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School Board Head Explains Need Of Proposed Vo-Ag Building Project; Bond Election Set Monday, March 4

Planned Program Would Accommodate Predicted Student Increase for Many Years
By WARREN FARMER, Chairman of Nyssa School Board

Your school board has proposed a plan that will meet the increased needs of a larger student population at the high school level starting with next year's 1963-64 class. The proposed bond issue for \$95,000 that you are asked to vote on next Monday, March 4, does meet these needs—and at a minimum cost.

City Manager Lists Variety of Work By Nyssa Crews

City crews are presently rebuilding dirt streets within the city, according to City Manager Art Colby. Work includes removal of surface material and replacement with new base material, rolled in place to grade.

Four blocks of East Bower avenue have been completed, excepting the shoulder area. This work will be finished as soon as the shoulder area dries.

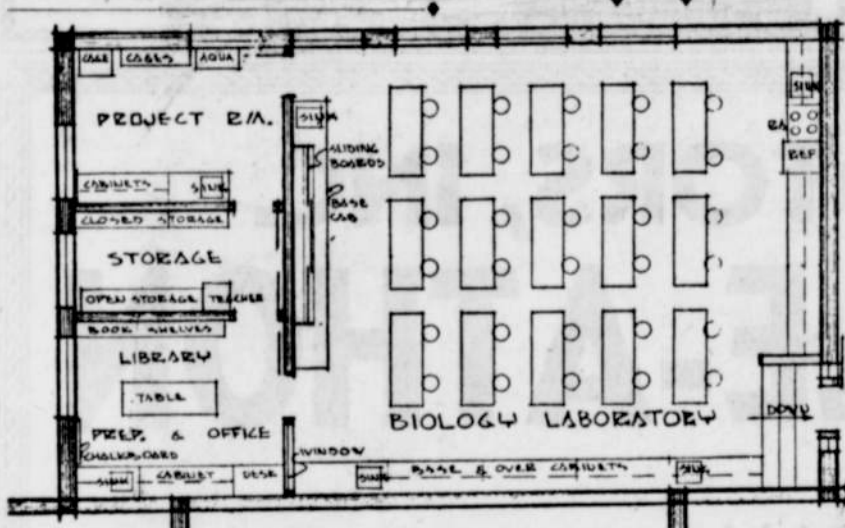
Preparation for installation of dry wells in Street Improvement District No. 6 has been completed. These are to be constructed by city crews, Colby said.

Work is progressing on the Little league baseball dugouts in south city park. One dugout has been poured and another is ready for forms.

Fill material for the Snake River park is being placed and leveled.

Approximately 40 pink locust trees are to be planted around the swimming pool park perimeter this week, the city manager reported.

City crews are also setting line and grade stakes for Street Improvement District No. 6. Bids on this project will be opened on Monday, March 4, at 8 p.m. Bonds will be sold at 7 p.m. March 12 and it is proposed, pending the street bid outcome, to award the street construction contract on March 12.



SHOWN ABOVE is interior plan of the present high school vocational agriculture building as it would be following remodeling for biology classroom and laboratory, if replaced with new vo-ag building. Cost for remodeling is estimated at \$22,000 with \$12,185 to be used for equipment. This project is included in a proposed \$95,000 construction and remodeling plan on which taxpayers will vote between 2 and 8 p.m. Monday, March 4, in the high school little theater.

Eastern Oregon Delegation Discusses Legislative Problems Affecting Area

By ANTHONY YTURRI, State Senator

Most of the legislators from Eastern Oregon met for three hours last Saturday (Feb. 16) with a group constituting the Eastern Oregon Chamber of Commerce. Representatives Bob Smith, Clint Haight and I, together with several others, discussed many legislative problems with the Eastern Oregon delegation. We discussed taxation, the ambulance law, expenditures, school districts, Constitutional revision, community colleges, elections and almost every subject that is before the legislature.

Representatives from Malheur, Harney, Grant, Baker, Deschutes, Morrow and Umatilla counties—and perhaps a few other counties—were present. The legislators first discussed the topics in general and this was followed by a question and answer period. This group constitutes what may well become the most important agency for legislation that Eastern Oregon has known.

We were told that some of the counties had not looked too favorably upon this vehicle for the exchange of ideas between the people of the counties and the legislators. Personally, I believe that if the Eastern Oregon counties will organize and take an active part in this Chamber of Commerce, we will have an excellent means of keeping in touch with our constituents.

Urges Participation in Group

Moreover, we will then be able to present your views and the liaison between the legislature and the people will be continuous. I strongly urge all Eastern Oregon counties to join and participate in this group. It presents an excellent opportunity for harmony and a united front on the part of Eastern Oregon.

Those in attendance, among others, included Ed and Donald Oakes and Paul Van Petten from Malheur county, Al Reinertson, Joe Cahill, Homer Damon and Tommy Thomson of Grant county and Bill Garner from Harney county.

Again, there are a number of bills asking for highway bonding. (Continued on Page 6)

Artist Displays Creations

CARLOS PARRA, Nyssa eighth grade student and son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parra, is pictured here with his art instructor, Mrs. Virginia Brandt and eight of his pictures now on display in the art room of the J. K. Gill company offices in Portland. The statewide contest is sponsored by National Scholastic magazine. Carlos won a gold key award for his outstanding artistic work entered at this exhibit. Nyssa Eagles auxiliary has been encouraging the young artist in his studies.



Young Artist Wins Gold Key Award For Work Entered in State Contest

By FRANK PARR

Carlos Parra, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parra of 201 North Ninth street, recently entered eight pictures in a state art contest sponsored by National Scholastic magazine. For this display he won a gold key award for outstanding achievements and received a letter of congratulations from J. K. Gill company of Portland.

Courtroom Trial Play Scheduled By NHS Students

"The People vs. Maxine Lowe" by Luella E. McMahon will be presented by Nyssa high school junior-senior class members on March 7-8 at 8:15 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

The cast consists of 11 girls and seven boys with Colleen Christiansen as Maxine Lowe. Other members of the cast include Gene Jones, DeAnn Adams, John Beck, Alan Hirai, Gail Flinders, Ruth Hansen, Sandra Holmes, Linda Reece, Karen Hust, Gene Boyer, Gordon Leavitt, Bill Hammon, Mary Evans, Norman Haney, Berniel Schulties, Cheryl Young, Sylvia Cleaver and Sue Olsen.

Director of the three-act play is Donald P. Bates, speech instructor. Student director is DeLores Morris.

The play is based on the trial of Maxine Lowe, who is supposed to have murdered her husband. Did she really kill him? What will the jury's verdict be?

The trial will be staged on the cafeteria floor so that an "arena style" play will be effected.

Judging of entries, submitted by students of Oregon schools, took place in the art room of the Gill company offices. Exhibition dates are Feb. 16 through March 2.

Carlos, a student in the eighth grade of Nyssa junior high, has received numerous awards for his excellent work in local exhibits and last fall took third place in state competition at the State Fair in the water color, adult classification. The fact that he made this exhibit speaks highly of his work.

Some of his paintings were sold at a Boise exhibit and some have been sold locally. Proceeds of these sales are being put into a trust fund for his art education.

His teachers, Mrs. Virginia Brandt and Miss Marie Coate, feel that he is ready to seek higher awards for his art work.

The Scholastic Art awards cover about 20 different classifications. Carlos submitted three entries in oil, three in pastels, one in charcoal and one in opaque water colors.

The local Eagles auxiliary has been quite helpful in encouraging the young artist in developing his artistic ability and a great deal of credit is due Mrs. Brandt for her work as his instructor.

Group to Serve Unusual Dinner Saturday Evening

The PTA International dinner is planned to accommodate all who wish to attend, according to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fife, co-chairmen of the event.

New serving techniques will help keep the diners moving and additional table space will seat a larger number at one time, the chairmen said.

Mrs. Fife reports that the menu will be similar to that of last year with Oriental, Mexican, German, Dutch, French and American foods but that a greater variety has been included.

The dinner will be served Saturday evening, March 2, between the hours of 5:30 and 8 o'clock in the school cafeteria.

Service Awards Given at Annual Hospital Dinner

Those in attendance at the third annual hospital banquet Saturday evening included members of the medical staff, board of directors, other employees at Malheur Memorial, their mates and guests. The dinner was served at East Side cafe in Ontario.

A number of employees were introduced and acknowledgement was made of their years of service at the hospital. Mrs. Emma Merick is the only employee holding a 10-year award. She has now been with the institution for 11 years.

Those holding five-year certificates prior to this year include Ewen Chard, Elsie Price, Beth Ellis, Mrs. Mervil Hutchinson, June Patterson, Helen Peterson, Lillian Wagner and Margaret Wood.

Those receiving five-year awards Saturday evening were Laverne Egler, Lois Luther, Charles J. Smith and Phyllis Talbot.

Included on the program was a humorous skit by Mrs. Merle Boody which supposedly took place in a girdle store. Other selections were presented by Betty Madge Wilson's dance troop and by members of the hospital staff who staged a comical hat style show, moderated by Laverne Egler.

Irrigation Water Forecast Meeting Set Next Thursday

Malheur county's annual irrigation water forecast meeting will be held at the county courthouse in Vale Thursday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m., according to Leeds Bailey, county extension agent.

W. T. "Jack" Frost, head of the Soil Conservation Service snow survey teams, will consolidate latest watershed moisture readings with information supplied by local irrigation district managers to estimate irrigation water supplies for the 1963 crop season.

This year's forecast is of more than usual interest to farmers because of the low carryover of irrigation water in the area's reservoirs.

Bailey says all persons interested in the forecast meeting are invited to attend.

AFS Committee Plans Chilean Celebration

Adult and student members of the AFS committee met Tuesday in the school cafeteria. The session was devoted to planning activities for AFS day which is scheduled April 4.

A festival is planned similar to the one held in Chile in celebration of its independence day.

Another meeting will be held next Tuesday and new officers elected for the coming year.

Vernon Walker Wins \$50 Jackpot Award

Vernon C. Walker, route 2, Parma, was winner of the \$50 jackpot prize this week at Nyssa Bank Days drawing. Lewis Brockus, route 1, New Plymouth, was called for the \$10 second award but he was not present. Name of Laura Holloway, deceased, was drawn for the third prize of \$5.

Jackpot prize will again be \$50 next Tuesday afternoon.

Spanish PTA Meeting Slated This Evening

The Spanish PTA group will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the high school little theater.

A nominating committee will be named at this meeting. Election of officers will be held at the March meeting.

All Spanish-speaking parents are urged to attend.

\$184,000 Damage in Oregon and Idaho From Recent Succor Creek Rampage; Residents Ask Flood Control Program

Oregon Losses Largely by Landowners; Idaho Damage Mostly to Roads, Bridges

Damage done by the recent flood on Succor Creek totals \$184,000, according to reports made available by the Adrian Soil Conservation District and the district serving the Homedale area on the Idaho side.

Of this amount \$106,000 was in Idaho and \$78,000 in Malheur county on the Oregon side. The greater part of the loss in Idaho was to bridges and roads while in Oregon the major damage was to privately owned ranch land.

Flooding Not Unusual

The reports show that flooding occurs to some extent each year with some irrigation structures, small bridges and fences washed out every three or four years. And major flood damage has been occurring at near 10-year intervals.

Flooding this year was on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 when warm rains moved in from the southwest and fell on frozen ground covered by about 12 inches of snow blanketing the watershed.

The water came up early in the evening on Jan. 31 and rose rapidly, reaching a crest about 11 o'clock that night. The high water carried ice floes which lodged against structures and fences and ripped them off their footings. By 3 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1, water began to recede but remained out of its banks for about 30 hours.

Oregon Damage Itemized

Personnel of the soil conservation district in Oregon made personal inspection of all ranches reporting damage and came up with these totals:

Flooding of 164 acres of farm land, \$9,800; bridges and roads (estimated by county), \$14,450; diversion structures, \$9,000; channel erosion (3 miles), \$7,800; 11½ miles of irrigation ditches destroyed or damaged, \$8,300.

Hay and feed grain, \$5,496; 51 head of livestock destroyed, \$5,275; with the balance of the damage (Continued on Page 6)

Nyssa Chamber Endorses Local Vo-Ag Project

Nyssa Chamber of Commerce members, Wednesday, approved motions to (1) endorse school board plans for a new vo-ag building at the Nyssa school, (2) support abolishment of federal aid in the welfare program for dependent children in Oregon and (3) retain Internal Revenue Service rules governing deductions for charitable contributions.

Controversy Over School Aid

The endorsement of the school board plan for a new vo-ag building came after Secretary Ralph Lawrence read the minutes of last week's regular meeting and those of a board meeting the following day. At the meeting last Wednesday Bob Wilson had made motion that the chamber endorse the building project and pay \$50 of chamber funds toward cost of mailing brochures to school patrons publicizing the plans.

The motion was denied by President Vic Haburchak and no vote taken, on the ground that any plans for spending chamber funds should first be approved by the board of directors after determining if funds were available.

The board did approve both actions in the Thursday meeting and Wilson was permitted to reintroduce the motion which carried without opposition.

Cost of printing and mailing the brochures was estimated at about (Continued on Page 7)



SCENE AT THE GEORGE ROLAND HOME near Homedale when little Succor Creek became a raging torrent Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 following a warm rain and wind melting snow at upper elevations. The seven members of the family were trapped in the attic of the home until rescued by a National Guard tank driven by Sgt. Dean Huffman about 6 a.m. on Feb. 1. (Photo courtesy of the Owyhee Chronicle.)

Rep. Smith Reports Over 140 Measures Introduced at Salem Before Deadline

By ROBERT F. SMITH, State Representative

Monday, Feb. 18, was the last day bills could be introduced to the 1963 session of the legislature. Legislators scurried about, acquiring co-sponsors and signatures on over 140 measures which were subsequently introduced during the day.

During the last week I have introduced three measures. The first measure provides amendments to the existing Beef Council law. Should the legislature adopt my amendments, everyone who is a cattle producer would be able to vote on a question of whether or not the Beef Council should be continued. Secondly, there would be a reduction from 15 percent to 10 percent of the voters necessary to call an election.

I hope that these amendments will increase the speed of refunds from the Department of Agriculture to those requesting refunds, and the onus of having to be a bona fide contributor under the old Beef Council law would be improved.

Bill Concerns Wild Life Preserves

The second measure has to do with the subject of federal wild life preserves. This bill would provide that county courts of the various counties would be consulted and written approval be provided before such refuge could be located within the county. Most counties receive monies from

federal wild life refuges in lieu of property taxes.

Some counties receive only token payments in lieu of taxes. This bill would provide an area of negotiation between counties and (Continued on Page 6)

Izaak Walton League Meeting Set Monday

Carl Stone of La Grande, regional vice president of the Izaak Walton League, will be present for the local meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Monday, March 4, at the Moore hotel in Ontario.

Among topics to be discussed will be the question of electing members to the game commission instead of their being appointed. Also to be considered will be the question of where boat license money should be spent.

All fishermen, boating enthusiasts and those interested in outdoor recreation are invited to attend.

WEATHER ...

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 20	56	37	.01
Feb. 21	54	29	—
Feb. 22	58	34	—
Feb. 23	58	31	—
Feb. 24	60	31	—
Feb. 25	63	29	—
Feb. 26	58	45	.01
Feb. 27	—	33	—

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
Feb. 28, 1963 339,900 Acre Ft.
Feb. 26, 1962 165,630 Acre Ft.