past two years "PAL" showed his appreciation of the love extended to him by never once being cross with his young master or any child who might chance to stop to play.

Last Thursday morning near 7 a.m. two rifle bullets fired by some unknown person entered the rib cage of "PAL," not bringing a merciful end to his life, but leaving him to suffer and to spend what was to be his last hour, inching his way back to his young owner.

What was his offense? For those of us who knew him best, it was hard for us to believe that it was so great that he didn't deserve a reprieve. Would it have taken too much effort to check his license and thus with his owner?

Whoever you are, if you don't feel just a little remorse for your brutal act, then indeed we feel even more sorry for you than the small son we have tried to comfort since last Thursday morning.

MRS. PAUL BAKER
1005 Park Avenue
Nyssa, Oregon

NAZARENE CHURCH PLANS MORTGAGE BURNING RITES

Guest speaker during the 11 o'clock Sunday morning worship service at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene will be the Rev. I. S. Younger, superintendent of the Idaho-Oregon district.

A special ceremony will be conducted during the service when the mortgage on church property will be burned.

Number of Fluid Milk Producers Declines in State

Oregon's grade A fluid milk producers declined from 1,205 in 1963 to 1,119 in 1964, a drop of seven percent.

Statistics on herds and equipment compiled by the dairy and consumer services division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture from state and city inspection figures also show there has been a 25 percent decline in grade A fluid milk producers since December 1959.

The drop in herd numbers has come among the smaller herds of 50 or less cows, while there has been an increase in the number of larger herds—50 or more cows. In 1964 there were 489 larger herds compared with 455 in 1963. In December 1964 there were 150 grade A and B producer-distributors, a decline of 10.2 percent since December 1963 and a drop of 20.2 percent since 1959.

The daily gallonage of raw milk distributed by producer-distributors declined seven percent in 1964 and also showing a drop was the retail raw milk gallonage for the state. In 1963 the figure was 9,805 gallons and last year it was 8,120 gallons.

In checking equipment used by producers, the department found an increase in use of tanks by producer-distributors and that pipelines were on the increase among grade A fluid milk producers, with 16.5 percent more using them in 1964 than in 1963.

Free stalls were more popular. There was a 209 percent increase of their use among grade A fluid milk producers and a 45 percent increase over 1963 among producer-distributors.

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Lutheran Pastor Tells Lenten Service Topics

Topics for mid-week Lenten services at Faith Lutheran church are announced by Pastor John Milbrath as follows:

March 24 — "So Pilate Went Out . . ." (By Pastor Ron Hedwall)

March 31 — "And All the People Answered." (Pastor Robert Her-manson)

April 7 — "One on the Right and One on the Left." (Pastor Hed-wall)

April 15 — "And Gave It to the Disciples." (Pastor Milbrath)

The services are held at 8 o'clock Wednesday evenings and Pastor Milbrath and his congregation extend an invitation to the public.

Bishop Grant Speaks At Ontario Ceremony

Mrs. Tom Nishitani of Nyssa was song leader and featured soloist at a banquet held March 6 in observance of the 20th anniversary of Community Methodist church in Ontario. The dinner was held at East Side cafe and was a part of several days of festivities honoring the founding of the church.

Various Methodist pastors and their wives of surrounding communities were guests including the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Foster of Ontario, the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph A. Lawrence of Nyssa.

A special visitor at the anniversary program was Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Portland, featured speaker for the Sunday service in the Ontario church. Bishop Grant is expected to visit Nyssa during the fall season to dedicate the local church and participate in a mortgage-burning ceremony.

LUTHERAN 49ERS PLAN SUNDAY DINNER MEETING

Members of the 49ers group of Faith Lutheran church will meet at 5:30 Sunday evening for a potluck dinner in the church. Luther Fitch, an agronomist at the Malheur Experiment station, will provide the program for the evening.

All residents of the area 49 years of age or older are invited to attend the Sunday meeting.

From This Corner . . .

By T. M. B.

It just couldn't last! After over two weeks of beautiful, spring-like weather, with the temperature soaring into the 60's, it suddenly reverted to form Tuesday. The March winds became much cooler and carried considerable dirt from the newly cultivated fields.

Farmers have much of their spring work done — say the ground is dry and are looking forward to rain or water being turned into the canals. But it is yet early for most crops . . . We can remember the late freeze of a few years ago when crops froze to the ground. But suppose most of us are impatient and habitual worriers.

We "goofed" again last week — we ran the hospital budget one week early. We ran it on the 11th and showed it had been approved and adopted by the board on the 16th. Pheral Dodson, administrator, brought it in early so we could set it up — and we just "jumped the gun." It runs again this week with the last run being on the Journal.

(And to think the editor asked some of his advertisers to leave out ads if they could handily!) We are running a correction on the front page with apologies to the board.

Idaho has passed the 3 percent sales tax to become effective July 1. The people of the state will not have an opportunity to vote on it before November 1966. It will hurt merchants of the border towns in Idaho and help those on the Oregon side. But we should not gloat over their misfortune . . . Anyway, it is only a matter of a short time until we'll be paying one here.

The war in Viet Nam continues with little attention by the average citizen. The government still refers to it as a peace-keeping operation in spite of sending two battalions of Marines plus millions of dollars worth of additional equipment to be used in the war.

A businessman of Nyssa who heard the president speak on the need for new voting laws Monday night said, "We're letting 200,000 people break our state laws with demonstrations and stampeding 200 million into passing laws that will remove voter qualifications from the control of the states." (He's a Democrat, too!)

It should not be surprising that the feds want to give everyone the voting privilege — regardless of their educational qualifications. Didn't we vote a number of African nations into the U. N. when they were nothing more than tribes of savages? And their vote counts as much as ours even when our foreign aid must support them!

According to U. S. News and World Report: Total debt in the U. S., public and private, is nearly twice what it was 10 years ago and has reached 1.2 trillion dollars.

Private debt is up 133 percent in the same period, federal debt up 14 percent, state and local up 137 percent and the personal debt has multiplied by about 2½.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each year 500,000 children are accidentally poisoned, 100,000 by aspirin, the Catholic Digest states.

The Blue Cross says whooping cough causes more deaths during the first year of children than measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria and polio combined. Yet it is almost 100 percent preventable.

The dumbwaiter and swivel chair were the inventions of Thomas Jefferson.

A gumdrop is supposed to beat cheese or bacon for mouse bait. When mouse bites gumdrop, its teeth sticks and pops the trap nearly every time.

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The City of Nyssa will offer free pick up of trash where placed in neat piles at curb or side of alleys. Areas and times are as follows:

MONDAY—All of City South of Main Street.

TUESDAY—All of City Between Main Street and Park Avenue (Including the Area East of Union Pacific Railroad Tracks).

WEDNESDAY—All of City Area Between Park and Locust Avenues.

THURSDAY—All of City Between Locust and and Chestnut Avenues.

FRIDAY—General for Any City Areas Missed Earlier.

If more time is needed, it will be done the following week.

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