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A Down-to-Earth Look at a Growing Problem in Modern American Life

(U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, Aug. 22, 1966)

A plain-spoken woman has written a letter to the editor that is attracting widespread attention.

In this letter Mrs. Irene Palmer of De Quincy, La., challenges the theory—often stated by top officials—that hardships and poor living conditions explain riots, crime, and growing dependence on government doles. To Mrs. Palmer, this is nonsense.

Crippled, forced to leave school at 17, Mrs. Palmer has worked hard, without luxuries, but: "You will never see us in a marching demonstration line wanting something for nothing. We're too proud for that."

Following are excerpts from a letter to "The Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise" from Mrs. Irene Palmer of De Quincy, La., and published in "The Enterprise" on Aug. 3, 1966:

These marches, demonstrations, riots, looting, police slayings and the such makes me literally sick, especially the reasons our Government officials are trying to cram down our throats as causes of these law-breaking episodes.

Sir, I know what hard work, hardship, pain and suffering is. I had polio at age 5 months which left my left leg one and one-half inches shorter than my right and about one-third the size.

My father died at 6 p.m. Sunday in 1935, was buried Monday on my seventeenth birthday. My brother died at 5 a.m. Tuesday and was buried Wednesday, leaving me with two small sisters and my mother to support.

At 17 I was not a drop-out in school. With no education—not enough, anyway—no experience and with only one good leg, I quit school and went to work to support a family. I didn't have a teen-age life because my working hours were always from 10 to 20 hours a day.

In 1948, I got my right hand—my working hand; I'm right-handed—in an electric ice shaver and mangled it. I was doubtful whether I'd ever be able to use it again, but after much pain and suffering I learned to use what I had left of a hand. This left me with one good leg and one good hand, but I didn't give up.

"Follow Me Just One Day—" I would like for Earl Warren, President Johnson, H. H. Humphrey, Martin Luther King, and all the hell-raising juveniles to come to my home and follow me just one day. I can guarantee that they wouldn't have enough pep left to go on a demonstration, marching or rock-throwing party.

My day begins at 4 a.m. and ends about 8 or 9 p.m., when my health permits. I do my own housework, cooking, ironing, washing, sewing, raising flowers and a garden. In fact, for the past three weeks I have been standing in a hot kitchen, over a hot stove, canning my vegetables.

Have an air conditioner? Are you kidding? Neither do I run

up town when I get hot and turn on the water hydrants, nor start rioting and looting stores. Do you see any civil-rights workers doing this kind of work, trying to add to their income? If you do, show me.

I have two wonderful children who were reared most of their lives in hot, crowded apartments. They know what it is to do without a lot of the better things of life. If we could have afforded just one vacation for them, it would have been a luxury, yet neither are rioters, rock-throwers, nor lawbreakers.

I would like to show some of the officials in Washington, the marchers, rioters, and all those who have their hand stretched out for a handout, some of the handicapped people who are making it on their own and not asking Mr. Nobody for anything...

"Excuses for Riots Are Tommyrot"

Sir, can our President, Vice President, any civil-rights worker, agitator, or whomever they may be, stand up and look us handicaps, whose very life itself has been a struggle for most of us, in the eye and try to cram down our throats an idea as idiotic as hot weather, crowded living quarters, low income, hard working conditions and all the other excuses they try to pass on to the people as being reasons for these riots we are having? I for one cannot nor will I swallow such tommyrot.

You may see us handicaps become furious when we see a gang of able-bodied men and women, whether they are black, white, purple or spotted, running up and down our nation saying I want this, gimme that, without lifting a finger to earn it, but you will never see us in a marching demonstration line wanting something for nothing. We're too proud for that.

I believe a great lesson could be learned from the handicaps. First, faith; then courage, patience, love, kindness, long suffering, pride, competence and all the things that make life worthwhile. Sir, I didn't intend to write a newspaper when I started, but I have watched so much of these disgraceful crime waves, which are so useless, on television, and read so much about it in the

Promotion Program To Be Held Sunday At Nazarene Church

A Sunday school promotion program will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene, it is announced by Pastor Jack Jamison.

A combined opening exercise will be held in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. when Superintendent Don Wilson will present promotion certificates to pupils graduating to another department. There will be a "special feature" for all children in attendance during the program.

"Our Privilege of Walking With God" is topic of the message to be delivered by Pastor Jamison during the 11 o'clock worship service.

METHODIST WOMEN PLAN TWO-DAY RUMMAGE SALE

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Nyssa Methodist church are sponsoring a rummage sale to be held Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26-27.

The sale is scheduled between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and will be held in the church basement.

FARM BUREAU FURROW

By LOU NORRIS, Director Tax and Legislative Affairs

Windfall to Counties

At the insistence of the Association of Oregon Counties, the 1965 Oregon Legislature amended the County School Fund law. The amendment froze the amount the counties were required to levy for the school fund to the amount levied in 1964-65.

The county school fund is the remains of an antiquated statute which, prior to the 1965 amendments, required the counties to make a levy of \$10 per child between the ages of 4 and 20, but the amount levied could not be less than the per capita amount levied in 1919.

County officials complained that under the old law, in some counties the entire annual 6 percent increase allowed in their tax base was absorbed by the mandatory school fund levy because of the increase in the number of children.

Since the county school fund is part of the county tax base, the net effect of the amendment was to make more money available for county purposes.

But the amendment went further than the legislature had anticipated. In April of this year the attorney general ruled that forest service receipts and other miscellaneous revenues could be used by the county to offset the county school fund levy.

Under Oregon law, 25 percent of the money received by the counties from the sale of timber on federal forest reserves is earmarked for schools.

The attorney general's opinion states these funds may be used to offset the county school fund, thus giving an unexpected and unintended windfall to the counties.

School districts in preparing their budgets anticipated their papers, until I just had to say my piece.

So I will close and leave an open invitation for the President, H. H. H., Martin Luther King and his followers, the agitators or whoever it may be who thinks it takes a crime wave to make a living in this old world, to come and follow in my footsteps just one day and I'll show them what can be done if anyone has the get-up about them to try.



INTRODUCING PASTOR AND MRS. ORVILLE A. JACOBSON, who on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 1966, moved into the Faith Lutheran church parsonage and became residents of Nyssa. The Rev. Jacobson assumed pastoral duties of the church last Sunday and announces that at the present time, worship service is being held at 8:30 each Sunday morning. Announcement of other services will be made as soon as a regular schedule can be worked out. Pastor Jacobson is a native of Minnesota and moved with his parents to Bellingham, Wash., when he was eight years old. He was graduated from high school there in 1957, and the following year studied at Lutheran Bible institute in Seattle. In 1962 he was graduated from Pacific Lutheran university and the following year enrolled in Luther Theological seminary at St. Paul, Minn. He served his internship at Bethlehem Lutheran church in Kallispell, Mont., and on May 29 this year was graduated from Luther seminary with a bachelor of divinity degree. Mrs. Jacobson is the former Kathryn E. Belgium of Spokane and became the wife of a minister's son on June 29, 1963. The new Nyssa pastor is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. Oscar A. Jacobson, now residing at Silverton, Ore.—Staff Photo.

SUNDAY VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schilling and sons visited Sunday with her daughters, Miss Carolyn Bohannon at Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Auker and son at Nampa.

full allocation from the county school fund as well as the 25 percent of the money from the federal forest reserve.

In Marion county, for example, the commissioners notified the school districts they intended to use the 25 percent forest reserve money as an offset.

The result is that approximately \$112,000 less will be available to the school districts in Marion county, all of which will be available for expenditures by Marion county. Voters in that county this year decisively turned down a proposal to increase the county tax base.

It is difficult to follow the attorney general's reasoning as to how funds already statutorily earmarked for schools could be used to offset another tax which also is required by law to be levied for schools.

We don't know whether the attorney general's interpretation is correct, but if it is the 1967 Oregon Legislature should correct the statute so that it can be interpreted only as it was intended.

LETTER To the Editor

Box 697
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Aug. 19, 1966

The Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

Gentlemen:

Attached is my check for \$5.00 subscription renewal for your very fine paper. It is truly American. Sad to say, there are fewer like it with each passing year.

Don't ever change your editorials; we thoroughly enjoy them.

Yours truly,

Mrs. M. C. Leveaux

IN APPRECIATION

I wish to express my appreciation to Drs. K. E. Kerby and K. A. Danford and to all the nurses at Malheur Memorial for their professional care and considerations while I was hospitalized. I also want to thank my friends for get-well messages and visitations which helped greatly in making my recent hospital stay and time of convalescence more pleasant.

—Mrs. Lois Council.

Full-Length Movie in Technicolor— "A MAN CALLED PETER" Sunday, Aug. 28, 1966—8 p.m.

Nyssa Methodist Church

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METHODIST WOMEN HOLD JOINT SESSION IN PARK

Members of two afternoon circles of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service met Aug. 18 at the south park. Due to vacations and work schedules, only 10 women were present, six representing the Kay Greene circle and four from the Margaret Martin group.

The afternoon was spent socially and refreshments of cookies and punch were served by the hostesses, Mrs. W. W. Foster and Mrs. Wilbur Coffman.

The session ended rather abruptly due to the arrival of a severe dust storm and a few drops of rain.

GUESTS IN LEWIS HOME

Recent visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Lewis were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ashby and boys of Redwood City, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis and Miss Fay Hallburg of Poulosbo, Wash. Family gatherings were held during their visit in this area and Nyssans attending included Mr. and Mrs. Mural Lewis and grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis and girls, Mrs. Gladys Kessler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Mitchell and family.

MYF Group Slaes Movie Presentation

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship group are sponsoring a full-length movie entitled "A Man Called Peter," which will be shown at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, Aug. 28 at the church.

The picture, filmed in technicolor, is based on a book written by Catherine Marshall who tells the story of her husband, Peter Marshall, U. S. Senate chaplain.

Clayton Jensen returned home Aug. 17 after spending a week with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jensen and four sons in Denver.

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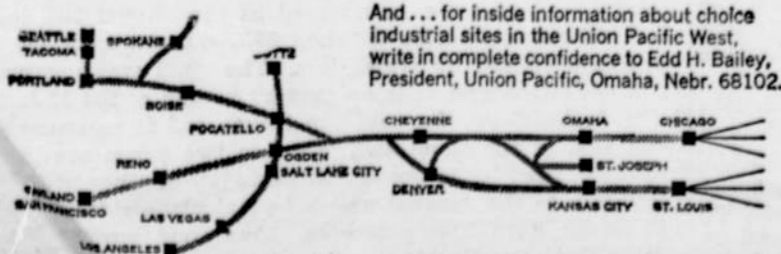
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