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Nyssa School Board Closing Gap On Selection of New School Site

"This is the best I've felt after a meeting in a long time."

That was a candid comment by Nyssa School Board Chairman Mark Hartley Monday night after the School Board's special meeting at the City Library.

Hartley's appraisal aptly summed up the progress made by the members of the joint Budget Board, Building Committee, and School Board as they moved toward closing the gap on the selection of a site for the new Nyssa school complex. Also attending the meeting were invited guests representing the Nyssa City Council were Mayor Larry Bauman, and Councilmen Ernie Metcalf and Don Oldemeyer.

No school site was officially decided, but the members present at the meeting took great strides toward reaching an agreement—the first such decisive move in the weekly meetings since the school burned down June 5.

The plan calls for a new school complex along Adrian Blvd. with the junior and senior high schools separated by possibly 400 feet. Each school would have its own gymnasium and an auditorium complex (with possible high school gym in combination) would be the focal point of the complex centering between the two schools. A landscaped courtyard would surround the auditorium and further separate the two schools.

Open House Set Monday

The Malheur County Child Development Center-Parents Committee will have an open house for the Centers on Monday, August 12, 1974 at 8 p.m. The Toddlers are at 313 North Main Street and the Headstart children are at 504 Locust, both in Nyssa.

The MCCDC staff is having a rummage sale of used children and adult clothing; the parents are having a baked goods sale; and the children will be entertaining all guests with Spanish and English songs and dances.

Both the Toddlers and Headstart Centers will remain open from 8 to 9:30 p.m. for open house.

The Malheur County Child Development Centers are inviting all parents and community people to attend open house. The staff would like the community to get to know them and how they operate. Refreshments will be served.

The Toddlers Center opened in May and everyone is invited to come and see the new facility.

NOTHING OFFICIAL YET

The junior high school would incorporate the present standing portion of the burned high school. With some remodeling and possibly the addition of one or two class rooms, it would serve junior high needs. The gym for the junior high, it was suggested, could be placed to the east side of the building allowing more room for the auditorium and high school, with the consequence of saving some of the triangular grass area to the west of the school complex.

The high school would then be the completely new structure in the general area west and south of where the gym stood before the fire.

No definite plan has been accepted officially. The above plans were the general plans called for by the layout at the Monday night meeting. The Board asked architects Bob Smith and Martin Hasegawa to draw up further possible plans within the described area incorporating a separation of the schools.

Not only did the Board not agree officially to specific plans, but the actual site, although generally accepted, was not officially endorsed.

Prior to the breakthrough to Plan 4—so labeled in a wall-papering set of some 14 different architectural sketches—Chairman Hartley had said:

"I think we're split right down the middle on this thing. We're not going to please anyone 100 percent. We're all going to have to give and take a little to agree on this thing."

SPLIT OVER PLANS

The major split was over plans calling for (1) adding the new high school to the old with additional class rooms, and building a new junior high, or (2) incorporating the old portion of the high school into a junior high and building a new separate senior high. Both plans had vocal supporters.

The first plan, supported by Board member Gene Stunz and school administrators Supt. W. L. McPartland and Principals Gene Chester and Dan Martin, offered, they claimed, the best plan for educational instruction, with the cheapest costs of construction and maintenance. It would also have the advantage of access to the focal point of the school (and accompanying large parking lot) along a state highway that would not need school district maintenance.

Proponents of the second plan, led most prominently by Board members Vic Haburchak and Don Engstrom, and Budget Board member Joel Mitchell, favored removing the new high school from any attachment to the old structure which is 35 years old. They strongly felt the old remaining portion of the high school should be converted to a junior high—a conversion that would need few, if any, additional class rooms. Where, exactly, the high school should be built in this plan was a matter of discrepancy. Some advocated building a new school on the school-owned, but vacant, land north of the baseball field. Others suggested even further separation of the two schools by the acquisition of land.

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SATISFIES BOTH

Plan No. 4, however, appeared to satisfy the major points of both factions.

1. The schools would be separated by as much as 400 feet or more, depending on how much of the grass triangle to the west the board deemed necessary to save.

2. The existing high school building would be used for a junior high, for which it would be adequate with some remodeling.

3. The schools would remain close enough to help keep down cost of maintenance. The proximity would also keep alive the student-teacher aid program.

4. The focal point of the school, with a larger parking lot than in years past, would be along Adrian Blvd., a state highway for easy access and no maintenance cost for the school.

Mayor Larry Bauman commented that the Plan No. 4 appeared to be a "beautiful package that could be very salable to the public." He further said the focal point of the school—the auditorium complex—could also be a focal point for the community.

MORE FILL

In developments earlier in the evening, the Board heard from architect Hasegawa that it would take a six-foot fill rather than the previously reported two-foot fill to build a new building north of the baseball field with adequate sewage disposal (without a lift station).

Hasegawa added, however, that because the present field sits in a hole, a three-foot fill would be required (even with a lift station) to bring the building up to the level of the adjacent street and prevent water drainage problems.

The board also heard from the City Council that the City of Nyssa would consider funding a lift station for the school should the Board decide to build in an area too low to meet existing sewage flow lines.

Mayor Bauman indicated the City expected future city growth in the western sections of the city and indicated that the City is "immanently looking into the situation" of a future lift station in that area where it could be used by the school district if needed.

UofO Awards Scholarships

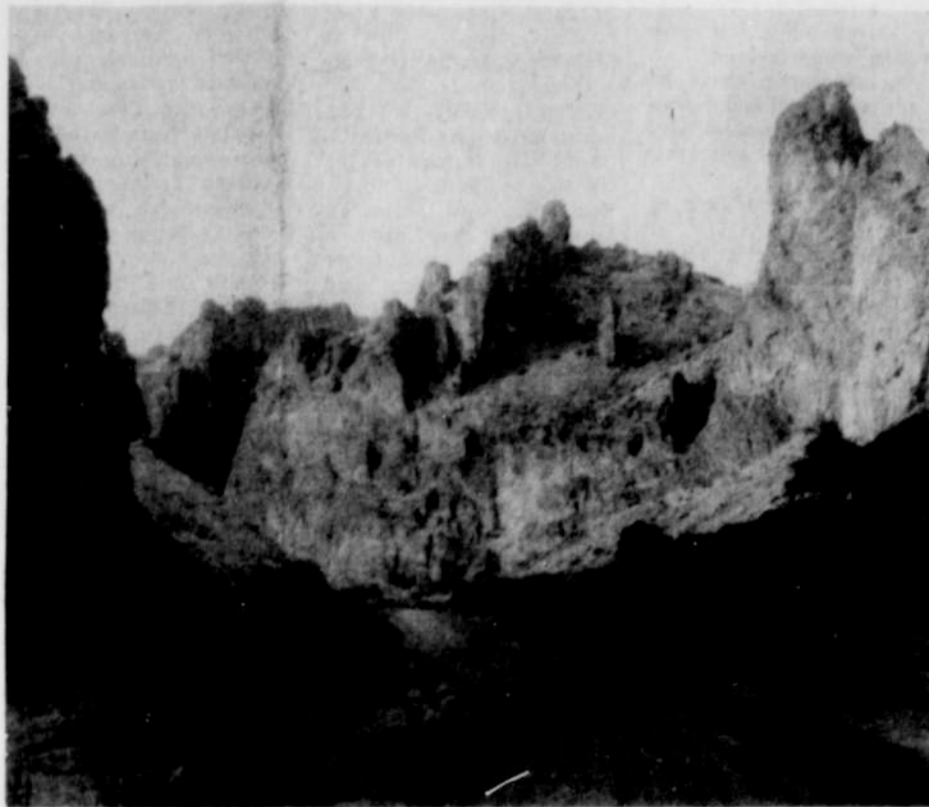
Scholarships have been awarded totalling \$8,800 to students in the University of Oregon School of Journalism for the academic year 1974-75.

The largest of the awards are the Jackson Foundation scholarships of \$1,200 each, given to Jeanine Saito, Nyssa, a graduate of Nyssa High School, and a senior at Oregon; and to Diane Sorenson, Beaverton, graduate of Hillsboro High School and now a senior at Oregon.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Aug. 1	99	62
Aug. 2	90	64
Aug. 3	92	63
Aug. 4	96	60
Aug. 5	101	64
Aug. 6	83	57
Aug. 7		56

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
8/8/74 515,270 Acre Feet
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RAGGED SPIRES LINE Succor Creek Canyon, a state park carved in prehistoric stone. Thunderegg hunters were treated to endless scenic views during their trek into the canyon.



THE TOUR TO THE THUNDEREGG BEDS at Succor Creek Canyon had 30 vehicles in the procession. Here, stopped at the Succor Creek State Park, the rockhounds

303 Fires Burns 52,500 Acres

Some 52,500 acres of national resource land in Oregon has burned during the 1974 fire season, according to the U. S. Bureau of Land Management, Portland. This damage was caused by 303 reported fires in the state.

About one-half of this acreage burned during the past five days. A series of lightning storms in eastern Oregon which began last Saturday (July 27), triggered more than 100 separate fires in three BLM districts.

Sugar Company Buys Stock

A. E. Benning, president and chief executive officer of The Amalgamated Sugar Company announced today that the board of directors had authorized the company to buy 30,000 shares of its own common stock to be used for employee stock bonuses and other business purposes.

This action is the second stock purchase made in recent months to increase stock available to the company.

In late 1973, an initial stock purchase of 20,000 shares was made by the company.

"We anticipate that the company's purchase of its own common stock will be made over a considerable period of time and under price and volume restrictions designed to minimize the impact of the purchases on the market price of the company's securities," explained Allan M. Lipman, vice president, legal counsel, and secretary for the local firm.

He added that shareholders of the company and the trading public should be aware that these stock purchases could be interrupted or discontinued at any time and that the company is not committed to buying all 30,000 shares.

The largest fire to date has been the 20,000-acre Whitehorse Canyon fire in BLM's Vale District. This fire

Manpower Funds Available

Additional funds for Manpower Training have been made available to District 14 (Malheur and Harney Counties) in the amount of \$23,195. The announcement was made at the July 31 meeting of the Ancillary Manpower Planning Board.

Proposals are invited from any program which deals with an aspect of training or retraining persons for careers Persons or Agencies involved in efforts of this nature are invited to submit proposals by August 25 for utilization of the increased revenue.

Proposals should be turned in to Ruth Wayne, district planner, at 386 1/2 S. W. 3rd St., Ontario. For further information contact Mrs. Wayne at 889-7864 or members of the committee, Earl McCollum, TVCC; Bob Harold, Malheur IED; and Ruth Langdon, Welfare Department.

burned an area of prime deer habitat on the Harney-Malheur county line, about 50 miles north of Nevada. This fire was battled by more than 200 men and ten pieces of equipment before being declared out last night. BLM wildlife biologists have already begun a survey of the damage to determine what can be done to restore the habitat.

According to E. J. Petersen, BLM associate state director, the fire season still has two months to go. "Last week's fire bust was just the first this year," he said. BLM has closed the Deschutes and John Day River Canyons to open campfires.

Snake River Valley fire crews, which are organized and dispatched by BLM's Vale district have already seen action this year on fires in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana and Oregon.

The BLM has set up a 24 hour fire information number in Portland. A call to this number, 235-4688, will give the caller the latest information about BLM fires, and fire conditions throughout the state.

Thunderegg Days Enjoys Big Rockhound Success

The ninth annual Thunderegg Days may have been the best ever. A lot of rockhounds traveled far and wide to spend the week in Nyssa, more tailgaters than ever before paid to display and sell their wares on the elementary school grounds, and the locally-sponsored social events were tremendously successful.

Emil Wohlcke, director of the festival this year, said about 6,600 people wandered through the old elementary school gym to view the rock and gem displays sponsored by the Treasure Valley Rock & Gem Club in Nyssa.

That 6,600 represents about a 230 percent mark over the Nyssa city population.

Wohlcke also said 35 tailgaters paid a \$10 parking fee to sell merchandise on the lawn in front of the elementary school - more than ever before, despite the threat last spring of a gas shortage this summer. He said there were about 70 camping units at the South Park at some time during the festival, although a few couldn't remain for the full four days.

The Lion's Club drew 700 barbecued beef eaters to the South Park for their annual Barbecue Dinner. The United Methodist Church also found success in their ice cream social, feeding an estimated 600 people homemade ice cream and cake.

The Sports Boosters Club, opening a carnival venture on an experimental basis, founded what will surely be an annual part of the Thunderegg Days. The Sports Boosters brought in "about \$800," according to Boosters president Arleigh Adams.

He said Thursday and Friday nights were the carnival's big nights, with the dump tank, ring toss, and bingo stands as the favorites in the three-day carnival.

Adams said they are definitely planning to continue the event next year.

"We're going ahead with the understanding," said Adams, "of running one in another year."

This year's new-found success for the Sports Boosters only accents the growing success the Thunderegg Days is enjoying yearly, and especially this year.

Fair Readies For Opening

Finalizing plans for the 65th Annual Malheur County Fair to be held August 14-17, the Malheur County Fair Board toured the grounds and assigned space to various exhibits and displays last week.

Exhibits will be housed somewhat differently this year. Land products, the flower division and home economics will be displayed in the Main Exhibit Hall. Hobbies and Crafts will again be exhibited in the area under the grandstand, however all projects for 4-H, or other than livestock, will be in the Little Log Cabin.

Several booths will be housed in the Small Red Barn which is being used this year as an overflow building.

Art will again be on display in the Commercial Building in space donated by merchants and organizations of the County.

The Board indicated buttons will be sold at three of the four gates on the grounds. Lions will sell buttons at the New Main Gate, and the South Gate, on Ninth Street; and at the West Gate on Park. The North Gate, by the Grandstand will

Clerk Reminds

Voters To Register

Malheur County Clerk Bob Morcom is reminding residents that to be eligible to vote in the general election this fall, they must first register.

Morcom points out the eligibility requirements are, 18 years of age on or before election day, U. S. Citizenship and residency in Oregon. You must re-register in Oregon if you have changed your name, moved to a different address or wish to change party affiliation, notes Morcom.

Persons wishing to register to vote may do so at the County Clerk's office or at a number of other places throughout the county.

Accident

Injures Woman

A Nyssa woman was treated and released from Malheur Memorial Hospital Sunday for injuries she received in a one-car accident about four miles south of Nyssa on Highway 201.

Mrs. Vera Naugle was treated for knee injuries, cuts and abrasions, according to Oregon State Police. She was driving alone at the time of the accident, the police report indicates.

Mrs. Naugle was cited for driving without an Oregon drivers license.

According to the police report, Mrs. Naugle said she was traveling north on Highway 201 when she rounded a sharp left curve and met an oncoming vehicle on her side of the road. Mrs. Naugle veered to the left side to avoid the car, leaving the road. The car jumped a ditch and came to rest upright.



THE MARSING JOB CORPS started work on the rebuilding of the Nyssa school shower facility last week and have begun erecting the walls of block brick. Director of the operation is Weldon Fisher who is brick laying instructor for the Marsing Job Corps. He said the young men working on the building are working toward apprenticeships in the Bricklayers International Union.

The Job Corps was called to work on the project because of the expedience with which the Job Corps could start and complete the work. The shower facility is expected to be completed by or shortly after school begins in September.



GEORGIA PACKWOOD, wife of Senator Bob Packwood, visited the Nyssa Service Center Thursday, and is shown talking to Larry Silveira, director of the center. Mrs. David Sarazin, left, and Mrs. Gus Tanaka accompanied Mrs. Packwood on her visit.

Senator Packwood, running for re-election in November, is tied up in Washington until Congress adjourns, so Mrs. Packwood is spending the summer in Oregon campaigning on behalf of her husband.