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THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

Freedom of speech and freedom of press have been jealously guarded heritages of the U. S. political system. They are the foundation of representative government. Recent action by the Federal Communications Commission to ban cigarette advertising on television and radio raised the free press, free speech question in the minds of many people.

Irrespective of how one feels about cigarette smoking, the FCC action raised a point about "the communications media" that is often overlooked. The right of free speech and a free press do not have the same relationship to television and radio that they do to the nation's newspapers. The very fact that radio and TV stations are subject to federal licensing sets them apart. It also explains why, contrary to what some have thought in the past, neither radio nor TV will take the place of the hometown newspaper. In today's world, they are essential supplementary features of the art of communication. That is why many newspapers own radio and TV stations - while the newspaper keeps right on publishing.

Only the newspaper leaves a permanent record of community life. Only the newspaper is free to express its editor's personal convictions, and only the newspaper - unlicensed and unregulated - fulfills the obligation of a free press in accordance with the historical meaning of the term. A free press is the bastion of a self-governing people. It can be supplemented, but never supplanted.

ARE YOU A PICKPOCKET?

W. Ross Thatcher, Premier of Saskatchewan, Canada, has expressed a timely thought on the subject of high and rising taxes. "If we were to take a man's belongings by stealth or violence, it would be theft - an immoral act for which the law would punish us. But, by some strange mental process, we have rationalized a code of ethics which provides that if we vote away a portion of another man's property - and use it for the special benefit of ourselves or others - we have merely to call it 'promoting the general welfare' in order to remove all taint of dishonesty."

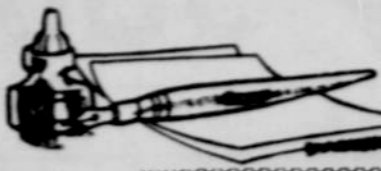
Voting for advocates of virtually limitless public spending on the theory of getting something "free" from the government is as dishonest as picking your neighbor's pocket.

PERSONALS

March 29 afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Myrick were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Bateman of Boise, Russel Myrick and his friend Kelly Cassidy were home for spring vacation. The boys are students at EOC in La Grande, Jim Farmer, a student at TVCC in Ontario was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Riggs were March 30 dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Manning and family of Meridian.

AROCK - Home for spring vacation is Elizabeth Eiguren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eiguren. She was accompanied by Sue Hurliman, a schoolmate from Mt. Angel college, Portland.



Letters to the Editor

Re: Sales Tax

There is no balanced relationship between the earning power and the paying power in a general sales tax. Those in a low income bracket that are compelled to spend their entire income for a living for themselves and their family have no choice but to pay a tax on 100 per cent of their income, while those in advantageous positions and with greater opportunity pay a tax on only a portion of their income. In other words the richer pay the least percentage of a sales tax in accordance to the advantages he has in our country.

All the unfortunate, those on relief, the aged, the crippled, the blind, every child, and even the handicapped war veteran would be taxed on 100 per cent of what they have to live on. They would have no freedom of choice. They cannot count their small amount of money in their pocket with the idea of having that much to spend for necessities of life, because, a general sales tax with its small voice says, "That is not all yours." No consideration is given to ability to pay.

There is no favorable connection whatever between property tax relief and this sales tax, because those who really need property tax relief would be paying much greater tax in sales taxes than he now pays on property taxes. This has been proven in other states and the best authority we have in Oregon tells us it will be the same here. We need economy in our State, which we will not get if a sales tax is passed. It is a buyers tax and subtracts its percentage from the buying power, which hurts business to that extent.

The sales tax group start out by appropriating \$300,000.00 for an election, and if it should carry it would mean additional office space in Salem, an addition of hundreds of extra State employees to handle the extra office work, besides the automobiles and auditors that would be required to travel over the State.

If ever a general sales tax is passed, the wolf will have his head in the door, and history in other states has shown it does not decrease, but steadily increases and spreads to other commodities like it has in our neighboring states, where it covers food, drugs and all necessities.

A vote for a sales tax is a vote to increase strikes, unrest, crime, demonstrations, mental disturbances and the ghettos we hear so much about. The continued passing of sales taxes

in our states is certain to bring about a reckoning day. We cannot put the burden of taxes on those least able to pay, taking food from their mouths and clothing from their backs, and have it continue to work, without creating a chaotic condition.

Our State officials could be contributing to the welfare of our State if part of their time was spent in plugging loopholes in our graduated income tax laws, which if administered fair and properly would well support our State government. By planned maneuvering, several other bills have been attached to the proposed sales tax bill to make it more palatable, all of which can be nullified at a later date.

Every politician in Oregon knew what the salary was for the office he asked for when elected, and I feel they should not be leaders in spiraling inflation by sponsoring exorbitant pay raises.

As a citizen and taxpayer in Oregon, may I urge you to vote "No" on this sugar coated sales tax bill on June 3rd, and keep this unreasonable, creeping, sneaky beast out of our State. - C. H. Brooks, Langlois, Ore.

A Philippine Friend Writes

March 27, 1969

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brammer:

Hello! I planned to write you some time ago, but I have been too busy! I was in Bangkok, Thailand from March 8 to 14 for AFS Far Eastern conference, and I was lucky enough to meet Praparsi Tangtatswadi (Nyssa high school AFS exchange student, 1966-67 from Bangkok). She had to drop her books so she could come to the hotel. She was reviewing for her exams then. I hope she passed!

We had much fun together and she was kind enough to take me shopping. We planned to send a postcard to you and let you know we did get together - it's a small world! And we spent quite a lot of time talking about good ole' Nyssa. In between haggling for Thai silk and giggling, we talked about people she knew, whom I knew too. And we both got so homesick for Nyssa.

The conference itself was great fun. It was nice to see old friends again - some of the AFS/International staff members I met last 1967 in New York and other delegates I met at the Manila conference in 1967, and one I met last year in Australia.

Of course, another great thing is meeting new people, new friends. The discussions covered a lot of ground, and the most interesting parts were the case studies presented to us. I am sure my tongue was worn out from talking too much.

The Returnee Organization's chairman was with me and we were invited by the overseas representative of Malaysia to go with her. We were lucky enough to be able to change our tickets and secure a visa, so we spent the weekend in Kuala Lumpur. A trip to Singapore, before going back to Manila, occurred on the spur of the moment, and before we knew it, we were back home.

Last month we moved the office to another building, and boy, was it tough. Our new office address is Room 511, 1414 Rozas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Philippines. And whoever finds time to write and wants some Philippine stamps may write to me at that address.

Right now we're in the midst of processing family application forms for the summer and school program. We might have 50 to 45 summer program students, and five or six for the school program. We expect about 50 to 55 Filipino students to go on the winter program. We're also working on booklets of information about AFS and the different programs. Aside from that, we're also trying to get our files in order.

If you were snowed under with snow, this winter - I'm now being snowed under with paper work!

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Haney, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Farmer made a recent church business trip to Montana.

Mid-week prayer meeting was held Wednesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bullard.

Missionary women will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 in the home of Mrs. Ken Lorensen. All women of the church are welcome to attend these meetings, whether active or not in work of the Missionary group. Children will also be welcomed. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nielsen and family have moved to the area from Nyssa, and are residing on the Cloninger farm. The Niensens are leaders of young people's activities.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Monday, April 7 - 6:45 p.m. - Cub den No. 3 meeting at the church. 7 p.m. - Den No. 4 meeting at church. 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout troop meeting in church library; nominations committee meeting in church parlor; Webelos den meeting at church.

Tuesday, April 8-10:30 a.m. - Senior Citizens meeting in fellowship hall.

Thursday, April 10-4 p.m. - Girl Scout meeting in fellowship hall; Cub Den No. 1 meeting in old kitchen; 7 p.m. Cub den No. 2 meeting in fellowship hall.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY - 7 P.M. Executive PTA meeting in Junior High building.

TODAY - 7:30 P.M. Regular meeting of Job's Daughters Bethel #33.

TODAY - 8 P.M. Public meeting in Meeting room of Malheur County Courthouse, Vale, Oregon, concerning Day-Light Savings time.

APRIL 4 - 2 P.M. Friendship circle meet at the home of Mrs. Edna McGinnis, 220 Chestnut Ave.

APRIL 8 - 10:30 A.M. Senior Citizens meet at the Nyssa Methodist church.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Eight members of the Bible study group of Adrian Community church met on the afternoon of March 26 in the home of Mrs. Dale Witt.

The lesson on 'decipleship' from Matthew, was given by Mrs. Marie Moore.

OBITUARIES

LOIS GRUBAUGH

AROCK - Residents of this community and surrounding areas were saddened by the recent death of Mrs. Lois Grubaugh. She had been a resident of Arock for many years.

The deceased, her husband and son had recently moved to McDermitt, Nev., where she became ill, and was taken to the Winemucca hospital where she succumbed after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held March 22, 1969 at the McDermitt school gymnasium, with the Rev. Jackson of the Winemucca First Methodist church officiating. Interment was at the McDermitt cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Hugh Smith, Dale Brown, James Montgomery, Orville Haigh and Everett Miller. Serving an honorary bearers were Orville Fretwell, Dee Urquiga, and Thomas Carson.

Mrs. Grubaugh was born Feb. 6, 1921. She is survived by her husband, Donald O. Grubaugh; and seven children, Charles, Shirley, Robert, Mary Ellen, Charlotte, Janice and Reno.

A dinner for members of the family and friends was served at the McDermitt community hall.

About Our Town

Letter To Editor:

I agree with Mr. Joseph Lee Dail that we all should take an interest in various affairs of the community we live in. We cannot all have the brains to understand higher, more complicated politics, but little things of local interest should bring forth letters to Editors to air our opinions from the humblest housewife, etc.

I am quite new in this town, I find much to comment on. Like all towns Nyssa has its advantages and disadvantages. The nice modern churches and the Malheur hospital is something to be proud of. The well equipped new library with its friendly attendants is certainly one of the pleasant places in Nyssa. I am looking forward to going with my children to the swimming pool this summer. (By the way a letter is missing on its facade.) This was critic No. 1 and a mild one to get started. -- A daily task that is quite disagreeable to me, is to have to walk through the underpass on E. Main street on my way down town. The loose dust and even filth, tumbleweeds, etc. in and around the underpass makes this an unpleasant walk. The walls defaced by misguided people, could be cleaned up, so our small children should not have to ask their mother questions, they cannot answer. Just how often does the city here, attempt to erase or paint over these scribbles? Never? It seems they could try harder.

Well this should be enough from me -- for this week. Thanks - Ruth Seegert Hansen, 106 E. Main St. Nyssa, Oregon.

MAN - HIS ARTS AND IDEAS

BY CLYDE T. SWISHER

CHAIRMAN, DEPT. OF ENGLISH
 NYSSA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Recently I suggested a reading of Irving Stone's biographical novel "The Agony and the Ecstasy." This week I should like to recommend another biographical novel dealing with an artist. The novel is a carefully researched portrait of a painter only second to Michelangelo (in my personal preference) - Rembrandt.

Seldom do descriptions on book jackets truthfully describe the contents, but in the case of "Rembrandt" by Gladys Schmitt, the book jacket information is realistic. The following material is directly quoted:

"If the story of Rembrandt's life is a great subject for the novelist, it is not only because his development into one of the world's supreme painters has profound spiritual significance. His life, unlike that of most creative artists, was closely intertwined with his work; and the conflicts of family, class, marriage, children, and society that run through his turbulent career have become basic themes for Western man over the past 300 years.

"There is the theme of the talented young man of humble background who moves out of his class into precarious honor and wealth. There is the ill-advised marriage to the beautiful heiress, Saskia, a marriage that brings him happiness in love but not the stability that his unruly nature requires. There is the inevitable estrangement from his family, when those whose lives are bounded by the salt mill in Leyden resent his splendid possessions and his aristocratic wife.

"There is the conflict between the painter and the burgher society of Amsterdam, when his refusal to paint in the manner that first brought him success leads to the decline of his reputation and fortune. There is the conflict in himself after Saskia's death, when he can no longer stifle his impulse to live again."

Like Stone, Schmitt has drawn upon all important scholarship relevant to Rembrandt. The scope of the book is tremendous but it is relaxing to read. Certainly Schmitt has captured the glories and tragedies of human existence from the high-heartedness of youth to the sorrows of old age.

The book is available from the Nyssa Public Library. Next week I'll plan to write about a couple of Rembrandt paintings which you'll be able to see in a local business establishment.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Genevieve Borton of Holden, Mo., and 12 grandchildren. A daughter and two brothers preceded Mr. Wood in death.

Weekly Sermonette

"I will die for you" promised a young man. "But I do not want a corpse," protested the young lady. "I want a companion."

David, knowing the Lord did not want a corpse but a committed Christian, said in Psalm 31:5, "Into Thy hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast redeemed me."

Commitment, in the first place, is to someone. A missionary saved a young African from a lion and nursed him back to health. When he recovered, he said, "The law of the African forest makes the redeemed the property of the redeemer. Because of you I am alive. Take me and do with me as you will." Will you, the redeemed of the Lord, say as much?

Commitment, in the second place, is to service. If one is truly a slave of Christ, he will enter the service of Christ. The apostle Paul said, "Whose I am," then "Whom I serve." General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, was asked the secret of his life, "It was by any secret to my life," he replied, "It is that the Lord Jesus Christ has had everything there is of me and I have lived only to serve Him." Does the Lord have everything there is of you?

Ore., and Mrs. Roberta Bleakney of Lakeview, Ore. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Ellen Kind of Reno, Nev.

LAURA RAYMOND

Funeral rites for Former Nyssan Mrs. Clarence (Laura) Raymond will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 5, 1969 at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating will be Howard Bair of the Nyssa LDS second ward. Mrs. Raymond succumbed Tuesday night in Hermiston. Complete obituary information will be printed in a subsequent issue of the Journal.

ALICE SAVAGE

Graveside services for Mrs. Alice Savage, 80, will be held at 10 o'clock Friday morning, April 4, 1969 at Evergreen cemetery in Ontario, under direction of Bertelson-Lienkaemper funeral home. Officiating will be Rector Frank Butler of St. Matthew's Episcopal church, Ontario.

Mrs. Savage died March 31 in Milwaukie, Ore. She was born August 20, 1888 in Arcadia, Wis., and moved to Milwaukie in 1964.

Her husband, Walter Fred Savage, preceded her in death October 25, 1964. They had made their home in Nyssa for 20 years at the time of his death.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Billie Lainge of Tigard,

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