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IT MAY BE "SOCIAL" IS IT "SECURITY"?

Thirty years ago, the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, better known as social security, went into effect. It was intended to provide a minimum floor of financial security to cushion the years of reduced earning power after retirement. It has withstood all objections raised against it—objections centering on its being an invasion of free enterprise, of the employee's right to decide how much he wished to set aside for his retirement and to choose his own retirement plan. Employers who felt it to be a costly and needless additional expense to business, and not the American way of doing things, have come to accept it.

Social security has become the greatest social welfare program ever undertaken involving some 180 million U. S. citizens. The appalling fact is that most of the people now under social security, and those paying the taxes to support it, probably do not realize that they are not buying an insurance policy, that they have no contract of any sort which guarantees payment of benefits of any certain amount, that funds are not set aside for the payment of benefits and that current benefits are paid out of current social security taxes or from funds which the government borrows. If obligations to pay benefits outrun the willingness of working people to pay taxes and budgetary limitations prevent other financing, Congress can, at any time, change the law to redistribute, withdraw or discontinue benefits conferred. The fact is that the description of the program given in the official booklet "Your Social Security" to the effect that 9 out of 10 working people, "are now building protection for themselves and their families under the Social Security program" and that "the amount will depend on your average earnings" is just plain poppycock.

Mr. Charles Stevenson, a senior editor of The Reader's Digest, has raised the question, "How Secure Is Your Social Security?" This is a question that concerns every one of us. First consider cost. The top amount paid into the government annually 10 years ago for a covered worker was \$189. Now it is \$580.80, and presently scheduled increases will raise this to \$745.80 in 20 years if no additional changes are made. And, judging by past history, they are almost certain to be. This latter figure represents 11.3 per cent of the first \$6,600 wages that a working person takes in.

Social security is not a good deal for the younger workers. For example, if you're 25 years old, the amount paid into the treasury by the time you are 65 under the present social security rules will total \$19,392. For this you will be entitled to, as Mr. Stevenson puts it, a "... gratuity" of \$168 a month at age 65 if single and \$252 if married.... It is pointed out that the National Association of Life Underwriters has calculated that the same schedule of payments would buy a private insurance policy which would pay \$312 a month to a single person,

\$263 a month to a married person "... with either survivor to continue receiving \$175.83 a month...." as long as he or she lives.

The chance of collecting social security payments 30 or 40 years from now is becoming increasingly questionable. It will depend on the mood of the taxpayers of that later day. It is now estimated that the amount by which the promised benefits of social security exceed what the "... insured" persons are supposed to eventually pay toward meeting these costs--are \$350 billion. That is sum which exceeds the current national debt."

In conclusion, Mr. Stevenson suggests that "... a blue-ribbon commission could explore the possibility of requiring workers to buy annuity insurance from government-regulated private insurance-investment funds just as some states require motorists to buy liability insurance." This might be one solution. However, solid evidence is mounting that it may already be past time for a critical appraisal and redirection of the social security program. The alternative is that the government of the United States may find itself unable to meet its moral obligation to provide the basic floor of financial security which for over a generation the American people have been told they could stand on with certainty.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WRITER DISCUSSES TELEPHONE ABUSES

Dear Editor:
All of us have read or heard of the use of our telephones by men or boys with a warped sense of humor, but some of these calls have been known to contain a sinister purpose.

I refer to those who look through the telephone directory to find names of women who apparently live alone in their homes. This is not an unusual practice.

Friday evening, such a call went to an elderly woman in Nyssa. A heavy voice immediately asked if she was a widow. No conversation followed. Now I feel that this may be forstalled by widows having their names listed in the telephone directory in the names of their deceased husbands.

This suggestion is being made so that other elderly women may not be exposed to the deep concern experienced by my friend.

Crime is no longer confined to the large cities. - One who enjoys the telephone for the uses intended. (Name on file in Journal office).

WCSW MEETING SET

WCSW women of Nyssa Methodist church will meet at 1:45 p.m., today, Feb. 1 in the church parlor.

NHS CALENDAR

- FEB. 1 - 10 a.m. all day - FFA Public Speaking at Baker.
- FEB. 1 - 7:30 p.m. Varsity Wrestling - Vallivue here.
- FEB. 1 - 7 p.m. Thespian play practice.
- FEB. 2 - 3:45 p.m. Thespian play practice.
- FEB. 2 - 4 p.m. Frosh Basketball at Weiser.
- FEB. 2 - 8 p.m. Varsity basketball at Weiser.
- FEB. 3 - 6:45 p.m. Frosh basketball - Emmett here.
- FEB. 3 - 8 p.m. Varsity basketball - Emmett here.
- FEB. 5 - 3:45 p.m. Thespian play practice.
- FEB. 5 - 8 p.m. FFA at Ag. Bldg.
- FEB. 6 - 3:45 p.m. GAA.
- FEB. 6 - 3:45 p.m. Thespian play practice in cafe.
- FEB. 6 - 4 p.m. Frosh basketball at Payette.
- FEB. 6 - 8 p.m. Varsity basketball at Payette.
- FEB. 7 - 3:45 p.m. Thespian play practice in cafe.

OBITUARIES

DELMAR PHILLIPS

Rosary for Delmar Linn Phillips was recited at 8 o'clock Sunday evening at Lienkaemper chapel, and requiem mass was celebrated Monday morning at St. Bridget's Catholic church. Officiating at the services was Fr. Cletus M. Kirkpatrick.

Delmar, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Phillips and a senior student at Nyssa high school, succumbed shortly before midnight on Friday, Jan. 26, 1968 at Malheur Memorial hospital.

He had been taken to the hospital by ambulance after suffering injuries caused by an explosion earlier that evening.

The deceased was a native Nyssan, having been born here on Feb. 11, 1950.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Leonard Phillips Jr. of Payette, Timothy and Richard Phillips of the home; one sister, Catherine Phillips, also of the home in Nyssa.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ward E. Lundy of Nyssa. Interment was made in the Nyssa cemetery, under direction of Lienkaemper chapel. Serving as pallbearers were Delmar's schoolmates Rick Piene, Clinton Robbins, Karl Smith, Fred Esplin, Connell Petterson and Fred Schilling.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On Sunday morning, Feb. 4 the high school youth of Nyssa Christian church will conduct most morning worship service. The call to worship will be read by Ken Strickland, with the invocation prayer by Greg Perdue.

Jerry Anderson will be leader for the congregational responsive reading and Communion scripture will be read from I Corinthians 11 by George Heider, with four young people distributing Communion elements to the congregation.

Lona Shelton will read the stewardship meditation, and Linda Denny will read the sermon scripture. Otto Heider and another young Nyssan will be the youth speakers and other high school students will be helping with the service.

Youths who do not participate in the service this week will be assisting with the Feb. 11 morning worship service.

The Nyssa Christian church pastor and his congregation are appreciative of the young people and cordially invite area residents to worship Jesus Christ this and next Sunday as these high school students share and express their Christian faith and commitment during the 11 worship services.

RUBY A. MILLS

Funeral rites for Mrs. Ruby Amanda Mills were conducted Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 31, 1968 at Lienkaemper chapel. The Rev. Elmer Rosenkild of Adrian Community church and the Rev. Wallace Prowell of Nyssa First Christian church were officiating ministers.

Mrs. Mills succumbed Sunday at Malheur Memorial hospital, following an extended illness.

She was born Nov. 30, 1881 in Nimaha county, Nebr. She grew up and went to school in Central Nebraska.

She was married to Clarence R. Mills on Dec. 23, 1903 at Carr, Nebr. They resided in Colorado and farmed for a number of years near Scottsbluff.

Members of the stewardship visitation committee will eat dinner at the church before making afternoon calls.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Feb. 4 will be communion Sunday at Adrian Community church, and new officers will be installed.

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Visiting Lecturer To Speak On Topic 'New Trust In God'

Discovering new trust in God in a scientific age will be explored at a public lecture coming to Ontario on Tuesday, Feb. 6, under sponsorship of the Ontario Christian Science Society.

Speaker will be Gordon F. Campbell, CSB, an experienced teacher and practitioner of Christian Science from Santa Monica, Calif. He is currently on tour as a member of the Christian Science board of lecturers.

His lecture here will be titled "What Do You Trust?" It begins at 8 p.m. in the Weese building at Treasure Valley Community college. Admission is free and the meeting is open to the public.

Campbell was graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles. He spent several years in business positions and then as a voice teacher, until in 1953 he began devoting his life to the Christian Science healing ministry.

He later became a teacher and lecturer, and recently returned to the denomination's public lecture work.

CLUB NEWS

HEALTHY GERM SHRINKERS

A meeting of the Healthy Germ Shrinkers was held Jan. 5 and was called to order by President Susan Davis. We repeated the pledge of allegiance to the flag and our health pledge.

Then Kirk Savage and Wade Trost led us in singing, "America the Beautiful". We then had our program. The girls showed good and bad postures. Several boys showed a number of good exercises to improve our postures.

Kirk and Wade led us in a game called, "Land, Air, Water and Fire." - Loralee Bates, reporter.

MERRY MIXERS

Members of the Merry Mixers 4-H club of the Adrian elementary school met Jan. 23 after school hours.

There were 10 4-Hers present. Sherri Price was elected president. Others named to office are Mary Watts, vice president; Debra Bowers, secretary.

Sherri demonstrated making a Red Rouser drink, and Joy Cameron showed us how to make eggnog.

Next meeting of the club will be on Feb. 6. - Lynne Witty, reporter.

ONE-DAY STUDY ON WELDING DUE AT TVCC FRIDAY

The main theme in Treasure Valley Community college's welding seminar to be held on Friday, Feb. 2 concerns the instruction of proper use.

In an effort to provide some techniques involved in safe handling of both gas and arc equipment Joe Gaddis, welding instructor and director for this community service program, has arranged for resource persons from throughout the northwest.

Experts in their phase of the field, be it management, educa-

NEW PIN UPS

An eight-pound, two and one-half-ounce son, Joel Kenneth, was born Jan. 26, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. (Alan and Linda) Bennett of the Big Bend area.

The infant arrived at Caldwell Memorial hospital, and joins a brother, Todd Alan, two and one-half years old.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sanders of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bennett of Big Bend.

JAN. 28 - To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rios of Brogan, twins, a seven-pound, eight-ounce boy, Steven and a six-pound, five-ounce boy, Ricky.

JAN. 31 - To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bates of Nyssa, a girl. No weight or name at press time.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

Ken Pfaff, M.D., Physician and Surgeon, Announces the Removal of His Office to 915 S.E. Third Ave., Ontario, Oregon.

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Nyssa Police Urge 'Cycle Registration'

Nyssa Police Chief Alvin Allen warns that citations will be issued soon to residents who chase the fire trucks or other emergency vehicles. Allen stated that the condition is worsening and that vehicles are interfering with workers and autos used for official duties.

He said, in short, the Oregon Motor Vehicle law states that when an emergency vehicle, with audible signal (such as a siren) or a flashing light approaches, all other traffic should pull to the right - clear of any intersection - stop, and remain stopped until directed to move, or until the emergency vehicle has passed.

KNIT CONSTRUCTION CLASSES FOR ADULTS TO BEGIN IN NYSSA

Feb. 5 is date slated for start of a Treasure Valley Community college sponsored "Seminar and Workshop in Knit Construction" at the Nyssa high school.

First meeting of the adult sewing class will be at 7 o'clock Monday evening, Feb. 5 in the NHS homemaking rooms, according to Virginia Steffens, instructor.

Anyone who has had the first course "Beginning Bishop Construction Techniques" is eligible for enrollment in the six-week workshop. Enrollment fee for the course will be \$6.50 and can be paid at the first meeting.

The class is especially designed to teach basic knit construction. Time will also be devoted to analyze and solve individual problems occurring in other clothing construction, Mrs. Steffens stated.

MEETING LOCATIONS FOR C OF C, LIONS

It was announced Wednesday afternoon by Dale Adams, a member of both organizations, that members of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce voted at their noon session to continue meeting at the El Sombrero cafe, while members of the Lions club voted to return to Brownie's cafe for their luncheon sessions. The Lions will begin meeting at Brownie's next Tuesday, Feb. 6.

At the Wednesday noon C of C meeting, Dan Martin, Nyssa junior high school principal, presented techniques in reading by use of machines.

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what do you trust?

You can't do much without trusting in something besides yourself. And sooner or later, all our trust must come to a focus on God. We must go deeper with our spiritual searches until we understand Him as the Divine Power, the source of all that really exists. Explore this subject with us at a public lecture called "What Do You Trust?" by GORDON F. CAMPBELL, C.S.B., member of The Christian Science Board of Lecturers.

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