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VIEWPOINT

THE 1 PER CENT SALES TAX

Sen. Calvin Carsten's bill that would permit a 1 per cent sales tax in all incorporated towns would be more tragic than a free lunch.

The senator realizes this and claims the only reason he introduced LB 319 was to get feedback. Omaha, Lincoln, North Platte and Bellevue now levy 1 per cent sales taxes.

He believes it can also cut a major piece of the real estate property taxes. Well, we feel if that was a sure thing most property taxpayers would jump with joy

Unfortunately, government has a habit of "adding on" taxes and not cutting the spending And, it is doubtful that retailers in this part of the state would look favorably on socking their customers with more than the sales tax we already have.

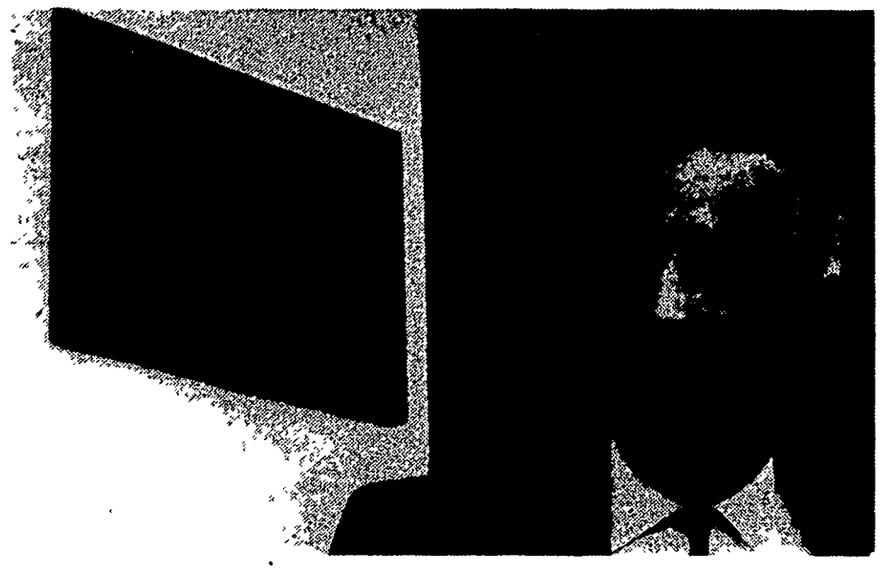
In fact, the Norfolk Daily News believes, that such a tax might induce retailers to move out of the city limits.

What a 1 per cent tax might do to aid municipalities with additional revenues, the newspaper said, should be accomplished instead by direct action of the cities if it is to be done at all



The man on the Pentagon beat

Columnist Ray Cromley



Ray Cromley is retiring as Washington correspondent for Newspaper Enterprise Association and this newspaper after almost 20 years as NEA s man on the Pentagon beat

He has been a reporter of economic, political and scientific affairs as well as the military scene for more than 40 years, a career that has been as eventful and varied as any in his field

A mathematics and nuclear physics graduate of the California Institute of Technology, Cromley headed the Far East Bureau of the Wall Street Journal in Japan from 1934 until taken prisoner by the Japanese on Dec 7, 1941 He was sentenced to 18 months in solitary, but was repatriated in a prisoner exchange after six months

Cromley s fluency in the Japanese language helped place him in guerrilla warfare behind the lines in China He was commanding officer of the U S Army s East China Project and commanded the U S Military Mission to Mao Tse-tung's Chinese Communists in their wartime cave headquarters at Yenan, where he was in daily contact with Mao, Chou En-lai and the other leaders later to write a violent new chapter in China's long history

Cromley continued to keep up to date on the Far East with regular postwar trips and an active correspondence with a host of friends (to the Chinese among them he is "Kou Mo Li", to the Japanese "Kuromori")

Cromley had been a Wall Street Journal correspondent in Washington for eight years when he joined NEA in 1958 In addition to his three weekly newspaper columns, he contributed articles to various publications including Reader's Digest and Science Digest, authored books on veteran and education benefits and for several years was science commentator for the NBC radio network program, "Monitor"

He is a winner of the Edson-Clapper award for excellence in Washington reporting and has been highly praised by government officials for his special reports on civil defense and communism A retired colonel in the Army Reserve, he has long been recognized by the Army and the State Department as an expert in guerrilla warfare and subversive insurgencies

While public affairs have claimed his professional attention, Cromley has also maintained an active interest over the years in teenagers, church work and local government

"Ray Cromley's unique experience and broad personal knowledge of the subjects he covers have given his columns a special significance and impact," notes Robert Roy Metz, president and editor of Newspaper Enterprise Association "His byline has been one of the most respected in the NEA service and will be missed "

Cromley is not retiring from his interest in public affairs. He has, he says, been on the beat too long not to continue taking an active interest and writing about the Washington scene

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Dr. Lamb

Tea also contains caffeine

By Lawrence E Lamb, M D

DEAR DR LAMB — Please tell us what effect drinking iced tea regularly will have on a 1-year-old child The tea is made with a tea bag and hot water, then sweetened and iced

DEAR READER — A cup of tea as ordinarily brewed contains about half as much caffeine as brewed coffee The tea bag and then diluting the tea with ice probably means it has as little as half that much — or about the amount found in a fourth of a cup of coffee That is still a pretty good jolt for a small child Incidentally, that is also about the amount of caffeine you find in a cup of cocoa

The caffeine may not hurt him but it is a nervous stimulant It would be useful in a hyperactive child Coffee is sometimes helpful in these cases because the caffeine has effects similar to the medicines used in hyperactive children Otherwise, I would rather see the child get a cup of fruit juice or milk without the caffeine problems

I am sending you The Health Letter number 1-1, Coffee, Tea, Cola, Cocoa, for more information Others who want this issue can send 50 cents for it with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope Just write to me in care of this newspaper, P O Box 1551 Radio City Station, New York NY 10019

DEAR DR LAMB — Whenever I eat sweet or acid foods I have ulcers in my mouth I would much appreciate it if you would suggest any means to remedy such ulcers besides not eating such foods

DEAR READER — This condition is almost untreatable I presume you are talking about canker sores About one out of five of the population has them at any given time and the treatment is very unsatisfactory

These shallow ulcers have a grayish base and are on the lining of the cheeks inside the mouth and sometimes on the tongue The current thinking is that they are one of the immune problems people have That means you literally become allergic to yourself Some chemical that your immune system produces reacts with sensitized tissue in your mouth to cause the tissue destruction or ulcer

Although antibiotics are sometimes useful in preventing secondary infections they will not remove the fundamental ulcer The best you can do is keep the mouth clean and avoid irritating the ulcer It will heal in one or two weeks

Anything that irritates the inside of the mouth may cause canker sores This includes irritation with dentures, accidentally biting the inside of your cheek, irritation with the way you brush your teeth or anything that damages tissue.

Canker sores also tend to occur in women just before the menstrual periods and may flare up during pregnancy However, I have seen them in many women who are well past the age of having either menstrual periods or pregnancy

Acid foods do seem to cause them in some people, including tomatoes, citrus fruits, vinegar and foods containing vinegar such as pickles, wines and chocolate

Some doctors paint the ulcer with silver nitrate This causes a membrane to form over the ulcer and reduces the pain You may get some benefit out of Proxigel which you can buy without a prescription It comes in a tube and you can squeeze a little on to the finger and apply it It is fairly resistant to saliva and will stay on for a time You can try it if you wish

Also, I should say that crops of canker sores tend to occur in susceptible people during periods of stress If you can minimize stress and the things that get you keyed up it might help some

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Don Oakley

Good (short term) fuel news

By Don Oakley

It will do little for the immediate warmth of Americans shivering through the worst winter in living memory and worst fuel shortage in the country's history, but the outlook for oil and natural gas supplies in 1977 is bright, says World Oil

A marked acceleration in U.S drilling which began in 1974 in response to "improved oil and gas prices" is expected to continue this year, says the energy industry publication

Based on an analysis of operators' plans and industry capability, it predicts 1977 drilling of 42,624 wells and 198.9 million feet of hole — up 5.2 per cent and 5.7 per cent respectively over last year's totals

Overall, more wells should be completed in 1977 than in any year since 1964, and footage drilled should establish an 18-year record Compared to 1973, this year's expectations are "phenomenal," representing an increase of 63.4 per cent in wells and 48.2 per cent in footage

Internationally, there will be the same stepped-up activity In Canada, "enlightenment of Canadian politicans and attendant boosts in incentives" have precipitated an unprecedented drilling boom, reports World Oil

In Latin America, Africa, the North Sea, the Middle East and Far East — almost everywhere except Indonesia — drilling and production increases are expected

This is good news for the short-term future — the matter of the next few years or perhaps even the next few decades Eventually, of course, the world will begin running out of its oil and natural gas (Domestic drilling footages are an indication that we are having to go deeper and deeper to find the stuff in this country)

Long before we run out of oil and natural gas, they will either become so prohibitively expensive or so valuable as sources of chemicals that we will no longer be able to burn them in the vast quantities we do today

This is something we had better begin thinking about before we go through many more winters like the present one

AS TIME GOES BY

Workmen hurt

FORTY YEARS AGO
—1937—

Two workmen were injured in a fire in the Olympia Cafe when paint remover that one of the workmen was using exploded Three Omaha senators introduced a bill in the Unicameral which would set up an unemployment compensation fund with contributions from both employes and employers .A man who, by his own admission, was a dead ringer for Clark Gable accepted the blame for a paternity scandal that had caused Gable embarassment and brought indictments against three persons for extortion charges The Social Security board said the number of workers covered by unemployment insurance 17 9 million persons with 35 states and the District of Columbia having passed unemployment insurance legislation

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
—1952—

Walter Raecke was nominated for governor at the Nebraska Democratic pre-primary convention .King George VI of Great Britain died. Princess Elizabeth, 25, became the reigning sovereign of the British Commonwealth and Empire .Glamorous Hedy Lamarr shook her fourth husband. The Syracuse VFW presented the comedy, "All-Star Wedding," starring Leston Sorrell, Henry Turre, LeRoy Gross, Jess Sporhase, Keith Pearson and Marion Schroeder.

TEN YEARS AGO
—1967—

Mrs Hazel Gabus and Mrs J Hyde Sweet retained their top position in the Beta Sigma Phi sponsored bridge tournament The national commander of the American Legion believed that steps should be taken to deny the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong sanctuary in Cambodia and the Port of Haiphong for military traffic .Ken Dasher and Laurie Beach were crowned king and queen of the Nebraska School for the Visually Handicapped Homecoming...Elmer Branson won a ceramic dish as a door prize at the SAC Coin Show at Bellevue Junior High.

Berry's World



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"Which would you like first, the report on the economy or the weather?"



Ivan D.E. Beaumont

THE BUCK ENDS HERE

Ivan D.E. Beaumont

Some real coincidences

George Fenske says

. . .middle age is that time of life when you don't worry about your wife going out at night.....as long as you don't have to go along.

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Coincidence

Everything we watched on the tube the other night had some connection. First we watched President Carter and his fireside chat and later watched the prison electrocution show. And, next to our comfortable chair was a copy of the paper with the headline, "Nebraska death law declared constitutional."

It was particularly interesting because the President had just gotten through talking about cutting back on power and in the prison show they went into great detail of the large amount of electric power needed to kill a man

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The plaque

The Wormy Applewood Plaque this week is awarded to that great conservationist with the bulldozer, Lucian Smith, headlined in a Lincoln newspaper as the "mad" farmer.

Mr Smith objects to the law which requires a hunting and fishing license in Missouri on his own land that is not contiguous with where he lives In other words, you need a license for "free" game on your farm across the road. (The same law applies in Nebraska)

Well, Mr Smith didn't go to Washington to get the matter settled. He just hopped on his D-7 cat and began chopping up trees faster a woodchopper can chop

He figured the 200 acres belonged to him and he'd do as he darn well pleased which he did. .for a time. His point was that he was provided free homes for game for many years, and should be entitled to hunt and fish without a permit

A few days and trees later, he had a change of mind and heart and parked the cat. Now he is sincerely trying to get something solved so he can hunt free on his own ground and at the same time provide a game habitat.

For his Great Thinking and Saving the Soil, we award Mr Smith with the Wormy Applewood Plaque. It will look great on the wall next to mounted game and will attach easily to the side of his bulldozer.

NEXT WEEK: Bobcats....or pick a winner

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The pipeline

The proposal to build a pipeline and pump water 20 or 25 miles east of the Missouri river along U.S 34 could open up one of the biggest economy boosts for this area since OPPD broke ground.

The project will cost millions and it will generate an even greater amount over the years. Right off the bat farmers will need irrigation equipment and if you read the ads in the News-Press you'll see a growing number of irrigation contractors and suppliers

Of course, the aftermath of the project is food production and we all know the importance of good crops in our "farm towns."

Congratulations to Bob Hallstrom of Farmers State Bank at Avoca, for taking the initiative and getting the ball rolling.

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Lucy's recipe

We read in OPPD's Electric News that Mrs Jack (Lucille) Douglas had a simple easy casserole. Here's her recipe:

1 can or pint of green beans
1 can or pint of yellow beans
1 can or pint cooked, diced or sliced carrots
1 can of mushroom soup
½ cup milk
Potato chips or frozen or canned onion rings

Drain vegetables and put in 1½ or 2-quart casserole dish Mix soup with milk and pour over vegetables. If using potato chips, sprinkle over top. Bake at 350 degrees F for one hour If using onion rings, bake for 45 minutes, then put onion rings on top and finish baking time Serves 6 to 8 persons. For an extra treat, add a layer of leftover ham cubes, chicken or turkey in the bottom of the casserole.

We're getting this to you before we had a chance to try it at home, so we can't give you a report.

Except ..No. 1 son pitched bales for Jack and always told his mother to accept jobs for him at the Douglas farm "because Mrs Douglas sure is a good cook "

Today In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 1977 There are 328 days left in the year

Today's highlight in history:

On this date in 1952, King George VI of Britain died and was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth II

On this date·

In 1693, the College of William and Mary was chartered at Williamsburg, Va·

In 1701, the War of Spanish succession began and French troops occupied southern Spanish Netherlands

In 1715, the Peace of Utrecht ended a war between Spain and Portugal

In 1778, France recognized the independence of the United States

In 1964, Cuba cut off the normal water supply to the American naval base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba

Ten years ago President Lyndon Johnson asked Congress to provide $350 million to help launch a federal-state-city war on crime

Five years ago: North Vietnam said American prisoners of war would be released only when the Vietnam war came to an end.

One year ago. It was announced that former President Richard Nixon would visit China, at the invitation of the Peking government

Today's birthday· Former California governor Ronald Reagan is 66.

Thought for today A woman should be like a good suspense movie the more left to the imagination, the more excitement there is — Alfred Hitchcock

News in Brief

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — Two killers sentenced to the electric chair want to be married in Florida's first Death Row wedding for the sake of their child. Jessie Tafero says he is prepared for the worst — the possibility that his and Sonia Jacobs' appeals will fail and they will be executed. That would orphan their daughter, Christina, born out of wedlock 21 months ago.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Frank Sinatra will star in his first television movie, a three-hour adaptation of Philip Rosenberg's novel "Contract on Cherry Street."

The movie will be filmed this fall in New York City for NBC by Columbia Pictures Television.



Growing Older

Social Security ills haunt new leaders

by Lou Cottin

We seniors have pleasant news William E Simon, Secretary of the Treasury under President Ford, will not be a member of the Carter administration

You may ask, "Why get stirred up? Simon's frightening ideas about Social Security won't prevail. The man can't harm us any more." Don't believe it. There are still government leaders who subscribe to Simon's ideas.

The Wall Street Journal published an article by Simon. Title? "How To Rescue Social Security "

The key to his thinking is expressed as follows "Social Security was designed to provide an income floor to the aged. It was never intended to be a welfare program providing the entire means of support for everyone in old age "

The Simon editorial covers the fiscal problems of the Social Security Trust Fund. He admits that "the government has tinkered with the program It was originally understood that Social Security tax payments would be accumulated in a reserve account The fund was supposed to grow steadily, earning interest until it reached a sum large enough to meet commitments The contributors themselves would own the assets of the fund The government would serve merely as trustee "

Simon draws a bleak picture The reserve account has not been allowed to grow The government has not raised funds commensurate with benefit increases

"If we do not reduce the growth rate of Social Security benefits," Simon says, "an eventual financial crisis is inescapable Large and perhaps sudden cuts in benefits to the aged, bereaved, and disabled would be unavoidable

"The prospects for enormous future deficits in Social Security funds," according to Simon, "are bound to cause trouble for the nation and the elderly " Simon offers three solutions

1) Change the ways in which the program pays increased benefits as wages go up. Wage earners should build their own savings and purchase private retirement insurance

2) Raise the age at which workers can claim their retirement (income) from 65 to 67

3) Make Social Security payments taxable

Yes, the Social Security system would surely save money if these policies were adopted. What the savings would do to the elderly is another matter

Many workers are now forced onto Social Security before 65 because many firms don't employ older or even middle aged people Additionally, with inflation and unemployment abounding, the savings of many workers are used up or reduced long before retirement.

This battle which rages over Social Security has two aspects. Simon is concerned only for the maintenance of the financial integrity of the system. The matter of social integrity for the system is not considered

What we have here is a clash of ideologies There is more to this nation than the balancing of budgets The successful production of goods and profits is not the essence of patriotism Nor is blatant commercialism a synonym for the beautiful word "Democracy "

People count Twenty-five million people living on Social Security count We built this nation Through the 77 years of this century, we who are now seniors fought our country's wars What our country now has of comfort, of world leadership, of the power to defend itself was made by us who are now elderly

It isn't Social Security which must be rescued Two out of every five old people in this country now live on incomes below the poverty line They're the ones who must be rescued

We may hope that the new administration will address itself more humanely to the problems of the aging and the difficulties of the Social Security system.

Those who want more information may write Seniors for Adequate Social Security (SASS), 136 W 91st St New York, N Y 10024

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The Prayer For Today From

The Upper Room

Cast your burdens on the Lord, and he will sustain you. (Psalm 55:22 RSV)

PRAYER: Dear Lord, thank You for the love of Christian friends who share our concerns and help us and pray with us. Above all, thank You for Your sustaining presence and Your redeeming love. In Christ's name. Amen!