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Awards Given at Annual Class Night; Senior Scholarship Recipients Listed

Frank Walker, student body president, gave the welcoming address at annual class night award assembly held May 23 at Nyssa high school. Mrs. Lester Cleaver, PTA president, was presented a special award by Bonnie Staples, Tupelo editor. Installation of student body officers for 1961-62 and yell leaders was conducted by Dale Overstake.

4-H, FFA Groups Spring Dairy Show Slated Saturday

Exhibits for the annual 4-H, FFA junior spring dairy show to be held Saturday, June 3, must be registered at the county fair grounds by 9 o'clock that morning, it has been announced by E. M. Hauser, county extension agent.

Activities will begin at 9:25 when Queen Diane Bowers and her princesses, Carolyn Forthman and Effie Laan, will be crowned.

FFA livestock judging will begin at 9:30, followed by noon luncheon served on the grounds by ladies of Boulevard Grange. 4-H class livestock judging will get under way at 12:30. Official judge will be Roy Kleiver of the dairy department at Oregon State university and judging will take place in the show arena on the fair grounds.

Committee members for the annual show include Carl Devin, Mrs. A. C. Bosch, Mrs. James Philfer, Mrs. Jack Taylor, Charles Miles, Mrs. Ted Bowers and Hauser.

County Coroner George Beechler Resigns July 1

County Coroner George C. Beechler, Ontario, has tendered his resignation effective July 1, according to announcement made Monday by County Judge Ellis White.

Beechler, who has served as coroner for the larger part of three consecutive terms, sold his funeral home at Ontario and Vale to Lienkaemper and Bertelson several weeks ago. At that time he announced that he had no intention of resigning as coroner. But he has now purchased a funeral home business in Prineville, Ore., and will move there soon.

Under existing state legislation he will be replaced by a medical doctor and the position will come under the jurisdiction of the county health department. The office will no longer be elective.

Dr. E. J. Wainwright, county health officer, says that he will possibly appoint two or three doctors as his deputy coroners.

FREE SEWER BOOKLETS AT CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

City Manager Art Colby has asked the Journal to announce that free booklets are available at the city clerk's office that will be of valuable assistance to people who contemplate hooking into the city sewer system.

It is called "Home Owners Guide to Better Sewer Service" and is composed of 50 questions and answers.

Miss Leila Alampay of Philippines Named Exchange Student for 1961-62

Leila Cortes Alampay of the Philippines will be Nyssa's foreign exchange student during the coming school session, it was announced this week by Gene Stunz, chairman of the local AFS committee.

Miss Alampay will arrive Aug. 16 at San Francisco aboard Flying Tigers charter flight B from Manila. Upon arrival in Nyssa, she will reside in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul House and family at 605 Ennis avenue.

The exchange student resides in Manila, is 16 years old, measures 5 feet, 1 inch and weighs 85 pounds. She has two brothers and one sister and is a daughter of Maura L. Cortes. Her father is deceased.

Interested in Many Activities

She is especially interested in English and history. Her extracurricular activities include basketball, badminton, sewing, drawing, painting and folk dancing.

According to Stunz, Nyssa high school seniors of the class of 1962 have raised \$510 to date, through various activities. This leaves a balance of \$140 still to be obtained as the local AFS chapter's share of expense funds needed to bring the student to Nyssa.

Contributions may be left with Gene Chester, NHS principal at the high school office or at the Bob Thompson agency, 104 Main street.

Frank Walker received the Calvin Wilson Memorial trophy. Ed Mason, a member of Nyssa volunteer fire department made the presentation to Walker as outstanding senior athlete. Also considered in making this award were the athlete's abilities in leadership, citizenship and academic record. Walker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Walker.

Presentation of American Legion citizenship awards were made to Karen Ellis and Jim Jamieson by Bill Wilt, a member of Nyssa Legion post 79.

Don Arai, student body president-elect, accepted on behalf of the student body a picture of the first Nyssa high school graduating class of 1911. The picture was presented by Ralph Lawrence, present school board member.

Exchange Student Recognized

An appreciation award went to Lena Kalaya, foreign exchange student, given to her by Harlan Sager, representative of the local chapter of American Field service. Miss Kalaya in turn presented NHS student body with an appreciation gift.

Many other awards and instructors by whom they were presented were Girls' league, Mrs. Bonita Witty; FHA, Mrs. Virginia Steffens; Tupelo and typing, Miss Margery Nihart; football and baseball, Bob Morford; mathematics, Dale Overstake; pep cup and Frosh-Soph Olympic cup, Ida Yoneyama.

GAA, tennis, cheerleader and songleader, Miss Arlene Frahm; basketball, Harry McGinley; library, Harriet Brumbach; band, pep band, dance band and majorette, Bob Q. Smith; track, Kinsey Kevenen; wrestling, Mel Calhoun; FFA, Carl Devin; student council and scholarship, Gene L. Chester. Scholarships Awarded.

Eleven NHS graduates qualified for scholarships to various colleges and universities in the Northwest. The students qualified in fields ranging from music to agriculture and football.

Tanya Burningham has received a tuition scholarship from Brigham Young university. The (Continued on Page 5)

Bowling Alley Plans Nearing Completion

Bob Allen told a Journal reporter Wednesday that his bowling alley plans were nearing completion. He said that some of the contracts had already been let and that the others should be completed within the next 10 days.

Negotiations have been completed with Idaho Power for removal of light poles and installation of new poles and transformers to serve the new business.

Allen said actual construction should begin about June 15 and the building completed within approximately 60 days.

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Auto Deaths Set New Memorial Weekend Record

Associated Press reports early Wednesday morning indicated that traffic deaths over the Memorial day weekend would set another record high. At that time 443 had died in traffic mishaps, 36 in boating accidents, 64 drowned and 115 in miscellaneous accidents for a total of 658.

The previous high for a four-day Memorial weekend was set in 1957 when 413 died in car crashes. The new record is surpassed only by the July 4, 1950, weekend when 491 perished from traffic causes.

Howard Pyle, president of the National Safety council, said, "Never have our automobiles and roads provided greater safety. It is unexcusable that such a death and injury toll as we are now recording should go unchecked."

New Nyssa Railroad Terminal Announced At Chamber Meeting

No official business was transacted at the Wednesday noon meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce. Senator Anthony Yturri who was to address the group was unable to attend due to funeral services for Oregon State Senator Robert F. White at Salem.

Leonard Hewett, chamber vice president, offered a suggestion that the community take a look at any products made here to see if there were a possibility of using them for some other purpose or adding some additional product with existing facilities. He said since there was little manufacturing business here the same thing could apply to agricultural products.

Earl Barton, associated with Lyle Barton and Son, excavators, was welcomed as a new member.

Tom Jones, local station agent for Union Pacific railroad, announced his company was definitely planning to build a terminal in Nyssa to serve the eastern Oregon branch of the railroad from here to Burns. He told a Journal reporter that he hoped to have more details available early next week.

Local Junior High Commencement Rites Held at Cafetorium

Graduation exercises were held May 26 at 2:15 p.m. in the school cafetorium for 126 members of Nyssa eighth grade class.

Processional and recessional music was provided by Mrs. Joan Weymouth at the organ. Invocation was given by Charles Anderson, eighth grade student. The Rev. John Briel of Faith Lutheran church delivered the address to the class.

Mrs. Harriet Brumbach presented reading awards and science awards were given by Mrs. Mildred Renstrom.

James Nally was recipient of a gift presented by Kenneth Cottle.

Muri Lancaster, junior high school principal, presented diplomas to members of the graduating class.

WEATHER ...

Date	Max.	Min.
May 24	84	51
May 25	92	51
May 26	83	61
May 27	70	48
May 28	84	50
May 29	80	56
May 30	69	52
May 31	—	50

17 precipitation was recorded on May 29.

Owyhee Lake Storage	
May 31, 1961	282,890 Acre Ft.
May 31, 1960	475,190 Acre Ft.

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Nyssa's First Graduates



WALTER McPARTLAND, superintendent of Nyssa schools, and Ralph G. Lawrence, member of the present school board, display a picture of the first (1911) graduating class of Nyssa high school. Graduates were (left to right) Kendrick Blodgett, deceased; Florence McDonald Belnap, Lewiston, Idaho; Eva Boydell, Nyssa; and Bruce Duncan, deceased. The photo was found by Mrs. Ralph Lawrence as she was going through some old records in the Nyssa Insurance Agency office. The business at 105 Main street was formerly owned by Miss Boydell's father, Josiah Boydell and was operated as Nyssa Realty company. It was later sold to Don M. Graham, who in turn sold the business to his son-in-law and daughter, the Lawrences. After discovery of the photo by Mrs. Lawrence, it was identified by Audrey Ward, who recognized it as the graduating class of 50 years ago. The picture was presented by Lawrence to the school at annual award night held May 23. It was accepted by Don Arai, student body president-elect. In a conversation with Miss Boydell, it was learned that Mrs. Belnap was valedictorian and she was salutatorian of the class. At that time Nyssa schools had extra-curricular activities including girls' glee club, girls' basketball team, boys' basketball and football teams. Latin was taught in the local school at that time. A three-story building housed the entire grade and high schools with classrooms on the first two floors and the upper story used for science classes. A building was later moved to the school grounds from the north side of Alberta avenue, just east of the hospital and was used for primary classes. The old three-story structure was destroyed by fire in 1934 when a new building was erected and with later additions is now the present grade school building. —Staff Photo.

Legion, Auxiliary, Engineers Hold Memorial Rites

Approximately 250 Nyssa cemetery visitors were in attendance for an impressive ceremony conducted Tuesday noon by members of American Legion and auxiliary post 79 and 321st Engineers platoon.

Honorary color guard comprised Mrs. Joe Maughn and Mrs. Theron Wheeler. Other Legion and auxiliary members making up the color guard were Art Colby, Martin Greig, Commander Theron Wheeler, C. M. Pounds, Mrs. Fred Bennett and Mrs. Leon Roberts, Sr.

Principal speaker was Judge Don M. Graham who talked on the theme, "What Can I Do for America, Not What Can America Do for Me?" His complete address is carried elsewhere in this issue of the Journal.

A brief talk was also given by Chaplain W. S. Lowrance. The Gettysburg address was recited by Paul Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson. Closing prayer was given by Fred Bennett, past department commander, with taps played by Jim Jamieson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jamieson.

A wreath was placed on the Veterans' memorial by Mrs. Don M. Graham, followed by a three-volley salute by a firing squad comprising Sgt. Max Young, Sp/4 Jack Mordhorst, Sp/4 Duane Drydale, Sp/4 Carlyle Jensen, Pfc. Clarence Hart, Pfc. Pete Maine and Pvt. Ronald Sherbert of the 321st Engineers platoon.

Flags and poppy sprays were placed on all veterans' graves prior to the service by Legionnaires and auxiliary members. Public address system was furnished for the ceremony by Carl Roth.

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Estimated 1000 Visit Mobile X-Ray Unit During Two-Day Stay

An estimated 1000 chest x-rays were taken by local residents during the recent two-day downtown visit of the mobile unit, it has been announced by Mrs. Clifford Fox, chairman, and Mrs. W. D. Holcomb, co-chairman, in charge.

The ladies have asked the Journal to express their appreciation to those who assisted during the May 16-17 visitation of the unit in Nyssa.

Those who donated their time and assisted with registrations are Mmes. Murle Marcum, J. L. Church, George Cleaver, Harry Miner, Clyde Bohannon, Dale Bingham, Gilbert Holmes, Bob Thompson, Maurice Corey, Vic Marshall, Bob Adams, Warren Richardson, Leon Roberts, Sr., Delbert Hooper and Jesse Elgan.

Reports of x-ray results have already been received by most participants in the Nyssa area.

Adrian High School Honor Students Told

Names of honor students at Adrian high school were released to the Journal this week by Superintendent Glenn Ward. Cited for attaining a grade point average of a 2 or better in all subjects for the second semester was Larry Mackey, senior student.

Junior class members named were Gary Thompson, Wayne Sparks, Anne Newman, Marvin Haney, Barbara Brewer and Linda Bishop; sophomores, Marlene Slippy, Michael Pratt, David Looney, Judy Mackey, Karla Krieh, Kiyoharu Hori and Donna Davis. Freshmen, Donna Taylor, Terry Tallman, Lenna Rithaler, Effie Laan, Kenneth Hopkins and Pauline Butler.

History of Nyssa's City Government, Powers and Duties of City Manager And Planning Commission Discussed

This is the second article carried by the Journal in an effort to acquaint the people of Nyssa with their form of city government as provided by charter adopted in 1945. The first one (last week) named the city council, department heads by name and their salaries.

Ordinance No. 225, creating a City Planning commission, was adopted April 9, 1937.

(nine years prior to the adoption of city charter now in use) and was signed by Mayor Don M. Graham and Recorder A. R. Millar.

It provided for membership composed of mayor, city attorney, city engineer (now city manager) and seven other members to be appointed by the mayor, not more than two of whom lived outside the city limits.

At the first meeting lots were drawn for term of office and at expiration of terms replacements were to be appointed for four-year terms by the mayor.

Members Serve Without Pay

Present members of the planning commission are Bernard Eastman, chairman, Gene Stunz, Ray Larson (outside city member), John Briel, Dale Bingham, Albert Heldt and Rex Voeller. All serve without pay.

The planning commission is required to meet at least once each month and five members constitute a quorum. They appoint a secretary to keep records of all their meetings (city manager now does this) and make a report of all their transactions and file same with city council on first day of October each year.

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Social Security Manager Reveals County Payments

Monthly social security insurance benefits are now being paid to 1,176 persons in Malheur county, with total dollar value of a little over \$108,365 per month, according to Vernon A. Welo, manager of the La Grande district office.

The number of beneficiaries, by groups, and amounts paid are as follows: retired workers, 1,074, \$76,101; disabled workers, 25, \$2,192; mate of retired or disabled worker, 329, \$11,845; widow or widower, 92, \$5,113; mother with child, 33, \$1,965; children of retired, deceased or disabled worker, 223, \$11,149.

Total drawing benefits in the county are up about 5 percent from one year ago.

Total amount paid in the state of Oregon for the current period is \$11,199,562, received by 171,244 persons.

Nationally, more than 15 million persons are receiving a billion dollars a month in federal social security benefits. Payments to retired workers without dependents average \$70 per month; to a retired couple without dependents, with both receiving benefits, average \$124 and the average for a widow past age 62 is \$58 per month.

Report Given on County Welfare Work Relief Program; Halted for Summer

At its regular monthly meeting May 17, Malheur County Public Welfare commission voted to terminate the Welfare Work Relief program during summer months, as there is now private employment generally available to all able bodied welfare recipients, according to John C. Kerns, administrator.

Since the program's inception in November 1960, welfare work crews have worked a total of 13,843 hours on four separate projects. For the rural road district in Ontario the crews worked a total of 2,248 hours and accomplished the following:

1. Cut and burned brush along 20 miles of county roads.
2. Constructed and painted guard rails on five district bridges.
3. Constructed one bridge.
4. Laid 100 feet of culvert pipe.
5. Built one-quarter mile of wire fence.

Nyssa, Vale Work Told

For the rural road district in Vale the work crews cleared brush and cleaned culverts on a total of 74 miles of county roads. The Nyssa road district crews worked exclusively on repairing and replacing road culverts.

Total hours for the Vale and Nyssa projects were 5,264, Kerns reported. The remaining time was spent working at the county fair grounds where work crews completed the following projects:

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Awards Presented Adrian Students At Class Night

Miss Martha Atkins was crowned May Queen by Wayne Sparks, master of ceremonies, at Adrian high school class night held May 22. Attendees were Linda DeHaven, Karen Mitchell and Mary Ashcraft, Dee Ann and Cindy Dunn, Becky and Linda Matthews served as flower girls; Marshall Witty and Monty Fijishin, train bearers; and Donnie Harper, crown bearer.

Presentation of various awards was also included on the program. Scholarships were presented to Karen Mitchell, \$25 each from Elks and Eagles; Donald Scott, \$25 Elks and \$234 tuition to Eastern Oregon college at La Grande; Mary Ashcraft, \$234 tuition by state school scholarship committee and a full year tuition paid to a teacher's college by Oregon Education association; Linda DeHaven, \$234 for 1961-62 and a PTA tuition scholarship.

Citizenship Citations Awarded

Activities awards were presented to Mary Ashcraft and Butch McDonald. Martha Atkins and David Blakeslee were recipients of the all-school citizenship citations. Arion music award, given by Adrian Lions club, was presented to Gary Thompson.

Valedictorian Larry Mackey and salutatorian Mary Ashcraft were presented trophies.

Perfect attendance certificates were given to Effie Laan, Lenna Rithaler, Vernon Search, Barbara Brewer, Donna and Johnny Taylor.

Pep club, junior cheerleader, varsity cheerleader, Thespian, shorthand and all typing awards were presented by Mrs. Arlene Krause. Miss Donna Black, physical education teacher, presented GAA certificates and letters.

Mrs. Marie Moore presented library and Future Homemakers awards including the Crystal Foundation award to Lynette Mitchell as outstanding senior FHA student.

Staff Awards Presented

Spelling awards were given by Mrs. Agnes Dilley and Sam Tyson presented annual staff awards to Dale Borge and Tony Martinez, co-editors, and McDonald, sports editor, and to other students who assisted with the yearbook.

Wally Krause presented music awards and certificates.

Joe Witty received a gift from 1960-61 FFA officers. Glenn Ward was given a gift from senior class members and Mrs. Moore received a gift from the student body. Senior students presented the school with a class picture as a memorial gift.

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