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TVCC Budget Board Proposes Lower Levy

No opposition was voiced to a proposed 1977-78 budget of \$2,242,636 for Treasure Valley Community College at the first budget hearing in Ontario.

The budget would require a \$2.52 tax rate to raise the \$819,236 that is contributed by the college district. The rate is 9 cents less than the \$2.61 approved by the voters

for the current year. The \$819,236 is an increase of \$45,766, or 5.9 percent, over this year.

The college has no tax base and must gain voter approval for a tax levy to finance the district's share of the operating budget.

Faculty salaries under the new budget would increase an average of 7.9 per cent; custodial salaries up 8.5 per cent; secretarial, 10.5 per cent, and supervisory and administrative salaries, 6 per cent. Fixed costs and fringe benefits would be increased \$40,000.

The budget was adopted as presented and turned over to the college board of education. The next public hearing will be January 31, with the election scheduled for March 8.

In his budget message, Ed Haynes, dean of instruction and acting clerk, said the primary objective of the staff and board in preparing the budget was to keep expenditures down without sacrificing quality.

"In order to accomplish that goal, cuts were made in personnel of the community education and student personnel divisions. In addition, two employees in the administration-supportive staff have been reduced from 12 months to 10-and 11-month employment. Also, part-time salaries have been reduced.

Town Crier

By Pat Savage

Those degrees below zero and the slick roads sure slowed things down around the area. Now that it is above zero it almost seems like a heat wave, well almost, at least you have to admit it's a little warmer. Don't know what the almanac is predicting, but sure hope it's green grass and daffodils before too long.

You townspeople now have a new mayor, George Coffman, and three new council members, Bill Morrison, Max Brittingham, Glade Chadwick and re-elected Marion Tracey. Lets plan on giving them all the support we can, and become more interested in city government. They represent all of us, and if we don't feel that they are doing their job, perhaps we as citizens are falling down on ours. We elected them, now it is up to us to see that they know what this town needs.

The turnout for the hospital budget was overwhelming. You voters kind of renewed my faith in the people around here. Anytime you get results of 947 yes votes and 278 no, despite the cold weather and slick roads, shows we weren't suffering from apathy on January 11, 1977. Keep yourselves stirred up because there are a lot of causes that will be needing your attention this coming year and besides the extra exertion will probably be good for your citizenship responsibilities.

Sure do think that all the able-bodied home owners or renters who don't shovel the snow from their sidewalks should have to keep that snow on those walks all year round. I realize that the mailmen deliver thru snow, sleet, etc., but to have to risk falling down steps and sidewalks that could be cleaned, is a bit much. I know that everyone isn't able to shovel snow and can't afford to have it done, this doesn't bother me a bit, but to those who are either lazy or uncaring of the many people who use these sidewalks, shame, shame, shame.

Potato Growers To Meet January 17

The Malheur County Potato Growers Association will hold their Annual Meeting at the Royal Cafe on January 17, 1977. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 12:45 in the banquet room and will start off with a business meeting and then at 1:30 a panel consisting of Chuck Stanger as moderator, Norm Hilbert from Stauffer Chemical, Al Scoggins from Chemagro Chemical Co., and Rovec Smith from Elanco Chemical Company, will discuss the latest development in potato weed research. Following this, at 2 o'clock Tom Cowens, who is a field representative for Uniroyal Chemical Company, makers of MH 30, will discuss with the group the proper use of MH 30 to produce top quality potatoes and prevent sprouting after the potatoes have gone into storage. Mr. Cowen has some good information on how the size and quality of potatoes can be improved in the Russet Burbank by proper timing of MH 30. The program will then continue with Jim Burr who will give a report on some of the demonstrations that he has conducted during



NEW MEMBERS OF THE NYSSA CITY Council took the oath of office Tuesday night, administered by City Attorney Steve Fonda. New councilmen are, from left, Max Brittingham, Bill Morrison, Glade Chadwick and Marion Tracy, who was re-elected for a second term.

C of C Banquet January 25

The Nyssa Chamber of Commerce installation banquet will be held Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Twilight Cafe.

Harold Pook, Nyssa Postmaster, will be installed as the new president. Ray Larson, district manager for the Nyssa-Nampa District of Amalgamated Sugar Company will be the main speaker. He will talk on the sugar economy and how it affects this area.



OUTGOING MAYOR Don Oldemeyer was given a plaque by new Mayor George Coffman in recognition of his service to the community.



OUTGOING COUNCILMEN Cecil Morrison and Pat Savage were presented Certificates of Service by Mayor Coffman as they turned over their Council seats to their successors.

37% City Residents Answer Survey

The results of a citywide survey, conducted in November as part of the citizen's committee for involvement project under the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission guidelines, show general apathy by young adults in the city.

City Manager Henry Schneider said, however, that the 37 percent return of 328 of the 883 survey questionnaires is a better track record than some other communities are getting.

The greatest majority of the returned questionnaires came from households where the head of the household is retired (32 percent), owns his home (81 percent) and has lived in the city more than 20 years (39 percent).

Most of the homes reflected by the questionnaire answers are single-family dwellings (87 percent) and 59 percent are north of Main Street.

Survey participants rated city services such as street maintenance, street lights, street cleaning, parking availability, water supply, sewage disposal, city parks and dog control as generally above average or average with a few responses indicating citizens were not pleased with the service and found room for improvement. The sidewalks and curbs were rated average by 34 percent but 66 percent found them to be below average and poor.

The fire department was rated above average by 64 percent and 35 percent found it to be average. Police traffic control was rated above average and

average by nearly 90 percent and police work in general was termed average and above by almost 93 percent. Some 92 percent of those returning the queries felt that commercial and industrial growth is desirable but 71 percent felt that prime agricultural land should be reserved for exclusive farm use.

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Effective July 1, 1977

Superintendent W.L. McPartland Submits Resignation To Board

Superintendent W. L. McPartland, who has been with the Nyssa Schools since 1943, submitted his resignation to the Nyssa School Board at the regular meeting Monday evening. The resignation will be effective July 1, 1977.

McPartland's entire teaching career has been in Malheur County. He taught in Adrian for five years, coming there after graduating from Eastern Oregon

College. He then taught in Nyssa in September, 1943 as Elementary-Junior High Principal. He became superintendent July 1, 1958, succeeding Richard V. Wilson.

McPartland, 62, told the board that after 40 years of teaching and administration he needs some time to enjoy some of the avocations and hobbies that he has developed. He said that he is submitting his resignation at this time to give the board plenty of time to screen applicants and hire a new superintendent before the start of the fiscal year next July. The board accepted his resignation with regret.

A complete text of McPartland's resignation letter follows:



Members of the Nyssa School Board:

This school year represents my 40th year in the teaching profession, thirty-four of them in Nyssa. I started my teaching career in Adrian in 1937. After spending five years there and one in Ontario, I came to Nyssa in 1943 as Elementary-Junior High Principal. This meant all the duties of principal plus a full-time teaching schedule of Math and P.E. with coaching and woodshop thrown in. This was hard work, but I enjoyed every minute of it because I liked working with young people very much.

These past nineteen years as Superintendent have been rewarding in other ways and have seen many changes and advances. The new buildings are nearing completion. These buildings will give Nyssa excellent facilities for many years. No building program can make a school. I feel that the staff of Nyssa teachers and administrators is very strong, with true concern for the educational needs of every child. My job has been made easier because of the support and cooperation of this staff.

I appreciate all of the School Boards with which I have worked. Most members have had the best interest of education for the children of Nyssa at heart. I particularly appreciate the sincerity and spirit of cooperation of the present Board.

I have enjoyed my teaching career of the past forty years very much, but now I feel that I need some time to enjoy some of the avocations and hobbies that I have developed. In looking ahead, I find that governmental regulations and filling out forms has made school administration a complete desk job without much contact with the educational process - the part that I enjoy most.

Therefore, I would like to submit my resignation effective July 1, 1977.

As I look back, I remain thankful that I chose Nyssa for my hometown and a place to raise a family. We plan to continue to make it our home for a long time to come.

W. L. McPartland

Rabies Clinic To Be Held

Malheur County Veterinarians will conduct the annual Rabies Clinic on January 13, 1977 at the following locations and times:

Nyssa-Treasure Valley Animal Hospital-Alberta Avenue, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Ontario-Ontario Veterinary Clinic, 1580 S.W. 4th and Malheur Veterinary Clinic, 110 S.E. 2nd., 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

The fee will be \$4.00 per animal. If dogs are six months of age or older, the vaccine will be good for three years. Dogs under 6 months of age when vaccinated, should have a booster in a year.

Cats need to be vaccinated every year regardless of age.

Hospital Levy Passes By Large Margin

Voters in the Malheur Memorial Hospital District gave an overwhelming vote in favor of the special, one-year levy of \$274,675 Tuesday. It also was the largest turnout of voters locally in many years, according to County Clerk Robert Morcom.

The final tally was 947 Yes votes to 278 opposed, for a

total of 1,225 votes cast. Unofficially, the breakdown in voting was as follows: Nyssa 825 Yes, 208 No. Adrian 122 Yes, 70 No.

The money from the levy will be used to update hospital facilities, pay a portion of the hospital's operating expenses, and help recruit new physicians for Nyssa.



THE NEW YEAR'S BABY was a little late in arriving, but finally came Tuesday, January 11, 1977, at 11:01 a.m., at Malheur Memorial Hospital.

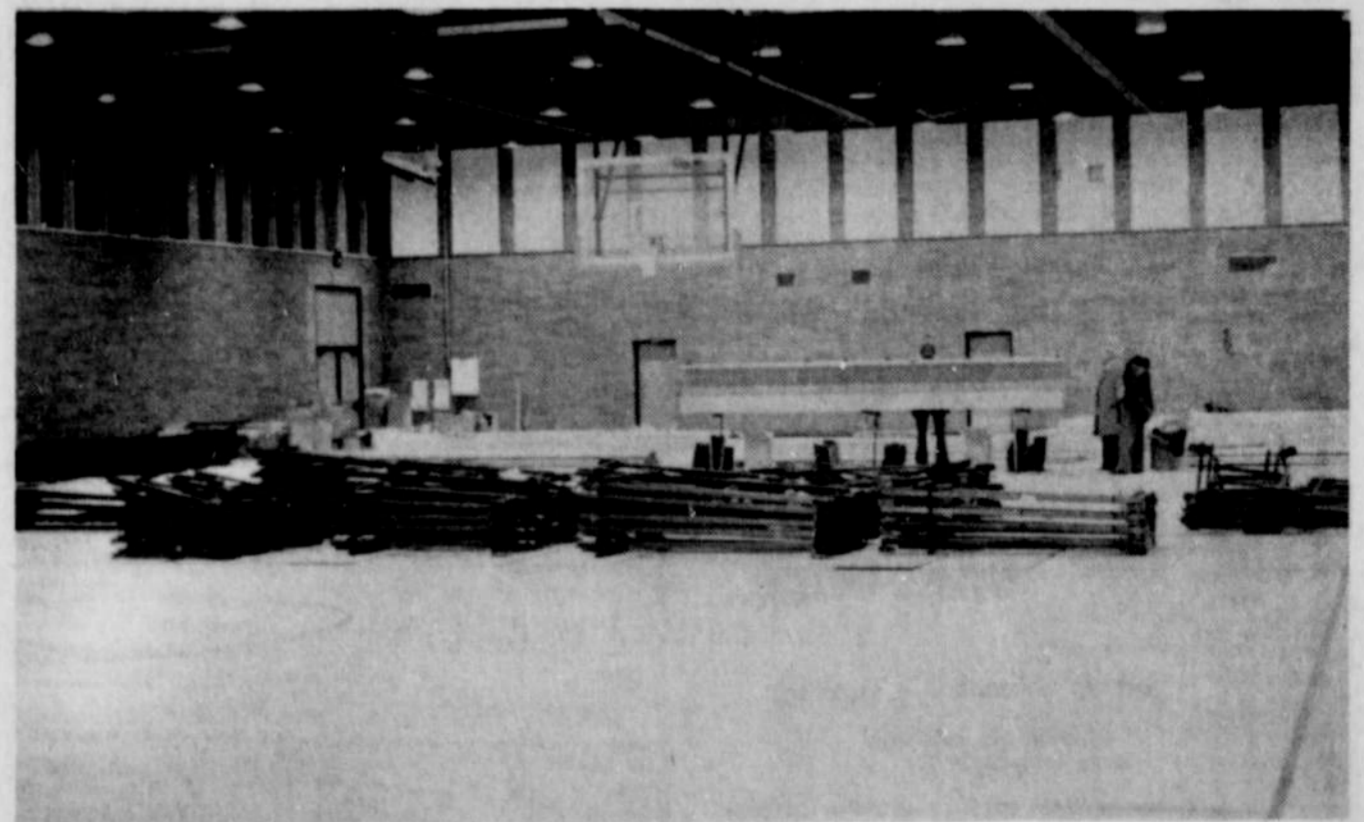
The little fellow was born to Mrs. Joni Scott of Ontario, and was named Joshua Andrew. He joins a sister Lisa, who is two years old. Dr. David W. Sarazin was the attending physician.

Mrs. Scott has been employed at the Presbyterian Nursing Home in Ontario until recently, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilder. She is a former student of Caldwell High School.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
Jan. 5	24	13
Jan. 6	14	-4
Jan. 7	13	-5
Jan. 8	9	-4
Jan. 9	8	-8
Jan. 10	13	-9
Jan. 11	20	-4
Jan. 12		9

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
1-10-77 474,770 Acre Feet
1-10-76 602,300 Acre Feet



NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL'S new gym is ready to go as soon as the bleachers, which are shown here spread out on the gym floor, have been installed.

The bleachers, which will seat about 2,200 spectators, will be fixed on the near end and sides, and movable at the end of the main court about where the installer is working. This will allow for the third practice court across the far end.

The bleachers were to be installed starting January 3rd, and the installing team of a father and two sons from Los

Angeles arrived here to do the job. The father died suddenly of a heart attack, and a new crew is now here to replace the original crew, hence the delay.

School authorities have been assured by the contractor that the gym will be ready for use by January 28, and opening ceremonies are being planned for the basketball game with Crook County on that night, followed by the Madras game on January 29.