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### Six Percent Limitation

Frustration is a word that describes the feeling of taxpayers these days, and there are no simple ways to end that frustration, according to the Oregon Department of Revenue. This frustration is particularly true when we go to the polls to vote on a school district levy election. And the words "levy election" are the correct terms, not "budget election" as it so often is referred to.

The terms "six percent limitation," or "outside the six percent limitation" are so confusing to Oregon voters, and no other state that we know of has such a limitation. If the voters are confused, it is understandable, because most members of city councils, school boards, budget boards, and even those working full time with budgets sometimes don't understand the terms.

The reason they don't understand the terms is that there is no logic or reason behind the thinking. This is because budgets are not allowed to increase six percent per year, as many think. Only the amount above the tax base is allowed to increase six percent, and this in many cases is only a small percentage of the total budget. If the budget were allowed to increase six percent per year, in some years that wouldn't be too bad. That is, if there was no growth in a district and the inflation rate was not more than six percent. When inflation is 12 percent and the district is growing, then this becomes an impossible situation. This is the reason why fast growing districts like Beaverton, for instance, have to vote on millions outside the six percent each year.

According to the Local Budget Law, the budget is approved by the budget committee and adopted by the governing body of the local government. Voters have the opportunity to be heard by the governing body of the local government about their feelings toward the budget at a public hearing on the budget, which is also a requirement of the Local Budget Law.

The State Department of Revenue has again, as they do quite often, tried to explain why levy elections are held. Following is a typical example among local governments in Oregon:

Total budget	\$500,000
Budget resources except tax levy	(450,000)
Tax levy required to balance the budget	\$ 50,000
Estimated uncollected taxes	5,000
Total tax levy	\$ 55,000
Amount of tax levy within the tax base	( 47,000)
Amount of tax levy outside the tax base	\$ 8,000

In this example, the total budget is \$500,000. However, the only item to be voted upon, in accordance with the Oregon Constitution, is the \$8,000 item outside the tax base. The ballot title itself asks the voters to vote on an amount of money, the levy—not the budget.

Clear as mud, isn't it? And to top it off, many taxing districts do not have a tax base at all. And of those districts that do have a tax base, in most cases the base is hopelessly inadequate.

This is a law that should be repealed, if for no other reason than it can't be explained, by anyone, let alone the State Department of Revenue.

Most states have a mill limitation on budgets, and the budget must be voted on when it exceeds this limitation. This makes sense, because mill limitations go up when inflation and growth keep up with the economy. But the six percent limitation? Will someone please come in and explain it to us?

### Band Buffet Set MERRY MATRONS For May 2

Brownie's Cafe will have a buffet dinner, Sunday, May 2, with serving from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will give the

proceeds to the Nyssa band for their Disneyland trip. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

The Merry Matrons Club will meet at the home of Opal Holmes, Tuesday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

### Samba Group Meets

Members of the Samba Club and guest Mrs. Fern Orris were entertained at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb last week. Winning honors went to Mrs. S. P. Bybee and Mrs. Emil Stunz.

SEEDS FROM THE SOWER

By Michael A. Guido, Metter, Georgia

Music is a gift of God. And in earliest times it was used exclusively in divine worship. Whether man worshipped the God of creation or a god of his own creation, he used music in that worship.

King David excelled in this. He wrote in Psalm 144:9: "O God, upon an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto Thee."

But today one sighed after reading that verse, "I wish I had an instrument." "You have," I replied. "You have two eyes, two ears, two hands two feet, one tongue, and one heart - an instrument of ten strings."

A gifted violinist thrilled his audience with his playing. But to everyone's surprise, he smashed his instrument.

"That instrument," he explained, "cost me eight dollars." Picking up another, he said, "This cost one thousand dollars. Now I will play it." When he finished, he said, "The music is not in the instrument, but in the player."

It matters little to the Heavenly Musician what our instruments are worth. Little is much if He is in it. He can produce the sweetest music out of the lowliest lives, if the instruments are yielded to Him.

### OBITUARIES

#### Neveie Burns

Services for Mrs. Neveie Burns, 77, former Nyssa resident, who died Monday, April 19, 1976 at Troutdale, Oregon were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Lienkaemper Memorial Chapel in Nyssa. Interment was in the Nyssa Cemetery.

She was born November 17, 1898 in Tayson, Utah. Her husband, Alvin, preceded her in death. Survivors include three sons, Glen L. and Fred of Portland, and Clyde of Othello, Washington and four daughters, Mrs. Velma Gillham, and Mrs. Edna Schuky, both of Portland, Mrs. Edith L. Achus, Woodburn, and Mrs. Deon Doyenger, Boise.

#### Thomas B. Nix

Graveside services for Thomas Benton Nix, 83, Nyssa who died Wednesday, April 21, 1976 at a Boise hospital were conducted at 11 a.m., Monday at the Nyssa Cemetery under the direction of the Lienkaemper Chapel.

He was born July 18, 1892, in Whitt, Texas. He had two brothers and three sisters and spent most of his life around Billings, Montana where he worked as a buckaroo. Mr. Nix was a lover of all animals. He retired from the Northern Pacific Railroad and had lived in Nyssa for the last ten years with his brother-in-law, Lynn Matheny.

Surviving are a brother-in-law, Lynn Matheny, Nyssa; two sisters, Mrs. Elsie Talgo, Billings, Montana and Mrs. Ed Murray, Great Falls, Montana, and a niece, Mrs. Joanne Pierce, of Nyssa.

#### Elinor Sadamori

Memorial services for Elinor Sadamori, 49, Seattle, who died Friday, April 23, 1976 in Seattle, will be conducted at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Community Methodist Church in Ontario by the Rev. Kas Kawashima, pastor.

She was born June 15, 1926, in Seattle. She was an employee of the Seattle Community College District. Surviving are three brothers, Roy, Kaz and George Sadamori, all of Nyssa; and a sister, Mrs. Elaine Sugiyana, Sacramento. She was preceded in death by her parents.

#### Klaas Stam

Services for Klaas Stam, 83, rural Nyssa, who died Saturday, April 24, 1976 at Malheur Memorial Hospital were held Wednesday, at 2 p.m. in the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa. The Rev. Fred Moxom, Owyhee Community Church officiated with interment following at the Nyssa Cemetery.

Mr. Stam was born in Holland and came to the Nyssa area in 1905 where he farmed.

He married Cornelia Vanderveer on January 27, 1958 in Nyssa.

He is survived by his wife of Nyssa; one brother, Luit Stam, Nyssa; a stepson, Ed Vanderveer, Grandview, Washington and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Tina Buitenvos, Sunnyside, Wash., and Mrs. Pearl Voersema, Marysville, Washington.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Owyhee Community Church.



The ladies of the Eagles Auxiliary held a regular meeting at the Eagles hall Tuesday, April 20.

The members voted to give a gift of money to the new auxiliary being organized in Caldwell. Other business included initiation, voting on the by-laws and nomination of officers.

On Sunday, May 2, a Mother's Breakfast honoring Nyssa Auxiliary Mom Grace Dirksen, will be held at the Eagles Hall. Serving will begin at 10:30 a.m. and all members and husbands or friends are invited to attend.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 4 at the hall at 8 p.m. There will be an election of officers.

### Nazarene Church News

Sunday, May 2 - Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m. Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship with the Northwesterners, a Choir group from NNC, presenting a Gospel concert, 11 a.m. Children's Churches, 11 a.m. Choir practice, 6:30 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5 - Annual District Missionary Convention will convene at Boise First Church. Speakers are Dr. Floyd Perkins from Mozambique, Africa and Brazil; Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Bennett, Japan. Three services, 9 a.m.; 2 p.m.; 7 p.m. Midweek service for Caravan children only, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 6 - Annual District Assembly begins at Boise First Church.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of it for another."

### United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Monroe welcome you to all church activities.

Friday, April 30 - Bible Study at Fern Adams home, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 2 - Prayer Service at the church, 9 a.m. Worship Service - "Binding a Community Together," message by the Rev. Monroe. This is also Communion Sunday.

Tuesday, May 4 - Early Bird Bible Study at the parsonage, 6:30 a.m. Religion in America at the church, 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 6 - General meeting of the United Methodist Women's Society, 2 p.m.

### News From Big Bend

BIG BEND - Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater were pleasantly surprised Wednesday afternoon when her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith of Deary, Idaho, her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Archie DeGross of Lewiston, Idaho and Mr. and Mrs. Al Kelbey of Monrovia, Calif. arrived for a short visit. They left Friday afternoon for their homes in their camper trailers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Packwood and Darrell English attended the Senior Citizens dinner at Parma Thursday. Mrs. Leonard Howes returned Thursday evening from Roy, Utah where she had been visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilson and family.

Erie Mauslings received word recently of their brother-in-law, Phil Bockus suffering a heart attack and being hospitalized. He is now home and improving.

Mrs. Dyre Roberts and Kelly Allsop accompanied Mrs. Jim Carroll to Parma Friday evening where they attended the Drillarama. Tenley Howell, Brenda Carlock, Judy Lovitt and Marva Case took part in it as members of Adrian High School Drill team. They received 2nd in their division.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Witty attended a birthday dinner at the Bill Spears home in Vale Thursday evening honoring the birthdays of Mr. Witty and Robert Spears.

Darrell English had the misfortune Saturday morning of falling and dislocating his shoulder. He was treated at the Caldwell Hospital and released that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater called on Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fogleman in Nampa Saturday.

Latest victims of chicken pox are Christy Sewell and Carl Witty. Darlene Carroll also has them and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Dyre Roberts each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood attended a birthday dinner for his mother, Mrs. Mary Wood at her Parma home Saturday.

Mrs. Rex Smith, Mrs. Jim Holton, and Mrs. Dyre Roberts attended a 4-H Leaders Association meeting at the Cairo School Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Dick Bennett accompanied her sister, Mrs. Charlie Glenn to Durango, Colorado last week to a cousin's funeral service.



THE NORTHWESTERNERS FROM NORTHWEST Nazarene College will present a sacred concert this Sunday at the Nyssa Nazarene Church at 11 a.m.

### St. Paul's Set May 2 For Annual Cove Sunday

May 2 is the annual "Cove Sunday" at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Immediately following the 11:00 o'clock worship there will be a work day at the church to "spruce up" the church yard for summer. At 1:30 p.m. hamburgers and salad and cake will be served in the church yard. This gathering is for all-yard workers and non workers—a real get together.

Each year St. Paul's has sponsored a Cove Sunday and collected funds for local children to be assisted to attend Cove camps. Children and young people from St. Paul's are given scholarship assistance to thank them for their service to the church and to let them know that a Cove camp experience is important for their religious training. In addition St. Paul's has assisted about 17 other children from the community to go to camp each year.

This year an additional thrust will be the Cove Development Fund to help match funds to winterize some of the cabins at the Ascension School, and for

new bath facilities so that Cove can be available for a longer season, perhaps even year-round use—for both children and adults.

Plans for this Sunday are to combine these two functions for one big project. St. Paul's plans to keep \$150.00 of the funds contributed here in Nyssa for local use and all monies in excess will be sent to the Cove Development Fund.

Contributions can be made at the hamburger feed or may be mailed to Tiena Tensen, Amy Sarazin or John Kunkel.

### Conservative Baptist Church News

Sunday, May 2 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sermon - "Family Relationships - Ephesians 5:25-33" Evening Service, 7 p.m. Hi-Time, 8 p.m.

Monday, May 3 - Bible Study

Wednesday, May 5 - Bible Study and Prayer, 8 p.m.

### Nazarene Church Hosts The Northwesterners

The Northwesterners from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho will present a sacred concert at Nyssa Nazarene Church, Fifth and Good on Sunday, May 2, 1976 at 11 a.m.

The select group of 16 students is directed by Dr. D. E. Hill, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts and Head of the Music Department at N.N.C.

The vocal ensemble was first organized by the present director in 1957 for the purpose of performing a variety of types of music, ranging from standard vocal repertoire to contemporary compositions. The members of the group are carefully selected on the basis of musical ability, scholarship, personality, and character.

Through the years, the Northwesterners have performed in the Orient, Europe, and across the educational zone of Northwest Nazarene College. Last summer, they made a Home Missions Tour to Hawaii and New Zealand. This year, their summer tour will take them to Alaska and to the General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in

Dallas, Texas with several intermediate stops in Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado.

The Rev. Bill Russell, pastor of the church, states that there will be no admission charge and that the general public is invited to attend and enjoy the concert.

### Park Avenue Baptist Church

Everyone is welcome to attend services at this Bible teaching church.

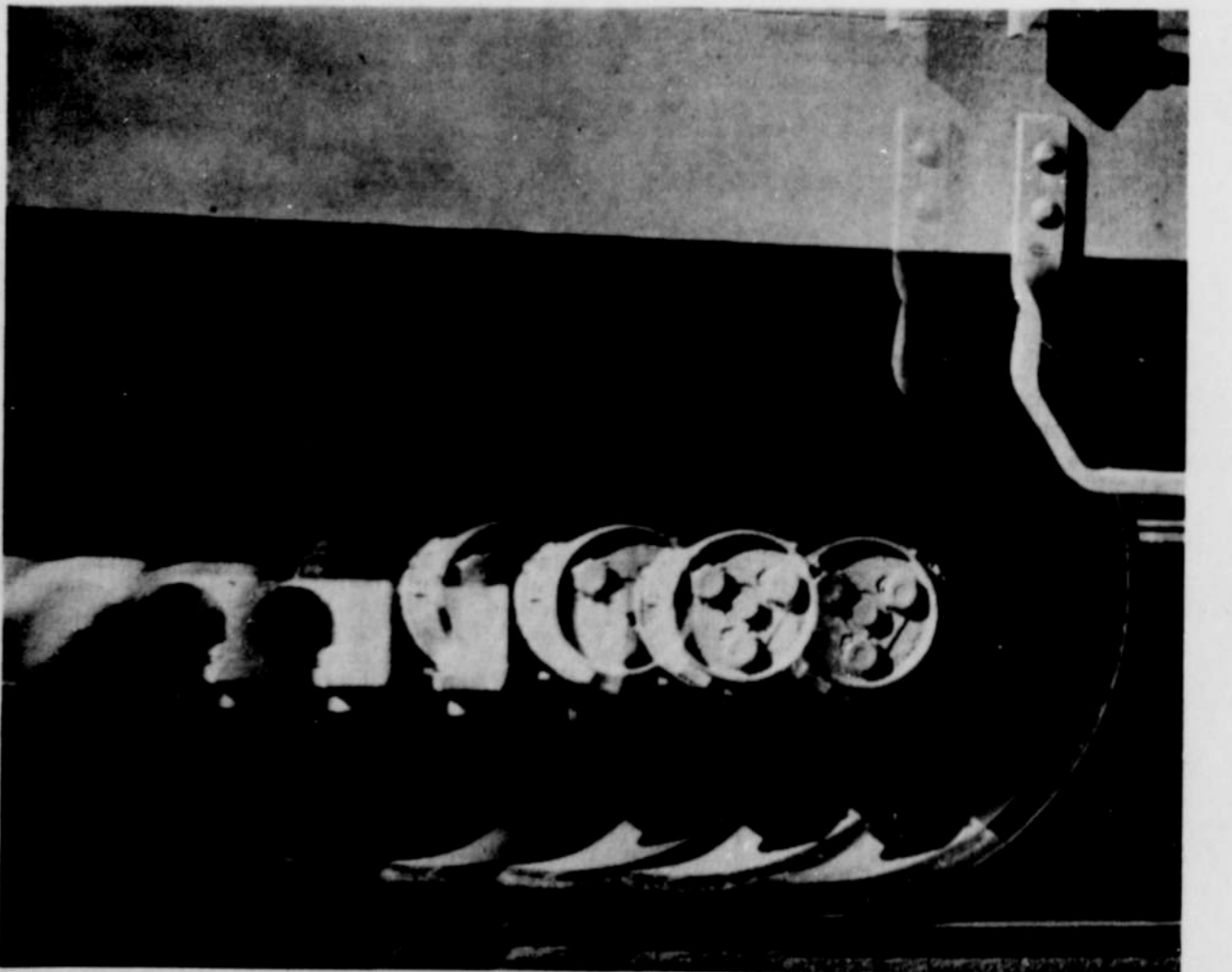
Sunday Services: Sunday school class for all ages, 10 a.m.

Worship Service: in the Sanctuary with message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening: Choir practice, 7 p.m.

Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening: Youth meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer for adults, 7:30 p.m.

A friendly smile, a warm handshake and the words of the Lord await you at Park Avenue Baptist Church, on the corner of North Third Street and Park Avenue.



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