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Controversial But Confident

Frequently, during the three short years of editing the Journal, we have had editorials or a column on a wide variety of subjects. Judging by the response received we could have believed they were unread or so weak as not to warrant comment.

But since the controversy arose over the school budgets we have suddenly taken on an importance that we have difficulty accepting with meekness. Both sides have elaborated us for not taking an editorial stand—with each expecting us to support their views.

We have been accused of slanting our reporting, of using headlines that were misleading and of taking a personal dig at individuals through some of our wording. These are not new complaints—there have just been more of them than usual. We suppose it is only natural that some people get angry for facts reported that they wish were different. And it is understandable that most people have a feeling that they could do a better job of running a newspaper than is being done. (And possibly many could!)

But in this country a newspaper is a private enterprise whose business is news. The editor must decide what he will print and assume responsibility for it. If he printed only the good or the bad the public would be ill-informed of what was happening in the community.

We believe what the school board does and the voters do are much more important than our comments upon their actions. And it would be highly presumptuous on our part for us to try to tell a well-informed people what is good for them. The American way is for the people to be heard—the Communist way is to tell the people. We reserve the right to say what we wish on the editorial page or to remain quiet. And like any other private citizen we feel free to make oral comments, pro or con, on the subject we desire.

WE BELIEVE . . .

- (1) The present school board is dedicated to having an excellent school for Nyssa.
- (2) That most of the items in the original budget would have been conducive to a better school.
- (3) That the token cut of \$2100 in the second budget was not carefully thought through with the idea of selling it to enough NO VOTERS for it to pass. Communication with the voters was lacking.
- (4) The school board's public relations have been poor throughout the year with too much effort to sell the program at voting time.
- (5) Too little attention has been paid to personal grievances that may have had some truth in them. (These can mushroom into considerable NO VOTES at election time.)
- (6) The viewpoint of the teacher has been given precedence over that of the taxpayer.
- (7) That the big majority of NO VOTERS are not opposed to good education, within what they consider their means to pay, and should not be classed as not caring what happens to our school. It is possible they question the merit of parts of the program proposed by the board. Or possibly they do not understand the complex budget.
- (8) Opponents of the budget should be willing to let the board know their objections.
- (9) Personal grievances should not enter into the budget, unless the board refused to act on them.
- (10) Nyssa has nothing to be ashamed of in having the budget defeated two times. It is the state and national trend to vote down issues that increase taxes. It could be a healthy situation, if it enables the people to learn more about their school system and to take a more active part in its operation.
- (11) That the board has cut the amount down, for this third election, as much as they dare without impairing basic education for our children. And eventually some of the repairs and ground improvement will have to be made.

We have many other beliefs about the school and its operation that we'll not list here. Personally, we plan to vote YES on this budget.

Faith Lutheran Chairman Reports Activities in July

Faith Lutheran church activities during the next few weeks will point to preparation for the new pastor, John Milbrath, it has been announced by Bud Tibbets, congregation chairman.

Pastor Milbrath and his wife will move into the parsonage about July 17. His first service in the local church, after installation, will be July 29.

Following is a schedule of activities for the month of July.

For the next two Sundays there will be no services in the local church. On July 8 the congregation will go to Grace Lutheran church in Caldwell for Sunday school and worship service, with Sunday school beginning at 10 a.m. At 3 o'clock that afternoon Pastor Milbrath will be ordained in Grace Lutheran church in Cashmere, Wash. Several representatives from both the Nyssa and Vale churches plan to attend.

July 9 at 8 p.m. the women of the church will meet in regular session at the home of Mrs. D. L. Benedict.

July 11—There will be a church council meeting in the parsonage.

July 15, 10 a.m.—The congregation will visit for Sunday school and worship service at Trinity Lutheran church in Nampa.

July 22, 10 a.m.—Installation services for Pastor Milbrath will be conducted at Grace Lutheran church in Vale.

July 29, 1 p.m.—A parish picnic will be held for both Nyssa and Vale churches in Vale city park.

Spanish Bible School July 16-27 Announced

Junio 26 uvo una funta en la casa de Mrs. William Schireman de la gente que esto interesada. Condeictor una escuela de vivlia en el verano en el campo. Nyssa Ministerial association fomentador de escuela de vivlia.

Mrs. Gus Liming lo escogieron para director con el Pastor Omar Barnhouse de la Iglesia Nazarene, y Wallace Prowell, pastor de la Iglesia Cristiana gue es asistente directores.

Los dias de la escuela de vivlia en el campo vaser Julio 16 y 27 el tiempo no se a figado pero greemos gue en la tarde.

Otra funta para planes final se apreparado para Julio 10 a la 1:30 p.m. en la casa de Mrs. Schireman, 208 North Fourth, gentes interesadas estan enbitachas.

Nyssa Ladies Return From Lutheran Meet; Visit J. Briehl Family

Mrs. Ronald Schoen and Mrs. Stan Thompson returned Friday from Parkland, Wash., where they attended American Lutheran Women's convention at Pacific Lutheran college.

Mrs. Thompson was a delegate from Faith Lutheran church in Nyssa, while Mrs. Schoen represented Grace Lutheran church of Vale.

Theme of the convention was "Jesus, the Light of the World." The delegates will give a report of the convention at the July 9 meeting of the local women's organization and will also report at the first meeting of the Vale group.

While attending the sessions, the ladies were house guests of Pastor and Mrs. John Briehl and family (former Nyssans) at Spanaway, Wash. Mrs. Briehl also attended the meetings.

The delegates report that the Briehls are apparently very happy with their new pastorate and were busy with Bible school activities being conducted during the stay in their home.

OWYHEE CHURCH LADIES PLAN FRIDAY MEETING

Ladies Missionary group of the Owyhee Community church will meet at 2 p.m. Friday, July 6, in the parsonage. All ladies are urged to attend and take with them all types of greeting cards and scissors for the work project.

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.

Nyssa, Oregon
 June 30, 1962

To the Editor
 Gate City Journal:

I don't believe Nyssa can afford to vote down the school budget again. Already the good name of Nyssa has been clouded by the rejection of a reasonable asking by the school board.

Petty gossip divides the community, destroys confidence and undermines good will. The effect on the teachers and administrators is most unfortunate, creating animosities and in general making them dissatisfied with both school and community.

Those who have grievances should present them to the school board or get a hearing in the PTA, rather than jeopardizing the whole school system. So on July 13 let us give such a vote of confidence that the wounds of battle may be healed.

PAUL L. LUDLOW

Nyssa, Oregon
 June 30, 1962

The Gate City Journal
 Nyssa, Oregon
 Dear Editor:

The school budget election definitely proves the majority of the voters are ready to let the air out of the blown up school budget balloon.

The voters are lucky they did not allow the legislature to scuttle the state 6 percent limitation law. If the voters had lost this 6 percent law, we would now have runaway taxation.

So this being the case, the voters must make it a habit of voting every election, and vote again on the school budget Friday, July 13.

Sincerely,
 A. D. MOSES

To the Editor:

This letter may be at least two months late in being written but it would seem that it is still necessary, and I hope, not too late to be effective in saving our school system from almost complete decay. In many instances the negative vote on a budget is not because of high taxation, but is an objection to policy, administration, use of equipment, or curriculum.

The use of the negative vote against the budget in these cases can never be a valid one. Our school board meets at regular, stated intervals. Protest against everything but taxation should be taken to these meetings for a complete discussion and clarification.

Our school board has no way to approach a negative vote against budget than to cut the budget. If this is what the people of our community wish and are certain of satisfaction with the results of an inoperative system through curtailment of expenditures, then there is nothing left to do but cut budget expenses.

I cannot feel that each individual has examined the end results of blindly cutting expenses. The better teachers that we have been able to attract to our system will certainly be looking for a more receptive situation, and the additions of student counseling and education for the limited student will of necessity be dropped, leaving us with the dregs of public education for our system.

In one sudden swipe our schools will change from a recognized success to a dismal failure. There will be nothing our school board can do to change this situation. If our community feels strongly that certain parts of our system are not functioning properly, a legitimate protest will be received by our school board. However, they can do nothing with the insidious, whispered campaign of petty differences that is certainly destroying the moral fiber of our public schools.

I am not saying that I am completely satisfied with our education system as it has been in the past, and I know that I will never be refused the opportunity of making a protest if I feel that one is necessary. I am asking only that such protests be made at the proper time and place and stated more clearly than a vote against the budget can ever do.

GRANT H. RINEHART

BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH REVIVAL BEGINS TONIGHT

A revival will begin this evening at 8 o'clock in Bible Missionary church, according to the Rev. Noble Hunt. Meetings will be held each evening through July 15 in the church located at Second street and Beech avenue.

Evangelist will be the Rev. Sherrill Stiles of Emmett and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gray of Rock Island, Ill., will be song evangelists.

EMPLOYED AT THE MERC

Mrs. Ben Storm began work Friday morning at the Nyssa Merc store. She was formerly employed by Eder Hardware company.

Weekend Activities Planned in Payette By Wesleyan Guilds

Wesleyan Service guild weekend will begin Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in Payette Methodist church, according to Mrs. Leo Gonyer, Western district secretary. A noon luncheon is planned with study meetings and talks to be held during the afternoon.

Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crane, head of the religion department at Pacific university in Forest Grove, will be guest speaker Saturday evening at a banquet to be served in the church.

The program which continues through Sunday morning is under direction of Mrs. Ivor Williams, Western Idaho conference secretary.

OWYHEE CHURCH MID-WEEK SERVICE SLATED TONIGHT

The Wednesday evening service at Owyhee Community church has been postponed until this evening and will be held at the regular meeting hour, according to the Rev. Arthur Skogan. He reported that the change was due to the Fourth of July holiday falling on Wednesday.

Nyssa Students Listed On Honor Roll at OSU

Four Nyssa students are listed on the spring term honor roll released by Oregon State university. They are Jerry T. Matsunaga, Sandra J. Lewis, Rena E. Dirksen and Stanley L. Sisson.

To be named to the honor roll, students must make at least a B-plus grade average for the term.

Matsunaga was graduated from OSU this June in the school of agriculture. Miss Lewis will be a sophomore in science and Miss Dirksen a junior in humanities and social sciences next fall at OSU. Sisson is a graduate student.

WEEKEND REUNION HELD AT RAY C. LEWIS HOME

A family reunion was held June 23-24 at the Ray C. Lewis home. Six of their 10 children were present. Those unable to attend were Tommy, with the U. S. Navy in Italy; Gladys, also in Italy; Richard of Marysville, Calif., and Louise of Moses Lake, Wash.

Lesley and family returned Sunday evening to their home in Ogdan. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ashly and boys left Monday evening to attend the World's Fair and Mrs. Howard Lewis departed Thursday evening for her home in Sacramento, Calif.

TO ATTEND BYU

Miss Gloria Gonyer spent the weekend in Provo, Utah, where she made arrangements to attend Brigham Young university during the fall term. Miss Gonyer will be working on her master's degree in business education.

VISIT FROM PORTLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cochrun and Mark of Portland are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cochrun. Cochrun has been employed at the fish and game office in the Rose city and upon his return will be transferred to Roseburg where he will be assistant supervisor in the same department.

RETURN FROM VACATION

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Skogan and family returned June 27 from a 10-day vacation trip to Cannon Beach, Springfield and Portland where they visited relatives.

VISIT FROM NAMPA

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Moore and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell and family, all of Nampa, visited Sunday with Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. McConnell.

Board of Health Lists Safety Measures For Operation of All Lawn Mowers

Power lawn mowers have already harvested many human fingers or toes because operators have not understood the hazards or were careless, the Oregon State Board of Health warns home owners.

Both power and hand-driven mowers are not completely safe in use because they can cut most things they touch besides grass, states Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, Oregon state health officer.

According to reliable United States figures, there are about 75,000 power mower accidents each year and about 90 percent of these from rotary-type mowers. Seventy percent of these accidents result in finger or toe contact with the mower and about 30 percent result in accidents from flying objects. These objects act like a missile and can have the impact of a .22-caliber bullet.

Precautions Advised

- Since most injuries are due to carelessness or error on the part of persons using mowers, the OSBH advises these precautions:
1. Remove all stones, wire, sticks and other objects from the lawn.
 2. Periodically check all bolts, nuts and screws on the mower to see that they are properly tightened.
 3. Add fuel only before starting the engine, never while it is running.
 4. Keep hands and feet away from mower blades when starting and mowing.
 5. Practice stopping the mower engine quickly.
 6. All persons should be at a safe distance from the mower, preferably inside the house.

7. Stop engine before pushing mower across gravel driveways, walks or road.
8. Do not mow on slopes when the grass is wet or footing is unsure.
9. Never plug in an electric mower when it's raining.
10. The mower should always be moving away from the operator.
11. Sit-down mowers can turn over on sloping ground.
12. Stop the mower and disconnect the spark wire before checking or cleaning the mower.
13. Mowers with crank-type starters should not be in a charged position until ready for use.
14. Keep fuel in a red-marked, closed container where it will not be a fire hazard.
15. At all times, stop the engine when the mower is left unattended.
16. Scan the path in advance of the mower at all times for objects that might be thrown.
17. Prevent persons unfamiliar with the operation of a mower from using it. Be especially cautious with youngsters.

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