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## Nyssa School Board Adopts \$810,000 Proposed Budget for 1966-67 Term; Vote Unanimous Following Hearing

### Small Crowd in Attendance Questions Various Items Without Serious Objections

Following a budget hearing, lasting well over two hours Tuesday night, Nyssa school board members adopted the budget as published, without change. Motion for adoption was made by Dick Tensen, seconded by Fred Arai and the vote was unanimous.

Other than the full school board and four members of the budget board, only 28 persons were in attendance. Questions asked on various phases of the budget appeared to be more for information than to voice objection to the items. And before the motion for adoption, School Board President Ray Larson sought to find out if there was any other information desired by those there.

The total budget is up \$43,000 over that of the current year with approximately one-half of that figure for increase in salaries of teachers and administrators. The second biggest increase was \$8,000 for social security due to the higher salaries, the increase in rates from 3.65 to 4.2 and the maximum being raised from \$4,800 to \$6,600.

### Salaries Raised \$200

Teachers' salaries were raised \$200 per term in addition to the annual increment of \$160 (already in effect) except those who had reached the maximum figure in the district. This covered the beginning teacher with a bachelor of arts degree as well as the others.

Board members explained this was necessary to compete with salaries paid by Vale, Ontario and Adrian, as well as those of the border towns in Idaho since the installation of a sales tax over there. (Next week's issue of the Journal will carry an article on this by School Superintendent W. L. McPartland.)

Other items questioned were substitute teachers, athletic program, use of new federal funds and the hot lunch program.

### Sick Leave Explained

The \$4,000 item for substitute teachers actually covers a period of sickness for teachers. A beginning instructor is allowed 10 days' sick leave, with pay, but the total amount of accumulation cannot exceed 100 days. This cannot be transferred to another district nor transformed into cash if unused upon retirement. When the period has expired for the individual teacher, he pays the difference in his salary and that paid for a substitute.

The athletic program is subsidized \$1,000 in high school and the Bulldog, \$700. Other than that they are both self-supporting.

Superintendent McPartland said funds for the new federal programs did not appear in the budget. (Continued on Page 7)

## FHA Girls Observe National Week With Schedule of Varied Activities

Nyssa high's Future Homemakers of America are busier than usual this week as March 27 - April 2 is the period when 600,000 FHA members across the country are celebrating their national week.

Members of the NHS chapter announce to community residents that their motto is "Toward New Horizons" as they attempt to help individuals to improve personal, family and community living conditions.

Girls of the Nyssa chapter have a number of activities scheduled during this eventful week. They are presenting an apple to each school teacher, giving floral gifts to nursing home patients and on Tuesday evening served at the annual banquet for NHS Future Farmers of America.

Also this week, the FHA students are wearing "dress-up" clothing, their name tags and official stickers, as well as giving of their time and funds to worthwhile projects.

Cindy Bratton, president, and Kathy McGinley, vice president,

## Local Girl Scouts Schedule Lily Sale Saturday in Nyssa

Mrs. Charles Quinowski, Easter Seal drive chairman for Malheur county, announces that Girl Scouts of Nyssa troops will be downtown selling paper Easter lilies Saturday, April 2.

The drive will be conducted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and is under direction of Mrs. Dick Tensen, neighborhood chairman.

Mrs. Quinowski states that funds obtained from the Easter lily sale are used to provide services for crippled children and the handicapped workers who make the lilies.

## New Signs Illuminate Second and Good



"BRIGHTENING THE CORNER Where They Are" is exactly what Houston and Dick Wilson are doing at Second street and Good avenue, location of their grocery firm, "Wilson's Market, Inc." The sign reading "Wilson's Market" stands near the corner of their property, was erected several years ago and usually contains a list of some of the firm's special buys; however, there were none posted when this photo was taken Tuesday night. The large lighted blocks reading "WILSONS" were recently installed and are at-

tached to the east outside wall of the structure. The backgrounds are alternately, yellow and white, silhouetting large black letters. Also recently installed are fluorescent lights beneath the awnings on both the east and south sides of the building. The Wilson brothers are also putting up a large sign near the corner of Second and Main streets on the new parking lot. This sign reflects the name, "Wilson's Market," as well as a large arrow pointing toward the grocery firm. —Journal Photo.

## American Cancer Society's Annual Crusade Begins Nationwide Friday

The annual April crusade of the American Cancer society will open Friday, April 1, in Oregon and throughout the nation, spurred by the knowledge that the disease is the nation's No. 2 killer and encouraged by results of the society's educational and research programs over the past several years.

Robert P. DeKoning of Portland, Oregon crusade chairman, has promised "the most intensive campaign of fund-raising and public education" in the crusade's history, sparked by "volunteers in the thousands who are pledged to provide scientists with the funds they need and dedicated to bringing cancer's seven danger signals to the attention of the public."

Effort Made to Reach All DeKoning, director of research and corporate planning for Jantzen, Inc., said every effort will be made to reach each Oregon resident during the period of the crusade, either personally or by mail. He reminded, however, that some persons are sure to be missed. To these persons, he urged:

"Send your contribution to Cancer, care of your local post office, and write the society's Oregon division in the Park building, Portland, for educational literature, particularly the danger signals. You can't know too much about cancer, and knowledge of the danger signals might save yourself or a loved one."

Governor Makes Statement Governor Mark O. Hatfield, a longtime volunteer of the society's Oregon division, has stated that the society's "continuous program of research, education and service . . . has resulted in tremendous gains in the attack on the cancer scourge."

"It is imperative," Hatfield said, "that the work of the society be continued if this most dreaded disease is to be conquered for all time."

DeKoning pointed out that more than \$200,000 in crusade funds were at work in Oregon during the past year, being spent on research projects at hospitals, Oregon State university and the University of Oregon Medical school.

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the fifty-third Legislative Assembly, regular session of the State of Oregon, did pass on February 19, 1965, Senate joint resolution 18 stating:

WHEREAS, the Thunderegg is described as a "remarkable and colorful agate-filled spherical mass of silicified claystone, and rhyolite found within the State of Oregon," ranging in size up to four feet in diameter; WHEREAS, it was resolved that this ancient symbol of geological significance and absorbing native legend, the Thunderegg, be acclaimed the Oregon State Rock;

WHEREAS, the incorporated City of Nyssa lies within close proximity of Thunderegg beds;

THEREFORE, I Grant Rinehart, mayor, do hereby proclaim that the City of Nyssa shall be known as the Thunderegg Capitol of Oregon and do proclaim that the first weekend in August shall be known as "THUNDEREGG DAYS"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Nyssa to be affixed this 3rd day of March, 1966.

GRANT H. RINEHART Mayor of Nyssa

## NJHS Science Fair To Be Held Tonight

Nyssa junior high students will exhibit their science fair projects tonight, March 31, in the school cafeteria, it is announced by Frank Parr, science instructor.

Doors will be open to the public at 7:30 p.m. and will remain open until 9 o'clock.

The seventh grade exhibits will not be in competition with those of eighth grade students. Awards will be classified as superior, excellent and honorable mention.

## CORRECT ELECTION FIGURES

In last week's issue of the Journal, it was reported that Nyssa voters disapproved the area college budget with 6-yes and 39-no ballots. The correct figures for the Nyssa precinct are 69-yes and 39-no votes.

## Nyssa First Annual Thunderegg Days Expected to Attract Many Visitors For Big Four-Day Event, August 3-6

### To Be Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce, Snake River Gem Club With Tours, Displays

Nyssa's first annual Thunderegg Days event, scheduled for August 3, 4, 5 and 6, is expected to draw thousands of visitors to town for guided tours into the rock areas and to see the displays of Snake River Gem clubs.

In a proclamation by Nyssa Mayor Grant H. Rinehart, elsewhere on this page, the city has been proclaimed the Thunderegg Capitol of Oregon. The 1965 legislature designated the stone as Oregon State Rock, and since the area where so many, and, of great size are found is nearby, it is a highly fitting title.

A Chamber of Commerce committee promoting the event is headed by Harold Brendle, with Lloyd Mackrill and Stan McNutt assisting. It is co-sponsored by the Snake River Gem club and many exhibits of individually owned stones will be seen on the last three days of the weekend.

Also, Brendle said, tables and booths will be provided where stones may be traded for other stones—with jockeying back and forth like country boys trading pocket knives.

All plans are not complete, Brendle says, but the event will be widely advertised through the monthly lapidary magazine, letters to clubs over a wide area, and through appearing on the next issue of calendar of events published by the Oregon State Highway commission.

Tentative Program Outlined Wednesday, Aug. 3, will be for registration at the Chamber of Commerce office.

Thursday, Aug. 4, will feature a Jaycee breakfast from 6 to 9 a.m. with guided tours set for 8 a.m. to Thunderegg beds in Succor creek. Another guided tour will leave at 8:30 for agate and petrified wood areas in Jamieson Bog.

Friday, Aug. 5, a repeat of the tours of the previous day to enable all to visit both areas.

Saturday, Aug. 6, everyone will be "on their own" to do what they please.

The Snake River Gem clubs will have exhibits open to the public each of the last three days from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Journal will continue to report other plans and activities as they are formulated by the committee.

## Adrian SCD Elects Officers for 1966

Adrian Soil and Water Conservation district supervisors elected officers for 1966 at their regular monthly meeting at the district office at Owyhee corners Thursday night, March 24.

Officers for the coming year include Wilbur Chapin, president; Dean Blaylock, vice president; Jerry Mackey, treasurer; and Leeds Bailey, secretary. The same slate of officers served the district the past year.

Supervisors are Hans Salomon, Jake Borge, Bob Davis and Max Moore.

## Oregon Welcome, Inc., Offers Prizes For Essays in Anti-Litter Campaign

More than two million out-of-state cars will bring an estimated 5,792,400 visitors to Oregon this year, and the Welcome to Oregon committee believes they are entitled to enjoy the state's scenery and public places free of litter.

To focus attention of Oregonians on the importance of litter-free areas and to enlist their cooperation in helping to keep Oregon clean, the Oregon Welcome, Inc., organization is sponsoring an essay contest among the state's junior high school grade students.

James Ferguson, president of Oregon Welcome, reports the non-profit tourist industry promotion organization is offering \$150 in cash prizes for the best essays written on the subject, "Oregon Litterbugs and How to Cure Them."

Believes Youngsters Can Help "The Welcome to Oregon committee believes that the young people in our public and parochial schools can be of great help in any anti-litter campaign, and we invite every youngster in the intermediate grades to participate in this essay contest.

"I'm sure that these young people can contribute a lot to our challenge to motorists, picnickers and others to help us make Oregon's scenery more attractive for the out-of-state visitor," Ferguson said.

This effort, Ferguson pointed out, also can be of great assistance to the "Company's Coming" program—which last year saw several cities and towns over the state participate in cleanup campaigns that brought them credit and, in some instances, recogni-



DAVE and BETTY JO RIEB have come home to Nyssa after nearly three years away. And they brought with them their two adopted children, David Scott, age 4½, and Jennifer Jo, 17 months old. On Feb. 22 this year, the Riebs took over as new owners of Pounds Grocery which they purchased from John and Marvel Hoare. Before leaving here in April 1963, Dave and Betty Jo were both employed at Ray's Food Fair in Nyssa, and at that time Dave transferred to Ray's Ontario store where he remained until returning to Nyssa in February. In this issue of the Journal, the Riebs have a large ad announcing their "Open House" event dated Saturday, April 2. On tap will be special buys, as well as free refreshments and prizes. And they are inviting all area residents to visit their store located at 202 Bower avenue.—Staff Photo.

## City of Nyssa Progress Report Given by Mayor

Mayor Grant Rinehart expressed optimism for the future of Nyssa and told of work being done by the city or planned for the future at the Wednesday noon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

He noted the progress made, through individual effort, in the downtown section affecting buildings and parking areas, saying there had been enormous improvement, which he felt would continue.

Among city activities mentioned were the pipeline across the river, city park improvements and mostly about plans for a new library.

A pipeline bringing domestic water from the new wells on the Idaho side of the river is being worked on and should be integrated into the city system by June, he said. A new tennis court is under construction in the south park, planting of some cherry trees was scheduled at 4 p.m. yesterday at the swimming pool park (gifts of Junior Japanese-American Citizens' league), and rest rooms were planned for the north park.

### Library Bond Issue Planned

The mayor said plans were progressing for a new library in the downtown section with a bond issue to be submitted for a vote within a month.

Cost was estimated at \$60,000 for the building, equipment and some books, Rinehart said, requiring a one-mill levy for year after year.

Present plans being considered call for use of the Broad-Taylor building, 319 Main street, which the mayor said had been offered at what he considered a very good price, but which he was not at liberty to reveal at this time. Other than the library, there would be a waiting room, rest rooms and possibly an office for the Chamber of Commerce.

The mayor said there had been considerable opposition voiced to the proposed site, but that he felt it would be much better to have it centrally located where there was available parking than to have it off by itself. A study by the National Library Service, he said, showed that in towns under 25,000 population, it is better for business to have a library downtown.