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**Learn Where Your School Money Goes**

The time is fast approaching when local voters will be given an opportunity to vote on the school budget. It has been printed the required number of times and hearing date has been set for next Tuesday night, April 25.

Do you understand all the items in the budget? Do you know why it is larger than last year? Do you understand the two new programs that are being added to the curriculum for the coming year? If not, you should be at the meeting next Tuesday night and let school board members answer your questions. It is unfair to listen to hearsay and base your judgment on that.

The school board members are your elected representatives—the link between you and professional educators who administer the schools. In theory, they voice your aspirations and give you the kind of schools you demand and are willing to pay to have. They are trustees of a great public responsibility—the first and last word on the scope and operations of the schools, so go to them for information you desire.

Schools are receiving more than an ordinary amount of criticism these days. Some of this is from educators in our colleges, which makes for a healthy situation.

A recent one was a broad scale survey made in San Francisco by a panel of eight professors from Stanford university and the University of California. Although San Francisco schools are considered among the best in the state, the panel was critical of them.

They urged more emphasis on fundamentals, better teaching, a strengthening of curricula, stricter discipline, less frills and an end to automatic promotion. (The latter is not uncommon to many schools and means sending dullards from grade to grade when they can't, or won't, do the required work, but must be passed because "there is no place else for them to go" or because they offer a "disciplinary problem to the teacher if left with younger students.")

We have no criticism of the budget other than the one we voiced last year. We still believe in a merit pay system for teachers and not a blanket raise of the same amount for all. We believe there is as much difference in the quality of teaching as in the work done by various students in the same class.

However most of the board is new, and we have been assured that before another year has passed the plan will be given serious consideration. Now they feel their other problems are too pressing to learn all they need to know before acting on a new plan, opposed by many on the teaching staff.

We believe the voters will support a good school and are willing to pay for it. And we feel they can learn a lot at this budget meeting if they will attend and ask for information needed.

We plan to learn a lot about the school before the year is out but most of what we wish to know is not concerned in the budget. We will support the budget as published.

**Annual Spring Breakfasts**

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**Youth Program Given At Birthday Dinner In Methodist Church**

Orchid and white floral arrangements graced the tables for a fellowship potluck dinner held Wednesday evening, April 12, in the Methodist church dining hall.

Over 60 were present to extend birthday greetings to those having anniversaries in March and April. Honored guests were Patsy Wilson, Elaine Kurtz, Brenda McKinney, Craig Robbins, Mrs. Wilbur Coffman, Mrs. Paul Ludlow, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sager, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans, Clifford Fox and Merrilean Robbins.

Visiting guests were the Rev. Willis Ludlow of Wallowa, Mrs. Fannie Cheldeen of Portland and Simon Pool from Holland.

Hostesses for the affair who also provided the birthday cake with orchid and green trim were Mmes. Earl Boston, W. W. Foster, Eugene Butzer, Frank Wilson, Evan Tobler and R. Sager.

Students in first through sixth grades, who attended an additional session series, presented a program in sanctuary following the dinner. This study on and about the Bible, sponsored by WSCS members, was supervised by Mrs. Herke Stam, secretary of children's work.

Mrs. Sherman Wilson and Mrs. Dudley Kurtz were primary teachers. Mmes. H. Stam, P. Ludlow, and C. Wernick instructed the junior department. Mrs. Roy Knoedler assisted with music in both divisions. Refreshments at each session were under chairmanship of Mrs. J. R. Cundall.

Piano solos were rendered by Sherril Jean Robbins, Karen Smith and Eilene McConnell. An offering was brought by the children to each session and will be used to provide Bibles and Bible pictures for undeveloped areas overseas.

**AREA MINISTERS ATTEND PARSONAGE CLUB MEETING**

Methodist sub-district parsonage club met Friday with the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow for a no-host dinner meeting.

Ministers and their wives attending the event were the Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Wilcher, Weiser; the Rev. and Mrs. Robert McNeil, Vale; the Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Gilbert, Wilder; the Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Clark, Payette; the Rev. and Mrs. Collis Blair, Ontario; the Rev. and Mrs. George Yeyemura of Community Methodist church, Ontario, and Mrs. Rex Rex Lindemood and son of Fruitland.

**NCC DAY TO BE OBSERVED SUNDAY AT LOCAL CHURCH**

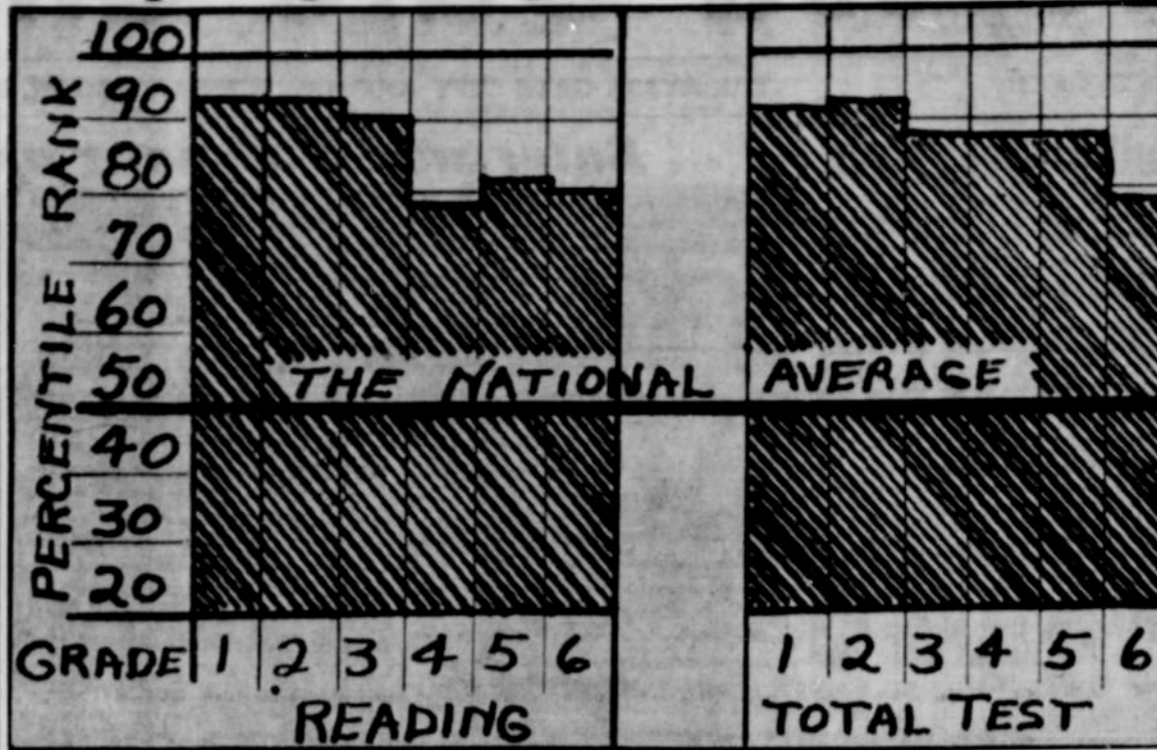
According to the Rev. Earl Hastings, NCC day will be observed Sunday, April 23, at Nyssa Christian church when a student pastor from Northwest Christian college at Eugene will deliver the sermon. A special offering will be taken to benefit the college.

**GIRL SCOUTS HAVE PARTY**

Members of Girl Scout troop 4 recently had a party while working on the dance badge.

A new member, Suzanne Stunz, has joined the troop. Girls are now working on requirements of the first class rank. —Gail Sanders, Reporter.

**Graph Depicts High Grade Achievement**



MRS. CLARICE POOR, Nyssa elementary school principal, has provided the above graphic drawing of elementary grade achievement tests, together with an explanation of the purposes of the test and how Nyssa students compare nationally. Parents have recently heard much about achievement tests from their school-age children. Achievement test scores—what do they mean? The achievement test endeavors to measure and evaluate the progress made by a pupil in reading, arithmetic and language skills. The test scores alone mean very little unless a basis of comparison is estab-

lished that makes it possible to compare the individual's achievement to that of the average child of that grade level. The graph indicates the percentile rank of achievement in reading skills and for the total test battery of Nyssa elementary school. The scores represent averages for the past three-year period. Since every grade in Nyssa averaged approximately 38 points above the national average, a good to strong instructional program and level of achievement is definitely indicated, Mrs. Poor stated.

**BIBLE MISSIONARY GROUP SLATES SPECIAL SERVICE**

The Rev. Elbert Dodd of Duncan, Okla., one of the general moderators of Bible Missionary church, will be guest speaker April 25 at the local church located at Second and Beech. The special service is slated to begin at 8 p.m.

The public is invited to attend.

**CHILD PARTICIPATES IN SPRING CONFERENCE**

Edison Dee Child, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Child, is a member of Utah State university choir that participated Saturday at Salt Lake City spring conference.

Child and Truman Cleaver visited Easter weekend in Ogden with the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Geiger and Mrs. Andrew J. Child and other relatives.

**NEEDLE AND THREAD GROUP WORKS ON SEWING PROJECT**

The 10th meeting of Needle and Thread 4-H club was called to order by Karen Main, president, when members met April 18 at the Bill Hamilton home.

Following refreshments served by Laurel Beck, the flag salute and 4-H pledge were led by Evelyn Weeks and Vickie Hamilton. A discussion was held on giving demonstrations.

The group sang a song and played "Gossip." Prior to adjournment of the meeting, the girls worked on skirts and scissor cases.

—Sheila Huffman, Reporter.

Mrs. Forrest Moore and granddaughter, Tami, and Mrs. Bill Stine of Nampa visited Thursday with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McConnell.

**Nyssa FFA Members Discuss Activities, Install New Officers**

By Miles Flake

New officers were appointed to head a committee to make plans for a camping trip when Nyssa FFA chapter members met April 11. Committee members will decide place, date and time of the excursion.

Following discussion of a slave auction to raise money for chapter activities, the matter was also put into the hands of new chapter officers.

In addition to reports given by members holding chain livestock, swine, beef and dairy chains were presented to the group to act upon for individual projects.

The group voted at the Tuesday evening meeting to turn in by April 21 all money received from sale of tractor cushions.

Following installation ceremony for new officers, Carl Devin, vo-

**FORMER JOURNAL OWNERS HERE TO ATTEND SERVICES**

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McLing of Albany, Ore., arrived Tuesday to attend funeral services for her brother, Lance Earp. The McLings are staying at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson and with other relatives.

They were owners and publishers of the Gate City Journal from 1933 to 1938. They purchased the first linotype to be installed in the Journal office.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Maxwell of Wilder were Friday visitors at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fischer.

ag instructor, made announcement of the junior dairy show to be held June 3 at the county fair grounds.

Refreshments were served following adjournment of the meeting.

**Lance Richard Earp Services Set Today At Ontario Chapel**

Funeral services for Lance Richard Earp will be held this afternoon, April 20, 1961, at 2 o'clock at Bertelson-Lienkaemper chapel in Ontario with the Rev. Collis C. Blair of Ontario First Methodist church officiating. He succumbed April 15 at his home in Ontario, following a heart attack.

Mr. Earp was born April 26, 1905, in Lansford, N.D., a son of Harry B. and Marie Nelson Earp. The family came to Nyssa from that state in 1910. They moved to Vale in 1914 and to Emmett, Idaho, in 1920. Mr. Earp attended Nyssa and Vale public schools.

He joined the army at the age of 16 years and served four years in the Philippines. He was married in Nampa June 15, 1940, to Ann Tosie. They made their home in Ordance, Ore., for several years where Mr. Earp was employed. They were residing in Ontario at the time of his death, where he was employed at Ore-Ida plant. They went to that city from Emmett 2½ years ago.

In addition to his widow, survivors include his mother, Mrs. Marie Earp of Nyssa; one daughter, Mrs. Patricia Lundquist of Ashland, Ore.; two sisters, Mrs. Herschel Thompson of Nyssa and Mrs. Alma McLing of Albany, Ore., and two grandchildren. His father preceded him in death in 1957.

Interment will be in Evergreen cemetery in Ontario. Pallbearers will be Jim Mitchell, Paul Jones, Lyle Brown, Bob Ryan, Sam Potts and Jim Hutchinson.

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