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"They've Done It Again!"

The Portland Oregonian, large daily of Oregon's largest city, has again muddled information in what could have been good publicity for Nyssa and the surrounding area. But for a thinly populated area of Eastern Oregon, which one Portland legislator described as a land of "Jack Rabbits and Sagebrush," what else could one expect?

The first instance was during July 1961 when Joe Bianco, agricultural editor, registered in the Nyssa labor camp (through the help of a local church official in the middle of the night) under the guise of a needy migrant laborer. After spending three days in the area and three hours as a field laborer, he became an expert on all the problems, without bothering to check with responsible authorities as to conditions.

As a result of his trip, he distorted the facts and printed untruths which were later published in national magazines. Some three weeks later, after numerous letters of objections, the paper carried our editorial along with a letter from Mrs. John Schenk, where Bianco had performed his "three hours of labor." But the harm was done—these were never carried in the national publications as a refutation of his story.

The second instance, and the "Repeat Performance," appeared in the Thursday, July 7, 1966, edition of the Oregonian under an item by Frank Sterrett, chief photographer of the Oregonian. It was not vicious, as was Bianco's series, but was untrue in what local people consider as important.

While touring the Owyhees and the reservoir, under the guidance of Lloyd Russell and William MacKnight, editor of the Argus-Observer, Sterrett wrote of the unusual features of Malheur county, and gave us quite a lot of favorable publicity. In fact, we consider he went "overboard" on part of it. He expanded on some to the point he sounded like a member of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce—sans true fact.

But—when he moved Thunderegg Days from Nyssa to Ontario for Aug. 4-5-6—it is unforgivable. That is strictly our promotion and belongs in no part to our larger neighboring city. They will benefit from it with our overflow of travelers but are not entitled to the credit.

We cannot blame our Ontario neighbors who served as guides on the tour, but in fairness, feel that they should enlighten the Oregonian where the "Rockhound Convention" is to be held... and would suggest that the big daily not try to make feature writers of their photographers!

LETTERS to the EDITOR

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Gate City Journal
Dear Editor:

ARE WE ALL TAXED?
(Just a few lines on taxation as I see it.)

Yes, all of us who are engaged in private enterprise are fully taxed and then some. Tax collectors measure the size of our houses and bedrooms. They tax us all... the butcher, baker and candlestick maker; the farmer, printer and auto maker.

They tax all of us completely for what we do, for what we have and what we buy. We are all taxed completely, except those who make the taxes—"the government bureaucrats." These figureheaded drones should be taxed completely for what they do, for what they have and for what the government buys and furnishes them.

Your shop, store, mill, factory, office, farm and home are all taxed.

How about those people who occupy the thousands of government bureaucratic offices? Why should they occupy these numerous offices tax-free? To my way of thinking, it is absolutely right and fair that all governmental enterprises should be taxed.

Every office room in the court-houses should be tape-measured for size and a fair and honest tax assessed on all those persons who occupy these offices—from judges to tax collectors, from the courtrooms to lavatories.

What is grass for a goose is also grass for a gander. If taxes are a necessary evil to support our so-called modern civilization, let's not pile all the cargo on one side of the ship and sink it.

Governmental tax collectors have made a big business out of collecting taxes. They have be-

Nazarene Missionaries to Conduct Morning Services at Local Church



JOHN H. WISE
... On One-Year Furlough

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Wise, missionaries to the Republic of South Africa, will be in charge of the 11 o'clock morning worship service Sunday, July 17, at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene.

The missionaries are on their third furlough since going overseas in 1946 under appointment of the Nazarene church. They are now residing in Upland, Calif.

The Wise couple's first assignment was to Endingeni, Swaziland, and until 1960 they continued to care for building needs in that area. It was that year that Mr. Wise was assigned as a printer, stationed at the South Africa branch of the Nazarene publishing house where he served until his furlough this year.

Featured at the local Sunday morning service will be work of the Nazarene church in the Republic of South Africa. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wise will speak briefly and then show a sound film.

The pictures, made professionally with script and narration by the couple, depict work of the South African publishing house.

First Tetanus Case Brings Warning By Health Officer

Oregon's first case of tetanus this year has been reported in Umatilla county.

The victim, a 42-year-old woman, is said to be making good recovery from the highly toxic disease, according to Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, state health officer.

Her illness from the infection commonly known as lockjaw apparently developed from a minor scratch. Symptoms of tetanus toxin, the second deadliest known poison, began to appear about one week later. Treatment by her physician included dosages of human hyper-immune globulin.

Dr. Wilcox called attention to the trivial nature of the skin break believed to be the portal of entry for tetanus spores.

Any Wound Dangerous

"Any wound, no matter how small, could admit the germs of tetanus. They exist almost anywhere and may be dust-borne to our clothing and bodies," he pointed out.

The best possible protection against tetanus is immunization, the health officer emphasized. Booster shots should be obtained at least every four years in order to maintain tetanus immunity.

Of the 276 persons stricken by tetanus in the United States last year, four were Oregon residents. None of the four had been immunized, and one died as a result of the infection. Fatalities average more than 50 percent among those who contract tetanus.

come very systematic and have not overlooked anyone or anything but themselves and their bureaucratic side-kicks.

I believe all government departments, their offices and their personnel should be taxed. Today to tax the offices of the Department of Agriculture and its thousands of pencil-pushers would lift a big load of taxes from the private enterprise taxpayers. A large tax could also be extracted from the War department and its huge Pentagon offices.

I also believe that all public school rooms should be included in tax collections and that nobody should be tax-free. I even think that doctors who use a district-supported hospital should pay a fee for the hospital as a part of their business expenses.

Are we all completely and equally taxed? Wouldn't it be great to see tax collectors and school superintendents interested in keeping taxes down?

Sincerely,
A. D. MOSES

Vacation School Set At Nazarene Church

Vacation Bible school at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene will begin Wednesday, July 20, and will continue week days until July 29.

Mrs. Dwight Seward will serve as director and invites all children (from age three years through eighth grade) to attend.

Theme of this year's Bible school is "The Unchanging Christ in a Changing World." The sessions will be held each day from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

ADRIAN CHURCH GROUPS PLAN THURSDAY MEETINGS

Members of the Women's association of Adrian Community church will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday) at the home of Mrs. Dyre Roberts in Big Bend.

A meeting of the church session will be at 8 o'clock this evening in the Ira Price home.

ATTEND CHURCH CAMP

Patrick Eastman, Kent Boydell and Mardi Tensen returned home July 7 from an 11-day junior session of Episcopal summer camp at Cove, Ore. Leaving the same day for intermediate camp were John Tensen, Laurie Stunz and Charles Nevins.

Carry a litterbag for travel-trash in your car or boat and help keep the Pacific Northwest clean and beautiful.

LDS Wards Slate Road Shows July 15-16

NYSSA STAKE of the LDS church will present the annual road shows Friday and Saturday, July 15-16, at 8 p.m. in the stake center on Alberta avenue. The photo on the right depicts a scene from one of those "Great Moments," general theme of this year's 15-minute productions.

Since titles of the individual ward shows are a surprise feature of the 1966 plays, this Journal writer will simply call it "Those Royal Faces." The characters in the picture will appear in the road show staged by Owyhee ward. In front (left of right) are Glen Gibson, as a jolly jester, and Vicki Peterson, as a "snooty princess." Behind them are Mrs. Wayne (Betty Lou) Moses, road show director for the ward; Marie Durfee, a happy maiden; Van Schutthies, a proud prince and JoAnn Durfee, a slave girl. In the production JoAnn has taken quite a "downfall" as in real life she actually holds a "royal" title—that of Malheur County Dairy Princess. In the photo she is holding a peacock-feather fan which she will use in the road show to cool the "snooty" princess.



ROAD SHOW PRODUCTIONS will be judged both nights and ratings of superior, excellent or good will be announced Saturday evening following the final performance. There will also be a youth dance Saturday night after the shows. In addition to Owyhee, other participating wards and road show directors are: Nyssa First, Linda Sant; Nyssa Second, Dorothy Moore; Ontario First,

Sandy Mathewson; Ontario Second, Charlene Putnam; Parma, Merle Bake; Vale, Marjorie Hunt. Stake MIA Drama Director is Mrs. Neil (Janet) Bryson, and the programs are under direction of the Stake MIA superintendency and presidency. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend either or both evenings.

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