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Letters to the Editor

Way To Improve Oregon Schools

To The Editor:

This letter is addressed to all Oregonians who recognize the need to improve Oregon's schools.

The Council for Oregon Education was incorporated recently as an organization of parents, teachers, school administrators and others striving for educational excellence in Oregon schools. The Council was formed during this past summer by Oregon citizens who realized that too many Oregon schools have mediocre programs in reading, English, the social sciences, the physical sciences, mathematics, physical education, and because far too many young people leave school or graduate with poor attitudes about the responsibilities of citizenship in our free-enterprise society. The Council for Oregon Education was incorporated as an instrument through which we can all work to make sure that our schools are truly worthy of our children and worth what we spend to maintain them.

My duties as Executive Director of the Council for Oregon Education makes it possible for me to serve the people of Oregon as the administrator of an organization unique in the United States. The Council for Oregon Education, as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, is made up of citizens from all areas of the state and from all walks of life, with no prerequisite for membership except an interest in education and the payment of a reasonable annual membership fee. The membership fees range from \$7.50 to \$1000 a year, but even the modest \$7.50 membership entitles the member to receive a bi-monthly periodical. The periodical will contain articles about education inside and outside the state of Oregon, and accurate, timely information of general interest to Oregon students and taxpayers.

If you wish to become a member, or if you wish more information, I would like to hear from you.

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A Vote For Kurtz

To The Editor

Next Monday is the day we vote for three members to serve on the Nyssa School Board.

There has been a lot of talk and concern about different problems that a lot of us seem to think exist. Maybe there are a few things that need to be changed and maybe not.

One man suggested that I should run as one of the Board members, but with the little experience and knowledge I've had of this community it seemed to me that mine were not the best qualifications. We began searching for someone to fill the "bill".

We were looking for:
 A man who was well acquainted with the school system and some of its peculiarities and problems.

A man who was willing to stand up and fight for what seemed to him to be best for all concerned and not just for him or his friends.

A man who through his own life has shown love, concern, understanding, fairness and firmness with his own family.

A man religiously inclined but not fanatic.

A man proven through his experience to be good in committee or organization work.

A man who could express himself well.

A man that could and would work well with others despite varied interests.

A conservative yet progressive man.

A man who's word is his bond. We looked and searched and searched some more. When we came home there he was right where he'd been for a long time, living on the farm next to mine. He filled all the requirements we desired. At first he was reluctant but with some urging from us and a smile from his wife, that told him that she approved, he was won over.

That's why my name was the first on the petition that put Harold Kurtz up for election. My family and I have been neighbors to the Kurtz's for seven years. He has been and is a good neighbor. We have never heard him angry using coarse or vulgar language. In fact I've never seen him angry. He leads his family the way I wish I could lead mine.

You people that don't know him can take my word for it. HAROLD KURTZ is the man for one of the five year terms on the Nyssa School Board. Donald R. King.

Complaints Aired

To The Editor

I have wondered for a long time if I am unfortunate in coming in contact with the worst type of bureaucrat or if they are all that way.

The function of a bee inspector is to detect American Foul Brood, a disease that can wipe out the entire bee population. The disease is carried in honey from infected colonies.

Having worked with bees for several years for commercial operators, I acquired certain habits to keep the colonies clean and free of disease. When we worked a yard that had in the past contained diseased colonies, we always washed and sterilized our tools in water with formaldehyde added. In working the colonies, we always set the combs that we removed on a hive cover or other board to keep them clean.

Last summer a State bee inspector inspected my bees. He obviously had honey from some past inspection all over his hive tool, smoker and clothes, he set the frames that he removed from the hive in the weeds and sand, then picked up the frames and carelessly shoved them back in the hive killing a queen bee that I had recently purchased at some expense.

I found a cure for this. I practically gave the bees away just to keep this parasite off my property. There are legal steps that one can take, but it is too small a deal to resist.

It was not so long ago that I was working where a State electrical inspector came on the job, I would not say drunk, but there was no question that he had recently taken a few nips. He contemplated the front door then decided that the double patio door would be better as it had no door installed as yet. Now I am inclined to wonder just why such a character should be riding the gravy train at taxpayers expense.

Now we come to the local road district. It was not too long ago that three loads of crushed rock was hauled on about a half mile of road that I use every day. This crushed rock made an excellent road surface and dispelled all the muddy conditions. Then came this road district that taxes us every year. They graveled the road with gravel up to nine inches in diameter. It just got worked off the surface and some was hauled to the dump when they repeated the operation. This is evidently the roughest half mile

MIGRANT MINISTRY GROUP SETS WEDNESDAY MEETING

Members of the local Migrant Ministry committee will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 3 at Nyssa First Christian church, it is announced by Faith Lutheran Pastor Orville Jacobson.

Methodist Women Report Activities

Ruth Fritts, Pauline Boston, Helen Wilson and Frances Smalley were among women from the Nyssa Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service who took a tour of the Ontario Buddhist temple last Thursday evening.

Eleven members of the WSCS Marcia Ball circle met last Thursday in the new home of Mrs. Alva Hill at Middleton. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon, following a program given by Mrs. Helen Wilson concerning the Methodist church mission in the Philippines. Four guests were also present for the meeting.

HOST CLASS PARTY

The Loyalty class of Nyssa First Christian church met last Thursday evening for a class party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Smith. There were 23 members present.

of road in this part of the country. They are too intent on spending money to make jobs to channel the money through local merchants than to use some of the money to crush the rock. Every highway engineer knows that only crushed rock will stay in place. This road would have been in far better condition if the three who use it had kept the road tax and hired some crushed rock hauled by an independent trucker.

It is my opinion that it is about time to simply cut taxes, fire some of this incompetent and slovenly parasites and start doing for ourselves what we want done in the way that we want it done.

Harry Weidemann
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"Church Loyalty" Observance Announced by Methodist Pastor

"Loyal To My Church Day" will be the special observance at Nyssa Methodist church on Sunday, April 30, it is announced by Pastor Ralph A. Lawrence. The theme will be emphasized during the 11 o'clock morning worship service, to be followed by a fellowship dinner at 1 p.m.

During the morning service, The Rev. Lawrence will speak on the subject, "The Call to a High Standard." The Rev. Orville A. Coats of Boise, district superintendent of Methodist churches in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho, will be a special guest during the observance and will speak at the fellowship dinner. His topic will be "The Needs of Christianity Today."

Special invitations are being issued this week to all members and friends of the local church. During the program, announcement will be made regarding work of the church for the coming year, with efforts made to inspire loyalty of the congregation to support it.

For the covered-dish dinner, each family is asked to take a potluck item and own table service.

Adrian Community Church News

Guest speaker at the Adrian Community church Sunday, April 30 will be Andrew Hanners, executive director of the Oregon Council on Alcohol Problems.

Members of a committee have been working on plans for the church's anniversary celebration to be held in July.

Following a potluck dinner Sunday at the church, some of the plans will be discussed. Members of the committee are looking for addresses of former church members and friends. The Rev. Elmer Rosenkilde has been having slides made from snapshots, depicting the history of the early Sunday school days and church services since 1912. He will show some of them Sunday afternoon.

Fellowship Day Program Planned

United church women of the Nyssa-Adrian area will meet Friday, May 5 at the First Christian church in Nyssa.

Activities will begin with a 1:30 p.m. covered dish luncheon. The program theme is "Discover, Plan, Act", with Pheral Dodson, manager of Malheur Memorial hospital as speaker. Program chairmen are Mrs. Ed Michaelson.

An invitation is extended to all women of the community.

Dedication Rites Planned Sunday For Parish Hall

The new parish hall, built adjacent to St. Bridget's Catholic church, will be formally dedicated Sunday, April 30.

The Most Rev. Peter Leppig, Bishop of the Baker diocese, will be present and will deliver sermons at both the 8 and 11 o'clock masses.

He will dedicate the new hall at a 12:15 potluck dinner. Other special guests will be the Sisters from Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.

All area residents are invited to attend the potluck dinner and witness the dedication rites.

CHURCH GROUP MEETS

Thirty members of Nyssa Church of the Nazarene's Crusader class met Sunday evening for a fellowship hour at the Kenneth Saunders home in Apple Valley.

IN APPRECIATION

We, the family of Grover Willis, wish to express our sincere gratitude for the kindnesses and thoughtfulness of so many. We are especially grateful to those who contributed so much of themselves in making his last years and days fuller ones. To Dr. L. A. Maulding, the staff at Malheur Memorial hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Pattee, who hold a heart-full of thanks, -- Mrs. Jewell Willis, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Willis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Willis and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sandy and family.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Elton L. Shaw gratefully acknowledges all the cards, flowers, gifts and personal favors shown them and their loved one in the past. A special "thank you" goes to the Rev. A. Larive, doctors, nurses and entire staff at Malheur Memorial hospital.

The family of Elton L. Shaw

The Cost of Crime

The Government Printing Office, in Washington, D. C., recently announced publication of "A Report by the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice." We bought a copy. What follows is verbatim quote from that 340-page report:

From Page V. Summary: "...In this survey, the first of its kind conducted on such a scope, 10,000 representative American households were asked about their experience with crime, whether they reported these experiences to the police, and how those experiences affected their lives.

"An important finding of the survey is that for the Nation as a whole there is far more crime than ever is reported. Burglaries occur about three times more often than they are reported to police. Aggravated assaults and larcenies over \$50 occur twice as often as they are reported. There are 50 percent more robberies than are reported. In some areas, only one-tenth of the total number of certain kinds of crimes are reported to the police. Seventy-four percent of the neighborhood commercial establishments surveyed do not report to police the thefts committed by their employees.

"...A Commission study conducted in high crime areas of two large cities found that:

"43 percent of the respondents say they stay off the streets at night because of their fear of crime.

"35 percent say they do not speak to strangers any more because of their fear of crime.

"21 percent say they use cars and cabs at night because of their fear of crime.

"20 percent say they would like to move to another neighborhood because of their fear of crime.

"The findings of the Commission's national survey generally support those of the local surveys. One-third of a representative sample of all Americans say it is unsafe to walk alone at night in their neighborhoods. Slightly more than one-third say they keep firearms in the house for protection against criminals..."

From page 91: "Policing a city of more than a million population costs \$27.31 per resident per year; policing a city of less than 50,000 costs less than one-third as much, or \$8.74."

For our part, we're mighty glad that we live right here, where neither crime nor policing figures are so astronomical. Aren't you?

HEALTHY GO GO'S DISCUSS SICKROOM

Members of Healthy Go Go's 4-H club met April 6 in Mrs. Hatt's classroom. Roll call was answered by each member telling how he had helped care for someone who was ill.

The group then demonstrated sickroom aids; bed tables, foot rests, disposal bags, bed cradles, and a device to raise the legs of a bed.

Barbara Bock gave a demonstration on how to make disposable paper cups. Games were played prior to adjournment.

Max Elquezabal, Reporter

PINOCHELE WINNERS TOLD FOR APRIL 22 SESSION

First place winners at the pinocchle party held Saturday evening at the IOOF hall were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schoen.

Mrs. Kessie Gaskill and T. W. Brown were recipients of the second place awards, with traveling prizes going to Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Cecil Morrison and Mrs. Tom Johnson.

Next card session will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 6 in the Nyssa IOOF hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forbess spent the weekend with a son, Dennis in Vancouver, Wash. The Nyssa couple's other son, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forbess and family of Corvallis were also guests of his brother.

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