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RELIEF OR A SHIFT?

We have been deluged with information on the Three Percent Sales tax proposal to be voted upon by the electorate June 3. The Pro element makes a good case for their belief until one has read the other side. The Cons make a good case until one reads the other side.

But after reading and studying both sides, with what we have tried to call an open mind, we have concluded that a sales tax will be detrimental to more people than those it would aid. And that it will be detrimental to those who can least afford to pay more taxes. In this manner it is a Shift and not a Relief.

In trying to analyze the proposition we applied it to ourselves and could see little difference total tax we would pay now or with the sales tax. But we can see that it could be quite an item to businesses along the Idaho border of Eastern Oregon.

We predict, should it pass, that it will soon just be another additional tax and fail to give any class of citizen lasting relief. That has been the history of it in many states having it for a few years.

It is our belief that it will fail by quite a margin and personally shall vote against it. We urge every one to study the proposal diligently before June 3 and then go vote one way or the other.

A SOLDIER AND HIS GOD

THE POEM BELOW FIRST APPEARED IN THE BECKER COUNTY RECORD, DETROIT LAKES, MINN. IT WAS FOUND ON THE BODY OF A 19-YEAR OLD SOLDIER IN VIETNAM.

Look God: I have never spoken to you, but now— I want to say: "How do you do?" You see God, they told me You didn't exist

And like a fool—I believed all of this. Last night from a shell-hole I saw your sky— I figured right then they had told me a lie. Had I taken the time to see the things you made, I'd know they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand. Somehow—I feel that you will understand. Funny, I had to come to this hellish place, Before I had time to see your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today. I guess the zero-hour will soon be here

But I'm not afraid since I know you are here. The signal—well, God—I'll have to go, I like you lots—this I want you to know. Looks like this will be a horrible fight.

Who knows—I may come to your house tonight. Though I wasn't friendly with you before, I wonder God—if you'd wait at your door—

Look—I am crying, me shedding tears, I wish I'd known you these many years. Well, I'll have to go now, God—goodbye

Strange—since I met you—I'm not afraid to die.

Friendship cheers like a sun-beam; charms like a good story, inspires like a brave leader; binds like a golden chain; guides like a heavenly vision.

Marriage teaches you loyalty, tolerance, understanding, perseverance and a lot of other things you wouldn't need if you'd stayed single.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

Gate City Journal:

New Plymouth's Alpha Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all those who helped make our Benefit talent show such a success. We are so grateful to the businessmen who contributed to our fund raising project, to the performers who provided the excellent entertainment, and to your newspaper staff for the publicity our project received.

These children are very special to us and your support was certainly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Connie Sorenson
Alpha Nu Secretary

I do not think anyone other than property owners, should be permitted to vote on expenditures of tax money, otherwise, it is like pickpocketing and getting by with it.

I am tired of having my pockets picked, aren't you? It is high time for property owners and taxpayers of the Nation to awaken. The less a dollar is worth, the more it should be watched. Was Hamburger Hill worth the cost?

Walter Burdette
Nyssa, Ore.
Rt. 2

Letter to the Editor,

Journal Editor:

Before I was married my work was on the farm with enough hard work to make even a young person tired. When the weather prevented work it was good to rest aching bones and muscles. There was no time for loafing or trouble making and too much sweating for long hair and beard to be comfortable, only law violators objected to law and the police were respected. Also, older people, parents and teachers were honored, they instructed the minors and they obeyed.

I walked, rode a horse and bicycle to school (not in a bus or dad's car) and had chores to do before and after school. I went to College in 1920 and 1921. My father (not the Government) paid the tuition and paid for my books. I worked in a cafe for my meals, after school and weekends. Work of any kind, meant doing the job well, for yourself or your employer and there was no time for trouble making.

Too easy credit and debt is ruining the Nation and the individual. Spending should be held safely within income and a reserve should be built up, for future. My motto is "I would rather eat beans paid for, than owe for a T-bone steak."

We need conservatism far greater than we need a state sales tax. If the wasted money thru those who take it from us, were available and used sensibly by individuals, our homes and our country could be made beautiful and there would be true pride in our possessions.

Walter Burdette,
Rt. 2 Nyssa, Ore.

St. Bridget's News

Nyssa and Adrian high school 1969 graduates of the St. Bridget's Catholic church were honored by a program held during second mass Sunday May 25 at the Nyssa church. The ladies group and the men's group of the church jointly gave two scholarships. Ruth Ann McGinley received one and Burdette Pratt received the other.

The Nyssa PTA would like to thank the Nyssa Gate City Journal for the coverage and support you have given to us this year.

We'd also like to publicly thank Mr. W. McPartland, Mr. Chester, Mr. Martin and Mrs. Poor for their loyal support.

To the teachers who supported us we'd like to thank you and tell you that you were noticed and appreciated for being there.

To the parents I'd like to thank those who came for giving us a chance to help inform them on community interests. We tried to give programs that was or should have been of interest to everyone in this community. I would like to challenge more parents to become interested and concerned and to become involved next year. PTA is for parents who are interested in children, rich children, poor children, good children, bad children and average children. Surely we have more than 188 parents (PTA membership this year) in our community who care enough about their children, about their community and about their schools to come and take part in their PTA.

I'd like to thank the Community for giving me the opportunity for two years to be PTA President.

I can truly say I was proud to serve. - Thank you.

Sincerely,
Colleen Froerer.

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Vacation Bible school at Adrian Community church will begin Monday, June 2 and continue for two weeks. Hours will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

The sessions will be for all boys and girls four years old through those of sixth-grade age. All area children, in this age group, are welcome to attend.

On Sunday, June 1 a Holy Communion service will be held.

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LDS Institute Of Religion Graduation Rites Announced

The Ontario LDS Institute of Religion will hold its fourth annual graduation services at 8 p.m., Sunday, June 1, 1969 in the Institute of Religion building located at 517 S. W. 7th Avenue, according to Dr. Paul R. Searle, director of the institute.

The address to the graduates will be delivered by Richard C. Lambert, who has been teaching at the Institute of Religion for the past two years, and will soon be leaving with his family for a Sabbatical leave at Brigham Young university in Provo, Utah, where he will do residency work on his doctors degree.

Certificates of Graduation will be presented by Dehlin A. Erickson and Evern O. Youngberg, presidents of the Nyssa and Weiser Stakes of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Students who will receive certificates of graduation issued by the LDS church board of education, are those who have

completed twelve quarter hours of Institute religion classes and are completing their sophomore year in college. These students are Lynn Barton, Owyhee; Sandra Dudley, Payette; Linda Garner, Letha; and Wayne Goates, Parma.

Five sophomore students will receive special recognition for having previously graduated and completing at least 18 quarter hours of religious study. They are, Steve Brandau, Melita; Carroll Bruner and Kathy Hollanday, Ontario; Mike Jefferies, Nyssa; and Tom Reed, Payette.

Student speakers for the evening will be Jefferies and Goates. Music will be furnished by the institute choir and quartet.

A buffet supper will be held prior to the service for the graduates, their parents and special guests.

Dr. Searle announces that the public is cordially invited to attend the graduation services.

Survivors include his widow, Vivian Seward and a son, Joseph Seward of Nyssa; three daughters, Mrs. Barbara White of Coos Bay, Ore., Mrs. Verna Aucutt of Lewiston, Idaho and Miss Nancy Seward of Nyssa.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Verna Scott of Fruitland, Mrs. Jessie Morgan of Burns, Mrs. Mayme Van Mayer of Spokane; and three grandchildren.

Interment was made in Evergreen cemetery at Ontario under direction of Lienkaemper chapel.

CANDACE PHILLIPS

Services for Candace Elaine (Candy) Phillips, 22, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon, May 29, 1969 at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. Edward Alora of the Homedale Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the Nyssa cemetery.

Miss Phillips, a former Nyssa resident, succumbed Saturday at Loma Linda, Calif., following an extended illness.

She was born Oct. 9, 1946 at Salt Lake City, was graduated from Homedale high school and attended the University of Idaho in Moscow. She was employed by Leon Burt Music Studio in Boise before going to California for medical treatment.

The deceased is survived by her parents, Samuel C. Phillips of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Clara C. Phillips of Klamath Falls, Ore.; a brother, David Phillips of Los Angeles; and a sister, A. Gay Phillips of Salt Lake City.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Johnson of Parma and Mrs. Gladys Phillips of Glenwood Springs, Colo.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rodney Frost and daughter of Boise were guests at Owyhee Community church on May 25. He has been Sunday speaker for the worship service while the church was without a pastor. He will be honored with a pot-luck dinner on Sunday, June 8. The event will also be a welcoming gathering for the new pastor, the Rev. Fred Moxom. His first regular service will be Sunday, June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. James Farmer will move in the near future into their trailer home near Nyssa. They had resided for several weeks in the church parsonage to take care of the lawn.

Twenty-two youths and adults met for a pie social and games on the evening of May 24 in the church basement.

Sam Parvin of Wilder will be on hand during the Sunday school hour on June 1 to show slides of former camp sessions of the American Sunday School Union.

Members of the congregation will meet on the evenings of June 2-3 for cleaning and completion of work on new restrooms.

Children, from three years of age through those in the sixth-grade will attend Vacation Bible school sessions from 9 to 11:45 a. m., beginning Monday, June 2.

One-hour Vacation Bible school sessions for Junior- and Senior high-school youths will begin at 8 o'clock Monday evening, June 9. Vacation Bible school classes for adults will begin at 9 p. m. on the same date. These, too, will be one-hour sessions.

OBITUARIES

ANDY J. BRANDT

Final rites for Andy J. Brandt were conducted Monday afternoon, May 26, 1969 at Robinson Chapel of the Chimes in Meridian. Officiating was the Rev. Ralph Fothergill of Meridian United Methodist church. Interment was made in Cloverdale cemetery.

Mr. Brandt was born Oct. 11, 1906 in Nampa and succumbed last Thursday morning at his home.

He attended the University of Idaho in Moscow where he was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. The deceased has resided for 35 years at Meridian, served on the Meridian school board and Franklin labor board. He was married June 28, 1933 to Vera Eubanks at Spokane.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two sons, Leroy of Meridian and Elroy Brandt of Stockton, Calif.

Other survivors include four brothers, John and Ed of Nampa, Eugene H. (Shorty) of Nyssa, and Robert Brandt of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. Catherine Larson of Casa Grande, Ariz. Eight grandchildren also survive.

LEN SEWARD

Funeral rites for Len Seward, a Nyssa livestock feeder, were conducted Wednesday morning, May 28, 1969 at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating was the Rev. Robert Manley of Nyssa Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Seward succumbed suddenly Saturday near Nyssa. He was born Nov. 28, 1903 in Cord, Ore.

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