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LEGISLATORS DISCUSS "SALES TAX" PACKAGE

Senator Vern Cook, speaking April 3 before the Gresham Optimists Club, described the Sales Tax Package to be submitted to the people at a special election June 3 as a perverse plan to benefit the wealthy five per cent of Oregon's population at the expense of the other 95 per cent.

He suggested that it is the kind of tax plan you would expect to be written by a Robin Hood gone mad who got his values mixed up.

Senator Cook stated "The Sales Tax Package being submitted to the people June 3 is the greatest proposed tax give-away since the land scandals of the nineties. Before breaking even under the legislation contained in the governor's sales tax proposal one must have a \$20,000.00 income and a \$35,000.00 home.

Tax Commission figures indicate that only 6.2 per cent of all Oregon families have incomes of over \$15,000.00 and only 7 per cent of the homes in Oregon exceed a value of \$35,000.00.

This means that if the sales tax is adopted between 90 and 95 per cent of all Oregonians will pay an increased tax and only five to ten per cent will receive any tax reduction. This is a plan that robs the middle class and poor in order to give to the rich. Its Robin Hood in reverse, gone mad with his values mixed up."

Senator Cook urged a No vote at the June 3 election.

State Representative Bill Bradley, member of the House Tax Committee and Vice-chairman of the No Sales Tax League, at a meeting of the Linn County Democratic Central Committee in Albany Thursday night, cautioned voters to look beyond the ballot title written by the Supreme Court for the sales tax measure to be voted on June 3.

Bradley noted that the ballot title written by the Legislature was so misleading that the Supreme Court threw it out and re-wrote their own title, but

that it, too, is "so deceptive and misleading that it should be thrown out, too."

Commenting on the rewriting of the ballot title, Representative Bradley said, "The Oregon Supreme Court had an obligation to write a ballot title which everyone could understand and one without statements which are vague and deceptive. The Supreme Court has, instead, shirked its obligation and we now have a ballot title which seems designed to further confuse the picture instead of clarifying it.

"The Court's ballot title also gives a voter the impression that all of the package is locked into the Constitution while only the 3% rate is actually locked in and the exemptions are subject to change at the whim of the Legislature.

"In addition, \$1.3 million of the proceeds of the tax package will go to the Highway Fund and not to property tax relief as the Court's ballot title indicates.

"The tragedy of the situation is that there is no higher body to throw out the Supreme Court's ballot title, so it is the one which will face the voter on June 3 and it may affect the outcome of the election -- which is the one thing that it is not supposed to do."

Attend Emmett Rites

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stunz attended April 15, 1969 funeral rites for her aunt, Mrs. Clyde Phillips at Emmett.

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Letters to the Editor

Nyssa Senior Citizens wish to acknowledge the generous offer made us by the management of the United States National Bank, soon to be a reality in our town. Knowing we were in need of our own place of meeting, they were giving us either of the buildings on the property to be the site of the new Nyssa bank. All Senior Citizens here and everywhere feel deep gratitude for courtesies tendered them. We, who are of that group, know how quickly those who are younger will be eligible for our same activities for if you live long enough means unescapable old age.

We can report the acceptance of this offer was attended by many letters and phone calls from the United States National Bank in Portland at their expense. In closing the contemplated move the Nyssa Senior Citizens were in receipt of a courteous letter from the Portland office assuring us of their personal wish to be of service to all our local citizens and they regretted we were unable to effect relocation of either of the existing structures.

We also wish to acknowledge the kind gesture of Clarence Page, offering us the two small houses by the old Morocco building. All Senior Citizens, everywhere, feel this same gratitude for courtesies. - The Nyssa Senior Citizens.

Dear Editor:

We all know the North Board of Control officials have their problems. Trying to out guess the weather in this part of the country is almost impossible.

We all know how thankful the farmers are in this area to be assured enough water for their crops this coming year, myself included! But I don't think we all know how much damage is done to the farmers along the Owyhee river below the dam when the river floods like it has this past week. Land that has been worked and fertilized and planted to beets, potatoes, onions and etc. Then to have this land covered by water. The pumping installations along the river that is completely washed out. Also the road ways and fences.

If the farmers along the river totaled up their damages the figure would be staggering especially in this day and age when it costs so much to operate a farm. I heard from a good source way back around the first of the year that there was enough snow in our water shed to fill the reservoir twice over. Why the members on the water board waits until the last minute to release all this water is beyond me. You know a little common sense in dealing with this problem would help a lot. - Sincerely, David Wynn.

Dear Editor:

The Nyssa High School Band and Chorus gave a concert last Friday that will remain in our memory for a long time. This was one concert, that I am sure, that not even the most tired, overworked farmer did

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Mr. Kurtz served during World War I with U. S. Army in Europe. His favorite hobbies were traveling and fishing and he was devoted to family and friends. He was a retired farmer and rancher.

In addition to his widow of the home, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kurtz of rural Nyssa; four grandchildren, Gary, Sharon, Kathy and Michael Kurtz.

Also surviving are three brothers, Albert Kurtz of Chicago, Edward Kurtz of LeMars, Iowa and Roy Kurtz of Kendall, Kans.; two sisters, Mrs. Lydia White of Ocala, Fla., and Mrs. Carl (Sylvia) Roth of Nyssa.

Interment will be made in the Nyssa cemetery under direction of Lienkaemper chapel.

Members of the family have stated that they prefer memorials be given to the cancer fund in lieu of floral offerings.

JAMES C. STACEY

Services for James C. (Cline) Stacey, a lifelong resident of Vale, were conducted Tuesday afternoon, April 15, 1969 at High funeral chapel in Vale. Officiating was the Rev. Virden Seybold of the Vale Methodist church.

Mr. Stacey succumbed unexpectedly on the previous Saturday after suffering an apparent heart attack.

He was born Feb. 28, 1894 at Vale and was married June 25, 1920 to Ethel Purvis. Most of his lifetime was spent farming and raising livestock in the Vale area.

The deceased was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the WW I Barracks of Vale. He had also been active in community affairs.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by a son, James C. Stacey Jr. of John Day; the one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Hyde of Vale.

Other survivors include two brothers, Richard of Woodburn, Ore., George Stacey of Ashland, Ore.; three sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Schoonover of Nyssa, Mrs. Veva Anderson of Vista, Calif., Mrs. Cleo Risley of Spokane, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Saxon Stacey.

Concluding services, with military honors by American Legion Post No. 96, were conducted in Valley View cemetery at Vale.

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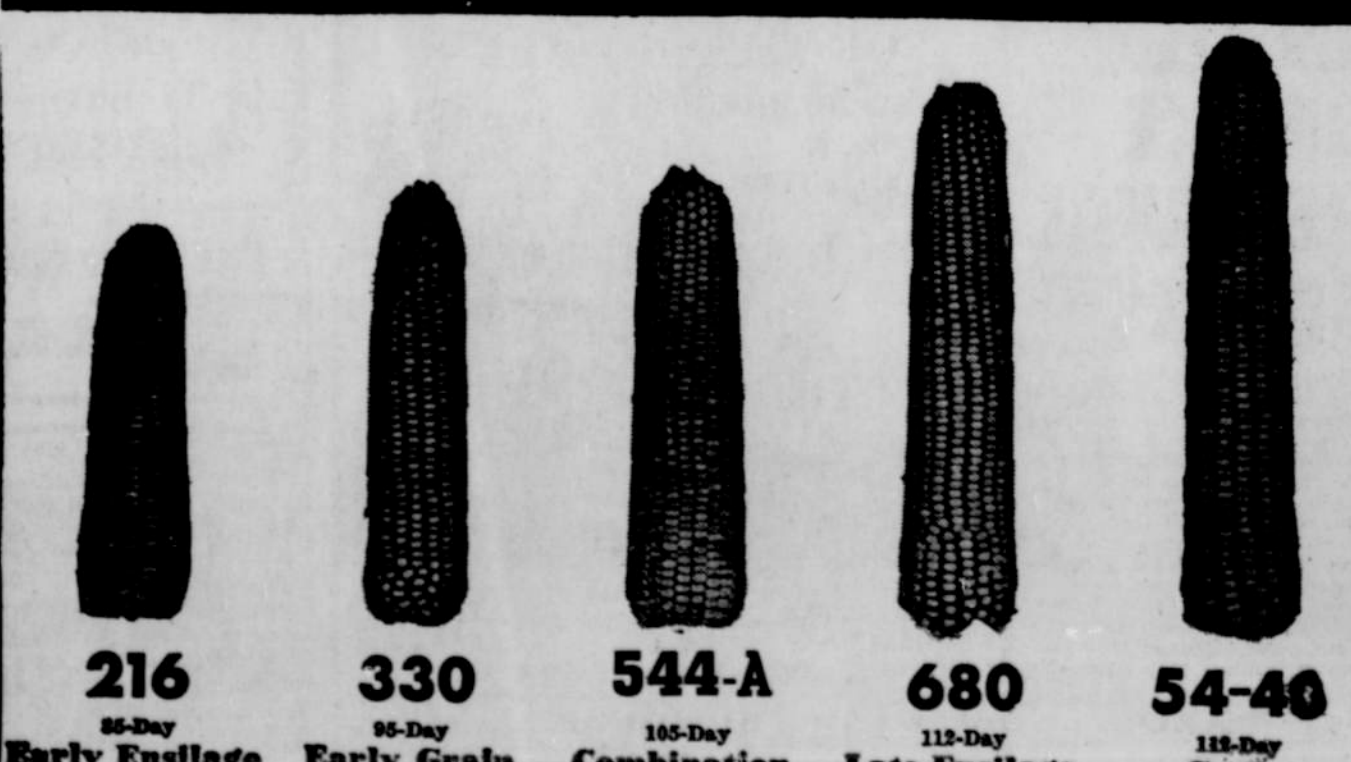
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COMING EVENTS

TODAY - 6 P.M. - Potluck dinner-meeting of Job's Daughters Bethel #33.

TODAY - 8:15 P.M. Adrian PTA unit meet in grade school cafeteria.

APRIL 18 - 8 P.M. Betty Madge Wilson's dance recital, sponsored by Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary, at Nyssa school cafeteria.

APRIL 18 - 10 A.M. SRV Music Teachers meeting at the home of Mrs. Louis Wettstein near Ontario.

APRIL 22 - 8 P.M. Nyssa Thunderettes meet in library conference room.

APRIL 22 - 10:30 A.M. Senior Citizens meeting at Nyssa United Methodist church.



MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 1969

April 13 - To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson of Vale, a girl.

April 15 - To Mr. and Mrs. Ron Johnson of Vale, a girl.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The young people of Owyhee Community church met for an outdoor fellowship session on the evening of April 13 near the Joe Stephen home. They roasted wieners for a picnic supper.

On the evening of April 15, members of the congregation met with members of the board to discuss important church business.

All teachers and prospective aides are invited to go to the Baptist church in Caldwell on April 19 for instruction on the American Sunday School lessons to be used during the vacation Bible school session.

Rodney Frost gave the sermon during the April 13 morning worship service. He plans to speak again on April 20.

Mid-week prayer service was held this week at the church. Women of the Missionary circle met April 15 at the home of Mrs. Ken Lorenson.

MUSIC FESTIVAL

"Let Music Fill the Earth" is the name of the spring music festival sponsored by the LDS Stake Relief Society Friday, April 25 at the Nyssa Stake house. Starting time is 8 P.M. Songs by the "Singing Mothers" will be featured, as well as many special numbers. The public is invited.

MAN - HIS ARTS AND IDEAS BY CLYDE T. SWISHER

CHAIRMAN, DEPT. OF ENGLISH NYSSA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

William Shakespeare's romantic-tragedy "Romeo and Juliet" as a film began a ten-day playing period last night at the Pix Theatre in Ontario.

Ralph Nichols of the Idaho Statesman wrote a fine review. When I read his review several weeks ago, I thought how similar our reactions were. Printed below are excerpts from his review.

"With a fresh new look, the theatre's most enduring love story comes to the motion picture screen in the Franco Zeffirelli production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Given the two art forms, I am frequently inclined to choose the stage over its somewhat-distant cousin, which only now is discovering its role. Zeffirelli's vivid portrayal of this tragic story of young love, however, obligates one not to state such an immediate preference.

"The greatest contribution made by the Florentine film maker to both this production and future "Romeo and Juliets" is his casting of Olivia Hussey, 15, and Leonard Whiting, 17, in the title roles. It is to the everlasting credit of Zeffirelli, who also directed "The Taming of the Shrew," that he remembered that Shakespeare, after all, did write his play about two teen-agers.

"The effect of youth portraying youth, which traditionally has been lost on the stage, significantly contributes to the film's emotion and beauty, and, especially to the young, makes Romeo and Juliet real.

"The purist on Shakespeare may object to the Zeffirelli interpretation on the basis that not all of the Elizabethan Bard's poetic lines remain in the film script, or, when there, are not intact at all times. And, such a criticism would be justified if this were the theatre.

"What we are offered in this "Romeo and Juliet" is an accurate and well-done arrangement of the original stage play. We see Miss Hussey and Whiting as vibrant teen-agers living the poetry of love.

"And I am of the opinion that this presentation, together with a fine use of photography, captures the action, magic and pathos that Shakespeare himself envisioned. "Romeo and Juliet" is more than a Zeffirelli-Hussey-Whiting triangle of talent. Pat Heywood is excellent as Juliet's earthy nurse, and manages to steal more than one scene.

"John McEnery is Romeo's friend Mercutio, Michel York is Tybalt and Milo O'Shea is Friar Laurence. All give talented performances which contribute to the film's success. And the original score of Nino Rota blends well with the action to help convey the story, especially during the death scenes.

"One also must note that Zeffirelli, through his use of photography, knows how to capture violent action without its becoming crude or detracting from the film's artistry.

"The Zeffirelli production of "Romeo and Juliet" bears a dreadful relevance to 1969--that youth, seeking its own, must still fall victim to the vain warnings of an older generation, and thus continue the tragic story of "Juliet and her Romeo." "How long before we realize the truth in the Prince of Verona's cry: "Where be these enemies?--Capulet! Montague! See what a scourge is laid upon your hate ... all are punish'd."

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