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School Board Awards Contracts For Completion of Buildings

Nyssa school board members met with the building committee and budget board Thursday evening, and after considering all the alternatives, ended by awarding contracts for construction of Phase III of the school rebuilding program.

The R. W. Luckenga Construction Company of Nampa was awarded the contract to construct the cafeteria. The contract was for \$474,977, and included the base bid of \$437,868, plus acceptance of a bid of \$13,887 for refacing the existing junior high building, and construction of stairs and ramp. Also included in the contract was \$24,222 for kitchen equipment in the cafeteria.

A contract was awarded to R. A. Chambers & Associates of Eugene for construction of the multi-purpose room at the Elementary School. Chambers also has the contract to build the gymnasium-auditorium.

Included in the contract for the multi-purpose room is a base bid of \$582,900 plus

\$3,332 for dressing room lockers and \$2,300 for folding wood partitions, for a total contract of \$588,532.

The balance of the money available in the Phase III part of the school construction was a planned expenditure of \$60,000 to remodel the existing bus garage for vocational classes. The mechanics classes will use the present bus repair shop, the industrial arts classes will be in the north end of that building, and the building trades class will use what is now the mechanics building in the rear. It is planned to construct a new bus repair shop north of the present ag building.

Also approved in last Thursday's meeting was an expenditure of \$125,000 for Phase II items which had been deferred until final bids were in. In this figure is included \$45,000 for bleachers in the gymnasium, \$40,000 for sound systems in the gym and auditorium, and \$40,000 for sliding doors in the auditorium to accommodate two 100-seat lecture rooms.

Within the bids for the three phases of construction

are all sidewalks and lighting for the project. The building committee deferred until a later date awarding of bids for parking lot paving. Eliminated from consideration was the amount of \$139,129 for conversion of the heating system in the junior high school. Lines have been stubbed in from the heating plant, but money is not available to complete the job at this time.

Board Chairman Mark Hartley said that provision has been made by the awarding of these bids to complete all of the buildings contemplated in the original proposal. "Building costs have risen since we first started planning," Hartley said, "but we are able to provide facilities to make our schools second to none in this area."

Superintendent McPartland pointed out that a total of approximately \$380,000 in interest has been earned from investment of the bond and insurance money by County Treasurer Pat Bond, and this has made it possible to build the needed school buildings as planned.



LEONARD KUNZMAN, left, Oregon Director of Agriculture, shared the speaker's podium with Louis Longo, convention keynote speaker from Connecticut. Here they are shown with Oregon's new Dairy Princess, Tina Russell of Coquille, who was crowned in Portland just two weeks ago. They were three of the principals at the Oregon Dairy Association held in Ontario last week.

Glenn Ward Resigns From Adrian Schools

Following 26 years of service to the Adrian Public Schools, Glenn Ward resigned the position of superintendent of the district principal of the high school, effective June 30. He requested and the board granted him the months of April, May and June as termination leave so that he may have time to change employment.

During the 26 years he served 9 years as teacher-coach, one year as high school principal and 16 years as superintendent-principal.

Other activities and services while at Adrian include: Life Member of NEA, Scouting for eight years and Scoutmaster three years, Adrian Legion Post 20 years, serving most Post positions, Adrian Lions Club, 20 years, serving in most

positions, Adrian Presbyterian Church Elder six years; worked with Little League, Babe Ruth and Legion baseball ten years; helped get Adrian incorporated and was elected to the first city council; served many years as the president of the Adrian Water and Irrigation Corp., and served as a member of the Malheur County Council on Alcohol and Drug Problems, three years as president.

He now lives (following the 1974 sale of their Adrian home) in Ontario with wife June and son, Stuart, a sophomore at TVCC. Daughter Carolyn is a graduate assistant at Washington State University, Pullman, Washington.

Future plans of Ward are not definite at this time.

Oregon Dairymen's Association Concludes 82nd Convention

In accepting re-election Wednesday, as president of the Oregon Dairymen's Association, Jim DeJong of Sheridan pledged to work toward establishment of a marketing agency-in-common for the dairymen of Oregon and those in neighboring Idaho and Washington.

DeJong chaired the annual ODA business session which concluded the group's 82nd annual convention which opened in the Tapadera Inn Monday.

Also re-elected were Fred Cockram of Baker, first vice-president; Walt Crouse, Grants Pass, second vice-president, and Walt Bohren, Salem, secretary-treasurer. Glenn Wilson of Seio completed 12 years' service as the organization's treasurer, but the new term calls for combination of the secretary-treasurer duties to facilitate and enhance efficiency.

Directors-at-large named were Earl Meier of Boring, for a two-year term, and Ken



Jim DeJong

Messerie of Coquille and Don Scott of Forest Grove will serve for one year. Area directors elected were Scott Payne of Vale, Area I; John Sakraida of Grants Pass, Area II; Peter Jensen of Brownsville, Area III; Don Moisan of Salem, Area IV; Don Hillecke of Hillsboro, Area V; Dave Leuthold, Tillamook, Area VI, and Gale Road, Myrtle Point, Area VII. Major resolution adopted at the business gathering was that of continuing development of a marketing agency-in-common. Spokesmen from the Oregon delegation were joined by several from Washington in suggesting that concessions will be necessary from all concerned

to make the proposed agency purposeful and effective.

Resolutions were adopted in the areas of legislation and taxation, herd health and dairy management in addition to those affecting legislation.

Committee meetings, addresses from dairy research specialists and industry leaders filled the three-day agenda.

Louis Longo, convention keynote speaker from Connecticut, who is a member of the National Milk Producers Federation executive committee and vice chairman of the National Dairy Council, urged dairymen to apply a combination of management system in achieving their ultimate profit goal.

In his second major address, Longo answered his question, "A better tomorrow—will it ever come?" by comparing the quality of life for the dairy community to other walks of life then concluding, "Look for a better tomorrow?—It's here today."

Leonard Kunzman, Oregon director of agriculture, shared the speaker's podium with Longo Tuesday night outlining major problems facing agriculture and the state's programs responding to them.



GLENN WARD

Adrian Schools Have Vacancies

The Adrian Public Schools have three vacancies to be filled for the next school year according to Superintendent Glenn Ward.

These include the position of Superintendent/Principal, which Ward is leaving after 26 years in Adrian (see story).

Music Teacher, grades 3-12, which includes beginners band, junior high band and chorus, and senior high

band and chorus. Mr. Herick has resigned, and will return to the Willamette Valley next year.

Math Teacher, all high school math classes, Mr. Maynard has resigned, and will enter private business in California next year.

Application forms and information may be obtained by contacting the Deputy Clerk, School District No. 61, Adrian.

Heart Fund Drive To Start

February is Heart Fund Month and a drive in Malheur County will take place in the next two weeks.

George Craig, chairman, stated volunteers will solicit downtown Nyssa businesses within the next few days. Residential workers are needed and anyone wishing to volunteer to help may do

so by calling Mr. Craig at 372-3881.

Mrs. Eric Boenig, co-chairman, will be covering the rural area. Anyone not contacted, wishing to donate, may send contributions to George Craig at the First National Bank, Nyssa or Mrs. Eric Boenig at Route 2, Box 609, Nyssa.

Absentee Ballots Available

Absentee ballots for the March 9 Treasure Valley Community College Budget election are now available at the County Clerk's office. Applications are on hand at the college and the clerk's office.

Voters are eligible to vote absentee if they expect to be absent from the county on election day, live more than 15 miles from the polling place in their precincts, or are physically unable to attend the election personally.

The college will ask voters to approve a levy of \$2.88 per thousand assessed valuation to raise \$946,751 for the 1976-77 school year. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 9.

Two File For Commissioner

Two Ontario residents have filed for the position of County Commissioner, to replace Sam Hartley, Nyssa area rancher, who is not running for re-election. They are Lawren King, Democrat, and Leon D. Sheets, Republican.

King is a Cairo area farmer, and a past president of the Malheur County Potato Growers, and past president of the Onion Growers. He has lived in the area 40 years. He and his wife have four daughters.

Sheets is also a long-time resident of the area. He came to Ontario 30 years ago when he bought the Gayway Dance Hall, was with the Ontario Grocery Company for twelve years, the last six as manager; and more recently he was with Arrow Plumbing Company before he retired. He and his wife have one son in Portland, Maine.

Lions To Hold Charter Night

A joint Charter Night for Nyssa and Adrian Lions Clubs will be held Tuesday night, February 24 at the Twilight Cafe. Social hour will be at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30.

Lions and their wives will attend, and the speaker will be Warren Reynolds, District Governor. Dick Martin is chairman of the event, and he says that souvenir gifts will be presented to each wife.

Town Crier

By Pat Savage

First it was chicken pox and now this terrible flu bug seems to be hitting our area mighty hard. Perhaps this change to warmer and sunnier and sometimes wetter weather will cure all our winter aches and pains.

Another important time is approaching this next week, and will need help from all of us. The Heart Fund Drive gets under way and not only do they need donations, they need some helpers. If you will do just your block or area, call George Craig, 372-3881. If you are healthy you are very fortunate, so let's give out of the goodness of our hearts that someone else may get the help and medical attention he or she so badly needs. Be concerned.

The Science Symposium is being hosted by our Nyssa High School Science Department February 19-20 in the multi-purpose room. Nyssa has some exceptional science students who will be demonstrating different projects and there will be guest speakers. Miss Mary Lou Omberg and Mr. Gary Thompson are the instructors and they do a tremendous job of encouraging and helping their students. We have a fine science department and NHS has many alumni who have gone into scientific fields and are doing well. Come see and hear what your young scientists are doing. It will be well worth your time. Find out what is happening in our schools, you might be surprised to learn how advanced our students are.

Good news! The Lions Club has made arrangements with Scoutmaster George Hirai that his troop will be responsible for setting the flags on Main Street over holidays. I feel most proud of these boys and George for doing this, as I feel it is so very important. Thanks to the merchants for financing this project and thanks boys for taking your time to set a good example for the rest of us.

Congratulations to Nyssa High School Seniors, Bill Marcum and Joe Joyce. Bill has been named as team member for the East team in the East-West All Star Shrine Football game. Joe is to be an alternate member.

Don't forget the Bicentennial Gospel Concert to be presented February 27 at the Nyssa Multi-purpose room. This will be an exceptional program. Bring the whole family and share an evening with the whole community. What better way to say "Happy Birthday America" than by sharing and communicating with your neighbors.

Nyssa Students Write Appreciation Letters

Dear P.T.A.,

I like my teacher because she spends time with me when I have problems. She takes time to help anyone who needs help. Once at a Christmas party she took me home because I had more to carry than anyone else. She tells us funny things when she is explaining lessons. She'll take time to explain our questions. At P.E., we have a lot of fun playing with her. She reads stories to us almost every day. I like my teacher a lot.

Jeff Thompson
3rd Grade



Jeff Thompson

Dear P.T.A.,

I like my teacher because, she is very fair and she is very nice. If you don't know what to do she can explain it to you. She can teach you something very fast and she is very understanding. She hardly ever gets mad. She is a very good teacher. She is



DOING THEIR PART DURING "TEACHERS APPRECIATION WEEK," were Geneve Williams, left, and Chris Fonda, right, as they met with Mrs. Dee Garner, Nyssa PTSA President. These two sixth grade students outlined a letter of appreciation program for the third, fourth and sixth grades.

These letters about "Why I Like My Teacher..." were written voluntarily and then judged by Geneve and Chris, with the top four from each class being chosen as finalists. They judged the letters on originality, good points, content, sincerity and attitude. All were judged with each student's grade level in mind. The final four were chosen as the best by Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Don Savage.

Geneve is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Williams and Chris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fonda.

very pretty. She gives us work that she knows we can handle. Her name is Mrs. Spitze.

Sincerely yours,
Patty Longoria
4th Grade



Patty Longoria

Dear P.T.A.,

I like my teacher because she is right in what she does. She makes us work hard so we can accomplish something and be proud of what we do in our work. My teacher has always had a sense of humor. She may get mad at us but then we know we have done wrong. My teacher does everything for the good of it. My teacher supports our school. She is the program organizer. I think our teacher enjoys teaching, she shows much initiative. I think our teacher can do anything she wanted to do if she tried.

Yours truly,
Robert Jimenez
6th Grade



Robert Jimenez



Leslie Jessop

Dear P.T.A.,

My teacher, Mrs. Bryant is a very nice person and she has a lot of personality. My teacher is not mean or selfish, for example, when she has a piece of gum or something on the playground she shares it.

My teacher, when she gives us work, she expects it to be done the next day and I call that fair. My teacher does not expect us to be the "perfect person."

My teacher thinks that we should always be working on something and we should always correct our mistakes so that we will not make them again in life.

This is why I like my teacher.
Sincerely
Leslie Jessop
5th Grade

Beet Growers Agree On 1976 Contract

Beet grower association officers and representatives of The Amalgamated Sugar Company agreed today to a contract for the 1976 season.

The agreement is basically the same as the present contract except for this new feature:

The contract now provides that the agreement will be automatically renewed between the growers and the company for another year unless terminated by either party on or before February 1. This new feature will remain in effect through 1978, thus making the new agreement a 3-year renewable contract.

Other items discussed and resolved during the afternoon session included tare taking, verification audits, weed control at the receiving stations, the distribution of receiving equipment, and acreage allotment policies.

Representing the nine grower associations and approximately 3500 growers in

Idaho, Oregon, and Utah as spokesman was P. T. Rathbone, Marsing, Idaho. Allan M. Lipman, Jr., executive vice president, represented the sugar company.

Also attending the meeting were association officers and directors, and agriculture and industrial relations officials of the company.

New Employee At Les Schwab



Craig Rohan has been named assistant manager of the Les Schwab Tire Store in Nyssa, according to Clyde McClung, manager.

Rohan has been with the Les Schwab organization in La Grande for the past four years. He is a graduate of La Grande High School, and he and his wife Trudy have two children, Sean 2½, and Elisa, 6 months. They will move to Nyssa as soon as they can find suitable housing.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Feb. 11	36	16	
Feb. 12	43	17	
Feb. 13	40	21	
Feb. 14	47	23	.42
Feb. 15	46	32	
Feb. 16	53	33	.53
Feb. 17	44	32	.10
Feb. 18		31	

Owheece Reservoir Storage
2-18-76 640,830 Acre Feet
2-18-75 457,190 Acre Feet