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LETTER TO EDITOR

Conservative Baptist Church

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The Farm Use Deferral Law passed by the Oregon Legislature in 1967 and used this year by farmers in Malheur county was needed desperately. Before this law all farms were assessed on their market values. Because of the location of some farms close to industry and the spread of the suburbs into farm areas, that market value of these farms . . . for a use other than farming . . . increased greatly . . . in fact skyrocketed . . . in recent years. Also speculators began buying range land for either a use as a tax loss, or tax write-off, or for its recreational use . . . such as hunting and fishing and the comparative sales of range land became too high.

Farm Bureau worked for the Farm Use Deferral Law because we could see that farms and ranches needed to be assessed like businesses . . . according to the use of the land not on the basis of what the land would sell for, for some other use. The Oregon Legislature agreed that this is a fair and reasonable method of assessment. Because reform was needed this law was passed.

In order to be fair, the public needs to know that these taxes, which are deferred, will become payable . . . with interest . . . if the use changes to any other use than agriculture. And this will be retroactive for the last five years.

The Farm Use Deferral Law does not cause a shift of the tax load to other property. Rather it is a reform in the method of assessing farm property. This reform became necessary because of the modern problem caused by the expansion of industry and the suburbs into farm areas and the buying of range land for use other than ranching . . . such as recreation and tax write-off.

Now farm land can be and is required by law to be assessed according to its use not its market value for some other use. Safeguards are in the law to protect the public from abuses. No farmer is eligible for this new method of assessment unless he meets these requirements. If the use changes of the land involved a penalty in taxes and interest is required.

We think the public will agree this is fair. - Joe Hobson, Legislative Chairman, Malheur County Farm Bureau.

OBITUARIES

WAYNE WATSON
 Funeral rites for Wayne O. Watson, Nyssa, will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, July 17, 1969 at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. Carl Burns of the Nyssa Assembly of God church.

Mr. Watson died Saturday of cancer in the Veterans' hospital at Boise, following an illness of several months.

He was born Oct. 12, 1919 at Willow Springs, Mo. After leaving there, he lived in the Parma area from 1959 to 1963, moving then to Seattle where he resided until 1966.

The deceased was affiliated with the Assembly of God church, served in the U. S. Navy and had been employed as a truck driver. He had been married, but was divorced from the mother of his children.

Among survivors are three sons, Raymon D. in Vietnam, Norman G. of Toppenish, Wash., and Ronald E. Watson of Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Diane Butane of Orofino, Idaho and Wanda Watson of Independence, Mo.

Also surviving are five brothers, Phillip; Robert and Norton of Bourbon, Mo.; Zack and Delmo of Willow Springs; three sisters, Mrs. Imogene Simmons of Caldwell, Mrs. Mary Simmons of Nyssa and Mrs. Ernestine Clark of Willow Springs.

Mr. Watson was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter.

Interment will be made in the Veterans' plot of the Nyssa cemetery, with military services to be conducted.

MILTON GREENLEE
 Services for the Rev. Milton Harlan Greenlee, former pastor of Nyssa Methodist church, were conducted Wednesday, June 16, 1969 at Beatty chapel in Emmett.

Officiating were the Revs. Harold W. Day of the Kent, Ore., Conservative Baptist church and J. D. Crego of Nyssa United Methodist church. Vocalist was Nyssa Mrs. Tom Nishitani, accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Tarter of Wilder. Interment was made in the Alpha cemetery near Cascade, Idaho.

The Rev. Greenlee was born June 9, 1894 at Ft. Smith, Ark., and succumbed Sunday afternoon at a Cascade hospital.

In 1941, the deceased was appointed to serve the local Methodist church. At that time the church had been destroyed by fire and worship services were being held in the present Nyssa Eagles' hall. By 1944, when the Rev. Greenlee was appointed to the Kimberly-Hansen churches, he had effectively led the local congregation, enabling them to build the present structure. This is what is now known as the older portion of the Nyssa church. The educational annex was added later.

In 1946 the Rev. Greenlee was named pastor of the Cascade church where he served until his retirement in 1957, due to illness.

In addition to his widow, Edna P. (McGinnis) Greenlee, whom he married on Oct. 23, 1921 at Oakland, Calif., the retired minister is survived by a son, John, a retired Navy officer living in Houston, Texas; one daughter, Verna Greenlee, a social worker in San Jose, Calif., and three grandsons.

A number of Nyssa area residents attended the Emmett funeral rites.

LENNA M. LOEBER
 Funeral services for Mrs. Lena Martha Bald Loeber, mother of Nyssa Mrs. Don (Janice) Wilson, were conducted July 12, 1969 at the Nazarene church in Connell, Wash. Officiating were the Revs. R. J. Wegner and T. O. Weatherby.

Mrs. Loeber succumbed July 9 at Park Manor nursing home in Walla Walla.

She was born July 10, 1882 in Lenzburg, Ill., and had resided at Connell for 64 years, after homesteading on 160 acres there.

In addition to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Loeber is survived by six sons, Ervin, Otto, Edgar, Paul and Loren, all of Connell; and the Rev. Albert Loeber of East Rockaway, N. Y.; another daughter, Mrs. Charles Neher of Walla Walla; 21 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Pallbearers were the six sons of the deceased and interment was made at Mt. View cemetery at Connell.

ANNETTE SWARM
 Services for Mrs. Annette Swarn, 79, will be conducted at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, July 18, 1969 at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. Robert Manley of Nyssa Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Swarn, a longtime resident of the Nyssa area, succumbed Saturday at Malheur Memorial hospital.

She is survived by two sons, Vern of Colorado and Alvin Swarn of Nyssa; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Whitman of Kansas City. Twenty grandchildren also survive.

APPLE VALLEY ITEMS
 BY FRANCES SMALLEY

APPLE VALLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitman attended the Old Timers Picnic for the Lone Tree area, held July 13 at Lake View park. Mrs. Callahan and daughters visited her brother, Harvey Pitman and family of Boise while her parents were at the picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Honey recently spent a week camping on the Big Salmon river in Stanley Basin. Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin and Lori, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dewey joined them for the weekend. They were in a rain and hail storm while there, but otherwise report good weather and fishing.

Mrs. Emma Moran was a recent visitor in the John Chamberlin and Henry Steck homes.

On Tuesday afternoon, July 8, Mrs. Earl Boston, Lucy Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wallis were visitors in the Ralph Rogers and Ruth Yoder homes at Nampa.

Messrs. and Mmes. C. L. Fritts, Clarence Tuning and Robert Tuning spent a recent weekend camping at Goose Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Whitton of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Carter and family of Port Orchard, Wash., were July 10-12 guests of Nell Correll.

Mrs. Ione Callahan and daughters of Dallas, Ore., arrived July 9 for a two-week visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston entertained with a July 10 picnic dinner in honor of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wallis of Napa, Calif., who spent a week visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucy Rogers. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Boston and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shippy and family of Payette, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Nampa, Mrs. Ruby Brumbaugh and children of Boise and Mrs. Lucy Rogers of Roswell.

Mrs. Robert Shippy and children of Payette, were recent weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston while Robert was on Guard duty. Steven Harris was also a weekend guest.

Jim Whitton and a friend from Dallas, Texas were July 9 visitors of Nell Correll.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed and family of Salt Lake City were July 11 visitors of Nell Correll.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Collins returned recently from a two-week trip to Oregon and California. They attended the State Convention of Eagles in Medford, where Mrs. Collins turned her title as president over to the newly elected officer. They then went to Lone, Calif., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Ware.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jamison and Marilyn of Napa, Calif., stopped July 10 to visit her mother, Mrs. Anna Boston and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston. The Jamisons were enroute home from a vacation trip in Montana and left July 12 for their home.

Sherril Ramey of Portland has been a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferguson for the past month. Mrs. Ferguson took her home July 3 and returned home July 8 with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Judd.

Mrs. Jim Ennor and daughter and Leslie Lenke all of Pendle-

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GREED CAN DESTROY!

A friend of ours was telling us the story of a large boa constrictor, who crawled between the slats of a pen in which a small animal was being kept and ate the animal; when it came time for the snake to make his escape he found his enlarged stomach too swollen to fit through the bars. His greed destroyed him.

There are hunters who capture large numbers of monkeys by pouring some nuts into narrow-necked gourds. The monkey reaches into the gourd for a handful of food and cannot retrieve his clenched fist. The little creatures are too greedy to let go of the goodies and thus get caught.

Current attempts to organize farm workers, with the right to strike at any time (including the crucial harvest period), are similar to the stories cited above.

Many, if not most, of the nation's farmers are in a marginal position. Their entire income may depend upon yields from the harvest. Much of their investment in the crop may be borrowed capital subject to repayment with interest. Farm workers' salaries are in those fields of waving grain or in the trees of the orchards. At harvest time, one day can make the difference between success and failure of an entire year's work. That one year's crop could mean the end of the farmer's career if it is not sufficient.

In the case of manufacturers, a strike usually means only a delay. They can often stockpile at the first sign of an impending strike. The farmer has no such option. Crops cannot be stockpiled. Killing storms and severe droughts don't wait because of a work stoppage.

Congress should look very carefully at the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee's attempts to force the California grape pickers to join their union which is exempt from federal laws forbidding boycotts (e.g., the picketing of supermarkets, which hurts not only the target product, but thousands of other farmers and manufacturers.) One strike in one crucial crop could hurt the entire nation. (U. S. Press Ass'n.)

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Kenneth Cumings of Portland will be guest speaker at Nyssa Conservative Baptist church Sunday, July 20, at the 7:30 p.m. service. "The Role of a Modern Mission Society" will be topic of his message.

Dr. Cumings knows the modern missionary program from three types of experiences. He has served as a missionary to Portugal under the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission society and at the present time he is northwestern representative of that group. He recently visited ten of that society's fields in Asia and Europe.

As representative of CBFMS, Dr. Cumings arranges meetings for missionaries, presents mission programs and helps pastors plan missionary programs for their churches.

On a recent trip Cumings visited his former place of service in Portugal as well as the work of other missionaries. He states that he feels he has a much better understanding of missions, now that he has seen the problems and successes of various fields.

Pastor Arthur Coats of the Nyssa Conservative Baptist church invites area residents who are interested in missions to attend the service to hear Dr. Cumings. The congregation meets in the trailer chapel located at N. 4th and Locust.

MOVE TO NYSSA

The Rev. (Jerry) and Mrs. (Lillian) Branson and their five children have moved from Boise into the former Nellie Powell residence at 316 Park avenue in Nyssa.

A picture of the family was printed in the Nov. 7, 1968 issue of the Journal. The children are Linda, Laura, Randall (Joe), Roger (Beaver) and Lois. In November they were ages 9 1/2, 8, 7, 6 and 5, respectively.

The Rev. Branson had just recently begun full-time duties as pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist church in Nyssa, with plans to leave sometime this summer to study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Those plans, however, were changed and members of the family will now refer to Nyssa as their hometown. Mrs. Branson and the children called at the Journal office last Friday and were looking forward to meeting new friends and participating in community activities.

PLAN BIBLE SCHOOL

Pastor and Mrs. Branson announce that Vacation Bible school will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, July 28 through August 1, with Mrs. Paul Penrod serving as director.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sager attended a reunion of students who had attended Lone Tree, Franklin and Fairview schools. The gathering was held Sunday in a Nampa park. Mrs. Sager noted that six of the 8th grade graduates of Lone Tree's class of 1924 were present for the occasion.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Young people from Faith Lutheran church will go on a retreat, July 17-20 at Mason Dam with young people from Grace Lutheran, Vale, and St. Paul's Lutheran, Ontario. The retreat is entitled, "What in the World," and will be an in-depth study of the identity of these young people as Christians, what they are here to do as Christian young people, what priorities they should have in Christian service, what motivation they should have and how they should get the job done.

Those attending from Nyssa are: Dana Ure, Rick and Ron Schoen, Robin Kassman, Leah Henigson, Debra Fangen, Nancy and Patty Ross. Advisors will be Robert Fangen, Bob Ure, Dorothy and Dale Hershey and the Rev. Orville Jacobson.

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Re: 1942 AHS Grads

ADRIAN - Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Ellis Givins or Keith Conyers, please contact Mrs. Irma Owers at 1204 Union, Bend, Ore., 97701. Mrs. Owers is completing plans for an Aug. 10 reunion of the 1942 class of Adrian high school.

Accepts Appointment

Mrs. Eris Bertram has accepted a position on the nominating committee for the Oregon State Women's Bowling association. Her appointment was made by Mable Mars.

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