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Writer Cites Periods During History When Soaring Taxes Ruin Nations

In Old Testament times, Solomon was the greatest king in the world. He had a very wealthy court and collected much taxes from the people to maintain his expensive government.

His father, David, lived on a much lower level and did not tax his subjects nearly as much.

Then Solomon died and Rehoboam, his son, was crowned king.

Now all the people came to Rehoboam and asked for lower taxes as the high assessments were, in particular, causing the farmers much trouble as they had to borrow from the money lenders, and in the end had to give up their small farms.

But Rehoboam told the people the government was set up on this level of taxation and from then on their taxes would be even higher.

Then 10 of the 12 tribes revolted and went under the leadership of Jeroboam. The nation was split asunder because of high taxes.

Let us take a look at our neighbor, Mexico. In the 11th century, it had reached the highest level of civilization of any country in the world.

It had even reached a much higher level of civilization than England, at that time.

In 1519, the Great Ruler Montezuma ruled this country and he was the Solomon of that time. He exacted much taxes from the people to keep up his beautiful capital city of Tenochtitlan. It was situated where Mexico City is today.

It is said it was the most beautiful city in the world and by far the cleanest. It had between three and five thousand population.

The Mexican people were very good farmers and master builders. The most important industry was agriculture. As in all countries of the world, agriculture must be allowed fair working hours and a decent profit, or finally the economy of a nation will be upset.

In 1519 Cortez came into Mexico with a small Spanish army. He landed at what is now Vera Cruz and made friends with the Indians. They soon told him their troubles—their taxes were too high.

Soon all the Indians within 150 miles were his friends. Their money was refined gold made into bars.

Cortez soon saw the tax collectors enter a village and take all the money the farmers had and threaten them because they could not make any more money.

That was the real reason it was possible for the small Spanish army to conquer Mexico. Cortez had a large number of Indians following him when he promised them he would see that they paid less taxes.

Then Spain took over Mexico and levied more and more taxes on that little country to pay for her numerous wars.

Wars don't gain anything; they

MIGRANT MINISTRY GROUP SLATES MARCH 1 MEETING

The Nyssa Migrant Ministry committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Nyssa Methodist church.

Special guests will be Dan Berry, unit leader of the Migrant Ministry in Caldwell and the Rev. Charles Gunnerson, chairman of the committee.

Committee members and all interested area residents are invited.

OWHYEE GROUP TO HEAR GUEST SPEAKER FROM INDIA

Guest speaker on Sunday, Feb. 26, at Owyhee Community church will be Dick Sackman of India Bible Education Enterprises, Inc.

The Rev. Mr. Sackman is a graduate of Dallas Theological seminary and is serving in the field of agriculture in India.

According to Pastor Jack Glaze, Sackman will speak during the morning worship service and at 7:30 a.m. that evening will show pictures and tell of his work.

All area residents are invited to attend.

LUTHERAN PASTOR TELLS MARCH 1 MEETING PLANS

The fourth meeting of a Lenten series will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Faith Lutheran church.

The Rev. David Johnson of Grace Lutheran church in Vale will speak on "Judas" as one of the "Personalities Around the Cross." The public is cordially invited to attend.

A SAD SITUATION!

The most unhappy woman in the world is one with a live secret and a dead telephone!—Submitted for publication by Ole Dyrland.

HOUSE COUPLE RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul House returned Saturday from Quincy, Wash., where he attended business meetings. While in Washington they also visited friends.

just kill men. We fought the Civil War 100 years ago, and yet today it is still not settled, as many negroes and whites are still fighting.

So Spain gained nothing, but lost Mexico because she levied such high taxes on the small nation. The farmers were being hurt badly by high assessments, revolted and won.

Later Mexico was going to fall as a nation because the land was owned by a few. That causes many very poor people because the producer gets a low price and the consumer cost is more than double the amount received by the producer.

Thus, while all people must buy food, and only in times of war are all men able to get work.

Then Mexico had a wise president who seized the land from the large owners and made small farms.

The nation was much better off from then on. The people could raise their own food.

All nations, where the land falls into the hands of a few, will find they are in a bad position economically—so history proves to us.

In what direction is the United States going today? If one would read the history of other countries, one would know that when taxes go ever higher, at last, the bubble bursts and a nation is bankrupt, like it was in the 1930's.

A nation never stands still, and prices never go on steadily higher. The end finally comes!

MRS. H. E. HIGHT

Idaho Minister To Speak Sunday At Local Church



RALPH A. CAIRNS
... Evans' Son-in-Law

The Rev. Ralph A. Cairns, a former U.S. Navy engineering officer, will occupy the pulpit Sunday, Feb. 26, at Nyssa Methodist church. Pastor Cairns of Shoshone, Idaho, will speak on "What Are the Real Needs?" in a pulpit exchange among Methodist churches throughout Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

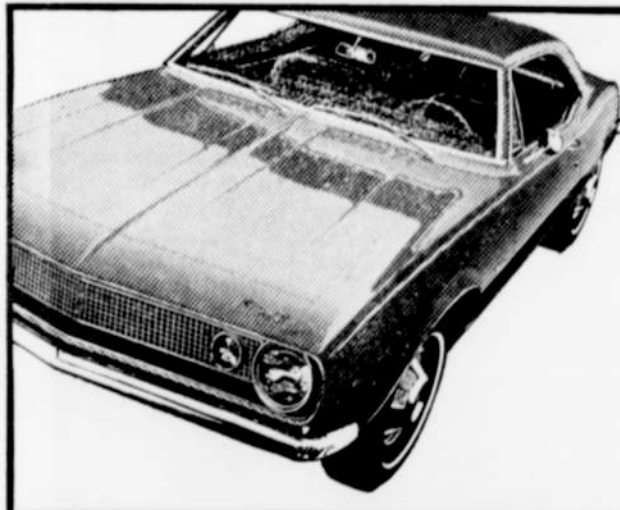
The Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence of Nyssa will speak during services in the churches at Shoshone and Richfield, Pastor Cairns' present parish. The Rev. Lawrence served the same churches from 1956 to 1960.

The Rev. Cairns was graduated in engineering from the University of Idaho and was a Naval engineer before taking his graduate work to prepare for the ministry. He is a graduate of Garrett Theological seminary at Evanston, Ill., and had special studies in counseling at Cook County hospital in Chicago. He was appointed to Prairie City, Ore., in 1963 and transferred to his present parish in 1965.

He is married to the former Evelyn Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans of Nu Acres, and they have three children.

The Sunday worship services will be a family affair as Evans will be lay speaker in charge of the service and Mrs. Evans will also deliver a children's sermon, and there will be a coffee hour after the service to honor the Cairns family. All area residents are invited to attend these services.

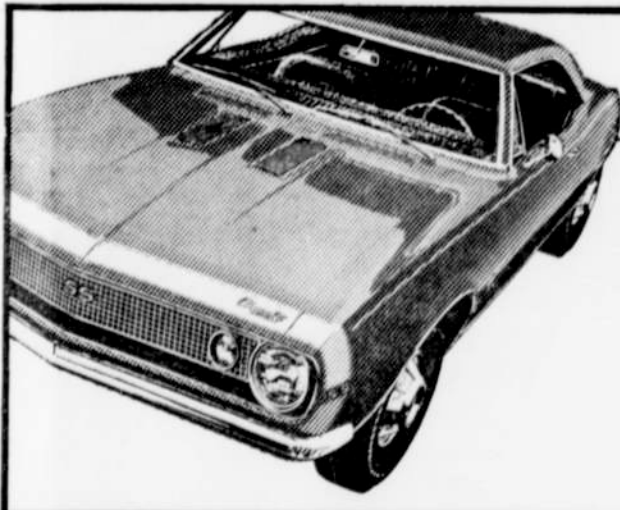
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ARCADIA GROUP TO BEGIN CLASSES IN LEATHER CRAFT

Arcadia Livestock and Garden club members have begun leather work classes, directed by Dick Miller.

New officers elected Feb. 13 are Gary Kurtz, president; Cindy Bratton, vice president; Susan Bratton, secretary; Dana Bratton, reporter; Mike Hight and Sharon Kurtz, song and game leaders.

Eighteen members and three 4-H leaders, Harold Kurtz, Dick Miller and Mrs. Oscar Bratton, were present.

Next session will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the Wade Johnson residence.

—Dana Bratton, Reporter.



CHARLES FORBES TAYLOR will be guest speaker at the Feb. 28 evening meeting of the Malheur County Knife and Fork club at East Side cafe in Ontario. Mr. Taylor is an author, lecturer, traveler and humorist who has been addressing audiences for over 50 years. "How to Stay Sane in a Crazy World" will be title of his talk. He is considered one of the busiest men on the lecturers' platform and has spoken to audiences in many countries of Europe, Australia and nearly all of the United States.

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