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### School Finance Plan

As a result of recent legislative action, voters of Oregon will go to the polls May 1 to vote on Governor Tom McCall's school finance plan. Both the House of Representatives and the Senate passed the proposed school finance and property tax relief plan, very much as the governor proposed it at the start of the session.

School board members, school administrators and news media members from Eastern Oregon counties gathered in Ontario Tuesday evening to hear versions of the new plan from Tom Rigby, executive secretary of the Oregon School Boards Association; Dr. Dale Parnell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; and Rep. Donald Oakes.

It is to be noted that Dr. Parnell favors the plan; the Oregon School Boards Association opposed the plan until Monday, when they reversed their position by a split decision and now officially favor the plan; and State Senator Robert Smith, Rep. Denny Jones and Rep. Donald Oakes oppose the plan. The latter told the group last night (Tuesday) that he thought it was bad legislation, not only for Eastern Oregon, but for the State of Oregon as a whole.

Since its passage we in the news media have been besieged with information both for and against the plan, and it is too early to arrive at any definite conclusions. We will try to pass on as much information as we can on both sides of the issue, as will all the media, and we would suggest that between now and May 1st everyone study it and form his own conclusions. We will vote on HJR 3, a constitutional amendment, and the outcome of this election will probably decide our financial fate in this state for many years.

One encouraging note that we gained from the pros and cons of the conversation Tuesday night was that Oregon will be a very good state to retire in if this bill passes. On the other hand, all business is fighting the legislation with everything it has, suggesting that the bill's passage will not be good for business.

A statement by State Superintendent Dale Parnell reads as follows: "All of us who want to improve and strengthen public education in Oregon should work for passage of this measure on May 1.

With little change in principles since its earliest form, Governor McCall's school finance plan still embodies the following objectives:

1. Equalize Oregon's education offerings and balance Oregon's taxation load.
2. Eliminate the local property tax as a method of financing operating expenses of primary and secondary education.
3. Eliminate homeowners property tax insofar as school operating costs are concerned.
4. Attempt to minimize the shift between income-producing (business) and nonincome-producing (residential) property.
5. Adopt, as much as possible, the ability-to-pay principle in financing education.
6. All districts will have at least their current level of resources and low spending districts educational offerings may increase up to a \$900 level.
7. Maintain local control of public schools.

It is true that the Supreme Court's decision on the Rodriguez case may signify the retreat of federal government from a historic commitment to equality of educational opportunity. Yet this landmark decision does not deter our Oregon effort to overhaul our "bailing wire" school finance system. Our chief concern is to bring stability and fairness to the Oregon system."

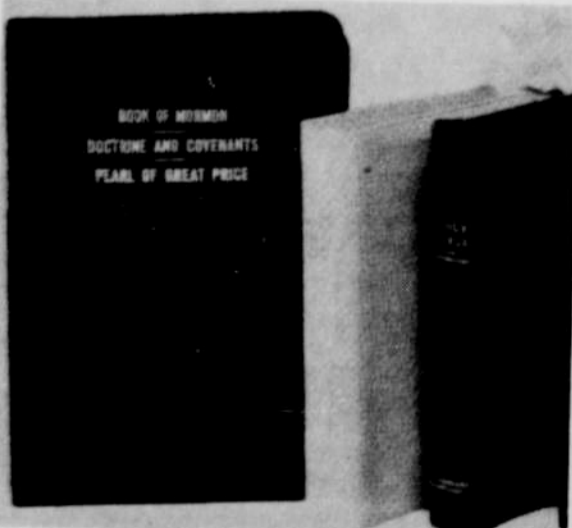
### Title I Committee Reviews Budget Proposal

The ESEA Title I Advisory Committee received two budget proposals and made tentative plans for next year's Title I program. The committee approved the proposal to use a special re-allocation of \$1638 for instructional materials.

Supt. McPartland recommended that the recent allocation of \$7363 on this years program be held over to help maintain next year's program. The committee approved both proposals and further recommended that the decisions concerning program adjustments that may be necessary because of possible



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### OBITUARIES

#### Elizabeth Thompson

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Thompson, retired postmaster of Nyssa and a longtime Portland resident, died Sunday, March 18, 1973 in a Portland hospital. She was 79.

Funeral was at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary, with interment in Rose City Cemetery, Portland.

Miss Thompson retired in 1957 after 37 years in the Post Office Department. She was postmaster in Nyssa for 22 years and spent 15 years as postal clerk in Vancouver, Washington.

She was born in Oakesdale, Washington, August 4, 1893. In Portland, she lived at 1861 SE Ladd Street.

Survivors include a brother, Norvell Thompson of California; two sisters, Eudora Eldridge of Ukiah and Virginia Foran of Portland; a niece and a nephew.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Lucy, and a brother, Charles, all former residents of Nyssa.

#### Pentecostal Church Of Jesus Christ

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m.

Sunday School busing available, call 372-5078

Morning worship service, 11 a.m.

Youth Service, 7 p.m.

Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: Bible Study classes for Adults and Youth, 7:30 p.m.

Everyone Welcome.

David D. Wiens, Pastor. (corner of 7th and Emison)

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY - Choir Practice, 6:55 p.m.

THURSDAY - Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY - Good News Club for children of all ages, 3:30 p.m.

Bible Study, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY - Sunday School Classes for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Morning worship - 11 a.m.

Sunday evening Youth groups meet at the Church - grades 4 through High School 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY - Each Monday evening 6-8 p.m., fun and games at the old gym.

#### Latin Assembly

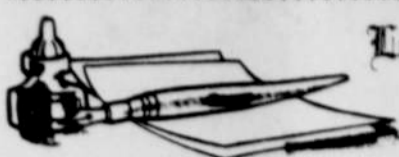
Sunday, church activities begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship service, 11 a.m.

Sunday night service, 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Royal Rangers, every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Young people's service, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.



### Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Journal:  
 I am very much pleased at the way you handle the Gate City Journal. I enjoy very much receiving your newspaper each week. Even though I am away from Nyssa, I am very much interested on what happens there.

I am taking a class in mass communications and we just finished studying about newspaper writing and printing. I hope you will consider. In the Feb. 22 and Mar. 1 issues of the Journal, you have 2 news articles and 1 editorial on the recalling of Judge Jeff D. Dorroh. All that your paper has printed are articles in support of the judge and against the recall. There has not been anything published in favor of or in support of the recall. This shows partiality and bias. In the future, I hope both sides of the issue will be represented.

Another place that I wish you would think about concerns your editorials. There is no reference to who authored them or if they are your own views. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
 Paul Trost  
 S-503 Deseret Towers  
 Provo, Utah 84601

(Editor's note: Thanks for your letter. The persons who are circulating the petitions attempting to recall Judge Dorroh have not been very communicative, and we admit to considerable bias on this subject. As to the editorials, unless they are otherwise designated, for better or worse, are written by me. Sincerely, DN)

#### Editor of the Journal:

The Nyssa Senior Citizens were organized around ten years ago and at no time have we canvassed the community for assistance. We have clothed, fed and provided even home furnishings for needy worthy families here and in Ontario known only to ourselves. At this time we are in need of a used radio with the AM and FM bands to be used in a loudspeaking service in the Social Room of the Methodist Church where we meet. If you have one to donate to us would you please phone 372-3106 or 3734. -Bessie E. Long, president

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of my friends from Vale, Nyssa, Adrian and Caldwell for the many cards I received while in the hospital in Caldwell undergoing hip surgery. May I say thank you a lot.  
 -Ross N. Mills



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### ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Adrian United Presbyterian Church is planning an all-out Lenten drive to raise funds for the One Great Hour of Sharing for World Relief and Emergency Service and the Self-Development of People. The theme of the 1973 offering is "One Way to Help a Broken World."

Funds this year will answer urgent needs in Nicaragua where many people are still homeless as a result of the late December earthquake, will help alleviate needs of victims of the drought in India which has devastated large areas of land making them unproductive for food crops and will hasten economic upgrading of poor people in the United States and overseas by aiding them in efforts to become independent manufacturers and producers.

Irvin Topfiff is the coordinator of the 1973 One Great Hour of Sharing for Adrian United Presbyterian Church. He is in charge of organizing the campaign to involve every member of the congregation in this once-a-year effort by which the church reaches people in need and helps people build a future that will help them become full participants in society.

Every church member will be reached with information about the One Great Hour of Sharing, and opportunity will be given to contribute to the offering on each of five Sundays beginning March 25 and culminating on April 22 when a dedication service will be held.

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**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS**  
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This Sunday "Reverend Bob's" sermon title will be "Today Thou Shalt Be With Me In Paradise." The Job's Daughter's will be presenting "The Forming Of The Cross." Until Easter the Wednesday night Bible Study and Prayer groups will meet with the Faith Lutheran Church as they have been during Lent.

#### Marriage Licenses

Rex Carl Marble and Carolyn Faye Pewitt, both Ontario; Raymond George Holtner, Salt Lake City and Julie Ann Jensen, Nyssa.

### ATTEND CHURCH

#### CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday-Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m. Hi-Time, 7 p.m.

Wednesday-Bible study and prayer meeting, 7:30 p.m. Cantata practice, 8:30 p.m.

Friday-March 30, Rev. Robert Long will share his future missionary work to the Dyak Tribesmen on an Indonesian Island at 7:30 p.m.

Monday-April 2, Family night at the Roller Rink. All invited, meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

More than one million young people run away from home each year. Drug abuse is reaching epidemic proportions. Venereal disease has become a plague. Young people are searching for some reasons for living, and they are finding none worthy of the investment of their lives.

Doug Cohn has been burdened by God to help these young people find the true meaning which they are seeking, a meaning which comes only through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Mr. Cohn is the director of a ministry in Denver, Colorado which has been set up to reach these young people, and it is this unique ministry that will present as he speaks at the Conservative Baptist Church on Sunday, April 1 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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**NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES**  
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SUNDAY - Group prayer, 6 a.m. Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Family Hour - Juniors, Teens and Adults meet in separate sessions, 6 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour, 7 p.m.

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Friday, March 30, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 707 Fort Street, Boise, 8 p.m., the Pacific Lutheran University Choir of the West, one of world's great acapella choirs, will present a concert, open to the public, with a free-will offering. We will leave Faith at 6:30 p.m. if anyone needs a ride. If you can drive, be sure to call the pastor and let him know (372-3331).

Sunday, April 1, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship (Holy Communion), 11 a.m. Sermon text John 7: 37ff.

Evening, Community Singing at Nyssa High School. Faith Lutheran Church, where you are always welcome. Fifth and Park. Pastor William Lewis.

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