

### Nyssa City Manager Lists Suggestions For Summer Lawn Care, Sprinkling

By ART COLBY, City Manager

The summer irrigation season with its hot days, crab grass, dandelions and dry following is here again to assault your water system. Many articles have been written on lawn care. By watering your lawn the correct way, you will find that you are using less water with better results.

The grass roots grow about 6 to 8 inches down into the earth. At that point the grass can feed on the minerals from whatever fertilizer that may have been used for the lawn. A light daily sprinkling is bad for your grass. It makes the roots run to the surface for water.

Too much water is as bad as too little. Grass roots get oxygen from the air spaces in the ground. If the air spaces are filled with water, the grass will drown.

"The best time to water is early in the morning." By sprinkling your lawn between 5 and 9 a.m. water can soak into the ground. Avoid sprinkling in the evening between 5 and 9 p.m. When possible, please sprinkle your lawns during the morning hours and cooperate in helping to conserve water during the evening hours when the heavy load is placed on the system by normal domestic use.

#### Measure Your Water

When you sprinkle, measure your water. Take a wide-mouth coffee can and put a mark on the inside, one inch from the bottom. Then put the can about half way between the sprinkler and the edge of the part of the lawn you are watering. When you have one inch of water in the can, water has soaked about 6 inches in the ground—enough to last your lawn

one week. The can will normally fill one inch in 30 minutes.

**Question:** How much water do sprinklers really use?

**Answer:** A lot! Look at these figures:

A person uses about 50 gallons a day.

A sprinkler uses about 300 gallons an hour.

A fire hose uses about 500 gallons a minute.

It's a small wonder that sprinkling regulations have been imposed to prevent waste of water. Compliance has been from poor to fair and irritation on the part of residents is increased by every restriction. All water public relations are broken down on the first day of water restriction, yet little remains as a means of control without either complete residential cooperation or some means of restriction.

Lawns can drown. Water in the early morning hours and enjoy the evening use for family recreation.

#### Test Meters Installed

Some test water meters are being installed in order to determine water usage for gardens, large and small lawns. If such a meter is installed on your line, you will not be charged on the meter rate unless you prefer the meter charge.

Remember, if your water pressure is low, this indicates your main pressure is low and to assure adequate water for fire protection, turn your sprinkler off until the pressure has increased.

#### Eight Points Listed

Memorize the eight points of good water practice:

1. You'll protect your community from serious fire loss.
2. You'll avoid unfavorable soil conditions and lessen chances of plant disease.
3. You'll get more benefit from the water you use and grow a more beautiful lawn.
4. You'll conserve on time it takes to water your lawn.
5. Your weed and insect problems will be fewer and your fertilizer will go further.
6. Your family will have more time to enjoy your yard for recreation.
7. You'll assist your water department to continue to give you good service.
8. Turn off your sprinklers at the first sound of the fire alarm. An all-clear will be given.

#### RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. W. H. Tyrrel returned home Monday from the University Medical School hospital in Portland. She had spent the past several weeks there under observation and on Thursday of last week underwent surgery.

Mrs. Tyrrel is now able to walk with the aid of one cane after nearly two years in a walker. She is to return to the hospital June 10 for a check-up.

#### VISIT IN NEDROW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Womack of Seaside visited last week with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nedrow and Jimmy of Owyhee junction.

**JUNIOR STITCHETTES PLAN PROJECTS FOR SPRING SHOW**  
Junior Stitches 4-H sewing club was called to order by President Susan Woodell when the group met May 13 at the home of Joyce Cleaver. Karry Cleaver led the flag pledges.

Discussion was held regarding demonstrations for members to give at the June 4 Spring show.

Next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. May 29 at the home of Joyce Cleaver.

—Shirley Cleaver, Reporter.

### Students to Present Sunday Piano Recital

An annual spring recital will be presented by piano students of Mrs. Dorothea Lewis at 3:45 p.m. Sunday, May 19, in the LDS church. A variety of colorful musical numbers by the "old masters" and modern composers will be presented.

Those participating will be Doreen Cottrell, Linda Williams, LaRae Mitchell, Alan Cleaver, Christina Call, Merilee Wilson,

### FORMER NYSSANS VISIT

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roberts, Sr., and family, former Nyssa residents, of Ontario were Mother's day dinner guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Roberts.

Julie Jensen, Susan Clapp, Mary McCoy.

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