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Plans Complete for Chamber Banquet Saturday Night; W. Cleon Skousen, Author, Ex-FBI Agent, Guest Speaker

Limited Number of Tickets to Be Available At Door on First Come, First Sold Basis

Plans are complete for the annual Nyssa Chamber of Commerce banquet to be held in the school cafeteria at 7 o'clock Saturday evening, according to Chairman W. L. McPartland. Guest speaker, W. Cleon Skousen, is a noted lecturer, author of the best selling anti-Communist book, "The Naked Communist," and an ex-FBI agent for a number of years. He is considered one of the foremost authorities on Communism and is expected to give the background, growth and manner in which it affects our lives in the United States.

Nyssa Stake MIA Gold and Green Ball Set Jan. 31

The Nyssa stake MIA will hold its annual Gold and Green Ball Thursday evening, Jan. 31, at the Nyssa stake house. Activities will begin at 9 o'clock.

This event is the culmination of all ward balls held during the past three months and all girls honored at the ward balls will be given special recognition during the intermission floor show.

Theme of the ball will be "Fascination" and the theme song will be sung by Mrs. Jim Skeen. Working as committee chairmen, under general chairmanship of Mrs. Frank Skeen, are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Huffaker, Marvin Jeffries, Mrs. Mel Beck, Mrs. Darwin Jensen, Charles Mann, Mrs. Hugh Kennington, Vernon Montgomery, with the MIA board assisting with decorations and clean-up.

Dance directors from the seven wards include Mr. and Mrs. Huffaker, Joleen Reece, Connie Stewart, Cleo Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Wettstein and Melvin Cottrell.

Honored girls will be Vivian Berrett, Linda Cleaver, Sherrie Glenn, Wanda Handley, Sherry Hust, Leora King, Georgia Lee Peterson, Marsha Savage, Judi Bingham, Sondra Holmes, Ruth Hansen, Louise Carter, Beth Banner, Mary Evans.

Other honor girls include Janet Weber, Ruth Ann Trost, Alice McQuary, Linda Wagstaff, Marilyn Dowdle, Julie Nalthenius, Delva Wolfe, Tamara Hasler, Annette Kapp, Donna Millison, Sandra Judd, Kathie Condie and Susan Swenson.

The ball is a concentrated effort of all seven MIA organizations throughout the stake and Nyssa stake board members. The "Moon Misters" will furnish music and the floor show will be presented at 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to the semi-formal dance.

No Winners Present At Tuesday Drawing

Names drawn this week at Nyssa Bank Days event were N. Mikesell, route 1, New Plymouth, \$100 jackpot; William Cleverger, Ontario, \$10 second award, and Marion Corak, 121 Park avenue, Nyssa, third prize of \$5. No winners were on hand to claim their awards.

Jackpot prize will advance to \$125 next Tuesday afternoon.

Rep. Bob Smith Discusses Activities During First Week of 52nd Legislature

By ROBERT F. SMITH, State Representative

The 52nd Legislative assembly convened on Monday morning, Jan. 14, for an indefinite period to consider the problems and fiscal measures facing the state of Oregon for the coming two years. The 23 new members were provided with indoctrination information and many seminar meetings to acquaint them with the processes of state government. The legislative process barely began to hum because of lack of bills in committee and the needed time to study specific legislation.

Gov. Mark Hatfield gave his inaugural address and outlined his program and tax measures to finance the proposals to a joint session held Monday afternoon. The governor's budget has sliced \$90 million from agency requests, yet we are left with \$50 million to produce either by increased taxes or some new taxes to balance the budget. The most prominent suggestions to raise additional money include a cigarette tax, a net receipts tax and an increase in liquor revenues.

Eastern Delegates to Meet

Most committees by this time have held their organizational meetings and bills are beginning to show up within the committees specified. Most members now are renewing acquaintances and discussing legislation which will be introduced. Plans have already been laid by the 13 members of the eastern Oregon delegation to meet and discuss problems and legislation affecting our area.

The governor included in his

message measures of interest to eastern Oregon, which included water resources development, more stringent control of land developers and state lands management.

There is no question that the biggest battle within the legislature will form around the need for new taxes and which new methods of taxation will be implemented. Personally, I will continue to battle for expenditures by government to be limited to existing revenues. Should there be determined a dire need for new money, I would favor only those measures which an individual might escape, such as cigarette taxes and liquor taxes, and possibly the net receipts tax.

Legislators Feel Responsibility

No doubt every legislator, as he approaches the state capitol for his first session or for the second or third time, feels the tremendous responsibility placed upon him by voters of his district, not only to them but to the state of Oregon. He becomes a part of the record of the legislature

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Cannery Recognizes Top Corn Producers



THIS PHOTO OF COMPANY OFFICIALS and top corn growers was taken during the annual Idaho Canning company banquet served Jan. 15 at Oregon Trail hall to corn growers of the area. The men are (left to right) Bob Moss, company vice president; D. C. Steele of Harper, top grower in the middle acreage class; Dave Stohr, field superintendent; and Roy Holmes of rural Nyssa, top producer in the small acreage division. Laurel Amick of Harper, top grower in the large acreage class, was not on hand to receive his cash award. —Journal Photo.

Trophies Given To NHS Seniors In Homes Project

On the evening of Jan. 11, Nyssa high school seniors in Chick Quinowski's modern problems class showed their model homes designed and built by them.

The houses were on display to the public in the high school little theater.

This was the second year for the project which was designed for practical knowledge as well as for a high educational value. The assignment was divided into three phases. (1) Selection and drafting of a suitable house plan. (2) Actual construction of a model home, complete with interior design and landscaping. (Furnishings were optional.) (3) Syllabus, which was to relate a step by step plan for construction of the actual home.

Professional People Assist

The project necessitated planning sessions with professional people such as financiers, realtors, contractors and others. As a result of the interviews, the students gained much insight into the technicalities of building a home.

The top ten houses were judged by Ken Pond and Mel Beck, Nyssa real estate men who also selected the top three.

Owners of the three houses and trophy winners were Dale Laurance and Joyce Morinaka, Bill Hammon, Vicki Maxfield and Rosa Alvarez. The awards were provided by members of the local real estate association.

Judges Give Comments

In commenting on the homes, Pond and Beck stated that the house they rated No. 1 was given 45 points. House No. 2 received 43 points with house No. 3 getting 42 points. The latter, they said, had a good combination of floor plan and outdoor living space which overcame lack of precise workmanship and materials.

The real estate men said that each house showed real thinking ability and a good working knowledge and they complimented each student on a job well done on a fine project.

They added that the house constructed by Charles Palmer would have been rated highest except that it was completed late and was not eligible for competition.

Local Toastmasters Use Single Words For Speech Topics

W. A. Barton served as topic master and the Rev. Paul Ludlow was toastmaster at the regular meeting of Nyssa Toastmasters held last week at Brownie's cafe. Table topics were based on various single words presented to members.

"Who Speaks for Labor?" was topic of a five-minute speech given by Mel Nielsen who in comments questioned the union's power as it is today. The Rev. Armand Larive also presented a five-minute speech in which he discussed "Speakers and Speeches." Thesis of his talk was that the two cannot be separated.

Art Colby presented "The Forgotten Day" with reference to Dec. 7, 1941.

Low-Educated Rank at Top of Crime, Unemployed and Welfare Lists; Costs Of Better Education Merely Shifted

By W. L. McPARTLAND, Superintendent of Nyssa Schools

The legislature of the state of Oregon is now in session. One of the biggest questions before this body is how to raise the money necessary for education. Congress of the United States has just opened in Washington, D.C. There, too, our legislators will spend a great deal of time and thought on the question of Federal Aid to Education.

In this community we read in the Statesman and hear over the television channels the struggle going on in Idaho concerning the possibility of securing enough money to meet the educational needs of the state of Idaho.

What about this business of education? Has it become a monster that threatens to devour all of our income through taxation? Are our needs for schools based on a sound foundation that will return to the economy of all concerned, a fair return for the money spent for this purpose?

We are aware of the growing ranks of the unemployed. We are also conscious of the tremendous strides industry and business have taken in the past 10 years in the area of automation.

Most Unemployed Uneducated

Practically any study of statistics on unemployment will reveal that the people who are out of work are, almost exclusively,

those whose education ended at an early age.

As automation has eliminated the jobs of the manual laborer, these men and women become the unemployed. The untrained and uneducated are today's unemployed. They cost considerable in tax dollars as we through welfare agencies, crime and delinquencies, pay the cost of taking care of these people.

College enrollments are expected to double within the next 10 years. The buildings of our universities are crowded even today. Educators, planning for tomorrow, are trying to supply the facilities for the young people who will be trying to gain entrance to college a few years from now.

Adequate Space Lacking

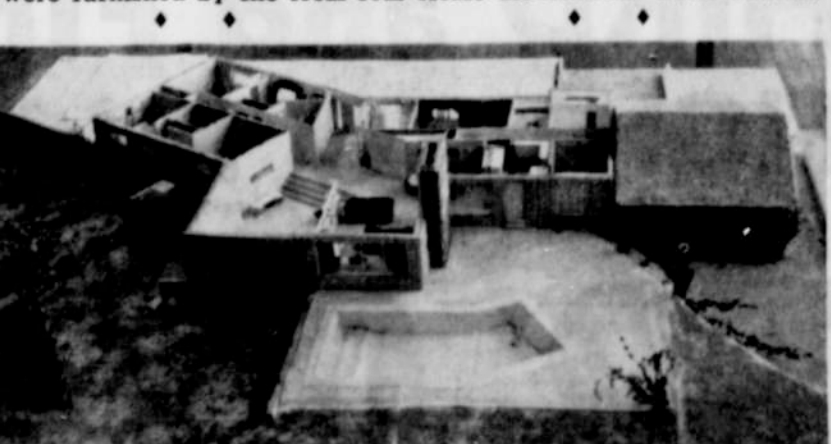
Because of over-crowded conditions, a large number of competent young people are "washed out" of the universities at the present time. If our planning

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Seniors Build Dream Homes



THESE NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (left to right) Joyce Morinaka, Dale Laurance, Rosa Alvarez, Bill Hammon and Vicki Maxfield display trophies they won on their model homes built recently in Chick Quinowski's modern problems class. Judges were Nyssa real estate men, Ken Pond and Mel Beck. The trophies were furnished by the local real estate association. —Staff Photos.



"THIS IS THE HOUSE That Palmer Built"—It is an extravagant home, complete with landscape, swimming pool and furnishings. It reflects many hours of careful planning and intricate workmanship. The judges have stated that it would have been rated highest except that it did not meet the project deadline date and therefore was not eligible for competition.

1962 Annual Report of City of Nyssa Printed and Distributed; Highlights Of Activities Listed by Departments

Detailed Information on Individual Items Available From City Manager Art Colby

The annual report of the city of Nyssa for 1962 has been completed and distributed by City Manager Art Colby. It shows a list of the city officials, department heads, city statistics and the principal accomplishments during the past year.

In the city statistics section population of Nyssa is listed at 2,740 in an area of .95 square mile or 604 acres. The municipality has an assessed valuation of \$2.57 million with a tax millage of 27.6. Bonded indebtedness is \$461,000.

Of the bonds, \$272,000 are general obligation, \$141,000 revenue and \$48,000 Bancroft.

The population figure is 4.9 percent higher than the official 1960 census and is due largely to a special census taken during the year by the local Lions club and Nyssa Jaycees. The figure has been accepted by the state.

During the year the assessed valuation was increased by \$83,785 and approximately 12.5 acres (Henigson-Jackson tract and school land) annexed.

Police Department Discussed

The police force is composed of five men—a chief, one sergeant and three patrolmen. Records show that one officer left the department and one man was hired as replacement during 1962.

All police officers are covered by blanket bond purchased by the city and all receive additional training each year by attending schools and area training courses.

The department has one squad car and a three-way radio hook up for rapid communication.

The work load shows a minimum of change from the previous year. A breakdown of the work load shows no fatal traffic accidents for the past two years, minor or traffic cases decreasing, felony arrests increased from 31 to 65, more lost property was recovered and the total arrests decreased from 912 in 1961 to 709 in 1962.

Fire Crew Includes 25 Volunteers

The fire department is operated by a 25-man volunteer crew serving both city and rural districts. Little change has been made in fire-fighting equipment within the past year. Reserves are set up to replace equipment when needed.

During the year the department answered 22 calls and with one exception all were minor and under \$100 damage. The Firestone store damage was listed as \$1,942

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Amalgamated Sugar Fieldmen's Meetings Planned Next Week

White Satin's annual sugar beet fieldmen's meetings have been scheduled on Monday, Jan. 28, through Friday, Feb. 1.

Afternoon meetings will be held at 1:30 at Cairo Boulevard Grange hall on Jan. 28; Oregon Slope community building, Jan. 29; Vale Grange hall, Jan. 30; Adrian American Legion hall, Jan. 31; Nyssa junior high school building on Feb. 1.

Evening meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Weiser American Legion hall on Jan. 29 and at the Parma community building on Jan. 31.

Sen. Yturri Sees Increased Workload As Minority Leader, Committeeman

By ANTHONY YTURRI, State Senator

The 52nd Legislative session is under way. The House and Senate have been organized with Senator Ben Musa of The Dalles as president of the Senate and Representative Clarence Barton as speaker of the House.

Governor Mark Hatfield has delivered his inaugural address to the joint assembly and the committees have been appointed.

The governor made reference to his proposed general fund budget of \$405 million. This is \$90 million less than requested by the various departments and educational boards. The address was most comprehensive and demonstrated an acute awareness of the fiscal as well as other problems facing the state of Oregon.

Among other items, the governor recommended tax relief for the aged, adoption of a new constitution, an increase in basic school support, a cigarette tax and a "net receipts" tax.

Study of State's Needs Apparent

No doubt many of his proposals will meet with stiff resistance. Nevertheless, when examined from an overall basis, it is obvious that unlimited study and attention has been given to the state's educational, fiscal and other problems. Future reports will provide my constituents with details.

My workload will be greater than ever because in addition to being Senate Minority leader, I am once again chairman of the Highway committee, vice chairman of Judiciary and a member of Taxation, Elections and Constitutional Revision committees.

At the last session of the legislature, Judiciary and Highways handled 31 percent of all bills that came through the Senate.

Reme and I are comfortably situated in an apartment at 1275 "D" street NE in Salem and extend a welcome to the people of our district to visit us whenever they are in Salem.

Rep. Smith Highly Regarded

Bob Smith, representative of Malheur and Harney counties, has also received excellent committee assignments and is already hard at work. He is held in high regard and it is certain that he will represent the two counties ably and well.