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### School Financing Needs Help

The 1977 Legislative Session faces a challenge to straighten out school finance. Oregon will have a surplus of funds that should be directed towards a greater share of school financing by the state, and less dependence on the property tax. Community colleges as well as public schools should be included in this legislation.

There must be problems of great magnitude when over 9,000 students in Oregon are not going to school because budgets failed to pass. Eagle Point, La Grande and South Lane District will be closed in December.

We received a letter from the Superintendent of Schools in St. Helens which is published herewith. He makes some points which make sense, primarily that everyone in education should forget the promotion of their own interests and work together to establish a sound financial program.

The letter is as follows:

Editor, The Journal:

The news media of Oregon has the opportunity to establish a climate of public support for the number one issue facing the state, that of financing elementary and secondary education for Oregon's youth.

This should be the major responsible concern of every educator, school official, parent, state leader, association, organization, including business, industry, organized labor, and the 1977 Legislature. The role of the news media is vital, especially in emphasizing the necessity of a united effort and cooperation toward the actual attainment of one common goal.

The issue is of such magnitude and importance that a moratorium should be declared on all other legislative proposals affecting elementary and secondary education. There should be a halt to any further mandated programs sponsored by the Legislature, State Department of Education or other state bureaucracy which would increase school costs.

The time has arrived when all educational forces, concerned groups and individuals should forget the promotion of their own interests and unite in a common endeavor. This being the establishment of a sound, workable, practical and realistic financial support program for elementary and secondary schools.

Such a unity of purpose requires full cooperation and constructive effort on the part of all concerned. There exists in this state competent human resources that possess the common sense and ability to assist the Legislature in achieving such a program of financial support. It is emphasized that all must work together toward one goal.

The elimination of all other legislative proposals dealing with elementary or secondary education also eliminates the pros and cons which tend to promote division, conflict, and discord between the various educational forces, groups and individuals over educational issues. The crisis in school finance mandates unity and cooperation.

This is a realistic suggestion because school finance has complications; there should be no hasty stop-gap measures. Ample time is necessary to iron out problems and considerations that will demand attention. The history of school finance in Oregon supports this point of view. Legislative in-put, study, deliberation and hearings will consume time if the desirable and appropriate attention is given to this issue. Any referral to the people will take additional time.

A similar communication is being directed to all members of the 1977 Legislative Assembly, state elected officials, educational associations, other organizations, groups and individuals.

Sincerely yours,  
 /s/ Wayne Foster,  
 Superintendent  
 St. Helens Public Schools

### Family Living Program Committee Meets Nov. 30

The first Oregon State University Extension Family Living Program Planning Committee meeting for this year will be held Tuesday, November 30, 10 a.m. at the Malheur County Library, Ontario.

Assisting the county and state Extension staff in identifying quality educational programs for all Extension audiences for 1977-78 is the primary goal of the committee, according to Carol Knothe, Extension Home Economist.

Newly appointed Program

#### First Southern Baptist Church

World Missions Conference will continue through November 21. Weldon D. Stevens, Director of Missions will be staying at the home of Pastor Kilby. Rev. Stevens will be the guest speaker on Thursday night. A different missionary will speak each night except on Saturday night November 20. That night we will have a rally at Highlands Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. featuring all the missionaries with a focus on youth.

Planning members serving for a three year term include Patty Yraguen, Vale; Lavonna Porter, Payette; Elma Witty, Parma; Joann Mooney, Harper; Eleanor Toppliff, Nyssa; Gwen Leth and Zeola Nielson, both of Ontario. Carry-over members are Bonnie Westberg, Vale; Laura Ure, Nyssa; Betty Monroe, Vera Rost, and Patti Iseri, all of Ontario.

Any community resident interested in contributing to the Extension Family Living Program planning is also encouraged to attend, adds Mrs. Knothe.

The guest speaker Sunday evening Nov. 14 was Rev. Wayne Naylor from Caldwell. After services a fellowship was held in his honor. Rev. Naylor has accepted a call to go to Cheyenne, Wyoming to pastor a Baptist church.

The W.M.U. and Brotherhood met at the church Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and painted the foyer, and fellowship hall and several of the class rooms. The ladies also took this time to clean the church.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:

The snow didn't last long enough for everybody to get into the mood of "think Christmas" however, that great day will soon be upon us.

The Malheur Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will again be sponsoring the annual party for the residents of the Nursing Home and again, to make this a community project, we are inviting anyone interested in helping to please contact me for information. It's worthwhile and fun so we hope that you will all join in.

Each party with your responses has made me proud to be Chairman, and glad to be from Nyssa.

Many Thanks,  
 Ethel Lawrence for the Malheur Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Editor, The Journal:

There is a matter which has us really steamed; and am sure there are many others who will agree.

My husband and I and a friend went elk hunting, to begin on the first day of the season.

We aren't trophy hunters but poor folks on Social Security who felt it would help immensely if we could lay up some meat for winter.

We sold our portable T.V. to buy two elk tags, as we are always short of cash.

We went up into the National forest out of La Grande and did see a couple of cows, but got nothing.

The next weekend we went up toward John Day in an area where elk has always been abundant.

Now for the 'coup'. Different hunters told us that the rangers up there use fire-works, helicopters and fires by the hundreds (in the forest) (all untended) (these we saw ourselves) and burning brightly into the night, to frighten the elk away so they wouldn't be killed.

You hear all that jazz about dousing your fires in the national forests, pooh! the rangers left them burning all over the place and not a soul in sight, in case a wind came up.

Which is beside the point. My sympathy also lies with the elk and feel they should be protected. But it should be done in an honest and above board manner.

Why sell elk tags by the thousands then chase the elk off so the poor saps of hunters can't find one?

The state may need money desperately, but shouldn't have to resort to trickery to get it. Let the Game Department sell tags by drawing as with antelope, buffalo and other endangered species, if that is what they want; a bigger elk herd, not cheat hunters of their legitimate game.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Bourdlaies

### Conservative Baptist Church News

**Sunday, November 21,** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Jail Service, 2 p.m. Hi Time and Prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Evening Worship, 8 p.m. **Wednesday, November 24-AWANA,** 6:30 p.m. Choir practice, 8 p.m.

### CARD OF THANKS

Thanks for the cards, flowers and visits of our many friends during the illness and death of our wife and mother.

E.K. Bunn  
 Jay Bunn and family  
 Morell Bunn and family  
 Kent Bunn and family  
 Gary Bunn and family

Let's pause for a moment and reflect upon the many things we are blessed with.

## OBITUARIES

### Vibert L. Kesler

Vibert L. Kesler, 68, of Mesa, Arizona, died Monday November 8, 1976 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Funeral services were held November 10 at Larkin Mortuary in Salt Lake City. Interment was in Bountiful City Cemetery.



He was born April 25, 1908, at Raymond Alberta, Canada, to Edgar Kesler and Emma Perkins Kesler. He married Fern Goodfellow, April 25, 1934 in the Salt Lake Temple. He was a lifelong member of the L.D.S. Church being a High Priest.

He moved his family to Nyssa in March 1937. They rented the old Sarazin place on Columbia Avenue, building the basement house that is still there. In 1940, they bought the place on Gray Blvd., where C. R. Kesler, Jr. now lives. They moved to Salt Lake City, September 1955 where he went to work at the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. He built numerous apartment homes in Salt Lake. He retired in 1970 and they traveled extensively until 1973 when they built a home in Mesa, Ariz.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Vibert L. Kesler, Jr., Salt Lake City and Larry Dean of Dayton, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. Carliee Weight, Syracuse, New York; four brothers, Clarence of Nyssa, George of Ogden, Utah, Edmond of Lake Tahoe, Nevada and Joseph of Salt Lake City; three sisters, Mrs. Estella Franz, Creston, British Columbia, Canada, Mrs. Faye DePew, Raymond Alberta, Canada, and Mrs. Sarah Valley, Portland; and 15 grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society.

### Wilbur E. Hiatt

Graveside services for Wilbur E. Hiatt, 49, Prineville, formerly of Nyssa who died November 3, 1976 at Dayville Oregon, were held Monday, November 8 at Nyssa Cemetery.

Mr. Hiatt was born October 14, 1927 in Stella, Missouri, and moved to Nyssa in his youth where he graduated from high school. He had lived in Prineville for the past eight years where he was a truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, three sons, Richard, Jimmy, Ronnie; two daughters, Mary and Sharon; and one stepson, Randolph Boyd, all at home; a daughter, Shirley Choate, two stepsons, Roger and Daniel Moyes, and three stepdaughters, Kathy Boyd, Tanya Searle and Robin Boyd, all of Prineville; a brother, Chalmers (Bud) Hiatt, Dillard, Oregon; three sisters, Mrs. Dianah Bishop, Ontario, Mrs. Eula (Doodle) Rogers, Fallon, Nevada, and Mrs. Thelma Knowles, Silver Springs, Nevada; and many step-grandchildren, nieces nephews.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our kind friends and neighbors for their acts of love, prayers and sympathy, during our recent loss, and extend grateful thanks for the beautiful floral tributes, food and contributions.

Special thanks to the Nu Acres Farmerettes club.

Sincerely  
 The family of  
 George Wilson

### Florence M. Larsson

Services for Florence Maas Larsson, 84, Nyssa, who died Wednesday, November 11, 1976, at Malheur Memorial Hospital were conducted Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Nyssa Stake House. Interment was Monday at South Morgan Cemetery, Morgan, Utah.

She was born April 6, 1892, in Sterling, Illinois. She was married November 26, 1913, to Edward Peter Larsson. He died in 1949.

Surviving are a son, Edward Larsson, Nyssa; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Weather- spoon, Baker, Oregon; eleven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

### Ruth Conant

Graveside services for Ruth Conant, 47, Pendleton, Oregon, formerly of Ontario, who died of natural causes Friday, November 5, 1976, at home, were conducted Wednesday at the Owyhee Cemetery by the Rev. Robert Simard, pastor of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.

She was born November 1, 1929, in Nebraska.

Surviving are four sons, Rick, Boise, Rodney and Jeffrey, both Nampa, and Douglas Conant, Tacoma, Washington; four brothers, Walter, Joseph and Emmett Metzger, all of Nebraska, and Kenneth Metzger, California; three sisters, Mrs. Edith Semmens, Nyssa, and Mrs. Maxine Dillon, and Mrs. Ethyl Fenn, both Nebraska.

### Roy Sorby

Graveside services for Roy Sorby, 83, who passed away Thursday, November 11, 1976 at Malheur Memorial Hospital, Nyssa, were held Monday under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel with the Rev. Jim Monroe of the United Methodist Church, officiating at the services. Interment was in the Veteran's plot at the Nyssa Cemetery.

He was born March 20, 1893 in Nebraska. Mr. Sorby was a World War I veteran and a long-time resident of Nyssa. He has no known relatives.

### Robert O. Smith

Services for Robert O. Smith, 75, Route 3, Parma, who died Friday, November 12, 1976 of injuries suffered in a car accident, October 13, were conducted Tuesday at the Roswell Baptist Church by the Rev. Bob Obenchain, pastor. Interment was in Roswell Cemetery, under the direction of Dakan Chapel.

He was born December 19, 1900, in Ocheyden, Iowa. He moved with his family in a covered wagon to South Dakota to homestead. He attended the South Dakota School of Mines. He married Alice Tolson in 1929, in Hoyt, South Dakota. They moved to Oregon in 1937. He was a grocer in the Parma area for 25 years.

Survivors are his wife; a son, Robert A., Beaverton, Oregon; a daughter, JoAnne Brizee, Walnut Creek, Calif.; and a sister, Mrs. Edward Palmer, Seal Beach, Calif.

### United Methodist Church News

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

**Thursday, November 18** - Nancy White Circle at Vina Fox home, 2 p.m.

**Sunday, November 21** - Prayer Service, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Message "Happy Thanks Living," by the Rev. Monroe, 11 a.m. Celebration of Covenant Supper at the church for all church members and friends, 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 23** - Bible Study at the church, 5 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 24** - Devotion Service at the church, 10 a.m.

### Nazarene Church News

**Friday, November 19** - Pairs & Spares Sunday School Class meet at Manley Hall for "potluck" dinner and fellowship, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, November 21** - Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Children's Church, 11 a.m. Morning Worship with message by Pastor Russell and emphasis on Thanksgiving, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6:45 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour including Communion, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 23** - Ladies Bible Study at the home of Arlene Seward, 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 24** - Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Midweek service for Caravan children, Teens, Adults, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 25** - "Happy Thanksgiving to All"

### Missionary Baptist Church News

**Sunday, November 21** - Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Worship service, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 24** - Studies in Revelation.

**COMING EVENTS.**  
**Friday, November 19** - Singing, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, December 11** - Youth Rally, 10 a.m. Pastor, W. K. Frenslley

### Area Residents Attend Kesler Funeral Services

Several from this area attended the November 10 funeral services of Vibert Kesler in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kesler, Sr. and Sally. The Keslers were in Utah when Vibert Kesler passed away.

Also attending services were Mrs. Neil Peterson and Toni, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bunn, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kesler, Jr. all of Nyssa and Gary Goodfellow of Ontario. The above mentioned are nieces and nephews of Vibert Kesler. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Froerer and Mrs. Virginia Bybee of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Goodfellow of Payette also attended.



REV. E. B. MEEK is the pastor of the Bible Missionary Church, shown here with his wife Dorothy. The couple came here in April to serve the Nyssa church, located at 726 North 2nd Street, from Little Rock, Arkansas. He was formerly an Evangelist in the Bible Missionary Church, and has held meetings all over the United States.

Rev. Meek was born and raised in Sherman, Texas, as was his wife, and he graduated from God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has been in the ministry 20 years, and served as pastor at Bethany, Oklahoma for six years. The rest of his time has been spent as an evangelist. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, with service in the South Pacific.

The couple have four children, all grown, and there are eight grandchildren. A daughter, Melba, is the wife of Rev. G. Clair Sams, pastor in Ontario. Daughter Jane is the wife of Rev. Charles Dodd, pastor in Twin Falls. A son, Gary, is an accountant for Liberty National Bank in Oklahoma City; and another son, Samuel, is a computer technician for First National Bank in Oklahoma City.

### Joint Service Slated At St. Mathew's

This Sunday only, November 21, the congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will join with the other Episcopal churches in Malheur County for a joint service at St. Mathew's Church in Ontario, at 11 a.m. The occasion is the annual visitation of the Bishop of Eastern Oregon, the Rt. Rev. William B. Spofford, Jr., who will preach and preside at the service.



Wm. B. Spofford, Jr.

St. Paul's Bishop's Committee will hold their regular monthly meeting following the service, meeting with the Bishop for dinner at the Twilight Cafe.

### Thanksgiving Day Service Planned

A Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Ministerial Association, will be held at the United Methodist Church, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25.

The Rev. Alex Najar of the Latin Assembly of God Church will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service.

Music will be presented by The Latin Assembly of God Youth Choir, and by Alice Nishitani, of the United Methodist Church.

### FAITH LUTHERAN

**Thursday, November 18** - Confirmation instruction, 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible study at the parsonage, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, November 20** - Pairs and Spares adult fellowship at the home of Deward and Emma Benedict, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, November 21** - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Annual dinner meeting at Brownie's Cafe, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 24** - Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 25** - Nyssa Community Thanksgiving Service at the United Methodist Church, 11 a.m.

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