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Vote on School Budget Monday

It appears that patrons of the Nyssa School district are repeating the 1962 performance when it comes to voting on the school budget.

On May 7 of that year voters rejected an amount of \$82,900 above the six percent limitation, by 245 to 178. The board cut the amount by \$2100 for the June 26 election and the voters again said "no" by a smaller margin (362 to 314).

Then on July 13 after a little over \$21,000 had been cut from the original amount submitted, it was approved 611 to 207.

This year the amount submitted above the six percent limitation was \$82,340 in the first election. It lost by five votes with 84 electors who registered at the polls not voting on the issue. The board said it did not have a mandate from the people and resubmitted the same budget. It was defeated by 59 votes (453 to 394 in a record turnout).

Now the board has cut it \$25,133 or to \$170 less than was approved in 1963 (331 to 219) for the past school year.

It appears that voters want school costs held to the present figures. The farmers have had declining prices, a big drop in the production of alfalfa seed, and stockmen have taken a "drubbing" on beef cattle. They have also criticized the school board for its policy of automatic pay raises each year for all teachers.

We sympathize with the farmers. Yet we can see from attending budget board meetings that school board members do not get a unified picture of what the voters want cut.

We believe that Nyssa patrons believe in good schools and are willing to pay what they consider reasonable amounts to have them.

Costs are continually increasing for the individual, for the family and for school districts. It seems to us that further cuts might endanger basic education and the present budget should be approved.

If there are gripes over policy, why not petition the board to make the changes as was done when an additional music director was hired?

Time is growing short. Let us be sure that we are not endangering the students from getting a good school this year through a collection of individual grievances.

Anyway, go out and vote Monday, June 15. There are approximately 1500 eligible voters in the district and the board is entitled to a "mandate" from a high percentage of the voters.

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Rev. Paul L. Ludlow Writes Farewell Note

Nyssa, Oregon
June 9, 1964

Dear Friends
Of the Nyssa Area:

Last Friday I was appointed minister of the Methodist church at Burley, Idaho, so Mrs. Ludlow and I take this opportunity to thank our host of friends for all the expressions of good will.

We have enjoyed our nine years in Nyssa. The relationship among the churches and between church and community has been excellent. My parting word is to urge the whole community to support the schools and other civic enterprises.

In my opinion our tax dollars spent at home is our best investment. I'm sorry I won't be here to vote for the school budget next week.

We shall always have open house in Burley for our Nyssa friends.

Sincerely,
PAUL L. LUDLOW

Writer Takes Issue With Nyssa Chamber

Nyssa, Oregon
June 8, 1964

Editor, Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon
Dear Editor:

I have read your news article in the Journal of June 4, concerning the appeal made by the chairman of the school board to the Nyssa chamber of commerce and the securing of their endorsement of the proposed school budget.

The chamber of commerce does not represent all of the taxpayers of this district, and not even all of the businessmen of Nyssa. It is unfortunate that such a few would see fit, as a body, to even comment on such a controversial issue. Why should a tax-supported school system even be a dues-paying member of the chamber of commerce?

At the school budget election, the taxpayers spoke their sentiments by a majority of 59 votes. Their objections have not been corrected in the new budget. The school board has seen fit to reduce the amount requested previously by some \$25,000.

They did this by reducing or deleting several needed items, but leaving unchanged several items that do not lend to the improvement of our school system and the education of our children. The taxpayers want the best school system they can afford, but they want their tax dollars spent wisely and administered properly. I am sure many of the no votes were in protest to the present administration.

Last year many farmers were hard hit by poor crops and low prices. They cannot afford automatic pay raises and items not absolutely essential. They have been forced to operate on a much reduced budget themselves, and I believe the school system can operate efficiently within the six percent limitation.

On June 15, the taxpayers will again speak. I hope they will consider the issues and not be influenced by the action of the chamber of commerce.

Yours truly,
NEIL G. DIMMICK
Route 2, Nyssa

Minister Begins Pastoral Duties At Butte Church

The Rev. Richard A. Hadeen will begin his ministry at Malheur Butte Baptist church this coming Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and will speak on the subject "Togetherness Among Christians."

The evening service will begin at 8 o'clock and Pastor Hadeen's subject will be "The Thrill of Christian Work."

The Rev. Hadeen comes to the church from the Berean Baptist church at White City, Ore. He formerly served two Baptist churches in Washington state.

He was "Youth for Christ" director for two years in Lewis county, Wash., and had pastoral training at Western Baptist college in El Cerrito, Calif., Simpson Bible college of Seattle and Everett Junior college in Everett, Wash. He was publicly ordained in 1957 by the Calvary Baptist church of Everett.

Pastor and Mrs. Hadeen, Emily, Marie, Marcia Lynn and Stephen Richard moved into the church parsonage last week.

Adrian Community Church News

Women's association meeting will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. L. Kurtz.

Members of the church session will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at the Wilson Witt home.

Climaxing vacation Bible school activities will be a program at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening, June 12, at the church. All residents of the area are invited to attend.

Joint Session Held By Methodist Ladies

Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service met June 4 with members of the Wesleyan Service guild serving as hostesses to the 23 ladies in attendance. The WSG women were also in charge of decorations and the program.

Mmes. Leo Gonyer, Frances Bates, C. Wernick and Al Chadwick related "What It Means to Belong to the Woman's Society and Guild."

During the business session it was announced that Pamela Alexander had been chosen as one of five girls from the western district to attend a school of missions to be held July 6-10 at Caldwell.

It was reported that 100 pounds of clothing was sent from the Methodist church to the Church World Service, with members of the society paying for processing charges.

YOUTH GROUP DISCUSSES FUTURE PLANS AT MEETING

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met May 31 at the Woody Seuell home. A wiener roast and Tupelo-signing party followed the business meeting.

The MYF group met again last Sunday at the church and discussed plans for a brownie sale June 19 and a skating party in the near future to honor this year's graduating seniors.

Visiting Sisters Aid In Catholic Classes

Catholic religious vacation school is being held this week from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the grade school building.

Franciscan nuns are teaching approximately 100 students first grade through eighth. Sister Stephen and Sister Louisa of Ontario are assisting Sisters Margaret Joseph of Portland, Marie Ave of McMinnville, Mary Alipia of Tacoma and Margaret William of Pendleton.

Also assisting are Father Guadalupe Lopez of Acapulco, Mexico, and Julio Reynaud of Lima, Peru.

The four sisters are staying at the Herman Towne home during summer school which will end Saturday.

Lutheran Church Sets Bible School Dates

Dates for vacation Bible school at Faith Lutheran church have been designated as June 15-26, according to Pastor John Milbrath. Classes for children aged 3 through 14 years are scheduled between the hours of 1 and 3:30 p.m.

"God, My Country and I" is the theme for study this year. Handicrafts, scripture lessons, music and organized recreation are the featured activities during the two-week session.

Children may register during the regular Sunday school hour at the church on Sunday morning.

NAZARENE CHURCH NEWS

Six days of vacation Bible school instruction, under direction of Mrs. Don Wilson, ended Saturday at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene. A program was given Sunday morning when the children presented recitations, songs and skits. Their handwork was on display at the church.

Teenagers Take Outing
Teenagers of the church went on an outing last weekend to Pine Creek camp near Brownlee and took an inside tour of the dam.

Accompanying the group were the Rev. and Mrs. John Bullock, Messrs. and Mmes. Don Wilson, Joe Hobson and Merle Winkle.

Owyhee Community Church News

According to the Rev. Arthur Skogan, a program at the church climaxing two weeks of vacation Bible school is planned tomorrow evening, June 12, at 8 o'clock.

Regular Schedule
Sunday, 10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Worship hour.
7 p.m.—Bible training.
8 p.m.—Evangelistic service.
Wednesday
8 p.m.—Prayer meeting and Bible study.

CHURCH GROUP TO LEARN ABOUT SPANISH AMERICANS

Mrs. Ed Pruynt hosted the afternoon meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship group last Thursday. The evening group met at the home of Mrs. Rodney Holcomb.

The program of both meetings summarized a study of India over the past six months. Next month the members will begin a study on Spanish-speaking Americans.

Gathering at Methodist Church Fetes Ludlows Prior to Departure for Idaho

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow were guests at a farewell gathering held Monday evening in the Methodist church social hall. Other guests were the couple's son and daughter-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Willis Ludlow and family.

The Rev. Paul Ludlow has been transferred to the First Methodist church in Burley, Idaho, after serving nine years as pastor of the Nyssa church. He replaces the Rev. Edward E. Dixon who is retiring from full-time pastoral duties, but will serve as assistant pastor at the First Methodist church in Nampa.

Succeeding the Rev. Ludlow in Nyssa will be the Rev. Ralph Alan Lawrence who comes here from St. Paul's church in Idaho Falls.

The Willis Ludlow family has moved to Idaho Falls where he will be pastor of the church previously served by the Rev. Lawrence. The Ludlows had been in Dallas, Texas, for the past two years where he was taking post graduate work at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist university. Prior to that time he served four years as pastor of the Wallowa church.

Vale Minister Transferred

Another transfer of interest to area residents is that of the Rev. Robert McNeil from Vale to Kimberly, Idaho. He will also serve the Methodist churches in Murtaugh and Hansen.

At the Monday evening gathering honoring the Ludlow families, cake, punch and coffee were served from a table decorated in pink and white.

A program, under direction of Mrs. Merildean Robbins, was presented and included a vocal duet by Ellen and Joyce Piercy and accordion solos by Marilou Wilson and Joyce Piercy. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Bud Sappe, Mrs. Tom Nishitani and Oscar Bratton. A baritone horn solo was played by Clinton Robbins.

The MYF group presented the Paul Ludlows with a desk set and Gene Chester presented them

with a money tree, on behalf of the congregation.

An original skit, entitled "Paul and Frances at the Pearly Gates," was written by Mrs. Robbins and portrayed by Mrs. Cecil Evans, Jeff Ford and Cliff Main.

Mrs. Robbins also wrote and read a poem telling of the nine years the minister and his wife had spent in Nyssa.

A large group of friends were present to wish them well in their new home. They left Wednesday for Burley.

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