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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor and citizens,
I wonder if other people are aware that this new gun law means - I was so happy not to register guns that I overlooked what did pass. No deer hunting till a boy is 18, no shells till he is 18. Just how do you tell a boy who has hunted 3, 4, or 5 years that he can't go hunting till he is 18.
True, guns are made to kill with, but who teaches to kill people with them? If a person is of mind to kill another person, he will do it with or without a gun. What was our Congress thinking?
I hope someone will start the ball rolling to get this law repealed. /s/ Mrs. Ruth Mahalozki, Route 1 Box 213A, Nyssa, Oregon.

St. Bridget's News

Confessions - Saturday Dec. 21 at 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 11 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 4 p.m. Masses Christmas day - midnight, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The St. Bridget choir will sing at Midnight Mass.
Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. the St. Bridget's Youth group will sponsor a Bible vigil in preparation for the Birth of Christ on Christmas Day. Various youth will read from Scripture, give commentaries, and lead responsive verses. The folk song group will participate between the various readings. All are welcome to this effort by the youth of St. Bridget's.
Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. a Mass in Spanish with a procession and Spanish hymns will be celebrated at St. Bridget's to take part in the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Coffee and cake are to be served in the hall following the ceremony.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Young People of the Owyhee Community church met Sunday evening at the Boyd Haney home in Nyssa.
Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Frost and Michelle of Boise were present for the Dec. 8 services. Frost was guest speaker and will also speak Sunday, Dec. 15. The Frosts were Dec. 8 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dail.
Prayer Meeting and a church board session were held Dec. 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Haney.
The Missionary group met Dec. 3 at the home of Mrs. Bill Nielsen. New officers elected are Mrs. Bill Nielsen, president; Mrs. Betty Nielsen, vice-president; Mrs. Harold Dail, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Peggy Nielsen, flower chairman; Mrs. Amy Stradley and Mrs. Pearl Bullard, kitchen chairmen.
Women of the Church were in charge of canteen service for the Dec. 11 blood drawing in Nyssa.

Salem Scene
By Everett E. Cutter

Hold-The-Line Budget Only Half The Answer

The 1969-71 record state budget presented by Gov. Tom McCall last week proposes a moderate, economy-minded spending program based upon current levels of revenue and relying heavily upon continuing steady economic growth.
It proposes no tax increase or new taxes. It contains no major new programs, no major expansion of existing ones. Linked with a state government reorganization and streamlining program, it seeks to hold the line on costs of state government administration.
But in many ways the new budget is most interesting for what it presupposes or does not say.
It does project an increase of 23.4 percent in general fund expenditures over this biennium, beginning with a \$33.8 million balance to be carried over. It assumes that continuing expansion of the state's economy will produce the necessary additional revenue at current tax levels.
The \$718.8 million general fund budget proposed by Gov. McCall is up \$148.1 million from that of 1967-69. Not widely recognized, however, is the fact that the percentage increase in revenue to come from personal income taxes, main source of general fund moneys, will be smaller than that of 1967-69.
The main question left unanswered in the budget message is that of property tax relief. The governor expects to announce his plans for a relief program this week, including senior citizens' property tax relief.
While the budget contains \$38 million for local property tax relief, that amount is not considered sufficient to provide relief of the magnitude demanded by the sizeable vote for the 1-1/2 percent limitation measure. Significant relief will require a new revenue source--a state sales tax or increased income tax--to take some of the burden off local property taxes.
Legislators generally vote property tax relief as their number one item of business when they convene here next month. But if they do not produce a program the legislature is likely to refer, then property tax relief adjustments in the budget must be considered.
For example, the budget contains no general fund appropriations for senior citizens' relief or for inventory tax relief. The homestead exemption offset would require \$5.3 million to continue; inventory tax relief would need \$26.7 million from the general fund to fulfill legislative intentions to phase out half the tax from 1966 to 1970.
Other adjustment needs may well arise from the governor's proposed government reorganization. The budget is tailored to restructured state government and many of its items are contingent on its adoption.

ADRIAN NEWS
BY PAULINE MACKAY
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ADRIAN - Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Bullock of Vale visited on the evening of Dec. 7 with Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright.
Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackay were among those attending the Dec. 8 annual Job's Daughters' Mystery Fathers' dinner in Nyssa.
The American Legion and auxiliary held a Dec. 8 Christmas potluck dinner and gift exchange at the Legion hall. It was well attended.
Mrs. Francis Deffer was called to Portland on Dec. 2 due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. Pearl Brown. By Friday she was much improved and Mrs. Deffer returned home on Dec. 6.
Mrs. George DeHaven and Vicki went to Jamieson Dec. 7 to take Mrs. Dan Skerjanec and sons to view the Fairchild parade in Ontario.
Mrs. Marjorie Looney left Nov. 23 for Sparks, Nev., where she visited with her brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Looney. From there she drove to the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. I. V. Hart at Santa Barbara, Calif. While in California, she visited her nephews Mr. and Mrs. Gary Woods at Roedona Beach and Dr. Robert Hart of Long Beach. She was a Thanksgiving dinner guest of Dr. William Hart at Ventura, Calif. Mrs. Looney took a trip to Disneyland and returned home Dec. 5.
Ross Mills visited Dec. 8 with Mr. and Mrs. Joe O'Neal at Parma, where Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Mills of Boise were also visitors.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parker and family of La Grande spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker.

The Noisy Walkie-Talkies

A writer on United Kingdom affairs referred recently to that "wordless adjustment" which he said was a hallmark of British life.
Perhaps quiet and wordless accommodation is what makes living civilized and supportable in that kingdom which has more people living to the square mile than any country in Europe save the Netherlands -- and more than some sections of India. "Wordless adjustment," practiced over the centuries, makes for orderliness in the bus queues and quiet conversation (if any talk at all) in the railway coaches.
This sense of civilized conduct -- of regard for the rights of others and everyone having a fair say -- appears even within the crowds on London's Kings Road, where the mini-skirted and the mod generation parade up and down on Saturdays, to stare and be stared at. There is a gentleness and a consideration even in these jostling journeys, and only very very occasionally an explosion into disorder or fisticuffs.
On rare occasions, as in the anti-Vietnam marches against the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square, when windows were smashed and partisans sought to chain themselves to the local ironwork, British youth do explode into violence. But even here it can be argued that most of the motivators and leaders of such marches came over from the continent.
There is something which American youth could learn from this "wordless adjustment." Civilized conduct got lost in the scuffle, for instance, on a recent David Susskind television panel, when students were outstandingly rude and interrupting, vigorously vocal and full of self-importance, as they made their points.
If their purpose was to shout down Mr. Susskind, who can usually take care of himself, or to blot out counterarguments, they succeeded. But to the watching audience, these tactics, violating the canons of orderly debate, were self-defeating. A lot of watchers could only conclude that some of the students participating thoroughly deserved expulsion from their universities.

In Memoriam

SARAH SULLIVAN

Graveside services for Mrs. Sarah E. Sullivan, 82, a former Nyssa resident, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Dec. 12, 1966 at the Nyssa cemetery. Officiating will be Reed Ray, acting Bishop of the Nyssa LDS first ward.
Mrs. Sullivan succumbed Monday in Colfax, Wash.
She was born Jan. 6, 1886 in Idaho and lived in the Nyssa area for many years. Mr. Sullivan died in 1952 at Nyssa.
Survivors include one son, Malcolm S. Sullivan of Parma; two daughters, Mrs. Chlox McKee of La Crosse, Wash., and Mrs. Genevieve Keller, also of Washington.
Friends may call at Lienkaemper chapel from 10 a. m. today until time for the service.

Adrian Church Sets 'God's Acre Event'

The annual 'God's Acre Sale', sponsored by the Adrian Community church will be held Saturday, Dec. 14 at the church. Fried chicken dinners will be served from 11:30 a. m. to 1 p. m., with the auction sale scheduled to begin shortly after 1 o'clock.
Bazaar items will also be on sale and a number of turkeys and hams will be given away.
Carl Lee Hill is head of the committee in charge of the auction sale, and is being assisted by Kenneth Price of the Ridgeview area.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Sunday, Dec. 15 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school.
11 a.m. - Worship service. "The Gospel from Bethlehem." 12:05 p.m. - Choir practice. 7:30 p.m. - Sunday school Christmas Program in sanctuary. Public invited. Offering will be used for the pledge to Norman Case mission work in the Philippine Islands.
Monday, 7:30 p.m. - Webelos will meet in fellowship hall. Boy Scout Troop #419 meeting in Library.
Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. - Cub Scout pack # 450 meeting in fellowship hall.
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Wesleyan service guild meeting at home of Mrs. W. L. McParland.
Thursday, 2:00 p.m. - Ruth Robinson circle meeting at home of Mrs. Dale Garrison.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

The congregation of Faith Lutheran church will go on a Christmas tree hunt, Saturday, Dec. 14 near Unity. Cars will leave from the Nyssa church at 9 a.m. Members of the congregation will meet for the annual event with members of Grace Lutheran church of Vale and St. Paul's Lutheran church of Ontario.

ARCADIA
BY AVO MOELLER
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ARCADIA - Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coffman of Milwaukie, Ore. visited Nov. 30 in the George Moeller home. Mrs. Coffman is the former Margaret Ada Butler of Arcadia.
Mrs. Amy Stradley spent the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stradley and family in Bend.
Richard McLaughlin of Salem spent the recent Thanksgiving weekend in the John Seburn and Dick Corn homes.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stephenson left recently for Willow Springs, Mo., where they will

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spend the Christmas holidays with his mother. They took the southern route through Arizona and Mexico.
Mrs. Marvin Jensen and children of Boise were Dec. 8 dinner guests in the Otis Bullard home.
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowers returned home last week after a month's visit in Arnold, Nebr. Johnny and Jan Zittercob of Fruitland spent Dec. 8 with their father, Gerald Zittercob in the John Zittercob home.
John Zittercob was taken to Holy Rosary hospital on Dec. 4, suffering from a respiratory illness. He was reported, early this week, to be improved but remained hospitalized.
Arcadia club women will meet Friday, Dec. 13, for their annual Christmas party, in the home of Mrs. Parley Feik. Members are asked to take cookies and homemade candy. Boxes will be packed with the treats and will be taken to senior citizens for Christmas.
A diet that may reduce the family's risk of heart disease can be achieved with moderate changes in eating habits, says your Oregon Heart Association.

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