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Aren't Dead Yet

To the Editor: Hi, you fellows who would like to step to the old fashioned round dances every Wednesday from 2 till 4 o'clock, come to the K.P. Hall—first door north of the Groceria on Grape st. and brush up on the waltzes, two-steps and dances you used to enjoy.

The Security Benefit Club has 325 members; a fine group of friendly folk who welcome visitors of the same personality. We meet at 11, eat a scrumptious lunch at noon for only 50c, sing together, hold a short business meeting, often have interesting programs, visit, make friends, then dance.

I notice that there is a shortage of gentlemen for partners and we need every man who cares to exercise and can spare the time. Most of us are older but by gum, we aren't dead yet.

Bob Knight,
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Incentive Plan

To the Editor: Ever since the tax referendum, our "experts" have had a field day interpreting the "will of the people" and suggesting new measures. The qualifications of these appear to be a mystic insight into the minds of the voters and healthy self-interest, like "Let's have a cigarette tax, because I don't smoke."

In this spirit I offer my tax program, based on the insight afforded me by an old coffee pot top which doubles as a crystal ball, and a set of prejudices guaranteed to be narrow, unenlightened and retrogressive. This program is the INCENTIVE PAY PLAN:

Industry has used the principle of incentive pay to wonderful advantage. When employees turn out more of a product, or a better product, they are paid a bonus as an incentive to do more of the same thing. For a bad job, they lose. This benefits the employee, employer and the public.

Why not apply this incentive pay principle to our legislators? For example, cut their salaries back to about \$4,000 for giving the voters a tax bill which three out every four thought bad. Give them a \$1,000 bonus for every bill which in referendum the voters decide is good.

This way, your representatives have a clear-cut motivation for discovering and carrying out the will of the people, and democracy is revitalized within a fine American framework of free enterprise.

As my contribution to the success of the forthcoming special session of the legislature, I offer the following, to be sung by them in group chorus:

Sing a song of taxes,
Not low, not middle, but high;
Sixty million dollars
Added to the pie,
When the vote was over
What a fearful blow!
We're shocked to find our taxes
Not high, not middle, but low.
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Non-Excelsior

To the Editor: No matter how long or how short the special session of the legislature, at this point it threatens to be a mere continuance of the debacle of Spring, 1963.

As of this writing, the only thing which unites the legislators from our county (Lane) is their agreement that they believe the tax referral means the voters want economy. As to what to do about it, their public statements reflect a complete confusion, a lack of leadership in either party, and a desire to do as little as possible to rock the boat of their own personal political posterity in the special session to come.

Oh, to be a political cartoonist: what one could do with that Wednesday meeting between the Governor and the four legislative non-leaders!

Here's the picture. First, the participants are Hatfield, Senate President Musa, House Speaker Barton, and minority non-leaders Montgomery and Yturri, all trembling and looking scared.

On one side, a bunch of irate voters.

The cartoon caption: "We

have agreed to hold a special session, do as little as possible as quick as possible, and hope you'll forget by Fall, 1964."

In caption balloons, their real thoughts as follows: Hatfield — "I hope these guys will go home soon and not rock my future!" Barton and Musa — "Let Hatfield do it; and we'll just leave the mess for the 1965 legislature, in the event it happens to be Republican"; and Monty and Yturri — "We'll follow our leader; and besides maybe the Democrats will be in control in 1965!" On Barton's coat is the note: "The job of a legislature is to kill bills, not to pass them!"

On the other side, a bunch of legislators, some still making faces at the voters, others protecting special state departments (Highways, fish and game, etc.) from cuts by Freeman Holmer, who has a meat axe in his hand.

The suggested motto for the coming session: "Non-leaders of the legislature, divide! We have nothing to lose but our seats! Backward and downward!! NON-EXCELSIOR!!!"

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Little "Yes" Men

To the Editor: Mr. Howell signed "Teacher, Errand Boy, Gardener, Butcher, Carpenter, Engineer and Administrator." For one that had his finger in everything, he sounds very narrow minded. To think anyone would feel the school doors should not be opened for an erring boy — that shows such remorse.

I don't know what trouble this child got into, but some of the mischief the teenagers get into in this community, and have records for in the courthouse, would at one time have been called "sowing your wild oats," in the last generation. That was before new laws were made at old ladies' tea

parties to squelch the life out of the young.

The young have no release for their high spirits, which crave to run with the wild wind. There are too many people willing to cry "wolf, wolf," to distract attention from their own crookedness, especially under the name of business.

One reads so much about our high school drop-outs, but still it is so easy for children to be expelled. We are trying to have all little "yes" men.

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Lawless Applegate

To the Editor: When we came to the Applegate in 1932, it was as fair and peaceful a land as Eden at the dawn of creation, when it is recorded, God looked on all his handiwork and found it good.

In the space of 11 years, all of this has been changed. We are told the pioneers lived dangerously in this area, if they lived at all — being under constant threat from scalping Indians, claim jumpers, and renegades. Our present situation is not much different, for the Applegate again has become a place where law and order do not exist, where the rights of private property are openly scorned and flouted, and where it is open season on everything all year long — from registered cattle to U.S. mail carriers!

It is a place where pot-shooters blaze away with rifles from public roads almost within spitting distance of residences — where spot-lighters operate in every likely meadow pasture all year — where log trucks function sans muffler, sans speedometers, with one headlight, and with drivers not legally qualified to drive.

The question was asked in a recent editorial: What kind of man would bomb little children? I answer, exactly the same kind of man who invades private property in broad daylight to

slaughter a pet fawn, shooting 12 to 15 times from the state highway toward a house to accomplish this glorious example of American sportsmanship.

This act was witnessed by 14 members of the Applegate Garden Club on Oct. 17, two of whom attempted a citizen's arrest, but the culprits—two men and a young boy—escaped, fleeing in a truck at excessive speed, taking the body of their victim with them. Their license plates, I might add, were concealed.

Since appeals to constituted authorities have availed little, perhaps we should petition the governor to send us a unit of the National Guard. In any event, "we've had it" and are growing a bit desperate over the deteriorating situation.

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Moral Aspects

To the Editor: This letter deals with moral aspects which militate against cooperation with the Russians.

Our citizens believe in God as a supreme power. His name occurs in the federal constitution and in every state constitution. We are known as a Christian nation. Russians hold a diametrically opposite view and have sworn to eliminate God from the thinking of their people.

During the patriarchal period of civilization the Israelites corresponded to the present Christians in that they believed in the power of God. The tribes around them were heathen or anti-God. In the story of the Israelites, God's commands to them stand out. All laws of God are inexorable. They must be obeyed just as His law of gravity must be obeyed or disaster results.

One of these laws prohibited their cooperation with the tribes around them. They disobeyed. Another inexorable law of God is the law of cause and effect. When they disobeyed the law of cause and effect began operating and the Old Testament of Joshua on is a record of their difficulties and final disaster as a result of this disobedience.

This record has been given to us for our guidance. We can not cooperate with the Russians without activating the laws of cause and effect. The Russians have said they will bury us and that our children will grow up

under Communism. They have also said they will rule the world. Everything they do is designed to further those plans. Hence when we cooperate with them we are hastening our own destruction and their take over of the free nations.

Paul in the exquisitely beautiful passage in 2 Cor. 6:14-18 puts it this way: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. Whereof come out from among them, and be ye separate,' saith the Lord, 'and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters,' saith the Lord Almighty."

Are we not selling our birthright for a mess of pottage? Anna M. Streed
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Goldwater's Views

To the Editor: Like most Democrats I hope that Barry Goldwater will be the Republican nominee for President next year. When he was in Eugene last week Oregonians saw with their own eyes the kind of campaign he means to wage by coming out foursquare for "freedom" and for "victory."

Perhaps it is in order to remind any bemused observer, as will be done in the campaign if Barry gets the GOP nod, of a few aspects of this gentleman's record prior to his effort to win over the moderates.

Goldwater has said that collective bargaining results in "a weakening of the individual personality of self-reliance," and he would outlaw industry-wide bargaining, repeal the Norris-LaGuardia Act, prohibit union shops, and turn control of labor disputes over to the states.

Goldwater has said that relief, social security, and public housing "weaken" the individual per-

Poets' Corner

Conducted by
Arnold Eugene Jenny

Prose and Poetry

Prose engages a small part of the reader's attention; poetry all of it. Writing poetry is going into a sort of trance. The result should raise the reader to the same heightened sensibility the poet experienced while he was writing. — Robert Graves, in Life, 6:28-63.

Pieceful Co-resistance

All Asia has been "mystic" muddle. Since white man stepped in Far East puddle: Bringing opium chests blessed by the cross: And by consortiums tried to toss. His weight around the "Backward East" — Or, rather, "undeveloped" yeast.

sonality and self-reliance. "Let welfare be a private concern," he recommends. In the Senate he has always opposed public works—with one exception, the Upper Colorado project which would benefit his home state. He opposes any federal aid to education and even voted against the Eisenhower administration's small step toward medical care for the aged in 1960.

Goldwater's beguilingly simple and direct solutions to national problems appeal to many people, but not only will these solutions not stand factual analysis but Barry himself dares not repeat them as he seeks to broaden his support.

At the 1960 Republican Convention it was Goldwater who won the most cheers. Now he leads the GOP popularity polls. He deserves the nomination, but let it be clear that his resounding defeat by Jack Kennedy next year is assured because most Americans are undaunted by the great and complex challenges of our age and look ahead in hope and confidence.

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Victory for Economy

To the Editor: The people of the State of Oregon registered their protest against extravagant and wasteful spending of

Time flies — it always has and will, And future change must make one ill. . . There's India, the land of peace, Which feels that all such "rot" must cease; Like Pakistan, arming to the teeth — The dove must yield to Martian wreath!

Nehru, who pined 'neath British heel, And castigated Gandhi's wheel As slow to end Colonialist rule, Today sits pupil in their school. . . A Bengal tiger dull fang pares, And dines at ease with millionaires.

Poverty is still king in the East, And many millions do not feast. What matter? They're "untouchable" — And Brahmins look not to such rabble. The Lama's prayer-wheel spins, and souls, Like Dervishes, dance upon hot coals.

Now fire-breathing Chinese dragon, Like fabled bull, in Asian shop, With fiery tongue and tail awagging, Has put Lord Brahma on the hop. Nehru, Tibetan heights must scan — Torn 'twixt Kashmir and Pakistan.

While not far off, that devil "K", Looking amused, won't go away. — At least as long as Mao and Sam — Lean lions — eye the Asian lamb. Tibetan prayer-wheel spins. . . Who knows What Time or Karma will disclose? — Kenneth F. Osthimer
Pennsville, Ohio

Judge Not

We never know the reasons for the actions of a man — For aught we know, he's striving hard to do the best he can;

We know not the foundation upon which his life is built, Nor the soul that we dishonor, to it ascribing guilt!

'Tis just a wee bit probable his ways he'll not disclose — So the workings of his conscience none other really knows. 'Tis possible that he prefers within himself to live, Not relating to the public all the reasons he might give.

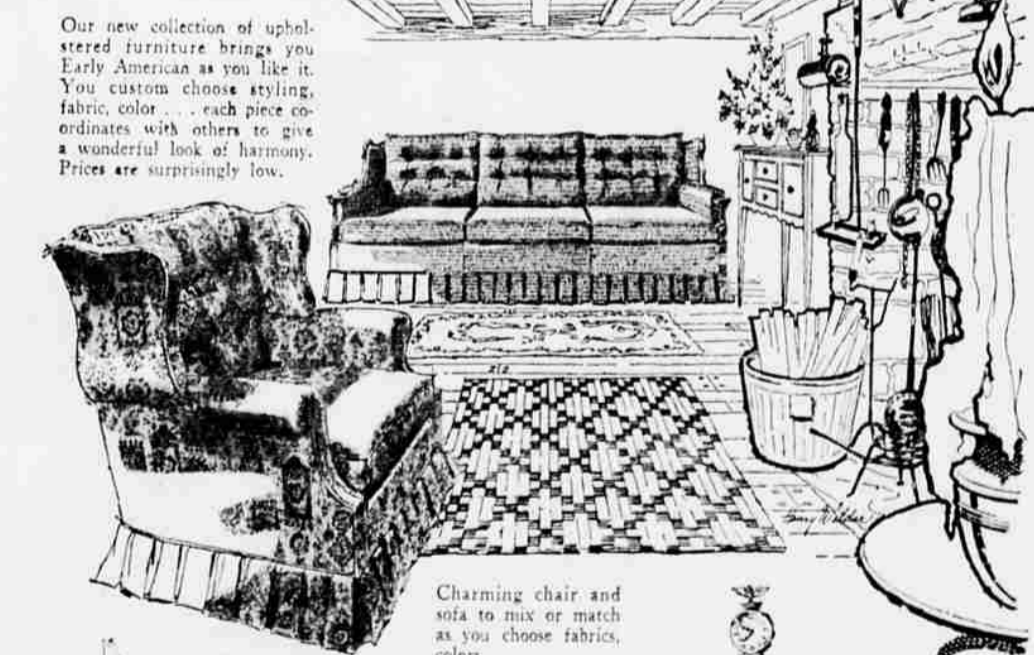
I'm 'minded of a story in a Book that we all know — A tale in which the Master, in days so long ago, Reproved a throng of knockers — assuaged their clamorous din;

He said the first stone must be cast by him who had no sin.

That fatal stone was never hurled — a new idea he'd sent Into that crowd who'd gathered there with violent intent. "The laws our Master gave to us will through the ages stand; "Judge not, lest ye be judged," he said. 'Tis still a great command! — Lila Curtis Bates
Eagle Point, Ore.

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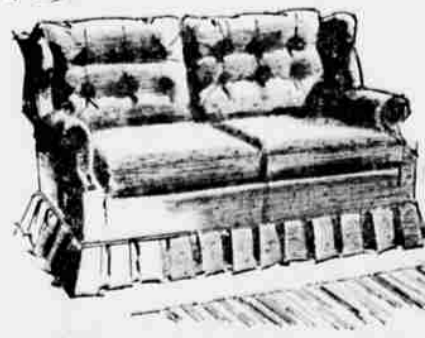
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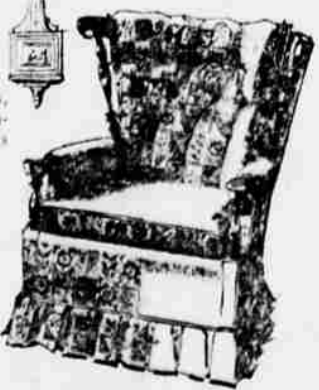
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