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BUDGET GROUP APPROVES \$895,000 SCHOOL FUNDS; VOTERS PASS ON \$71,000

The budget committee of Nyssa school district unanimously approved \$895,280.75 for the total requirements of the school year starting July 1, 1968, at a meeting in the High School Little Theatre room Tuesday night.

The figure, if unchanged at the final meeting April 10 by the school board, would require local taxes of \$584,167.75. Of this amount \$440,420 is WITHIN the 6% limitation, \$72,718.75 is for Bonded Indebtedness and interest (previously approved by the district voters) and \$71,029 OUTSIDE the 6% limitation. The latter figure is the amount that voters would be asked to approve at the May election, assuming the board made no changes.

There was no election last year as the board figured that with the amount they anticipated getting from the state fund they could live within the figures without voter approval. However, where they had anticipated receiving \$239,000 they actually got only \$203,000 for the present school year. As a result, part of the funds required are chargeable to this year.

SALARY FIGURES INCREASE

Salary increases account for a large portion of the \$71,000. The figures for 63 teachers having certificates increased \$50,000, for the superintendent and three principals \$1202, for nine custodians - \$3,000 and for the transportation employees \$108.

Under the salary scale approved beginning teachers with a B. A. degree and no experience would get \$5850--an increase of \$550 over last year. And annual increases for each year of experience has been set at \$200.

The higher salaries also increase the retirement costs by \$2,500, while higher limits on Social Security add another \$5,500.

All these total \$61,000. A new school bus is set up at \$6,500, paving the High-Jr. High area at \$2,000. Many other small increases make up the other \$1,500 for the \$71,000 total.

EXPLAINS SALARY JUMP

Superintendent W. L. McPartland reported that the salary schedule was arrived at after several meetings of the teachers and three meetings with the board. He cited a number of schools of similar size throughout the state that had higher starting salaries, as well as higher increments for experience. Another chart displayed indicated that Nyssa was

near the figures for schools of Eastern Oregon. These, he said, made it necessary to increase pay to retain teachers and secure others as replacements.

CHANGES POSSIBLE

The budget committee, composed of the seven members of the school board and seven members at-large have approved the budget. Following the April 10 hearing the board alone will act.

It may lower the figures. It may change them within the total figures. But under the Oregon law it cannot increase the total.

If voters approve the \$71,000 the district levy would go up approximately 7 1/2 mills and be about what it was for 1966-'67 (36.5 mills). The millage for rural school was 22.29 for the current year, and it will likely be increased slightly. McPartland said one mill in the district would produce approximately \$9,500 on the present valuation in the district.

LOW ATTENDANCE

Other than members of the budget board, Superintendent McPartland, Clerk-Business Manager Dirick Nedry, Principal Gene Chester, two teachers, only three persons attended the meeting.

A synopsis of the budget is carried on page 6 of this issue of the Gate City Journal. For those desiring to see the complete document it is available at the office of the superintendent. And any member of the budget committee will be glad to assist in answering any questions concerning the figures or operation of the school.

TVCC REGISTRATION TO BEGIN MARCH 25

Registration at Treasure Valley Community College will begin at 1 p.m. Monday, March 25 and will continue throughout the day and early evening.

Schedules for spring term classes may be obtained from the receptionist in the classroom - administration building on campus.

Persons interested in a single class or a full-load may check with the registrar on campus to see if prerequisites are required for any of the classes.



LOIS JEAN SEUELL
Adrian, Oregon
Adrian High School
Second Place



LINDA JANE BALLOU, Nyssa, First Place



GAY MORINAKA
Parma, Idaho (Oregon Side)
Adrian High School
Third Place

WINNER OF THE 1968 citizenship contest sponsored by the Soroptimist club of Ontario is 17-year-old Linda Jane Ballou, a senior student in the Nyssa high school. Miss Ballou is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin L. Ballou, who reside on a ranch on Fairview Drive near Nyssa. The second place winner, Miss Lois Jean Seuell, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Seuell of the Adrian area. Miss Seuell and the winner of the third prize, Miss Gay Morinaka, are both seniors in the Adrian high school. The Morinaka miss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morinaka, who reside near Parma, Idaho, on the Oregon side. Thirteen senior students representing the Nyssa, Adrian, Vale and Ontario high

schools participated in the contest. Miss Ballou's entry has been submitted to Soroptimist district headquarters for district and regional competition. Winners and all other entrants of the local contest will be guests of the Ontario Soroptimist club at a meeting Tuesday evening, April 9, at the Hotel Moore in Ontario. As the contest winner, Miss Ballou will receive a \$50 savings bond from the sponsoring organization. The second place winner will be given a \$25 savings bond. Miss Morinaka's prize will be \$10 in cash. The prizes and certificates of recognition for all contestants will be presented at the April 9 meeting.

Adrian Patrons To Elect School Board Directors

Three directors are to be elected to the Adrian public school board at the annual election to be held May 6, 1968.

A director from Zone 3 will be elected for a five-year term. Calvin Martin has been representing this zone for several years, but is not going to run for re-election.

Pete Franks, who moved from the district, left a four-year vacancy, in Zone 4, and Dwayne Bennett was appointed by the board to serve until the annual election.

Gerrit Timmerman resigned in February, leaving a three-year vacancy in Zone 5. Irwin Topliff was appointed by the board to serve until the annual election.

Both Bennett and Topliff stated, they intend to run for the offices they now hold. Anyone wishing a petition to place a favorite candidate's name on the ballot for Director at the annual election, may secure same at the Clerk's office in Adrian. Petitions must be in the Clerk's office, with the necessary signatures of legal voters, by April 6, 1968.

Candidates must be from the respective zones. However, any registered voter of School District #61 may sign the petition and vote for a director at the annual election.

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WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
March 13	58	41	--
March 14	54	37	--
March 15	60	36	.06
March 16	57	40	.62
March 17	47	37	.06
March 18	50	35	--
March 19	55	33	--
March 20	--	26	--

RESERVOIR STORAGE
3/18/68 452,740 Acre Feet
3/18/67 383,570 Acre Feet

SUGAR CO. ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR LARGEST U S BEET FACTORY AT NAMPA

Plans for a major increase in the size of Amalgamated Sugar Company's factory at Nampa, were announced Friday.

Company officials said that the daily beet-slicing capacity of the plant will be doubled, making it the largest installation of its kind in the United States.

The world's largest sugar-beet factory, with a daily slicing capacity of some 11,000 tons, is located in Holland. It is believed the Nampa increase from a present 4,800 tons to 9,400 tons daily will make it second biggest.

The multi-million dollar project was revealed to area civic and business leaders at a luncheon by Amalgamated's Executive Vice President, Keith M. Orme. Minutes earlier, the plant's employees called together by the wail of its fire siren, had the first official word of the undertaking.

Orme said the expansion should be completed by October 1969, just in time for that year's sugarbeet harvest.

A steady increase in southwest Idaho beet production makes the mammoth plant feasible, Orme reported. Reclaimed desert land irrigated by deep wells and water pumped out of the Snake River has added thousands of new acres of rich farm land to this section of the state since the early 1960's.

Sugarbeets have been one of the favorite desert crops, although the company still ob-

tains most of its beet tonnage from established farms in the Treasure and Magic valleys.

"The Nampa expansion will make it possible for us to accommodate this growing demand for some time to come," Orme said. "The company intends to respond to all requests for acreage in every square foot of this country."

Amalgamated will incorporate a relatively new concept in beet sugar processing in the building program. The company will enlarge the slicing end of the factory where the sugar is extracted in juice form and is then filtered and purified.

But it won't enlarge the so-called sugar end, where the juice is boiled and crystallizes into the granular product that any housewife would recognize. Instead, the juice created by the expanded slicing capacity will be stored in five 5,400,000-gallon tanks.

In dry equivalent, that represents storage of well over 1,000,000 100-pound bags of re-sugarbeet harvest.

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POISON PREVENTION WEEK MARCH 17-23

Nearly 1,000 Oregon children under the age of 5 years were poisoned accidentally last year, and three died.

Child poisonings in recent months are on the increase, according to state health reports. Two deaths have already occurred this year. A two-year-old Ashland girl drank a half-teaspoon of candle dye, and a 21-month-old Albany boy ate several diet capsules.

Dr. Edward Press, state health officer, has issued this special appeal to parents for greater precautions against poisonings at home:

"Within a few days, Poison Prevention Week will be observed nationwide from March 17 to 23. It will be a time of concentrated effort through many avenues of communication to warn of the hazards facing small children in the form of everyday articles and medications found in the average home.

"I urge every parent of a youngster just starting to walk to give particular attention to these warnings. Look carefully around your own house. Wherever you see any items that could be harmful if eaten, put them well out of a youngster's reach."

Dr. Press cited medicines, especially aspirin, as being most often involved in child poisoning accidents. Next most frequent are common household articles such as washing and cleaning agents, polishes, paints, insecticides and cosmetics.

Nyssa Chamber Hears Woes Of Railroads; Sees Film On Area Predator Control

Nyssa Chamber of Commerce members, Wednesday of last week, heard some of the woes of railroads, particularly the Union Pacific on passenger trains, and saw a film on predator control scened in the local area.

S. A. Grayson, Boise, special representative for the Union Pacific Railroad Company appeared in behalf of the firm's application to discontinue operating the Portland Rose trains through Nyssa. A hearing has been set before the ICC at Boise, April 8, and Grayson asked that the townspeople not appear opposing the cessation without having facts to support their contention, as a number of other towns had done.

He said the company had quite an investment in property and equipment in Nyssa, appreciated the importance of the town as shipping point, and that they would do nothing to hurt the town.

But, he stated, it was a matter of cold business with the railroads to discontinue operating passenger trains. The "Death Knell" was sounded for many of these trains throughout the U.S. in November when the Post Office department announced that they were replacing the trains as mailcarriers and planned to use planes and trucks. The Union Pacific, he noted, lost over \$2 million dollars in revenue from the post office through the discontinuance.

Grayson said the payroll for Idaho alone for UP was \$27 million for employees at current wages and pay stockholders a dividend they must stop unprofitable operations.

For the first nine months of 1967 in Nyssa train #17 had 158 people get on and 238 get off at the local station. These were considerably less than one-per-day. For train #18 he said the figures were 371 on and 234 off during the same period.

animals killed were coyotes but he had films of bobcats killed and one of a badger.

The trapping was done mostly following the den hunting and lasted until late fall.

Long was no novice in trapping as he had trapped thousands of the coyotes for a living with his own trap line in the 1940's when the pelts were worth considerably more than now. He said, that with the aid of one man during five years they caught 7,300, of which he personally caught 4,300.

The poison work, done in the fall after most of the hunting was over, extended into all the 265 townships in Malheur county. This necessitated killing old worn-out horsetock, furnished by farmers and ranchers of the area, cutting up

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JAYCEES TO NAME VICE PRESIDENT AT DISTRICT MEET

The Nyssa Jaycees will host a District 14 banquet-meeting Saturday, March 23, beginning at 7 p.m. at Oregon Trail hall.

Alvin Allen, publicity chairman said the purpose of the session is to elect a district vice president.

Candidates for the office from this district are Monty Burbank of Nyssa, Harlan McClure of Vale and Pat Brauner of Burns.

A smorgasbord dinner will precede the business meeting, with dancing to follow.

PREDATOR CONTROLS

Robert ("Bud") Long, Adrian, retired, long-time employee of Oregon Predator Animal Control showed films made in the area of various phases of his work. Not only were they very informative but Long was comical in his narrative descriptions.

His control work was composed of three parts; Den Hunting, Trapping and Poisoning with each coming at the same time each year.

In den hunting the films showed scenes of locations over the county, usually with the cubs and frequently the parents killed at or in the den. These ranged from one or two to as many as nine pups killed at one den. Most of this work was performed in the early spring when the pups were dependent on the mother for food. Most of the

Petition Filing Deadline April 6

April 6 is deadline for filing petitions for the position of school board member for Nyssa district, according to Clerk-Business Manager Dirick Nedry. The term of Ray Larson is expiring.

The petition forms may be picked up at the superintendent's office and must bear the names of at least 20 qualified voters.

Organizational Meet March 28 NFO Group Sets

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Purpose of the session is to establish a county charter and elect a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and three trustees. Also selected will be bargaining committee chairmen for meat, grain and dairy producers.

Gordon Schafer, NFO chief negotiator, will be in the Ontario area April 1, and discuss the bargaining structure of the organization.

A tentative potato conference of NFO members from Washington, California, Oregon and Idaho is planned to coincide with Schafer's visit in which potato growers hope to develop a program for these general areas.

Youths Charged On Six Thefts

The apprehension of three Nyssa teenagers has cleared up several recent burglaries in the Nyssa area, it was reported this week by Police Chief Alvin Allen.

He said that Officer Ron Rookstool stopped the three boys, ages 14 and 15, Sunday on North First street and they were in possession of articles reportedly taken from several business firms. A number of the stolen items were found Tuesday by the railroad tracks.

The youths were released to the custody of their parents, pending further court action by the Malheur County Juvenile department.

Places entered last week and Sunday were the Nyssa labor camp, Josephson's Produce, J. R. Simplot potato warehouse, Muir-Robert's Co., J. C. Watson's warehouse and the Royal Produce company.

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TWO NYSSA - ADRIAN STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE to compete in the Oregon State Solo Contest in April as a result of top 'T' ratings received March 7 at the District IX Solo and Ensemble festival held in Vale. Larry Miner, (on left) 16-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Miner of Nyssa and a NHS sophomore, was rated the best snare drum soloist. Earnie Lewis, 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis of rural Adrian will vie for honors in the tenor voice category. He is an AHS senior, was a contestant last year in the State Solo Contest and returned home with a first-place medal. The state contest this year will be held April 27 at Corvallis. Also eligible are two Ontario girls, Debbie Hazard, mezzo-soprano, and Laura Jo Leslie, clarinet. They are both OHS juniors.



MRS. RICHARD (LINDA) GUSTAVSON (on left) and MRS. JOHN (TERRY) MARSH are serving as Jay-C-Ette chairman for the April 3 Red Cross blood drawing in Nyssa. The mobile unit will be at the Eagles hall between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. and the quota is set at 150 pints. The chairman report that the Jaycee traveling trophy will again go to the club or organization providing the highest percentage of donors, based on total membership. All clubs or organizations in the area are urged to vie for the trophy being held at the present by the Nyssa Lions. Blood donors are asked to remember that all important date: APRIL 3, 2 to 6 p.m. at the NYSSA FOE HALL. - Journal Photo.