

December in April



A PHONE CALL early Thursday morning, April 20, summoned a Journal photographer to the Idaho Canning company grounds where this lovely winter scene had appeared, just past the middle of April. Mother nature had taken the water from a sprinkler, left on all night, and turned it into glistening icicles. In the early morning hours the temperature had dropped to 23 degrees from a high of 56 on the previous day. That same day the thermometer again climbed to 60 degrees. Considerable damage to area fruit crops was reported, but other crops in the vicinity suffered little damage during the low temperature period.

Rufus Allen Houston Succumbs in Ontario

Funeral services for Rufus Allen Houston will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Bertelson-Lienkaemper chapel in Ontario with the Rev. Howard Larsen officiating.

Mr. Houston was born July 6, 1880, in Berryville, Ark., a son of John and Delphia Hall Houston. He attended school in that city and was married there in 1902 to Norah Alice Smith. They left Berryville in 1916 when they moved to Rocky Ford, Colo., and went to Ontario from that state in 1930.

Mr. Houston was an active member of the Christian church in Ontario. He had worked 13 years for the Bureau of Reclamation prior to his retirement approximately 10 years ago. He succumbed Monday, April 24, 1961, in Presbyterian nursing home following a lingering illness.

In addition to his widow of the home, Mr. Houston is survived by four sons, Dall of Nyssa, Carl of Oroville, Nev., Herman of Denver and Dale of Salyer, Calif.; five daughters, Mrs. Eula Coleman of Wecoma Beach, Ore., Mrs. Clara Rasmussen of Ft. Lupton, Colo., Mrs. Lloyd Sams of Payette, Mrs. Helen Davis of The Dalles and Mrs. Georgia Mullins of Nyssa.

Other survivors include a brother, Daniel of Greeley, Colo., 29

Child Support From Parents Being Planned

By John C. Kerns, Administrator

On April 10, Norman Legernes, assistant attorney general for the state of Oregon, was in Malheur county to meet with the county court, the district attorney and welfare administrator to discuss plans for the collection of child support payments from absent parents whose children are receiving welfare.

Sixteen cases involving the absence of one or both parents were referred to Legernes at an earlier meeting and of those cases three have made voluntary support payments, one family has gone off welfare, one case is to be heard in district court and five reciprocal support actions have been initiated.

A total of 486 cases received financial assistance through the welfare agency in March from the following six categories of public assistance:

Old age assistance, 222; aid to dependent children, 79; foster home care, 18; aid to disabled, 55;

grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Two sons, Harvey and Jule, preceded him in death.

Interment will be made in Evergreen cemetery in Ontario.

Drivers Alerted For Child Safety

"Be especially watchful for youngsters at play when driving this time of year," warns Nyssa Chief of Police Bob Love.

Love points out that more children 1 to 14 years of age succumb to traffic death than any one disease. Overcoming the problem is a three pronged responsibility involving drivers, children and parents.

The chief asks motorists to slow down whenever passing youngsters at play—even if the children seem to be aware of the cars. And, he reminds motorists to keep careful check for school zone 20 miles-per-hour signs.

Parents and children, he says, owe it to motorists and to each other to see that bicycle and walking rules are known and practiced.

Bicycles should be operated under the same traffic rules as automobiles, Love points out. This would include riding with the flow of traffic and giving the same hand signals as auto drivers.

Love is particularly concerned about bicyclists who ride at night with no lights or reflectors and who dart out into the path of oncoming traffic from off street areas and alleys.

"The kids are our future; help teach and protect them," he said.

Proposed School Taxes Compared With Other Years

(Editor's Note: The information below was submitted by Supt. of Schools W. L. McPartland.)

Total actual tax bill for School District 26 has changed very little in an 8-year period.

In 1953-54 the taxes levied amounted to \$253,635. The school millage levied was 52.2.

The high year of levy was 1956-57 when \$295,564 was assessed. This represented a 60.7 millage levy.

This present year \$284,463 was the total tax levy. The millage for school purposes was 47.7.

The actual school taxes paid in district 26 have changed very little. School costs have gone up but most of the increases have been picked up by tax offset from the basic school fund and distribution of the rural school levy.

The Nyssa school levy amounted to 28.4 mills and the rural levy was 19.3, making a total of 47.7 mills. Nyssa school taxes last year amounted to 56 percent of the total tax for the rural areas and 51.1 percent of the city taxes go for schools.

Last year's levy of \$42,500 above the 6 percent limitation actually cost the Nyssa taxpayers \$15,403, or an increase of only 1.3 mills. This is a cost of \$215.50 per pupil in actual dollars levied against property in the district.

Nampa Gymnasium Scene of Rock Show Saturday, Sunday

Local residents are preparing several cases for display at the Nampa rock show to be held Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, at Nampa Lincoln school gym at 212 Canyon street. The show is being staged by members of Owyhee Gem and Mineral society.

Members are working hard to have an outstanding exhibit and welcome all area exhibitors. They are hoping for a large crowd to see the show. Refreshments will be served in the building.

aid to blind, 1; general assistance, 111.

The caseload is expected to remain relatively stable with the exception of the 111 general assistance cases. These cases are comprised largely of unemployed seasonal workers and, as warmer weather permits farming and construction to resume, most of these will find employment and leave the welfare rolls.



OREGON WAGON TRAIN RIDER Dave Gastman, Cottage Grove, is shown astride his horse "Comanche" while visiting at the Lamont Fife home. He was on his way to Kansas to portray the role of General Custer in the Santa Fe trail caravan. In the foreground are some of the eight Douglas fir trees to be presented to the governors of the states he will cross.

Wagon Train Rider Visits Here Sunday

Dave Gastman, wrangler on the Oregon Trail Wagon Train, through Nyssa two years ago, was back in town Sunday afternoon and spent the night as guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Fife.

He will be remembered by many as the short, stocky, buckskin-clad man with the long flowing hair, small goatee and a young looking face.

Kansas is having its centennial this year and also celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Civil war and the 140th anniversary of the famous Santa Fe trail. They plan what they call the greatest caravan of the west.

Dave has been invited to portray the part of General Custer and ride his big horse, Comanche, in the caravan on its 800-mile trek from Shawnee Mission, Kan., to Santa Fe, N.M. They will have many other famous characters as Calamity Jane, Buffalo Bill, John Brown and Quantrell's Raiders, Wild Bill Hickok, Kit Carson and Daniel Boone.

Gastman, traveling by pickup and pulling his horse trailer, had eight Douglas firs from the state of Oregon to be presented to the governors of the states he would cross.

He expects to be gone about six weeks and then he says he will devote full time to his dream—an Oregon Trail guest ranch on the Columbia river in The Dalles area. He wishes to make it a liv-

Bergam Only Winner At Tuesday Drawing

H. E. Bergam, 626 North Second street, was winner of the \$10 award at Nyssa Bank Days Tuesday. Other names drawn were Daniel Lopez, 306 North Seventh street, \$50 jackpot prize, and Louis Pratt, route 1, Nyssa, third prize of \$5.

Jackpot award will advance to \$100 next week.

HEALTH TOPIC DISCUSSED BY PEP-UP-AND-GO GROUP

Pep-Up-and-Go 4-H health club met each day April 17 through 21 in Mrs. Helen Obendorf's fifth grade room. The group discussed topics concerning health. Among them were how good and poor health affect lives, why a good breakfast should be eaten, posture and health, daily health habits and what should be known about the human body.

—Anna Anderson, Reporter

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Budget Committee Approves Increase

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Miscellaneous items included in the budget figures were \$3200 for weed control, \$7000 for a county watermaster, \$6530 for destruction of predatory animals and \$10,000 for the annual county fair.

Welfare Total Down

The amount approved for welfare was approximately \$4000 less than for the previous year. Most of the decrease was in aid for dependent children, old age assistance and foster home care. The total for welfare is \$63,492.

The budget board is made up of Ellis White, county judge; Jacob Fischer and Earl Flock, county commissioners; Steve Cox, Ontario; Russell Gressley, Nyssa; and Denny Jones, Juntura.

Judge White said public hearing date on the budget would be announced soon and would probably be in May.

A high school chemistry teacher, finding the students noisy when he entered the classroom, slapped his open hand down on his desk and ordered: "I demand pandemonium." The class quieted down immediately.

"It isn't what you ask for," the teacher commented later, "it's how you ask it."

T. Wheeler Named New Commander Of Legion Post 79

Theron Wheeler was elected commander of American Legion post 79 when members met last Thursday evening at community hall.

Other new officers chosen were Fred Bennett, first vice commander; Leon Roberts, second vice commander; Martin Greig, adjutant; Don Graham, service officer; the Rev. W. S. Lowrance, chaplain; Ralph Lowe, sergeant-at-arms; Bennett and Clarence Pounds are building committee members. Jack Anderson and Ham Chadderton were chosen members of the executive committee.

Larry Roberts, Junior Legion baseball coach, was present and made a report.

Conducts Cancer Research

The only methods of curing cancer today are radiation or surgery, or a combination of both. In the treatment of certain types of cancer, however, hormones, drugs and some radioactive substances have proved valuable. To step up the research on cancer, support the American Cancer society's crusade.

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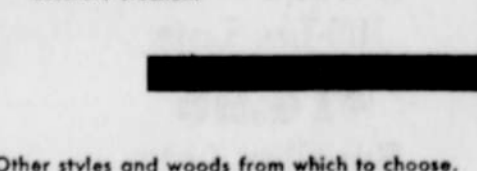
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