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## School Operation Expenses Discussed In Third Letter by Board Members

By FRED ARAI and MARK E. HARTLEY Nyssa School Board Members

The purpose of this, the third in the series of articles being written by your local school board, is to further discuss the operation of your school system and the problems and expenses this operation entails. These items are listed in the printed budget from the 510 to the 855 series. Because of the nature of these items, we will not follow each item and offer an explanation, but rather will try to discuss those items that might be controversial in your minds.

The operational expenses, which include such items as utilities, janitorial supplies, etc., plus the salaries of the custodians, have been held to what we feel is a minimal increase. There are few in any businesses today with the volume and net worth equal to your school system which has been able to hold this increase down to a mere \$164 during the past year.

#### Best Janitorial Upkeep

It is also interesting to note that the Hartford Insurance investigator who recently made a visit and inspection of schools in the Snake River valley stated that our school was among the best maintained and was in the best condition of janitorial upkeep of all schools which he visited.

We are proud that this could be said of our school. We are also pleased that after a prudent study of our fire insurance program and by regrouping of our policies we have been able to save \$580 on this item the past year. There has been an increase in the Social Security account, but this is automatic in all businesses.

The increase shown in the Industrial Accident account has occurred because of the change in our rating which is set by the state, and of course the increase in our Liability Insurance is a direct result of the recent ruling by the courts concerning the responsibilities of a school district to its students.

#### New Furnace Planned in Gym

The major expense along the repair line for the coming year will be purchase of a new furnace for the old gymnasium. The present heating plant is not only inadequate but beyond repair.

This building, although old and thought by many to be quite useless, nevertheless serves quite a purpose to the school system. Not only is it used for the elementary physical education programs, but in the dead of winter all of the grades spend their recess time within the protection of its walls. We, therefore, feel that this is a needed and justified expense.

Another necessity in the expense items is the purchase of a new water line. Within the past year the present line has broken in numerous places and is beyond further repair.

#### Road Repair Item Dropped

Deleted from the budget after the public hearing following the initial election has been the amount budgeted for repair and black-topping of some of the roadway and area adjacent to the shop, cafeteria and little theater. Although the board thought that this repair work was needed, we have tried to abide with wishes of the voting public and decided that this was one project that could be postponed until a later date.

There has been a great deal of interest in the driver training program and the car which the system purchases for this use. We think that the public will be interested in knowing how we obtain this car, how much it costs the district to maintain, and how

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## Letters to Editor

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Nyssa, Oregon  
May 31, 1962

To the Editor  
Gate City Journal:

If I were called on to address a high school graduating class, do you know what I would use as the subject of my talk? It would be the question: "Do you read the editorials in your newspaper?"

Now, I am not possessed of the delusion that any great grandmother, short of Eleanor Roosevelt, is ever going to be asked to give advice to a graduating class. It just isn't done.

But I remember that 30 years ago I saw a young man not long out of high school rip open the newspaper to get at—not the news, not the editorials; oh, no!—not even the sport pages first, but the funnies, the comics! I said to him, "Young man, the taxpayers of Oregon have invested about \$2000 in your education. (Things were cheaper then.) I think they had better have given it to the Hottentots!"

He is now a man who glances over the news, then avidly absorbs the editorials. I have seen him throw the paper vehemently to the floor because he knew that the writer who belted out that editorial on the typewriter did so to try to make suckers out of taxpayers like him. That man has grown up. He is now fit to hand out a few diplomas himself.

I have at times studied the attendants at a PTA meeting and wondered just how many of those women read anything but Ann Landers. I read her, too, but she reads—and writes—editorials.

One time at a grange convention over in Western Oregon, I asked how many of the women there had read the master's message—or did they just read the cookie recipes in the Grange Bulletin. I remember the amused look that Morton Thompkins gave the assembly. I think he had wondered about that himself.

What was the matter with their schooling?

I don't know how to play cards myself, but on a few occasions I have been present at a card party. As I listened to the conversation, I couldn't help but think of what I heard an old professor say more than 50 years ago about the kind of talk that ran around the ordinary boarding house table: "Why it is discouraging!"

One hundred and eighty years ago, Alexander Hamilton, a great man, but not a great American, said contemptuously of the mass of common people, "Pfaugh! It is a great beast!"

When we see who it is back of the stage running our government no matter how hard our president and too few of our really devoted public servants try to raise the welfare of our people even an inch, whom do we blame?

We'd better blame ourselves. We'd better read the editorials and find who is fighting Wayne Morse here in Oregon, and why. It is sticking out plainly for all thoughtful people to see who doesn't like Frank Church in Idaho, and why? A few private interests or the people who graduated from high school and really

## Religious Vacation School in Progress At Catholic Church

The summer religious vacation school for Catholic children of St. Bridget's parish began Monday and will continue until Friday, June 15, according to Father John Baumgartner. Approximately 150 grade school students are in attendance.

Spanish-speaking students are being taught by Father Jose Gonzalez who arrived May 28 from Mexico City. Teaching English-speaking grade school children are Sister Bertilla, Sister Joseph Therese and Sister Marie Ave. These sisters are members of the Third Order of St. Francis and have their Motherhouse in Portland. During their stay in Nyssa, the sisters are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Towne.

Also teaching are Manuel Campos, a sub-deacon from Mt. Angel seminary, Mrs. George Zueger and Miss Janice Burns. Classes are held daily from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Then the children go to the church for mass and benediction. Afternoon classes resume at 1:15 until 3 o'clock. No classes are held on Saturdays and Sundays.

Children will make their First Holy Communion on Trinity Sunday, June 17.

## Church School Slated Next Week in Adrian

Vacation church school of Kingman Memorial Community church (United Presbyterian U.S.A.) will be held next week in Adrian. Classes will meet Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the church and parsonage basement.

Sessions will be held for youngsters three years of age through the ninth grade. More information may be obtained by calling Mrs. J. G. Lane, church school superintendent, at 372-3243.

## EUGENIA SEUELL TAKES METHODIST PROJECT TOUR

Touring the World's Fair is one of the highlights of the Methodist projects tour, June 4-13.

Tourists ranging in age from 16 to 21 years and residing in the area from Twin Falls, Idaho, to Baker, Ore., are visiting Methodist projects and churches in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Miss Eugenia Seuell is Nyssa delegate. Other sites on the agenda include touring Idaho, Washington, Puget Sound, Willamette and Oregon State universities. Another attraction is the Goodwill Industries in Spokane.

## VISIT IN FLINDERS HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Child visited Saturday at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders. They were enroute to Quincy, Wash., where they will make their home. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bybee while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Child were married May 25 in the Salt Lake LDS temple.

read between the lines, as well as what's printed there?

Our schools were instituted by our founding fathers to make us able to govern ourselves, to carry on a free government. At the last election, just one-half of us cared enough about having a free country to get out and vote at the primaries. The rest of us ought to have to move to Russia and let Khrushchev do our thinking!

—ANNA D. S. PRATT

## The Rev. Ludlow Is Reappointed As Nyssa Pastor

During the Idaho Conference of Methodists held last week in La Grande, Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Portland appointed the Rev. Paul L. Ludlow to the Nyssa church for the coming year. The Ludlows have served the local church since June 1955.

Other appointments in this area include that of the Rev. Grace Weaver to the church at Glens Ferry, Idaho. Miss Weaver has been serving in Alaska. The Rev. and Mrs. William Ralphs (nee Margaret Toothman) will serve the Emmett, Sweet and Ola churches.

The Rev. and Mrs. Willis Ludlow and family have moved to Dallas, Texas, where he will work on his degree in theology and also serve a pastorate there.

Also during the conference a resolution in opposition to legalized gambling in any form was passed by those in attendance. Another resolution was passed opposing television programs that degrade "human personality."

## Bible School Picnic And Program Slated At Lutheran Church

Faith Lutheran church vacation Bible school program will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the church.

A picnic will be held on the church lawn immediately following the program. Those attending are asked to take enough wieners or hamburgers and buns to serve members of their family, plus one covered dish. Outdoor grills will be furnished.

All families of the church are invited to attend the Sunday program and picnic.

## VISIT IN QUINOWSKI HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gisteb of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson were Sunday visitors in the Charles Quinowski home.

## ROSWELL PASTOR TO HOLD ADRIAN SUNDAY SERVICE

The Rev. Richard C. Mastbrook, minister of Sterry Memorial Presbyterian church in Roswell, will conduct the 11 o'clock morning worship service Sunday morning, June 10, at Kingman Memorial Community church in Adrian. Church school will meet at the regular time, 9:45 a.m.

## RECEIVE MASONIC DEGREES

At a special meeting of Golden Rule lodge 147, AF&AM, held May 28, Charles Zinn and Melvin Barstad were given their entered apprentice degrees, conferred by Bill Morrison.

Cecil H. Morrison presented Masonic aprons and the apron lecture. Main speaker of the evening was Clyde Marcus of Ontario.

Next communication meeting is scheduled June 11.

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