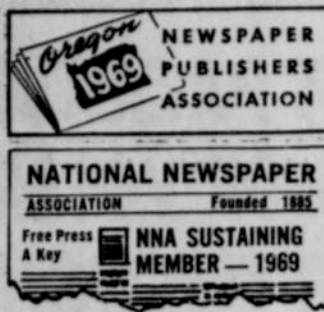


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WHACKING INFLATION!

You have to hand it to the Members of Congress. They are a breed apart. Something special.

What patriots! Do you think that they observe Lincoln's birthday by a moment of silence, or a token reading of his Gettysburg Address. Indeed not. Congress recesses for 10 whole days and each member retires to reflect on Abe's qualities. Endless intonations of Abe's admonitions are rendered, particularly that gem, "It is true that you may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time."

Spirits rekindled, Congress reconvened after 10 days of reflection in honor of Abe and tackled again the monumental problem of inflation.

As recently as 1964 the Members of the House of Representatives were paid a mere \$22,500 for their labors. But they recognized that inflation was a growing menace even 5 years ago, and in concert with Lyndon Johnson, himself a one-time Member of the House, they attacked the problem head-on. They raised their salaries to \$30,000 a year.

But alas, inflation did not succumb easily. President Johnson recognized this, and before he departed Washington he hurled a mighty shaft in its direction. Pay Congressmen \$42,500 he said. And just to protect these valiant corpsmen from any twinge of self-pity, he said that this all-out effort would go forward unless Congress, itself, mutinied against the Commander-in-Chief.

The House Rules Committee met to consider the matter and by a 12 to 3 vote rejected a temporarily unbalanced Member's motion that the pay raise should go to the floor for a vote. The consensus was that inflation would be given no quarter. That select Committee was 4 to 1 for no compromise. The \$42,500 salary should prevail, without vote. And prevail it did.

That is the resolute solution of the Congress. Raise all salaries 88 percent every five years. That will drain taxpayer's pockets of the money that is creating inflationary pressures. From \$22,500 to \$42,500 is 88 percent. Quite an anti-inflation formula, that!

The legal time for voting on the pay raise expired while the Members were recessed in honor of Abe, who walked those tiring miles to return those pennies to the housewife he had overcharged, in error. (U. S. Press Association.)

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sixteen members of the women's association of Adrian community church met on the afternoon of Feb. 13 with Mrs. Marie Moore as hostess.

The women filled out questionnaires given them concerning a survey being conducted on United Presbyterian women.

Mrs. Moore was in charge

of the program. A "least coin" article was read by Mrs. John Fahrbruch and the collection plate was passed. Mrs. Bill Toomb gave the scripture reading, with Mrs. Vernon Hirsch showing slides of Chaco Canyon, ruins in New Mexico.

President Mrs. Irvin Topliff was in charge of the business session and roll call was answered by the women telling of friendship calls made during the month.

The group voted to serve lunch at the Feb. 25 M. L. Judd sale, and the menu was planned.

Next meeting of the association will be March 13, with Mrs. Dale Witt as hostess.



THE CONFIRMATION CLASS - Feb. 16, 1969 - at St. Bridget's Catholic church (upper photo), after one-hour periods of instruction once each week for five weeks, under supervision of Father Charles Young. Members of the class are pictured with Father Young (on extreme left) and other church officials.



MEMBERS OF THE LAY ADVISORY BOARD prepare to burn the note on the Catholic parish hall. In the photo are (l to r) Father Charles Young, Bishop Francis P. Leipzig, D. D., Mrs. Eugene Pratt; Mrs. Roy Hirai, board president; Wilton Jackson; Mary Haburchak, secretary; Robert Kennedy; E. Otis Smith, vice president; and Luis Vendrell. This picture was also taken on Feb. 16, 1969. - Schoen Photos.

GRANGE NEWS

Members of Malheur Pomona Grange #33 met in regular quarterly session Saturday, Feb. 15, at Big Bend Grange Hall, with Pomona Overseer Arthur Beam acting as master in the absence of Ira Price.

Guest speaker was Philip J. Kuhl, State Agriculture Committee member. Mr. Kuhl stressed the importance of the family farm. He also spoke on the sales tax and the Wilderness Bill. Kuhl urged the members to let him know what their thoughts were on the various agricultural measures so that he could relay them to the State Grange.

Mrs. Kuhl, Lecturer of Strawberry Grange, Grant County, accompanied her husband from their ranch home near Prairie City.

Membership Chairman Alva Amidon reported on a meeting with the Farm Bureau and extended their invitation to Grange members to join them in trying to work out some of the agricultural problems.

County Deputy Mrs. Alva Amidon reported that there were 440 Pomona members in Malheur County.

A valentine game was conducted during the lecturer's hour in which groups of grangers portrayed "Still Life Pictures." In the contest for points, the winners were Wm. G. Ross of Vale Grange and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weaver of Boulevard Grange.

The Fifth Degree obligation was given to Clea Belle DeBoer of Boulevard Grange. She was given a warm welcome.

Prior to the meeting a dinner was served to 30 members by the women of Big Bend Grange. The tables were decorated with valentine trees and red Emperor tulips.

Next Pomona meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Oregon Slope grange hall. All grangers are urged to attend this Memorial Service.

Return From Holland

KINGMAN KOLONY - Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Laan accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson to Boise on Jan. 8, when the former couple boarded a plane at 8 a.m. for Holland. They arrived there at 8 a.m. on the following day.

They stayed with Laan's mother, Mrs. Reinder Laan, and then visited Mrs. Laan's father who resides in a home for the aged. They also visited many other relatives and friends.

While there, they took a trip around Yes! lake which was a part of the Flevo Polders. Mrs. Laan's cousin has farmed near there for four years on land where the polders have dried.

The travelers saw some new polders just now dry and reports it makes very good farming ground. They say Holland was having a mild winter with no snow, however, the sky was overcast and cloudy.

The Laan couple arrived home on Feb. 7.

IN APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity to thank the nurses at Malheur Memorial hospital and Dr. K. E. Kerby for excellent care given our deceased mother and grandmother, Mrs. Anna Chaney, during her recent stay in the hospital. We also thank all our friends for the food and assistance offered. - Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chaney and family.

GED Program Slated

Starting Monday, Feb. 24, 1969 the Nyssa Opportunity Center will be giving General Education Development (GED), Sewing, Spanish, English, Drivers Training, and Basic Education classes at the center. Classes will start at 7 p.m. and last until 9 p.m.

Those wishing more information are asked to inquire at the center, located on the corner of Third Street and Park Avenue or Phone 372-3263.

NHS CALENDAR

TODAY - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. high school music assembly including NHS band and choir.
 Feb. 28 - 3:45 p.m. Drill team practice.
 Feb. 28 - 8 p.m. AFS night in cafeteria.
 March 1 - Scholastic Aptitude tests in Ontario high school.
 March 1 - 6:45 p.m. Basketball Enterprise here.
 March 3 - 7 p.m. GAA.
 March 4 - 7 p.m. stage band practice.
 March 4 - 8 p.m. FFA.
 March 6 - OSU visitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong of Wilder, were Feb. 24 visitors of Mrs. Ella McKee.

MAN - HIS ARTS AND IDEAS

BY CLYDE T. SWISHER
 CHAIRMAN, DEPT. OF ENGLISH
 NYSSA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

When the issue of the Journal appeared last week I re-read the column I had written to see if I had conveyed as simply as possible the story of the ballet 'Swan Lake.' The ballet is a simple one in structure and easy to follow for the experienced ballet advocate as well as for the beginner. I had a good laugh because of a typographical error. In one section of the ballet I mentioned that Prince Siegfried swears eternal faith to the young heroine Odette. The line read instead that Siegfried 'sweats' eternal faith, and I must admit that with the energy exerted in ballet, this error might well be a realistic one.

Having worked on a newspaper I know well how easy it is to make an error and not detect it until it appears in print. No griping from me--just good humor and well-deserved sympathy for the proofreader!

'The Nutcracker' ballet has become a classic Christmas ballet and has been presented twice on TV, and will probably be repeated again next season. 'The Nutcracker' is one of dancing's most beautiful gifts, not only for children, but for all those who appreciate magic in the theatre.

The ballet opens with a family Christmas party for a little boy and girl, Fritz and Clara. Each guest brings a present, and the one Clara likes best is a nutcracker in the shape of a doll. When the party is over and the family has gone to bed, Clara dreams that the Nutcracker Doll comes to life and takes her to Fairyland with him.

In the ballet, toys come to life--and a tremendous battle is in progress between Toy Soldiers and an army of Mice. The Nutcracker is at once transformed into a prince charming who takes Clara to his kingdom of sweets, where a great festival is to be held in her honor. She is entertained by the Sugar-Plum Fairy, and all the toys display themselves, each in its own dance.

The story is simple and charming. The most enchanting music, often played as solo numbers, originates in the ballet. Two of the most famous individual dances are the 'Waltz of the Flowers' and the 'Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy.'

In Memoriam

FRED D. SHEPARD

Funeral services for Fred D. Shepard, 57, were conducted Monday afternoon, Feb. 24, 1969 at Shaffer-Jensen Memory chapel in Payette. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Anderson of Payette. Interment, with military honors, was made at Riverside cemetery.

Mr. Shepard, a former Payette resident, succumbed on the previous Thursday in a Boise hospital.

He was born Feb. 25, 1911 at Payette, was reared and

attended schools there. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II in Italy; and returned to the Payette area after the war. He worked for various construction firms.

The deceased had been residing in Nyssa for the past two years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars 1969 at Shaffer-Jensen Memory Post No. 5452 at Ontario.

He is survived by a brother, Henry B. Shepard of Payette; the Payette First Baptist church. Interment, with military honors, was made at Riverside cemetery.

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