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LETTERS
To the EditorPittsburgh, Pa.
November 29, 1965The Editor,
The Gate City Journal,
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Sir:

During the past years many editors and columnists have written about the ever-increasing unnecessary government spending, higher taxes going higher and the spiraling of the national debt to astronomical heights, but the puzzling fact is that very little, if anything, is said about the one specific plan which will correct the problem—the Liberty Amendment Resolution, approved so far by seven states and the other 43 are acting on it.

Further bewilderment is encountered when in the absence of any other specific answer why isn't this resolution brought out into the open, discussed, analyzed and constructively criticized with the hope that in doing so perhaps

another better plan may emerge.

Not being able to find in government or private industry statistics certain computerized information, three schedules were prepared by me and sent to a few colleges and electronic data processing firms with the request that they—(1) feed the figures on our national debt for the past 35 years into the computers and program them to come up with the answer when we go broke, if the present trend continues;

(2) feed the figures on our social security system into the computers and program them to come up with the answer as to when this fund becomes or became insolvent, because on this one I honestly believe the computers will come up with a retroactive date;

(3) feed into the computers the information that in 1789 the 350 civilians on the federal payroll amounted to one for every 11,225 Americans; in 1883, one federal worker for every 400 citizens; in 1923, one federal worker for every 215; today, one federal worker for every 76 Americans; program the computers for the an-

Film Presentation
Slated Sunday Night
At Malheur Church

A color and sound film, "The Prior Claim," will be shown by the regional representative of the Moody Institute of Science at 8 p.m. Sunday at Malheur Butte Baptist church.

The Intermediate Bible class will present the 2:30 afternoon gospel service at Nyssa nursing home with Eugene Gruell as speaker.

During the 11 o'clock morning service, Pastor R. A. Haden will speak on the subject, "No Greater Message."

Other activities include Women's Bible study and prayer meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the parsonage, Bible study and prayer meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday. On Friday evening the church choir will go to the Presbyterian nursing home in Ontario to present a Christmas musicale.

The young people will have a tree decorating party Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Adrian Community
Church News

The younger married group of Adrian Community church and members of their families met Sunday for a potluck dinner at the parsonage, with the middle-aged group and their children meeting for dinner at the Irvin Topliff home.

The two groups plan a Christmas caroling party on the evening of Dec. 26, and invite interested area residents to join them.

Members of the church session will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Rosenkilde.

When all will be government workers.

If you want to inject a real shocker into the discussion, current statistics show one out of seven civilians working for government—federal, state and local!

Perhaps the readers in your area might be interested in this serious national problem as it affects each one; there is something seriously wrong with our economy when the only manner we try to pay our way is to borrow and pass the IOU on to the coming generations.

Sincerely,
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Classifieds Bring Results!

Shoplifting Cases
Reach High Peak
During Christmas

(Reprinted From the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin)

The Christmas season, with its religious significance and spiritual uplift, is often marred by human greed and weakness. One of the more serious problems is caused by the despicable sneak thief—the shoplifter.

Each year during the holidays, the "heisters and boosters" step up their forays of theft and pilferage which result in tremendous losses to the public. Their methods are as old as the profession itself. They operate with fake boxes and packages, loose coats and oversize clothing, shopping bags, large purses and numerous other devices to cover their activities.

Shoplifters Bold, Aggressive

No merchant, from the corner grocer to the exclusive furrier, is exempt from the shoplifter. This thief comes from any station in life. He may be rich or poor, male or female, young or old, and an amateur or professional. Encouraged and unwittingly abetted by bustling crowds and jammed stores, the shoplifter and two of his lawless allies, the purse snatcher and pickpocket, are bold and aggressive.

In 1964 there were some 184,473 shoplifting cases recorded involving stolen goods valued at almost \$5 million. Much of this loot, of course, was taken during the height and rush of Christmas shopping. From 1959 through 1964, shoplifting increased 93 percent, and it is the fastest growing larceny violation. It should also be noted that purse snatching has increased 82 percent since 1959 and pocket picking 28 percent.

Take Advantage of Season

Record-breaking retail sales are predicted for the pre-Christmas shopping days. Law enforcement agencies will be overtaxed and enforcement ranks will be thinly spread. The thieves and thugs can be expected to take full advantage of these favorable conditions.

The scourge of shoplifting and similar violations is a community problem. Concerted and realistic action by business and civic groups, news media, police and the general public is needed to halt this costly public burden.

Let us confront the shoplifter with good security and detection



EDWARD M. LOWTRIP, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Astoreca of route 2, Nyssa, enlisted Nov. 9, 1965, for a four-year period in the United States Air Force. After being processed in Boise, he was sent to Lackland base in San Antonio, Texas, where he is now stationed. Lowtrip was graduated in 1964 from Adrian high school and studied last year at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario. He hopes to complete his basic training in time to spend a part of the Christmas holidays with his family and friends in this area.

CATHOLIC WOMEN PLAN
EVENTS FOR YULE SEASON

Women of the Catholic church held a general meeting Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the home of Mrs. Charles J. Smith. A potluck luncheon was served from a buffet table decorated in a Christmas motif.

During the business session, the group discussed the Yule time potluck dinner and children's program.

MEETINGS SET DEC. 16
FOR METHODIST CIRCLES

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service circles will meet Thursday, Dec. 16, in various homes.

Thelma Case and Lowry circles will hold a joint meeting at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Tobler.

The Marcia Ball group will meet with Mrs. Waldo Smalley at her home in Apple Valley.

Evening circle members will hold their meeting at the church and present the program for the Couple's club which meets with them.

measures, quick arrest, prompt and forceful prosecution. To do less is to condone him.

J. EDGAR HOOVER
Director of FBI

IT'S YOUR LAW

By Oregon State Bar

Right to Condemn

Under the feudal system in England, all land was owned by the Crown, with specified lords or tenants having the right of possession. Property owners in this country own their land outright, the states no longer having the ultimate title.

But even in this country, ownership of land is not absolute. It is still subject to the right of the state or federal government, and municipalities in some circumstances, to take the property for certain essential uses. This right is called eminent domain.

Eminent domain laws require that there must be a public use and necessity for the taking of the land and that the landowner be allowed just compensation for what is taken, and for damages resulting to other land not actually occupied.

The word "taking" as applied to this phase of law has been held to include, besides actual possession, cases where land is damaged, as for instance where land is flooded by backed up waters from a dam or where a highway cuts through the middle of a farm, making it dangerous to drive livestock to pasture.

Under certain conditions, private corporations such as telephone and power companies or

BOWL IN ELKS TOURNEY

Willis Bertram and Shay Bybee were among those participating in the Elks bowling tournament held Sunday at Gayway Lanes.

other public utilities may exercise the right to condemn property, provided the conditions of public use and necessity and adequate compensation are met.

Landowners may, if they feel compensation offered is not adequate, have compensation determined by a jury—but they cannot prevent the taking of their lands if public necessity for such taking is shown.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney who is completely advised of the facts involved. Even a slight variance in fact may change the application of the law.)

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HE'LL BE IN NYSSA

SATURDAY
December 11

at the
MERC BLDG.
123 Main Street

2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

COME IN, KIDDIES . . .

Tell Santa Your Desires —
GET FREE CANDY!



Peace on Earth

Is Theme of Nyssa's Christmas Parade This Year

AN ALL-RELIGIOUS EVENT

Monday, Dec. 13 - 7:30 p.m.

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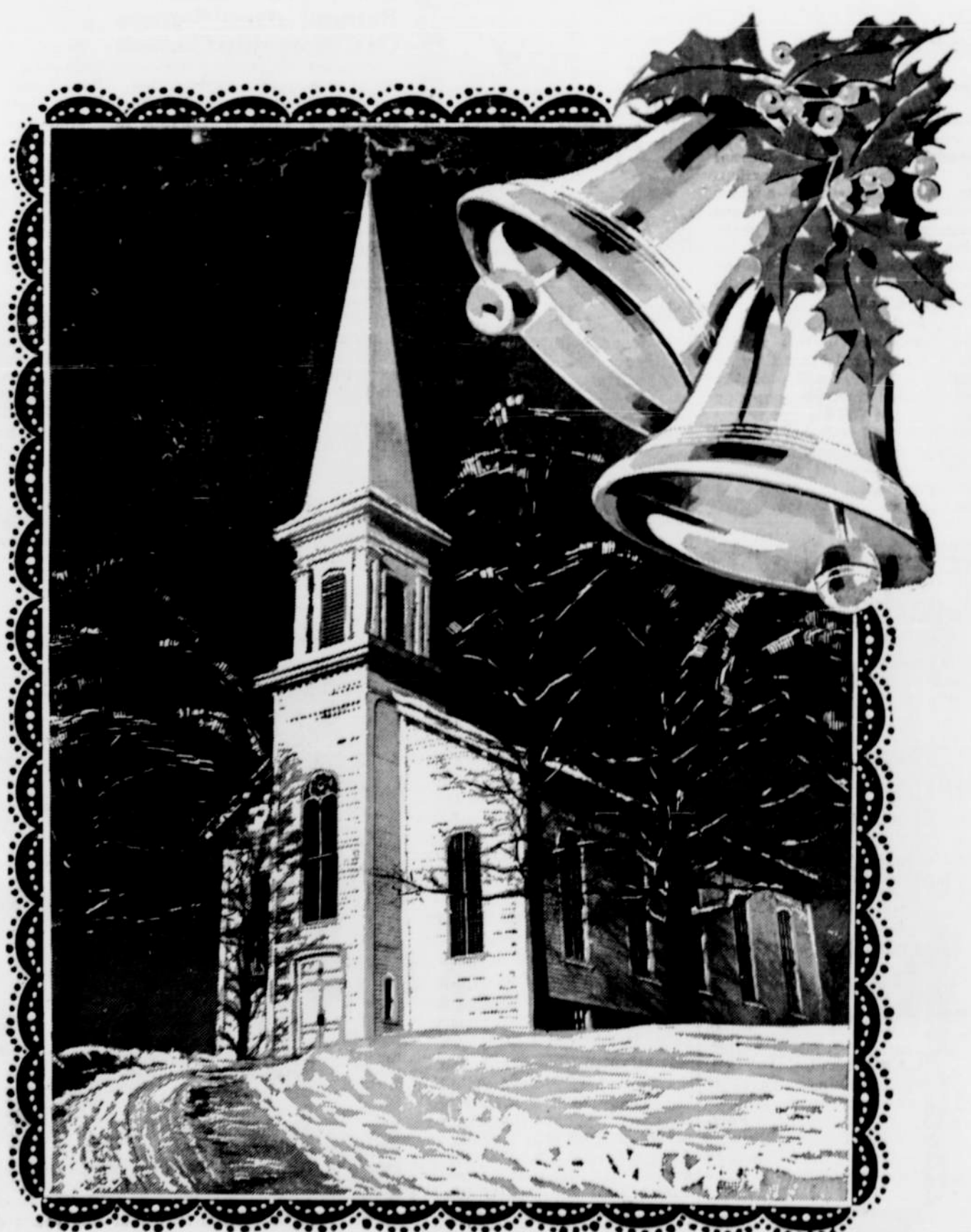
- ★ Parade to be led by two Boy Scouts carrying the Christian and American Flags, escorted by two other Scouts.
- ★ Followed by Nyssa High School Band playing Christmas selections.
- ★ Floats depicting religious scenes. (Lighted for added beauty)
- ★ Vocal numbers by the NHS Chorus.

(There will be no commercial floats, no prizes and no competition between the groups)

Come, Join In... Everyone Welcome

"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." At this joyful season, may there come to every heart a glad renewal of the warming spirit of Peace and Good Will. May we all be richly blessed as we rededicate ourselves to the Glorious Message of the First Christmas.

Sponsored by Nyssa Chamber of Commerce



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