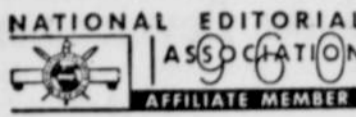


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Keep the Record Straight

Since our April 7 editorial on the "School Budget and Salary Schedule" we have heard enough discussion concerning it to fill an entire edition of the paper.

This is a healthy situation and is as should be in a democracy. The right to speak out is as inalienable as our right to worship as we please.

However the record should be kept as recorded. It has been implied, orally or in writing, that the writer said things that were not said. For instance he did not say or imply that: (1) Oregon or Nyssa had poor schools, (2) he was for or against the budget as submitted, (3) the merit system for teachers would save money over the "blanket" system now in use, (4) the teachers salaries were too little or too much, or (5) that any local school official was trying to have his total salary concealed.

What we did say, and still mean, was that we question the practicality or fairness of this "blanket" increase for all teachers in the same amount each year without consideration of merit.

We are happy to see other proposals for the merit system to be adopted. Several schools in Oregon are using some sort of merit system and others considering plans, the 4000 secondary principals from all over the U. S. who recently met in Portland recognized the need for a merit system, and there are some teachers in the local school who are opposed to the present plan in use in the local school.

The people must never get the idea that the schools should not be criticized. They belong to us, and what is ours we can freely criticize. Schools and school people change and make progress thereby. Consolidation was one time a "bugaboo" that would "wreck our schools and destroy our community spirit" but it didn't and is widely accepted now. But neither did making them bigger schools improve every phase of them or make the teachers better educators than those in small schools. Criticism should be constructive, and when offered on some part of a unit doesn't make the whole thing bad. One would not be destroyed because of a diseased limb but the diseased part be treated. Nor does our thinking children should be disciplined make us child haters.

It was also said that our editorial was O. K. but poorly timed. We can only say that we did not learn of the salary schedule until we began the study of the budget. It

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

April 22, 1960

Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Editor:

It seems there are a few points in your editorial of April 7, 1960, which could be clarified and studied further.

Schools differ a great deal in our United States. Certainly it is common knowledge that Oregon is in the higher bracket for excellent standards of education, and efforts are continually being made to keep it there.

Our local schools rank high scholastically; therefore, we as citizens of this community should study the system as well as the budget, keeping in mind this money maintains our standard of education and furthers the pursuit of excellence.

Teachers' Salaries Published

There would be no object in attempting to conceal the salaries of the superintendent, principals, and teachers. The salaries are a matter of public record. Any really interested person can ask to see them at our local superintendent's office. On the county level a pamphlet listing salaries of all superintendents, principals and teachers in the entire county is available. These booklets are sent to all school board members, newspapers and others interested in school operations. Wholesale public distribution is limited only by costs of printing a large number.

It seems further informative study, too, could be made such as the school board does in this connection — something like three hours every month plus four or five other lengthy meetings as the need arises. Members are responsible, elected business men, who really study the requirements of our local system, and only after such study by them and the budget committee are school expenditures proposed.

Criticism of Form to State

The constructive criticism on

Local Girl Scout Court of Awards Is Monday Event

The Girl Scout Court of Awards was held Monday night at the school cafeteria with Lynn Jackson as mistress of ceremonies.

Troop 81, whose leader is Mrs. Houston Wilson, presented the colors with Mrs. Max Urry leading the singing of "America."

Each Brownie and Girl Scout troop participated in a troop skit and received awards. Troop 98, Mrs. Charles Smith, leader, acted out Snow White and the Seven Dwarves; troop 80, Mrs. Jack Anderson, leader, gave the Flying up ceremony, as they flew from a Brownie to an intermediate. The Girls who were presented with

the form issued by the state should be submitted to the state offices during the year. The present form is condensed for easier reading, and cuts costs of publication.

If we study further, we will find our principals are listed under teaching because they do instruct classes. This contact with pupils keeps them close to student problems as well as to the teachers. If our instructors were put on an hourly basis, consider the cost. The merit system you proposed in your editorial is debatable as to its possible saving, and whether it is agreeable.

We agree it is the business of the superintendent and principals to know the quality of a teacher's work, but in personally evaluating a given instructor, they face parent and student opinion also.

It might be said that the writer's opinions are influenced by her work in the Parent-Teachers association. This may be true, but only because it has given a small opportunity to view closely the needs of our schools. All of us should become better acquainted with our system.

Let us hope our people think for themselves, study both sides of the question, discuss and consider deeply all matters involved in the school operation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Max Urry

two year pins and also Brownie wings were, Anna Anderson, Christine Burningham, Teresa Hamilton, Sheila Huffman, Marilyn Lemmon, Karen Main, Becky Parks, Cindy and Cecile Tracy and Evelyn Weeks.

Also receiving Brownie wings were, Karen Cannon, Norma Garner and Rafaelita Martinez. New members welcomed were, Laurel Beck, Peggy Lewis and Junia K. Michell.

Troop 85, Mrs. C. M. Pounds, leader, earned and were presented with badges. Girls telling how they had earned them were, Joan Hewett, Linda Morrison, Bonnie Sager, Sylvia Holly, Jackie and Kay Baber, Marilyn Henderson, Angie Parra and Carolyn Conners.

Troop 99, Mrs. Dick Tensen, leader, enacted the Brownie story and Ruthann McGinley was presented with her one year pin. New members welcomed into the troop were Debra Davis and Brenda McKinney. Troop 109, Mrs. Wayne Stites, leader, sang the "Duck Song."

Troop 4, Mrs. Cecil Richards, leader, gave a skit of the birthday of their troop and displayed a real birthday cake. New members who were welcomed into the troop were Jeanette Mitchell, Gale Sanders and Linda Corfield.

Members who were presented with four year pins or year stars were, Carolyn Lowe, Marilyn Pond, Karen Jackson, Chris Parks, Marcia Wyckoff, Patty Urry, Kathy Low, Helen Swager Janice Richards and Carolyn Pond.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Bill Hamilton made a presentation of money to the troops of Mrs. C. M. Pounds, Mrs. Grant Rinehart and Mrs. Cecil Richards for having sold the Girl Scout calendars.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Craig of Twin Falls, Idaho called on the Maurice Coreys and Adolph Schroeder last Wednesday. They were on their way to Weiser where Craig was a contestant at the old fiddlers festival.

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Adrian Community Church News

The Women's association will meet Thursday night at 8 p.m. for a combined study group in the church basement.

The Mariners will meet at the church Sunday afternoon at 1:15 to leave for the Spring Cruise which will meet at the Nampa United Presbyterian church at 2:30 that afternoon.

United Church Ladies May Fellowship Day Set May 6 at Adrian

Theme for the United Church Women's May fellowship day is "Citizenship—Free and Responsible." Are you a respectable citizen, or a citizen, free and responsible? Can you separate being a good citizen and a Christian?

Beginning at 1:15 p.m. Friday, May 6, in the Adrian Presbyterian church with a potluck luncheon the event will be followed by a business meeting. Each lady attending is asked to bring a covered dish. Devotions and program will be at 2 p.m., and nursery care will be available.

Mrs. Maylin Maxfield is chairman of the program and other

DO YOU KNOW?

By Mrs. J. W. Rigney
That one of the areas of the Nyssa Special Education department is concerned with speech problems?

That the program includes diagnosis, individual instruction and home counseling in regard to difficulties in articulation?

That there are a number of ways of determining the difference between "immature speech" and faulty articulation?

That there are specific speech patterns which develop in regular sequence according to the child's age?

That many pre-school children can be helped to better speech through indirect teaching methods at home?

That speech problems can be actually created by over-enthusiastic adults?

(Oral communication is the only reason for speech! If it is active, voluntary and plentiful, it is often wise to let time provide a chance for development.)

er committee members are the Mmes. William Fitzsimmons, W. W. Foster, Lester Odin, Evelyn Vereau and Max Urry.

Donald R. Shannahan, D. S. C. CHIROPODIST—PODIATRIST

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