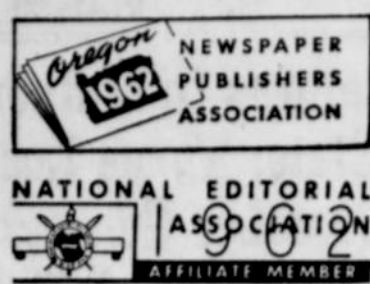


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New Board Members
And Officers Listed
For Nazarene Church

New officers and church board members have been elected at recent meetings of Church of the Nazarene congregation members.

Don Wilson has been named Sunday school president; John Sheppard, president of youth activities and Mrs. Bob Martin, missionary president.

The church board consists of trustees and stewards. Elected as trustees were Dwight Seward, Bob Martin, Roger Tucker, Kenneth Saunders, Joe Hobson and Roy Wild. Named to serve as stewards were Ellis Parrill, Emery Hobson, John Price, Ed Smith, Carl Clarkson and David Alexander.

Members of the church schools board include Mrs. John Sheppard, Mrs. Dwight Seward, Mrs. Floyd Rhoades, Mrs. Wilbur Anderson, Mrs. David Alexander and Mrs. Roy Wild.

New officers and board members assumed their duties May 14.

Father Sandoval
To Visit Sunday
At St. Bridget's

Father Armando Sandoval will offer the holy sacrifice of the mass Sunday, May 27, in St. Bridget's Catholic church, according to Father John Baumgartner.

Father Sandoval was born in Las Vegas, N.M., and attended grade school in Espanola. High school and the first two years of college were taken at Immaculate Heart of Mary seminary in Santa Fe. In 1956 he was enrolled at Mt. Angel seminary, St. Benedict, Ore., where he completed two years of philosophical studies and received his bachelor of arts degree.

Following graduation from college, he started his theological studies and completed this four-year course in May of this year.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 1962, in the Santa Fe cathedral and offered his first solemn mass in his home town of Espanola, N.M., on the following Sunday.

Father Sandoval is well known in Nyssa as he spent the summers of 1959 and 1960 as well as three weeks in 1961 in the area working with youth of St. Bridget's parish and children of Mexican descent in labor camps at Nyssa and Adrian.

Following the masses in Nyssa this coming Sunday, Father Sandoval will give his priestly blessings to the people of the parish. There will also be an informal reception in the parish hall Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Board Chairman W. Farmer Discusses
School Needs in First of Open Letters

By WARREN FARMER, Nyssa School Board Chairman

This is the first of a series of articles to be written by your school board members. Their purpose is to better inform the public of school needs.

As chairman of the school board, I would like those people with comments to present them in writing or personally at our next school board meeting, June 14, 8 p.m., at the superintendent's office. Or, if you wish, as signed letters to the editor.

The largest public trust in America is the school. It is the largest financial trust. It involves more individuals than any other public endeavor. And experts say the school is today the pivotal instrument in shaping the destiny of our country.

Children know no political party or social class, and they must all be afforded the finest education that the resources of the state and district can provide if our state and county are to survive in their present form.

Acceleration of Knowledge

Local control of education is at stake and it's up to the public to decide through their school boards, school finances, curriculum, changing methods and building needs. Teaching methods and needs are continually changing. We have gone from horse and buggy days to the jet age. A greater acquisition of knowledge has been made in the last 10 or 20 years than during all the previous history of mankind.

In the next 10 years, this gain of knowledge will double again. Ninety percent of all scientists ever living are living now. How are our children going to be prepared for this rapidly changing technology? Federal aid to education and resulting controls will have to take over if we can't do it on a local level.

Should Offer Opportunities

Seventy percent of our school budget is for direct teaching expenditures. Where is there a better place to spend our money? Board members should be educational leaders of the community. We should be constantly desirous of offering better educational opportunities. We are lacking in several areas and desire to improve faster than we have. Several new programs have been added that are commendable and desirable but we need to go farther. Every child needs more guidance. We are working toward this goal.

Teaching methods need better coordination in order to meet this rapid change in knowledge. We have partially met this challenge with the addition of a vice principal in the elementary school. Your school board has felt that it is essential for a youngster to have the best possible beginning education in order to be a good and enthusiastic student all through school.

Key to Good Education

The ability to instruct a child rests on the individual teacher. Some patrons have complaints of some teachers and of some student accomplishments. One weak teacher in a district can have a tremendous influence on the future life of his or her students. Conversely, every strong teacher can instill a desire and knowledge in their students that will make it possible for him or her to meet the challenge of the future. Thus, the classroom teacher is the key to good education.

Only by constantly evaluating and upgrading our staff will we be able to staff our schools with teachers that can give all of your children equal opportunity. If we are to obtain and retain such teachers, we must meet the financial competition of other areas.

Board Supports Administration

There are other areas of need that your school board would like

to consider. Curriculum study is a must and necessitates many hours of study by the board, administration and staff. It is a continual process. Your board supports our present administration and feels that if we make our desires known, and given enough time, we can improve curriculum, programming and methods within the realm of our finances.

Library needs, particularly at the elementary level, are great. We have a good teaching staff but lacking the proper teaching aids, we are wasting some of their teaching talents.

A group of public-spirited people has been meeting and discussing needs in the vo-ag department of our school. They, along with your board and administration, agree that we are sub-standard in this area. We have very capable people working in this department but the facilities are totally inadequate.

Need Public Support

What must be the decision of the board? We must have the public support and enthusiasm of everyone when we start this building program.

There are other areas requiring improvement but they need additional study and a cautious approach so that the taxpayers' money will be well spent.

Now let's discuss school board procedure. We feel we have not been getting some of the facts to you, the patrons of the district. But you have been negligent in not all voting, attending public hearings and visiting your school meetings. This is the procedure of a democratic process. You elect your school board members to represent you in matters of educating the children of the district. They have to make many decisions for you. In doing this they have to learn to distinguish between the kind of pressure that stems from a legitimate need and is for the best interest of education, and those pressures that are partisan or motivated by selfish or vested interests.

Board Sets School Policies

Many problems are administrative and of necessity must be left to the administration. In other words, your school board is basically concerned with the creation of school policies for the district and for evaluation of the effectiveness of those policies. The administrator and his staff, the professionally trained, work within this framework of policies.

When any of you desire a better program or wish to change what the school board is doing, the thing to do is attend any or all of the regularly scheduled school board meetings. They are all open to the public. Also when a budget or building hearing is held, all should come out at that time to make your wishes known.

As of necessity then, this needs to be a large group of voters representing all interests. We must listen to all citizens but eventually the board has to make the decision. The student and eventually our community are the ones who suffer from a wrong decision brought on by the complacency of those who say "my one vote or discussion won't cause this to happen."

Taxpayers Determine Quality

The question your school board wants to know is, "How good a school do you want?" This directly affects the kind of students who are graduated. The kind of schools we have also determines the number of students who finish high school and thus what place they take in our society.

Even the taxpayer without children in school is directly affected by the kind of school we support. Remember, the school board is the basis for our representative government—performing the duties of the public. Schools should be closer to you than any form of government because they deal with the education of your children. We must all believe that universal education is the strength and welfare of this nation and our community.

There are those taxpayers who are having trouble making ends meet and consequently do not feel justified in voting a \$23,000 increase over last year's budget. Your school board and budget board feel this is an honest and justified budget.

One small sacrifice can accomplish our goal. What better thing can we leave with our children than a good education?

—WARREN FARMER
Chairman
Nyssa School Board

Journal Classifieds
Get Results!

May Meetings Held
By Methodist Ladies

May meetings of Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service circles were held last Thursday.

Thirteen members of Frances Major circle met at the home of Mrs. R. H. Martin with Mrs. Lloyd Tobler as co-hostess. Mrs. George Coleman led devotions and presented the program. Three visitors were also in attendance.

Mrs. Dave Beers was hostess to 11 Barbara Firl members and one visitor. Mrs. Grover Lytle assisted as co-hostess and Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb was leader for afternoon activities.

Helen Barns circle met with Miss Gertrude Hicks and Mrs. Eva Robinson. Thirteen members and four guests were present to take part in the devotions led by Mrs. Waldo Smalley and program presented by Mrs. Clarence Fritts.

Evelyn DeVries circle met during the evening with Mrs. Kenneth Toomb with Mrs. Guy Sparks assisting. Mrs. Bud Sappe led devotions and presented the program for 10 members and three guests.

Program topic for all circles was "Giving Yourself," based on the principle that time and service are as important as pledges.

Routine business pertaining to end of circle year was concluded with plans being made to serve meals for people who will be attending lab school in June. Members are asked to watch for change of date concerning June circle meetings.

Jehovah's Witnesses
To Attend Three-Day
Convention in Nampa

Jehovah's Witnesses from Nyssa will participate in a three-day Bible convention of Idaho circuit No. 2, June 1-3 in Nampa.

Ronald Franklin, presiding minister of the local group, said that the assembly program had been arranged not only to increase the Witnesses' knowledge of the Bible but also to better their ability to teach it in their public ministry.

Delegates from Nyssa will assemble at the convention city with members of 19 other congregations from north and central Idaho and eastern Washington.

Peter D'Mura from the world headquarters of the Watchtower society will serve as chairman and principal speaker of the meeting. His talk on Sunday, June 3, will climax the three-day program.

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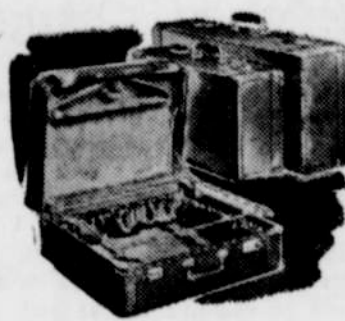
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