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Mirrored Reflections .

By Sig Digree

The plan to abolish the personal property tax as proposed by Mayor Coon and substitute in its stead the 1 per cent sales tax now levied for the Small Boat Harbor, is not without merit.

The levying of the personal property tax has been obnoxious in many ways as it presents loopholes for the individual who "watered down" values in declaring his personal property. It also is seemingly impossible to arrive at a fair figure as to values.

The idea is not new. The Fairbanks city manager is now working on a similar plan to increase the far north city's sales tax and abolish the personal property tax.

Kodiak is in a better position in this regards as no increase in the sales tax will be necessary, but it will mean merely the approval of taxpayers to reallocate 1 per cent of the tax now levied for use as a personal property tax.

The Fairbanks city manager voiced the opinion that the sales tax would reach all groups on an equal basis. Transients would share in the cost of operating the city. He also cited that cost of administration would be cut sharply.

With such a tax, it will relieve the burden on the taxpayer. People in the area temporarily would help pay for the facilities they enjoy. It would help the retailer, and cut his book work. Without a doubt, this method of providing funds for the city and eliminating of an objectionable tax at the same time, may be the answer.

The pro and con arguments which appeared in the Kodiak Mirror last week—regarding the constructing of the highway through the city—covered the subject fairly, well considering the limited space, and offered food for thought.

We are inclined to agree with the "con" arguments that the highway as planned is not necessary.

We have never been too keen about constructing the new section as planned on "J" street and through to Mission Road. The widening of the roads to meet specifications necessary for Federal participation, has seemed an unnecessary waste of money, besides working a hardship on some of the owners of abutting property. In the long run, the highway would only provide a speedway in the heart of the city and in a residential area past the school. As already pointed out this provides new hazards to playing children.

It might be advisable to investigate the possibility of surfacing the two well-traveled existing roads, namely Brooklyn and Mission roads, widening these to 50 feet instead of 60, thus diverting the traffic two ways—a much more satisfying arrangement anyway.

Funds for the municipally contracted construction of the two roads could be obtained from floating a bond issue, which could be paid back from sales tax funds—thus would be eliminated the "red tape" and cumbersome machinery of two government agencies who don't seem to see eye to eye on methods, specifications, etc.

A factor that should be considered, too, is that by this method much of the labor could be local hire and so specified in the construction contract, thus circulating more money for local spending.

I venture to say, we could have adequate roads in a much shorter time—which in time would get paid for without any undue strain on municipal or individual funds—We would pay a price for independence, but we would have roads, and that's what counts.

We'd like to offer our belated congratulations to Mrs. Yule Chaffin of Woody Island who was winner of an award for the best magazine feature published in 1959.

Mrs. Chaffin won her award from the Alaska Press Club on an article entitled "Farewell to a Fisherman," in which she used an old resident of the Island, Mike Chabitnoy, as the subject. Mrs. Chaffin is the wife of Darrell Chaffin, FAA station manager at Woody Island.

Oscar Nelson, old time resident of Kodiak, now retired and living in California, said a hasty goodbye last week as he departed Kodiak following a couple months stay here.

Oscar came out of retirement mainly to sell his last remaining property here, but did a little fishing on the side (he's another one of those old-time fishermen with fish oil in his veins instead of blood, and you couldn't keep him away from the fishing grounds if you tried).

He apparently harvested a nice catch, because he said: "I had to quit because I'd only be working for Uncle Sam if I caught any more. Besides, I'm behind on several Social Security checks already."

And now a parting thought: To all a little rain must fall, but why does it always have to be on a weekend?

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A paved route via Brooklyn Avenue, Rezanof Drive, "J" Street to Potato Patch Lake—thus Mission Road would be wonderful. It could be built to the required specifications of a road as the present route is too narrow and would be too expensive to buy right-of-ways.

It would be maintenance free for many years. With the savings that batch plant the Council was thinking of could be brought to pave the route now used. I feel in the long run the City would come out on the winning side and be able to build other roads on planning table instead of fighting muddy country roads all the time, getting nowhere.

Sincerely,
M. L. Chandler

ACCA Announces 2 Scholarships

The Alaska Crippled Children's Association announces the availability of two scholarships for Alaskans specializing in Speech and Hearing Therapy, Physical Therapy, Clinical Psychology or Special Education. Grants for \$500 will be awarded one Junior and one Senior student each year.

To be eligible an applicant must be accepted in the senior or junior year of a degree course in the above subjects, in a school approved for such training.

Applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis by a scholarship selection committee.

Deadline for filing applications is September 1, 1960. Forms may be secured from the Scholarship Committee, 225 E Street, Anchorage, or from the local A. C. C. A. Chapter president, Miss Irene Brooks, Box 152, Kodiak.

Andrews-McLinn Wedding Date Set

The engagement of their daughter, Lois Marie, to Mr. William Howard McLinn was recently announced by Mr. and Mrs. Denver Paul Andrews.

The young couple will be married on Sunday, August 21, at seven o'clock in the evening at the U. S. Naval Station Chapel.



MILITARY LEAGUE BOWLING CHAMPS—Navy Patrol Squadron 19 topped their competition like ten-pins to sweep the Military League Bowling at Kodiak Naval Station to win 13 of 14 trophies offered in the American Bowling Congress sponsored meet. Downing seven teams from the Naval Station, Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 114, U. S. Naval Communications Station, and Holliday Beach, during the three months of hot and heavy play which ended on August 4, the Patron keglers took honors as Winning Team, High Series, High Series Average Finals, High Game, High Game with Handicap, and High Series with Handicap. The only award won by another unit was the Most Improved Player trophy which went to D. L. Springer of the Naval Station team. Sporting their trophies and victory smiles are left to right (front row): F. A. Riddell, AO1, USN, CDR B. B. Smith, USN, commanding officer of VP-19, A. F. Hood, AO1, USN, and W. C. Perry, SN, USN. (Back row): R. A. Rhoads, ADC, USN, D. D. McBride, AO1, USN, J. L. Hinson, PNI, USN, D. L. Springer, RMI, USN, LTJG J. Bjork, USN, and R. M. Brownell, YN1, USN. Winning team members not shown were D. L. Nichols, AO3, USN, and H. A. Turman, AO1, USN. U. S. Navy photo

Travel Between Alaska, Wash. Seen Greatest

Washington State tops all others in the number of visitors to Alaska and likewise hosts the greatest number of Alaskans, according to a year-long survey just completed by Pacific Northern Airlines. California is a close second in Alaska travel, with Oregon third, as the three West Coast states account for more than two-thirds of the travel between the "Southern 49" and Alaska.

Other western states among the leaders in travel to Alaska include: Colorado, Montana, Utah, Idaho and Arizona in that order, although they were surpassed by the more distant states of New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

The survey, made by the advertising and public relations department of Pacific Northern Airlines

May, 1959, is the most complete ever taken on Alaskan travel. Survey cards were filled out by passengers on all PNA northbound and southbound flights for a period of 10 days each month while the survey was being conducted.

Figures show that 33.97 per cent of the visitors to Alaska came from Washington State, followed by California with 21.22 per cent, and Oregon with 8.49 per cent. Next in order were New York, Texas and Pennsylvania.

As for the Alaskans, Washington State was the preference of almost half with 47.28 per cent traveling to that state. California was the choice of 14.70 per cent with Oregon hosting 10.49 per cent. Next were Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

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