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Another First Round KO

In the 1960 presidential campaign Democratic candidate Kennedy made political "hay" with the "Missile Gap" issue that had supposedly been permitted to take place during the Eisenhower administration. But immediately after his election and inauguration, he discovered that it did not exist.

In the past campaign President Johnson made "hay" with his Anti-Poverty program, saying 35 million Americans were victims, whom he proposed to help. These included all whose annual incomes were less than \$3000. It must have won thousands of votes!

Now, even before his inauguration, it is reported that he has eliminated millions of the poverty stricken. (U.S. News and World Report, Jan. 18, 1965 issue.) Furthermore, it reduced the problem from one of \$15 billion to \$5 billion!

How was this done? Merely by revising his definition of the poverty-stricken family from one with \$3000 annual income to one with \$2000.

Won't it be wonderful when he discovers an easy way to eliminate high school dropouts, cut the list of unemployed and halve the welfare rolls??? Think of the suffering it will eliminate while cutting taxes for those who toil to pay the bills.

LETTERS To the Editor

Nyssa, Oregon
January, 1965

Dear Ted and Arlene:

Just a note to say that we have certainly appreciated, during the past year, the good news articles which you have published in the Journal concerning activities of the Christian church and other churches as well.

Also thanks for the "ads" and publicity given to the recent UNICEF program.

We pray God's blessings upon you; may you experience His presence each day and may the year 1965 be a happy and fruitful one for all members of the Gate City Journal staff.

In the love of Christ,
Wallace and Roberta Prowell

CHURCH LADIES SLATE WSCS CIRCLE MEETINGS

Meetings of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service circles will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Jan. 21, in various homes.

Members of the Lowry circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Tobler. Mrs. W. W. Foster will host the meeting for the Thelma Case group and women of the Marcia Ball unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Gene Honey in Apple Valley.

The evening circle meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Glade Chadwick.

Mother of Nyssan Succumbs; Emmett Rites Held Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Jessie Pearson, 80, were conducted Monday afternoon, Jan. 11, 1965, at Beatty chapel in Emmett, with interment made in the cemetery there. Officiating was LDS Bishop Lee Stoker of the Owyhee ward, southwest of Nyssa.

Mrs. Pearson, mother of Mrs. R. G. (Nellie) Tanner of route 2, Nyssa, succumbed of a sudden attack on Jan. 6 in an Emmett nursing home.

She was born Aug. 6, 1884, at Bozeman, Mont., came to the Boise valley in 1893 and three years later moved to Sweet, Idaho. She was united in marriage to Andrew Kelley on Jan. 17, 1902 at Sweet. Mr. Kelley died July 2, 1930. In April 1934, the deceased was married at Emmett to William L. Pearson who succumbed in 1946.

In addition to Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Pearson is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Ellen Harwell of Tieton, Wash.; and one son, Ralph Kelley of Kelso, Wash.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Amy Marker of Caldwell, 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Two daughters preceded her in death.

Among relatives here to attend the Monday services were the Ralph Kelleys, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hyde, all of Washington state; Mrs. Amy Marker of Caldwell; Mrs. George Marker of Cascade, Idaho; Theresa and Barbara Tanner of Salt Lake City.

Jehovah's Witnesses Schedule Convention Jan. 15-17 in Idaho

Charles Dodge, presiding minister of the Payette congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses which includes the Nyssa area, has been given a special assignment at the Jan. 15-17 circuit assembly in Mountain Home, according to D. W. Emshoff, circuit supervisor.

Dodge will be assistant in the purchasing department, one of 20 departments organized for convenience of the over 800 expected delegates.

Both he and Dale Herndon, also of the Payette area, have been assigned parts on the Friday evening model ministry development program, Emshoff noted.

A highlight of the convention, to be held at North Elementary school, 290 East Twelfth North, will be a film entitled "Proclaiming the Everlasting Good News Around the World." The film is scheduled to be shown at 7:15 p.m. Saturday.

Featured speaker will be M. L. Holien, district supervisor, who will deliver a special public Bible talk at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

FARM BUREAU FURROW

By SCOTT LAMB
Information Director

A Fight to the Finish

To those who have thrown in the towel in the battle to maintain representative government in state legislatures, the recent speech of a U. S. senator on this vital constitutional issue should be required reading.

Sen. George Aiken of Vermont, ranking Republican member of the Senate Agriculture committee, addressing the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau federation last month in Philadelphia, put the issue in proper perspective in blunt and challenging terms.

Referring to last summer's decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court calling for state legislatures to apportion on the basis of population, he said:

"We are engaged in a struggle between the powerful political machines of the great cities and the people of the United States. Make no mistake about it—this is a battle for the political control of the nation, and with that control goes the power to tax, the power to spend and the power to enact programs which will affect the lives and welfare of every living person for generations to come."

One of the more devastating actions that could be taken by an urban-dominated state legislature would be in the field of taxation, Sen. Aiken warned.

"Certainly," he said, "the amount of taxes paid by farmers would be increased substantially, even though they would be distributed in such a manner that the major portion would go to the urban area."

How does Sen. Aiken propose that the people fight against loss of representative government? He calls for submission of a constitutional amendment "to see that all the people of the United States get a chance to pass on it."

Common justice demands, he said, that a constitutional amendment be submitted to Congress and that Congress should "settle once and for all the powers and limitations of the U. S. Supreme Court." What's more, Sen. Aiken challenges the faint-hearted by calling for a "fight to the finish."

He said, "If we could spend five months in breaking a filibuster against legislation that affected the rights of only part of the people, we should spend all of this session, if need be, in breaking any filibuster aimed at restricting the rights of all the people."

Those are plain words and they come from a man who is a veteran of many long and bitter legislative battles. He has issued a clarion call for action. It remains for the people to discharge their responsibilities of citizenship.

KNIMBLE KNITTERS REVEAL PLANS FOR SPRING DISPLAY

Knimble Knitters 4-H club meeting was held Jan. 7 at the home of Nancy Goodell, leader. Eight members answered roll call by telling what they are knitting for the spring fair.

Presiding during the meeting was Patty Johnson, vice president. Following the business session, remainder of the time was spent knitting.

Next meeting is scheduled Jan. 21 at the home of Bernice Cleaver.

—Colleen Brown, Reporter.

HONORED ON ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schultz of Apple Valley entertained with dinner Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, in honor of Mrs. Bill Schoon on her birthday anniversary. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kurtz and the honoree's husband.

Nyssan Enlists In Army; Trains At Leonard Wood



DONALD J. DORITY ... To Serve in Europe

Donald J. Dority, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dority of Nyssa, recently volunteered for three years of duty in the regular U. S. Army. He was flown to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where he has begun eight weeks of basic training.

After completion of this mandatory training, he will be sent to Europe, according to Sergeant First Class Joseph M. Amick, recruiter at Ontario. Amick further stated that Dority left for Missouri with a written guarantee of the European assignment.

Methodist Minister Tells Sermon Series

Topics of special importance in today's world will be featured in a new series of sermons entitled "To Tell the Truth," during the next three Sundays at the Nyssa Methodist church, according to the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence.

"Who Speaks for Freedom?" is the topic of the Jan. 17 sermon and is an answer to criticism of the churches by extremists, the pastor said.

"Who Speaks for Christ?" is the subject for Jan. 24 and discusses whether Christianity has a chance in the face of today's evil world and moral crisis.

"Who Speaks for Teen-Agers?" will be the Jan. 31 sermon topic. It deals with how young people face the crisis of morals and faith today. This will be youth Sunday.

All sermons will be given during the regular 11 a.m. worship service of the church. Church school is held in the Nyssa church at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday and the Apple Valley school meets at 9:30 a.m. each week.

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By Oregon State Bar

Danger Signals

There is no sorer person than one who has been victimized by a phony deal. Unfortunately, once the buyer has signed an order or contract, little can be done to get him off the hook.

"But I didn't realize..." are words often heard by lawyers who are usually unable to help at that point.

Despite the complete disavowal of "caveat emptor" (let the buyer beware) by ethical merchants, there are still some businesses that thrive on high promotion deals. Buyers are contacted by direct mail, over the telephone or by "come on" advertisements. Such sellers resort to fancy claims and a high pressure approach.

How can you avoid such sales tactics? There is no sure way, outside of dealing with reputable, established merchants, and using common sense in reading the ads. But there are certain danger signals that should ring the alarm bell. Here are a few:

"Buy now or lose the chance."

"You have been specially selected..."

"It's only a legal form..."

"You can save up to..."

"Yours absolutely free..."

These signals do not necessarily indicate a bad deal, but they are frequently used by shady promoters. So read carefully, think it over, compare prices and ask for information from a merchant you know or from a friend.

Remember, in this world of tough business competition, one seldom gets anything for nothing. Once you have signed an order, even the law may not be able to help you, no matter how bad the deal may be for you.

In fact, unless the seller is doing something illegal, the law may wind up helping him to enforce the bad deal that you made. So watch the signals and look before you leap—or sign!

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service.)

CHURCH WOMEN MEET

A meeting of the Wesleyan Service guild and general session of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were held Jan. 13 in the Methodist church.

Fourteen ladies were in attendance to hear the program presented by Mrs. A. Chadwick.

EDITOR'S OATH . . .

I swear to read the proof, the whole proof and nothing but the proof, so help me with my spelling.

Salem Scene

by Robert L. Darnedde

Now that the 53rd session of the Oregon Legislature has been called to order, criticism about the activities of lobbyists and their role in influencing legislation will undoubtedly be made during the course of the next few months.

Unfortunately, much of this criticism will come from those who have seldom, if ever, visited their legislature while in session or from those whose knowledge of the legislative process is completely void.

The function of lobbying is part of the basic process of democratic and representative government. The legislature itself often refers to the lobby as the "Third House" and depends heavily on it to provide expert knowledge on specific subjects to legislative committees and individual representatives.

Although there are basically two kinds of lobby—the occasional and the professional—their objectives are somewhat the same. The individual who occasionally writes his legislator to tell him why he approves or disapproves of specific legislation is, in essence, lobbying for or against a bill.

The corporate, association or union lobbyist—quite often a professional lobbyist—will give technical testimony as to how legislation will help or hinder his client's business activity.

Although some people assume that professional lobbyists come generally from "Big Business" and "Big Labor" groups, many lobbyists represent educators, cities, counties, farmers, historians, sportsmen, doctors and various government agencies, to name a few.

The misconception that lobbyists wine and dine legislators to "trick" them into voting for legislation beneficial to a special interest is untrue, and the legislature would be among the first to dispute such a theory.

Lobbyists know that legislators cannot be tricked into voting, and they are also aware that a position not commensurate with the public interest is indefensible before the legislature as well as before the people.

Since much legislation is highly technical and complex, and since we could not expect our legislative representatives to be experts in all fields, the "Third House" performs its job of explaining complex and difficult subjects in a clear, understandable fashion.

The purpose of this function can best be said in the words of late President John F. Kennedy who said, "Indeed, there is no more effective manner of learning all important arguments and facts on a controversial issue than to have the opposing lobbyists present their cases."

More specifically, the professional lobbyist will analyze each bill introduced at the legislature and determine its effect on his clients. After reporting his findings, he coordinates the efforts of those affected by the legislation by documenting arguments, testifying before committees and presenting his case before individual legislators.

Whether a lobbyist is an individual concerned with only one piece of legislation or a representative concerned with many bills, he serves a very useful purpose and assumes an important role in our legislative process.

As a lawyer pleads his case before our judicial branch of government, a lobbyist will plead his case before our legislative branch of government. Either by law or vote, the judge in each case is the people's will.

ADRIAN WOMEN TO MEET
Women's association of Adrian Community church will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Rosenkilde.

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ATTENTION, VETERANS!

For Veterans' Disability Exemptions, apply at office of County Assessor John Koopman. Forms are not being mailed as in past years.

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