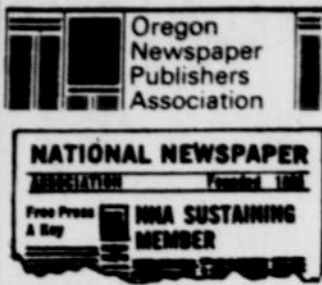


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Higher Prices For Farmers

The following editorial was written by Elton Tarter, a Mann's Creek rancher, and published in the Boise Statesman last week. We received permission to reprint it in the Journal, and invited Tarter to speak at the meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday, February 7. It would seem to us that what he has to say is important, for if our Agricultural economy is to survive, the farmer must make a profit.

Why is it that unions can negotiate for a contract that will up their wages and benefits 25 to 30 percent over a three-year period and continue this every time a new contract is negotiated? It is accepted as progress made in collective bargaining and the news media passes along the information without sensationalizing the news. As a result of that raise the management of what ever kind of product they are producing, be it steel or any manufactured products, have to add on this additional cost and explain that "due to the increased cost of operation, we are forced to raise our prices". Most people are understanding enough that they will accept this as reasonable. This has been happening since World War II. As a consequence we have had what we all recognize as inflation.

In August 1971, President Nixon put into effect the inflation control measures intended to control the upward spiral. At that time the stated aim was to hold inflation from 5 to 6 percent per year but the cost of living especially food was to be held at 2 1/2 percent. The Council of Economic Advisors that surrounded the president and the Cost of Living Council have been way off in their reasoning. They failed or refused to recognize that agriculture is the most important industry in the Country, instead, starting back over twenty years ago we have had a cheap food policy in this country. Gardner Ackley, L.B.J.'s Chief Economic Advisor said agriculture was the cause of inflation. Recently, George Shultz, Sec. of Treasury made the statement that "food many times was causing more trouble in the fight against inflation," and that agriculture was the main cause of inflation."

These people have refused to recognize that our costs of operation have gone up 5 to 6 percent per year. In fact, they do not seem to be able to relate food in the supermarket with the farm or ranch. As an urban housewife put it "why should we be concerned with the farmer, we buy our food at the supermarket."

Now as a result of this cheap food policy for some twenty-years, when the price controls were established the fact that agricultural prices were away behind the rest of the economy, was not considered.

Many raw agriculture products are below 20-year ago price levels. For both political parties the cheap food policy was a good vote getter. The percentage of consumers spendable income for food declined steadily to where at one time last summer, USDA said it was down to 12 1/2 percent.

Eventually all the abuse heaped on the agricultural producer finally backfired. The pendulum had reached its zenith for the cheap food policy and the swing back had to come. Many people outside of agriculture knew this. Many have wondered how or why would we put up with this economic abuse as long as we have. The reason, we have been unable to do as any successful business must do, "operate on the principle of 'cost of production plus a reasonable profit,'" is the lack of organization and bargaining power.

We have been told to get bigger and more efficient by the so-called agriculture experts. Many have tried to solve the squeeze by their method. We have adapted the newer technology to where we are now down to less than 5 percent of the population on farms and ranches. One man now produces food for some 47 people according to USDA figures.

What we have done is this; to get bigger and more efficient we have had to substitute capital for labor, that is adopt the latest methods which resulted in a great outlay of money for newer, better machinery, from tractors to automated irrigation equipment. This made good business for the manufacturers of this equipment.

No. 2, we have used fertilizers, insecticides, pesticides and other special chemicals to up production which made good business for the chemical corporations.

No. 3, all this has taken huge amounts of capital, more money had to be borrowed at a high rate of interest. This made good business for the money lenders.

No. 4, in the end, we wound up another year older and deeper in debt.

Who profited? The consumer did, they spent less and less of their pay check for food, much of this more highly processed into the just "heat and serve" or built in maid service.

The debt of agriculture has gone up steadily. The age of farm and ranch operators has done the same as young people left in disgust. Now as the pendulum starts swinging back and farm prices are becoming more favorable, to listen and read some news accounts one would think we were facing a national disaster. In an article I wrote and was published in the April 28, 1972 Idaho Statesman titled "Second Class Citizen" I mentioned some of these facts and how the Cost of Living Council would come all undone about some of the percentage raises made by some foods.

The price of hogs was depressed to the point many producers, quit, or cut back production. They were losing money. Now due to the cutback and the demand, we have hogs selling for record prices, but just wait, isn't everything else you buy higher too? The point I am trying to make is that prices are relative. When we say groceries are high—high compared to what. The price of food is not high compared to incomes.

The article in the Sunday Statesman, January 7th by Tim Woodward is typical of what happens when the price of food item makes a climb. I know it is not good policy to criticize the news media but there are times someone should speak up to set the record straight. We in agriculture do a poor job public relations wise, so seldom does anyone from our industry speak up. So to Tim Woodward I would like to make this suggestion. Go talk to some of the people who have been producing eggs and find out their story.

Here on our ranch we do not have one hen. We produce Charolais cattle but I do know that the egg producers in Idaho, California, or Ohio or anywhere else have been taking a terrific loss for several years. I am no expert on poultry but I do know these egg farms are very highly efficient and still they have been losing money mainly because of doing too good a job producing and too poor a job selling or put another way they have not applied supply management.

Now Tim you refer to the prices of eggs as "outrageous." The facts are, both the egg farm owner and the hens have been working at slave wages when the price was 39 cents per dozen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:
 We feel that the students in our district cannot, legally, be kept from competing in State competition.

To have any person or persons to try to force, scare, or demand that we have to belong to the Greater Oregon League to be "eligible" for this privilege is unreasonable and we question the legality of it.

By belonging to the Greater Oregon League the demands on the student-athlete's time is clear out of proportion. The basic reason for high school is academic, not sports. Physical education is fine, but sports should be the secondary reason why anyone is in high school and also the secondary thing to spend the taxpayers money on.

If we are "forced" to belong to the GOL, then the State should pay any additional costs relative to it instead of expecting our local taxpayers to approve of it. They'll vote down the budget again on that one thing as being "unnecessary." The students benefiting from State competition is only a very small percentage of your total school enrollment.

Why should we have to choose either of the two evils? Fight to retain our rights towards State competition which we are entitled to without having to join the Greater Oregon League.

—Eris and Willis Bertram

Editor, The Journal:
 I find it necessary to answer Adrienne Kunkel's letter to the editor because of misinformation to the readers of the Gate City Journal.

1. No budget has been approved by the budget committee at this time. A request for funds or pay increase has been asked for but not granted per this date. Mrs. Kunkel's figures are not facts but fantasy.

2. The budget board realizes the loss of students in all phases of education by enrollment and are considering but have not approved vocational training programs which will produce skilled labor in programs which are pertinent to our area - thus appealing to those who now attend Oregon Tech.

3. Another phase which is being considered is the fact that little maintenance to the assets of the college has been budgeted in the past. After seven years this becomes a necessity.

I would like to suggest that Mrs. Kunkel allow the budget board to come thru with a proposed budget before she starts stating facts and figures which are not correct. The committee hopes to have a budget to present the public by January 31st. All will be welcome to attend.

Sincerely,
 Kay Brendle
 TVCC Budget Committee Member.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

During this year Reverend Bob is preaching a series of sermons from The Book of Luke on the life of Christ. He has chosen this series of sermons because Luke is the Gospel chosen by all those churches participating in Key 73. Each Sunday morning children from the Sunday School or young people from the The Methodist Youth Fellowship read the Scripture Lesson from The Gospel of Luke. Reverend Bob's sermon title this Sunday, January 28 will be, "An Exceptional Childhood."

Sunday, February 4, the Rev. David Martinez and his family will worship with the congregation of the Methodist Church. Reverend Martinez will be telling his life story, speaking about the wonderful growth the Latin Assembly of God Church has experienced in Nyssa and telling about their plans to build a new church. He and his family will also be presenting a Sacred Concert. An offering will be received to help them purchase the lot. The new church will be near the Catholic Church.

Please do a little research and find out how many dozen of eggs one hour's work would buy in 1940 as compared to one hour work now against the "outrageous" 77 cents per dozen. I believe it will put you in a better perspective.

I can go on and explain that the price of feed for poultry as well as cattle has gone up sharply lately. So really when you take a look at the facts you surely will agree with me that the little red hen and her master are entitled to a raise.

To your reference to the goose that laid the golden eggs, let me suggest that consumers have had just that, and remember what happened when the greedy decided to kill the goose! To expect us in food production to continue feeding the country at prices that will not return a profit will do just that. The consumers better count their blessings and be thankful that they are provided the best foods both quantity and quality of any nation and at the smallest percentage of their spendable income. Let's find out the facts. I believe you will then give thanks to the agricultural producers of this good old U.S.A.

OBITUARIES

Victoria Dunten

Victoria (Sunshine) Dunten, 93, Nyssa, long-time Malheur County resident, died, Friday, January 19, 1973 at the Malheur Memorial Hospital, Nyssa. She was born February 10, 1879, in Texas. Her husband Bert Dunten, preceded her in death.

She is survived by a son, Robert Blackburn, Pasadena, California; a daughter, Mrs. Eva Embree, Ontario; two stepsons, Turen Dunten, Drewsey, Oregon, and Loren Dunten, Prairie City, Oregon and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Lola Bates, Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Graveside services were at the Drewsey Cemetery at 1 p.m., Monday, January 22, under the direction of the Lienkaemper Chapel of Nyssa.

The family suggests memorials to the Cancer Fund.



George H. Moore

Funeral services for George Harvart Moore, 102, of Nyssa were conducted Friday, January 19, 1973, at 2 p.m. by VA Chaplain Karl Ludwig at Cloverdale in Boise. Services were under the direction of Relyea Chapel.

The 102-year-old prospector for gold and an army veteran whose career dated back to the Indian campaigns of Montana, succumbed the previous Wednesday morning at 3 a.m. Mr. Moore had been a patient at the Veteran's Hospital in Boise for the past several weeks.

He was born December 24, 1870, at Bozeman, Montana and grew up on a ranch there. In 1890, he came to Boise from Silver City, Montana. He established claims in the area and between stints in the Army, made his living from several gold claims in Southwest Idaho. He was a veteran of World War I, the Mexican Expedition of 1914, the Spanish American War and Army frontier engagements. He was the oldest living veteran in Idaho.

He reportedly owned claims near Bogus Basin, Jerusalem, Sheep Creek, and Juggor Creek. Moore served in the Army in Montana and said that he took part in "a couple of Indian battles." He won the Mexican Medal of Honor in 1914, the Liberty Medal from the Spanish American War and the Argonne Forest Medal from World War I.

There are no known surviving relatives.

Patrick Henry Edens

Patrick Henry Edens, 72, Parma, died Tuesday, January 23, 1973 in an Ontario hospital.

He was born July 28, 1900, in Seligman, Mo. He married Zora Murrey June 5, 1927, in Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife of Parma; two sons, Patrick H. Edens, Payette and James L. Edens, Parma; three daughters, Mrs. Winnifred Houtman, Boulder City, Nev., Mrs. Willa Dean Van Landingham, Coos Bay, Ore., and Mrs. Imogene Carpenter, Ontario; a brother, Leslie Edens, Brighton, Colo.; two sisters, Mrs. Mame Weathers, Exeter, Mo., and Mrs. Paul Watson, Cassville, Mo., and 18 grandchildren.

One son, Jerry Leon preceded him in death, June 19, 1971 at the age of 25.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday (today) at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa by Jerry Woodruff of the Jehovah's Witness. Interment will be in Owyhee Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

THURSDAY - (tonight) Golden Hour Missionary Chapter will meet at the parsonage recreation room at 7 p.m. Husbands are invited to attend the special meeting featuring an Italian dinner along with the study on Italy.

SUNDAY - Sunday School classes for everyone, 9:45 a.m. Family Hour - 6 p.m. with Junior, Teens, and Adult groups meeting.

Adult study and discussion, "New Testament Evangelism Today."

Evening Gospel Hour - 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY - Young Women's Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Dwight Seward.

WEDNESDAY - Mid-week service time, 7:30 p.m. January 31 is scheduled for Caravan Pow-wow. Caps, scarves, and merit badges will be presented to all who have earned awards. Parents are encouraged to attend this service and enjoy the presentation and Caravan display.

Choir practice at 8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall work nights: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. You are welcome to worship with us in any of our services.

—Rev. Robert Manley, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY - Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Sunday evening Youth groups meet at the Church - grades 4 through High School 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY - Each Monday evening 6-8 p.m., everyone of all ages is invited to the old gym next to the grade school for a couple hours of fun and games.

WEDNESDAY - Choir Practice, 6:55 p.m.

THURSDAY - Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY - Good News Club for children of all ages, 3:30 p.m.

Bible Study, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY - January 28, the Loyalty Class will have a potluck dinner after church in the church basement.

THURSDAY, February 1 - The CWF will meet at the home of Mildred Sisson, 2 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Pastor Lewis will be gone Thursday and Friday attending a District American Missions Committee meeting at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington.

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship (Sermon on John 6:16-21) 11 a.m.

MONDAY: Youth Study at home of Lillian Baker, 1005 Park Ave. All are welcome, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, (parsonage, 531 Park Ave.) 9 a.m.

Confirmation, 6:30 p.m. Junior Lutherans, 7:15 p.m. Join us in the life of Faith.

—Pastor Bill Lewis

Reverend Bob's Column

Nothing is written in The Gospels about the life of Christ from the return of Mary and Joseph from Egypt at the time of the death of Herod, the Great, when Christ was two years old until the incident in the temple when He was twelve.

However, we can go to the writings of the historians of that day to learn about the childhood of the Jewish child. Jesus grew up in an exceptional home. His foster father, Joseph, was a middle-class architect-builder and wood worker. He designed and built many of the homes and public buildings in Nazareth. His mother, Mary, was a saintly and beautiful woman and an intelligent student of the Scriptures.

The Jewish child's education began at home. In every Jewish household the child was taught a sort of elementary catechism as soon as he learned to talk. Also, private and united prayers with religious rites were the daily custom of all families. Not only did the mother instruct the child but the father was bound by the Jewish Law to teach the Torah or Mosaic Law to the child. The child learned passages from the Old Testament, many of the Psalms, short prayers and selected sayings of The Prophets.

When the child was six, his formal education at the synagogue school began. His teacher was the Jewish Chazzam who kept the buildings and guarded the priceless scrolls of the Law, The Prophets and other sacred writings. Here seated cross-legged around the teacher, the child studied the Old Testament until he was ten; from ten to fifteen he studied the Mishnah or traditional law and from fifteen on, he would study the rest of the Jewish

St. Paul's Church To Hold Annual Meeting

On Thursday, January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Congregation of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Nyssa will hold its annual meeting.

This meeting will start with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m., at which time the Rev. John K. Worrall, priest-in-charge will conduct the Celebration and, in lieu of a sermon, will make his Annual Report of activities to the Congregation.

Following the Celebration of the Eucharist, there will be a potluck supper organized by the women of the Church for the benefit and participation of all members of the Congregation. Subsequent to the potluck supper, there will be reports by Mrs. John Broad, Warden of the Church, Mr. Dick Tensen, Treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Sallee for the Women's Guild, Mrs. Ray Larson for the Altar Guild, Mrs. Dick Tensen for the Sunday School, the priest for the Acolytes, and Mr. Tensen for the Nominating Committee, members of the Bishop's Committee, for appointment by him, to serve for the ensuing year. Said nominations will also cover the Treasurer, Sunday School Superintendent, and Warden of the Church.

The activities and statistics of the Church for the latter half of the year 1972, indicate the beginning of a new growth of participation, support and faith in the Church, based upon faith in God, the Father, God the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit. This faith is not a one-time or some-time thing, but rather that which is preached and taught in the Church at all times, and is based upon the fact that Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Saviour, and our Redeemer, is the center of all our worship and faith, and that it is His Holy Spirit which now dwells in our lives and in our hearts and inspires us to greater faith and greater things to the Glory of God.

Saint Paul's Congregation welcomes persons who would learn more about Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and who are not now identified with some other persuasion. The priest-in-charge, the Rev. John K. Worrall, is at all times available for inquiry and, hopefully, answers, at 523 King Avenue.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By W.L. McPartland

School Board Directors, Don Engstrom, Bill Schilling, Gene Stutz, and I visited with the superintendents and school boards of four Oregon member schools of the Greater Oregon League this past Monday and Tuesday. These schools were John Day, Madras, Wahtonka and Mac Hill.

As a result of these meetings, I have come to the following conclusions:

1. Sub-district play in football and basketball is not practical.
2. All schools that were contacted do have some real scheduling problems in the two sports.
3. All schools indicated a real desire for Nyssa to return to G.O.L. football and basketball competition.
4. General approval was indicated on the present scheduling plan used for the sports of wrestling—all schools meet

Latin Assembly

Sunday, church activities begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship service, 11 a.m.

Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Royal Rangers, every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Young people's service, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Talmad which is the explanation or enlargement of the Mishnah. In addition to his formal education, the father was required to teach his child a trade or a profession whereby he could earn his livelihood. Joseph taught Jesus the trade of the carpenter for we find later He is called, "the carpenter."

As He grew, Christ's knowledge of His Father's word grew and as He gained this inspired knowledge, His understanding of His Divine Uniqueness also grew. During those years of learning at the knee of His foster father and His mother, He was also learning the purpose for which He was born.

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