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Safety Net for Schools

On May 17, Oregon voters will go to the polls and vote on Measure #1.

There has been much discussion and a great deal of confusion as to exactly what Measure #1 (better known as the 6% safety net for schools) does or does not do.

In fairly simple language, Ballot Measure #1 is a proposed constitutional amendment which prevents school closures and allows citizens two elections per year to pass a school district operating levy unless voters petition the school board for additional elections. If the proposed levy fails twice, the local school board may use the previous year's levy, plus no more than six percent, to keep schools open on at least a minimum level. In no case could a local school board adopt a levy which is more than the amount voted down by local voters.

What about Taxes? The bill, if passed, will not change existing law relating to tax bases. It can, however, put a lid on property tax increases in that in recent years Oregon citizens have voted operating levy increases at an annual average rate of 11.5%. Measure #1 assures property taxpayers that the total school operating levy cannot be increased more than 6% above last year's operating levy unless local voters elect to do so.

There has been concern that passage of Measure #1 means less local control of the schools. This appears to be an unfounded theory due to the fact that the voter still has the final say. What Measure #1 really does and is so intended is to prevent the closing of schools.

The way in which the operating levy is now acted upon is one faction against the other, and in some cases closing down the school while the levy is brought to the voter in some extreme cases as many as eight times. In that situation the kids were the ones who suffered and they didn't even have a vote.

Legal Secretaries Elect Officers

The Malheur County Legal Secretaries Association held a potluck dinner at the home of Cherry Stienke in Vale in connection with their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 28. Seventeen members and guests attended, including special guests, Betty McKinney, Velma Foster and Connie Mulvaney, of Salem, Oregon, who were there as representatives of the Oregon Association of Legal Secretaries.

An election of officers was held in which the following incumbents were re-elected to serve a second term: Wilma Fleming, Vale, President; Marcia Guerricogotta Harper, Vice President; Mary Kay Ingram, Ontario, Secretary; Maxine Seaward, Vale, OREALS Director. Geri Peterson, Nyssa was elected to serve as NALS Representative.

The officers will be installed in special ceremonies at the May meeting at a time and place to be announced.

A delegation of members from Malheur County will be attending the annual meeting of the Oregon Association of Legal Secretaries in Roseburg, May 20-22.

Leukemia. It's no longer a death sentence.

When you were young, no form of cancer terrified your parents more than leukemia did.

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What is Nyssa?



Wilson Brothers Store



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Main Street of Nyssa, 1952



Old Snake River Bridge, 1953



Amalgamated Sugar Factory

"What is Nyssa?"

For those who look at the modern town of over 2,700 people today, surrounded by fields of onions, sugar beets and potatoes, with the stack of the sugar beet plant marking the horizon, early-day Nyssa where sand, flies and sage brush held sway seems a long way off.

But area residents can get a view of Nyssa's past and its growth in a special pageant, "What is Nyssa", set for 8

p.m. the evenings of May 5, 6 and 7, as the dedication for the school's new auditorium. The 584-seat auditorium is the last building to be completed in the massive building program the community undertook following the fire three years ago (almost to the month) which destroyed about 60 percent of the existing school facilities.

Where Nyssa got its name, the highlights of its growth—from the early opera house to

the building of Owyhee Dam to the opening of the sugar plant—will all be there. The contributions of different cultures is noted as well, with both Japanese and Mexican dances to be performed.

Tickets are free of charge and may be obtained by calling the school, 372-2275. Reservations are needed as tickets will be given for each night's performance individually.

CHURCH SERVICES

Adrian Presbyterian Community Church

Sunday, May 8 - Church services, Mothers Day! 9:30 a.m.

Special coffee hour following services to honor the mothers.

Sunday School classes, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 9 - Combined Worship Committee Meeting at the office of Craig Zaiss in Parma, 5 p.m.

Monday night Bible study at the Roswell manse, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10 - Christian Education meeting at the home of Bill and Renee Brewer, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11 - Choir practice 7 p.m. Session meets at the home of Carl L. Hill, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 12 - Women's Association meets at the home of Helen Bishop, 2 p.m.

United Methodist Church News

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

Thursday, May 5 - Women's Society Salad Luncheon in Fruitland, 12 noon.

Sunday, May 8 - Prayer Service at the church, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship - Mother's Day Sermon, "Christ Shall Overcome," by Rev. Monroe, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 10 - Study on "Death Where Is Thy Sting?", 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 - Devotions in the church parlor, 10 a.m.

Sunday, May 15 - World Awareness Time.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, May 5 - Confirmation instruction at the Church 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 7 - Annual Mother-Daughter potluck luncheon at the church 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 8 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service with Mother's Day Sermon 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 10 - Adult Bible Study on the Book of Ephesians at Grace Lutheran Church, Vale, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11 - Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Instruction, 6:30 p.m.

Evangelism Training Session, 8 p.m.

Everyone is always welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Rev. Walter A. Schmidt, Pastor

Park Avenue Baptist Church

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

Sunday, May 8 - Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m. Worship service in the sanctuary with message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, May 10 - Youth meeting in the church basement, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11 - Business meeting at the Paul Penrod home, 617 North 2nd Street, 7 p.m.

Christian Church News

Saturday, May 7 - Youth Prayer Meeting, 10 p.m. Sunday, May 8 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m. Evening services, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 9 - Women's Workday, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 11 - Choir Practice, 7 p.m. Youth Group, 8 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer, 8 p.m.

Sixteen members of The Pairs and Spares class of the Christian Church enjoyed a fun night last Wednesday, hosted by the Loyalty Class. Their tables were set with miscellaneous dishes. They were served chili soup and clam chowder and tossed green salad. A special birthday cake, with miracle candles, was made with Albert Hendricks the recipient. Ice cream was also served.

OBITUARIES

Lavonia Fenske

Services for Lavonia Louse Fenske, 87, Payette, who died Sunday, May 1, 1977 at Malheur Memorial Hospital were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Payette First Christian Church by Pastor Bill Putnam. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery with ritualistic rites by Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Payette, under the direction of Payette Shaffer-Jensen Chapel.

She was born July 22, 1889, at Springdale, Arkansas. She moved with her parents to Oklahoma and married August Chris Fenske, March 23, 1910, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. They moved to Emmett in 1911 and to Payette in 1914. She and her husband operated the Payette Auction Exchange for many years. Mr. Fenske died in April 1970.

She was a member and past noble grand of Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Payette, had been awarded the Degree of Chivalry, was a member and past president of the Portia Club, Payette, of the LAPM No. 16, Weiser, member of the Payette Senior Citizens Club and the Payette First Christian Church.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews, including Curtis Walters and Mrs. Juanita Wilson, both Payette. Mrs. Loris Lords, Nyssa, Mrs. Francis Doyle, Florida, and Mrs. Verda Block, California. She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Memorials may be made to the Payette First Christian Church, to the Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Payette, and to the Payette Senior Citizens Club.



Corrie Ten Boom Features New Film



Corrie Ten Boom

"Corrie: Behind the Scenes with The Hiding Place," a new full-length color release from World Wide Pictures, will be shown at the Owyhee Community Church on Owyhee Avenue on Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day. A single showing is scheduled at begin at 8 p.m.

The Hiding Place, a true story filmed in Holland and other European locations, is based on the experiences of Corrie ten Boom, who, with her father, sister, and brother, provided refuge for countless Jewish families. A secret room was constructed in their home as a hiding place for use during Gestapo raids. The ten Boom's activities were discovered, and they were sent to prisons and concentration camps. According to Kenneth Bliss director of Distribution for World Wide Pictures, Corrie offers a great lesson in the perseverance of a personal faith in a very dark and trying period of world history. Corrie ten Boom, now in her eighties, has a tremendous vitality, a deep spiritual commitment, and a profound love for her fellow man. We believe we have succeeded in transmitting a part of her zest, personality, and source of strength through this film.

The Reverend Fred W. Moxom, pastor of the Owyhee Community Church, stresses that the showing of Corrie is open to the public free of charge. "We encourage families to plan to attend together, for what we believe will be a memorable experience," he concluded.

Southern Baptist Church

The W.M.U. met at the home of Mrs. Lonnie Ward on Monday evening in Ontario. A good business meeting was followed by a time of fellowship. The W.M.U. presented Wanda Kilby with a waffle iron as a going-away present. The Kilbys will be leaving for South Carolina on May 16.

There will be a potluck dinner following the worship services on May 15. This will be a farewell gathering in honor of the Kilbys. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Brotherhood of the Church met on Friday, May 6 at the Bill Williamson home in Payette.

All the ladies of the church are reminded of the tasting panel at Ore-Ida on Tuesday, May 10 at 9:45 a.m. Plan to attend if possible.

Nazarene Church News

Sunday, May 8 - Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship with message by Pastor Russell, 11 a.m.

Children's Church, 11 a.m. Choir practice, 6:45 p.m. Evening service will be devoted to annual reports and elections, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10 - Concluding lesson on the Study of Genesis. This session will close with a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Dwight Seward 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 11 - Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

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

"Jesus is also a very present help in preventing trouble."

Letters to the Editor

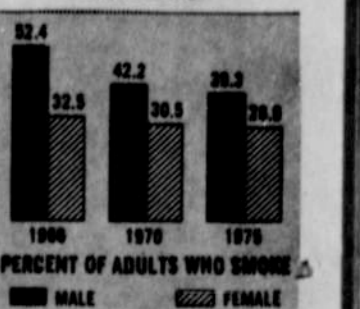
Editor, The Journal:

I, personally, agree with Mrs. Barbara Ulrey, that something different should be done for the Walk-a-thon next year. When my daughter was in the 8th grade, she walked, as did many others, just for the privilege of earning money for those kids born with birth defects-not for prizes. The only thing that they received was a certificate of membership to the Battered-boot Club. They were just as proud of that piece of paper than if they had won any prizes, let alone a free pizza party and movie. I think if they eliminated the prizes, but gave newspaper recognition to those, such as the youngest and oldest walker, first one back, etc.; and the membership certificate, that should be sufficient. Perhaps that would eliminate the cheating and destruction that has been caused in the past. Perhaps, without prizes being offered, this would eliminate those that were responsible for these actions. I think having supervised walking groups would also be a definite plus.

I think Barbara Ulrey did a terrific job this year, considering all the complaints from farmers, parents and walkers. I feel she deserves a very big "Well Done" from every person in Nyssa and Adrian areas. I think everybody should be especially grateful for the time and effort that Barbara Ulrey and Elvy Madrid put forth in making this year's Walk-a-thon a big success. My hat is off to them both!

Sincerely,
Ruth L. Larsson
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Nyssa, Oregon 97913.

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