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Taxes and Drop-Outs

When someone is promoting a hometown project — be it a community college, waterworks improvement or slum clearance — have you noticed the use of the phrase, "The cost to local taxpayers is only \$40,000?" Then he, or the article, continues that federal and state funds used will double or triple the amount of local taxes — thereby giving you double or triple value for the money dug up.

It is always surprising to us to find the number of so-called intelligent people who think there is some mysterious source of state or federal funds that were not dug up by the Local Taxpayer.

There is only one way a locality can get more than it pays for and that is by getting more than its proportionate share of the money spent. That is, being subsidized by taxpayers of other localities.

Where all this spending will lead is anybody's guess — we can't even keep up with the new programs offered in the name of education — let alone those for Urban Renewal and Area Redevelopment, etc.

But it is appearing doubtful that education can be forced upon those who do not desire it, regardless of the money poured into any locality. A recent study in California showed a very large number of drop-outs there where a college education can be secured by almost anyone. The survey showed 23 percent drop-out between the 10th and 12th grades in high school with 84.9 percent of those graduating entering college (a higher percentage than any other state in the Union). But of this high percentage, only 15.8 percent graduate.

Why? Are they not college material? Does the teaching staff fail to show interest in the students? Are the courses offered not what the students desire? Is there a lack of pre-college counseling? Should entrance requirements be lowered so all can attend, and should grade requirements be kept low enough that no one flunks?

Before we continue spending an endless amount of money, it seems to us some of the so-called "federal" money could well be spent in finding some answers to the above questions. We might learn that it would be better to stress the Quality and not the Quantity offered in education.

(Incidentally, this was written too late to try to influence the voting on the TVCC issue Wednesday.)

ENROLLS AT OSU

Mr. and Mrs. Paul House, Bonnie and Butch left Saturday for western Oregon. They were overnight guests of their son-in-law and daughter, the Dick Herrimans at Eugene, and the following day took Bonnie to Corvallis where she enrolled this week at Oregon State university. She is a first-year senior majoring in elementary education. The Nyssans returned home Sunday evening.

RETURN FROM MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilder returned recently after spending two weeks in St. Joseph, Mo. They visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Graves and family, and also with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bowman, and other relatives. The Nyssans attended a family reunion picnic at Savannah, Mo., before returning home.

Methodists Slate Special Activities For Oct. 3 Service

The Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence announces that plans are now being completed for a special day of activity on Sunday, Oct. 3, at Nyssa Methodist church. Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Portland and the Rev. Paul L. Ludlow of Burley, Idaho, will be present for a day of dedication and a ceremony of mortgage burning.

The main events will be the 11 a.m. service during which Bishop Grant will preach, an open house in the educational building following the service and a fellowship (potluck) dinner at 1 p.m. in the social hall.

All area residents are invited to attend. Bishop Grant will go from here to Vale where he will conduct a dedication service for the new parsonage.

Quarterly Meeting Of Methodist Men Conducted in Nyssa

Forty-eight men from surrounding communities attended a quarterly meeting of Treasure Valley Methodist Men Monday night in the fellowship hall of the Nyssa Methodist church. Dinner was served by members of the Wesleyan Service guild.

Kent Gist of Fruitland presided and Dr. Robert Keveren of Vale gave the invocation. During the business meeting the attendance award was presented to the Emmett men for the largest group present. It was decided to hold the next session Nov. 22 at the Ontario First church.

Gene Chester, local church lay leader, presented the program of the evening. Dale Adams, accompanied by his son, Warren, sang two selections. Featured speaker of the evening was Horace Arment of the Oregon Employment service who displayed his collection of antique guns and spoke concerning them and on the significance of trends toward the registration of firearms.

HOSTS CIRCLE MEETING

Mrs. Ruth Fritts was hostess last Thursday afternoon to members of the Marcia Ball circle of the Methodist church. Nine members were present to hear Mrs. Pitman give the first lesson on the new study, "The Word With Power."

GUESTS IN PROWELL HOME

Mrs. W. C. Gillette of Baker, mother of Mrs. Wallace Prowell, stayed with the Prowell children last week while their parents were in Arkansas. Weekend guests in the Prowell residence were Mr. and Mrs. Gillette and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaver, all of Baker.

VISITS NYSSA PARENTS

Billy Wahlert of Portland spent a recent weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wahlert and family. He planned to go to Corvallis this week and will enroll for the fall term at Oregon State university.

LETTERS To the Editor

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Dear Friends:

May I take this opportunity to express a word of appreciation?

Last week it was the Nyssa-Adrian ministers' privilege to present to area residents a "Concert of Negro Spirituals" by Mrs. Marion Downs.

Mrs. Downs, an artist of national renown, was in our community on a good-will tour, with her appearance here made possible by members of the Nyssa-Adrian Ministerial association. She appeared at the noon luncheon of the Nyssa Lions club; at an assembly for the upper grade, junior high and high school students; and in an evening concert. At each of these programs she was enthusiastically received.

A special note of thanks is hereby extended to Walter McPartland, superintendent of Nyssa schools; Dirick Nedry, school clerk; Gene Chester, high school principal and Lions club president; and Bill Spittler, Lions program chairman of the day.

It is a rare opportunity when we can present someone of Mrs. Downs' caliber. Those who attended the evening concert were most generous in their recognition of this fact when we received the evening's offering, the only cost involved in her coming.

Again, thanks to all who attended and supported this program.

RALPH A. LAWRENCE
Minister
Nyssa Methodist Church

Sept. 20, 1965

To the Editor:

I am submitting these few lines to the attention of RANGE STOCKMEN, and they come from one who has seen millions of acres of land blown away, some cut to gullies by floods, etc.

For several years, I was at Las Vegas, N.M., where I saw acre upon acre containing a certain type of weed. Local stockmen did not know its name, but said it was excellent forage for sheep and cattle, and that it did not cause them to bloat.

Upon inquiring around, I found it was Kochia. It was later moved into Colorado, near Trinidad, and has made good pasture from hith-

Activities Scheduled By Butte Minister

Pastor R. A. Hadeen announces that promotion Sunday activities for the Sunday school will begin at 10 a.m. at Malheur Butte Conservative Baptist church. Mrs. Drexell Barnes will lead in the program for all departments. Promotion certificates will be presented to students at the conclusion of the program.

During the morning worship service at 11 a.m., the Rev. Hadeen will speak on the subject, "Worshiping in Spirit and Truth."

The Century adult class will go to the Vale rest home at 2:30 p.m. to conduct the service. Pastor Hadeen will bring the message.

Baptist Youth Fellowship and Adult training group will meet at 7 p.m.

The evening service starts at 8 p.m. with a singspiration, missionary moments and special music.

The men's camp of the Blue Mountain Conservative Baptist association will be in operation at Camp Elkanah near La Grande. Main speaker is Dr. Willard Aldrich of Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland. Interested men may call 889-6004 for details.

The congregation meets on Wednesday at 8 p.m. for Bible study and prayer meeting.

erto nearly worthless land.

As I travel around I see many range land hillsides starting to be damaged by erosion, which could be retarded by the land being seeded in this weed.

We have several varieties on the valley farms where it is not needed. It starts early and roots heavily and could be a boon in helping prevent erosion in water courses. I would recommend the darker green variety.

Are we going to pass up this opportunity just because we have free seed which no irrigation farmer cares for or needs?

O. P. COUNSEL
Nyssa, Oregon

Sept. 13, 1965

To the Editor:

I believe that I have one of Ripley's "Believe It or Not." For three months in succession my electric bill has been \$11.77. One kilowatt less or more used would have changed the billing of one of the three months.

An added thought: "Did you know old rockhounds never die, they just petrify."

WALTER BURDETTE
Route 2
Nyssa, Oregon

Ex-Parishioners Invited to Attend Christian Church Anniversary Event

The Rev. Wallace Prowell has announced that plans are being made for a 25th anniversary observance at Nyssa Christian church. Special invitations have been sent to all former pastors and congregation members.

Activities will begin during the 9:45 Sunday school hour, Pastor Prowell said. A number of out-of-town members are expected for the 11 o'clock worship service. Dan Pennie, a former Nyssan who is studying for the ministry, will assist with this service.

A potluck dinner will be served at 2 p.m. in the church basement at which time charter members will be honored.

To Hear Special Speaker

Peter Solomon of Madhya Pradesh, India, executive secretary of the India Church Council of the Disciples of Christ, will be speaker during a special service planned at 4:30 p.m., the Rev. Prowell said.

Mr. Solomon was born in Damoh, India, and completed theological studies at Union Theological seminary at Indore and Leonard Theological college at Jabalpur. He has BA and MA degrees from Phillips university, Enid, Okla., plus additional graduate study.

He is best known for his years of work among his own countrymen as an evangelist as well as for his work as an administrator.

He and his wife, Dilasi, have two daughters, Ratna Mala and Renu Bala, and one son. The family resides in Damoh.

Pastor Prowell and his congregation extend an invitation to residents of the area to attend these special anniversary services.

ATTENDS BOISE SCHOOL

Raymond Wahlert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wahlert, has enrolled at Bishop Kelly high school in Boise for his junior year.



PETER SOLOMON
... To Speak at Local Church

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