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High Academic Achievements Cited In Nyssa Schools by Board Member

By GENE STUNZ, School Board Member

Regardless of how we as individuals voted on the recently defeated school budget, there is one thing on which I believe we all agree. That is—we all want the children of our community to receive a good education in our local schools.

Your school board and school administrators have continually evaluated your schools to determine if our young people are receiving a good basic training. Among the guide posts which we have considered are the following:

Results of achievement tests.
How many graduates attend college.

How our graduates rank in their college classes.
How well-trained are those who do not go on to college.

In all of these areas Nyssa ranks among the highest. These factors along with others indicate that Nyssa is offering an excellent educational opportunity to its young people.

Room for Improvement

I believe that we will also all agree that there is still room for improvement. Your school board is studying this area which includes such things as a merit pay plan for our teachers, more vocational training, increased student counseling, greater curriculum control and closer instructional supervision.

We have included some money in the proposed budget for progress on some of these points but most of them will have to wait for further evaluation. They may be too expensive. We plan to be ever ready to take advantage of an opportunity for improvement when it is feasible.

Thus, I submit if we take a good objective look at our schools, most of us will agree that we now have a good system. The point at issue in this election is whether we can continue our present school program with less financial burden on our heavily taxed patrons.

\$21,804 Increase Over Last Year

I would like to emphasize a fact that has often been stated in recent weeks. That is, although we will be voting on June 26 to exceed our tax base by \$21,804, the increase over last year's budget is only \$21,804. This is about 3 percent of our total estimated expenditure of almost \$700,000 during the coming year.

However, if we do not pass a budget in excess of the tax base, your school board will have the very unpleasant task of cutting \$21,804 from the proposed budget.

Since your school board believes that the proposed budget is

necessary if we are to continue the present good system, I believe we should all give some thought to what could be eliminated if we have to make the \$21,804 reduction.

Must Maintain Accreditation

These are the programs and activities that I think will be in jeopardy. First, I believe we must do everything possible to maintain an accredited high school so that our graduates may enter college without incurring a penalty. Thus, a basic course of study of English, mathematics, science, history, social studies and physical education must be maintained to meet state requirements.

I believe it is most likely that elective subjects and school activities such as the following would be greatly curtailed or eliminated:

- All inter-school athletics.
Music, including band.
Driver education program.
Activity buses.
Foreign language.
Vocational agriculture.
Advanced placement program.
Commercial courses.
Homemaking.
Industrial arts, including auto-motives.

Programs Would Be Terminated

In our overall school operation the new school bus and the assistant principal in the grade school would be eliminated. The counseling and retarded children programs which were initiated last year and which are already producing good returns would be terminated. The trend in grade and junior high school would be to reduce the number of classes and increase the pupil-teacher ratio.

This would necessarily reduce the time a teacher will be able to devote to an individual student and often it is that little extra time that starts a student on the right track. When we think in terms of what we might lose I think that most of us will agree that we would no longer offer good education to our children.

In summary, we will have school at Nyssa next year, even though a budget calling for a tax levy over the tax base is not passed, but we will not be proud of such a school.

I hope that we will all set aside our individual complaints and desires and join forces with the realization that the budget and school operation as a whole must necessarily be a compromise with everyone giving a little. We want good schools and the cost of good education, like all good things, is not cheap.

I sincerely solicit your support of the proposed budget.

Very truly yours,
GENE STUNZ
School Board Member

'We're in a Socialistic Wilderness,' Says Moses; Sees Changes Needed In Schools, Government, Principles

Dear Editor:

Just read your From This Corner's "I am afraid." I too was afraid, but now there are indications that "The New Deal"—New Frontier may fall apart. For instance some of the blind are getting so they can see for themselves. There are rumors that there may be Billy Sol Estes found all over the agricultural map.

The Dave Becks, the Jimmie Hoffas and Billie Estes were creations of the New Deal. Hundreds of other names could be added as a discredit to the liberals. The newspapers, magazines and TV are revealing some of these egg heads.

Enclosed are some of my views on the political outlook. If you decide to print my writing, I should like a few extra copies of your Gate City Journal.

Sincerely,
A. D. MOSES

(Editorial Note: Mr. Moses' article follows in part.)

The education problem is a very important problem which confronts the American people today but on the other hand it is but one of the many problems that have spawned in the past 30 years of New Deal management.

For instance, we have the labor union problem which causes runaway inflation; the health problem (created to a large extent by the past 30 years of welfare statism). For example, some of the causes and effects are well known—alcohol, heart disease; cigarette, lung cancer; drug addiction, insanity; diet shortages, malnutrition; adult delinquency, teenage problems, etc.

Every cause brings an effect and the same goes for our so-called progressive education. And let's not kid ourselves that spending more money will alleviate all these man-made mistakes.

Changes Due in Schools

Schools should never be allowed to rule or over-rule our homes. Homes come first and when the schools become too big a burden to our homes and businesses, a good look and a good school house cleaning is long overdue.

There are numerous ways of cutting expenses and at the same time build up efficiency of education. To make my point more clear it is quite logical to give the children less schooling with more education.

Some 50 years ago, schooling consisted of a lot of studious book learning, analysis and reasoning. In those days the tossing of a basketball or the kicking of a football was of minor importance. Too many get 12 years of schooling and obtain only six years of education in these days.

Schools today, like all other New Deal sponsored projects are over-financed, over-pampered, over-rated and are about to do themselves out of public trust, just as all other politically inspired services are today.

There have been too many, far too many Johnnys who have failed under this New Deal sponsored progressive education to learn the fundamentals of the four R's, namely reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic and reasoning.

Education is a must for all people just as food, clothing, shelter and recreation are a must. Education should be a personal responsibility. It should be a product that the individual is willing to work for, dig and strive for just as he strives for all other necessities that make for a good livelihood.

Let it be said that all parents are the bona fide guardians of their children, therefore the parents are the legal guardians of the schools and it is their privilege and responsibility to manage, finance and control the education

of their children as to the amount of education required, the kind needed and what it shall cost.

These parental rights will all be lost if the federal government is allowed to take over the schools. Eight years of intensified free education for our youth at the taxpayers' expense may be the answer to our school problems. If further education is needed, let the youth and his family provide it in private finishing schools such as business or trade schools.

Like all segments of the New Deal our schools have become burdensome.

Size Is Yardstick for New Deal

The New Dealer's philosophy is to make everything big. Big government full of political bureaucrats, big Pentagon for big military, big farms—government managed, big banking chains, big dams, big machinery, big highways all over the map, big schools federally dominated.

Big missiles to the moon and big debts—\$300 billion for our grandchildren to inherit.

Big debts may be the basis of all our economic problems, both private and public. Credit, too much credit, is the demon that wrecks the individual, any business organization or the government itself. Loose government credits and outright subsidies are a form of glorified embezzlement.

Political bribery has been used by the liberals to buy votes. Any political party that will stoop to such methods to get votes should be rejected at the polls, and soon, too, before this octopus squeezes to death all the freedoms we once had, including the right to own our homes, businesses or farms.

The entire New Deal ideology is an embezzlement of justice and good common sense. This over-played game of taxing one group of people to subsidize another group must be abolished as an outright game of lottery at the taxpayers' expense.

Abolish Socialistic Programs

We are a nation where the blind are leading the blind. We the people, have condoned all sorts of gimmicks, tricks and evil ways to keep the wobbly welfare state afloat. The sneaky farm program that has spawned under liberals must be abolished even if it takes the entire electorate of the United States to discontinue the Department of Agriculture.

The Medicare propaganda is the first step to establish socialized medicine in the U.S. It is supposed to be a vote-getting gimmick for the liberals, just as social security and the New Dealer's farm program. We know now that their farm program is "hog wash" and the big "hogs" are getting most of the "wash." Some 100,000 bureaucrats operate this sprawling octopus.

We must not allow ourselves to become a nation of homeless, landless and business-less people.

Functions of Government Listed

The basic function of government is to preserve law and order, establish justice and peace, limit wealth to each individual's own abilities to achieve without cheating. Educate rather than spoil our children with too much schooling and let every businessman, farmer and doctor manage his own affairs.

Caesar proclaimed that all the world shall be taxed to build Rome. He was the inventor of taxation about 2000 years ago and all the Caesars since have used his invention of legal blackmail on the common people to this day. Will there be a day of reckoning to change everything? Will there be a change?

A. D. MOSES
Retired Farmer,
Age 67 Years.
Ancestors Came to America from Scotland in 1839.

METHODISTS PLAN PICNIC SUNDAY IN APPLE VALLEY

Annual Methodist all-church picnic will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. on the Apple Valley school grounds. Families are reminded to provide own table service and food. Coffee and ice cream will be furnished by the Methodist Men's organization which sponsors this yearly event.

Those wishing transportation are asked to meet at the church at 12:45 p.m. Games and an afternoon of fellowship are planned.

REV. KRINER TO CONDUCT OWYHEE CHURCH SERVICE

The Rev. Robert Kriner of Nampa will be guest speaker at the 11 o'clock service Sunday, June 24, at Owyhee Community church in the absence of the regular pastor, the Rev. Arthur Skogan, who left Monday with his family on vacation. The Rev. Kriner is a former pastor of the Owyhee church.

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.

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Gate City Journal

Dear Editor:

Your "From This Corner" of last week prompts me to disclose a thing that I fear; namely, Medicare by the federal government.

We already have a government burdened with social security payments. The labor unions also have large commitments to meet for retired members. They are for Medicare.

With Medicare as a beginning how easy it would be to forge the aged into Medicare institutions! (Where they could be caused to die soon after becoming eligible for security, retirement and pension payments.)

Impossible? Was Hitler and his evils impossible in Germany?

There is just as great a danger of such evils in this nation. Our skin of civilization is just as thin. Elimination camps for the aged and useless persons is a logical end result of a welfare state—that we already, to a large extent, are.

Sincerely,
A. E. SCHROEDER

Officer Installation Set Sunday Morning At Christian Church

During the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday, June 24, at Nyssa Christian church, installation will be held for all newly elected and carryover officers who will assume their duties July 1.

Those elected for the coming one-year term are Don Perdue, chairman of the church board; John Strickland, vice chairman of the church board; Mrs. Kenneth Pond, financial secretary; Rollo Kent, treasurer; Mrs. Hudson Robb, church clerk; Emery Liming, assistant Sunday school superintendent.

Elected for the two-year term are Robert Sherbert, Glen Strickland and John Strickland, elders; Ewen Chard, Bill Hamilton, Elmer Hill, Hudson Robb, Harold Sisson, deacons; Mrs. Tom Drydale, Mrs. Rollo Kent, Mrs. John Lane, Mrs. Lester Oden, Mrs. Ray Strickland, deaconesses; and Glen Strickland, Sunday school superintendent.

This installation service is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

ATTEND MIA CONFERENCE

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Ray attended MIA conference last week in Salt Lake City and also visited relatives while there.

From This Corner...

By T. M. B.

Was gratified to receive the written and oral comments on my "fears," as listed in the column last week. I don't feel quite so lonely now.

We welcome more letters to the paper, believing our readers wish to know the feeling of people other than the editor. And we have not surrendered the editorial page to the school board, as accused. Had those who believe the school budget is still out of line sent in letters they would have been used, too.

George Meany, president of AFL-CIO, recently challenged the National Association of Manufacturers to show that profits created jobs. Ridiculous? Was it any more so than for President Kennedy to tell U.S. Steel they did not need to raise prices and make a profit? Since that time he has tried to show that he is not anti-business but with little success. He also branded as a myth that "government is big and bad—and steadily getting bigger and worse."

The Chicago Tribune likened his words to the old tune of "Melancholy Baby."

All your fears are foolish fancy, baby; You know, dear, that I'm in love with you; Every cloud must have a silver lining. Wait until the sun shines through.

DID YOU KNOW?
Most of the events we find in the Bible occurred in an area about 400 miles long and 80 miles wide.

Alcoholics Anonymous has 8500 chapters in 82 nations.
The average American male speaks about 150 words per minute—the female, 175.

Of the 4 1/2 million companies in the U.S. only 38,000 employ over 100 men and only 500 use more than 2500 each.

From a weekly paper—"For Sale: The ladies of the Methodist church have discarded clothing of all kinds. They may be seen in the church basement any day after 6 o'clock."

Parents have almost ceased kissing their children good-night... They can't wait up for them!

There is no right way to do the wrong thing.

Some people have tact—others, tell the truth.

THINK ON THIS...
A 1000-mile trip starts with a single step and faith is the willingness to walk in the dark.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA
The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow returned home June 8 from California where they visited his sisters in Upland and San Clemente.



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