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Tax Valuation of County Increases \$795,000 Over 1962; Mill Levies Hiked Largely Because of Education Needs

Nyssa With 11.9-Mill Increase Leads Area; Ontario Lists 3.0 Raise; Vale Has Small 1.6

Final assessment figures and mill levies were released last week by County Assessor John Koopman. Generally, they show an increase in millage in spite of an increase in valuation of \$795,000 in the county over the 1962 figures.

The largest increases in millage were for education, with city schools, rural schools and Treasure Valley Community college sharing in the raises. Millage increased by 8.7 for Nyssa schools, 0.2 in Ontario, 3.1 for Union high in Vale and 1.5 for TVCC.

I. Mata Charged With Murdering Juan Jimenez, 26

Incarnation Mata, 21, of the Vale labor camp has been charged with first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Juan Jimenez, 26, Ontario, at a Spanish-American dance Sunday night.

The charge was filed by County Attorney John Hutchens Tuesday and Mata is being held in the county jail at Vale without bond. He has been arraigned in Mary Graham's justice court for preliminary hearing.

A brother, Roberta Mata, 19, is being held on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and is in the Vale jail in lieu of \$2000 bail.

Roberta had trouble with Jimenez and reportedly drew a knife on him in the dance hall. The shooting started in the dance hall and Jimenez was pursued to the Jack Boles home where he fell in the kitchen. Officers were summoned and Jimenez was rushed to Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario where he died about an hour later.

Sheriff Bob Ingram said the boys were apprehended on Lytle boulevard following a report by a passing motorist. I. Mata confessed to the shooting and later led the officers to a nearby spot where they had hidden a pistol.

A bullet was recovered from the dance hall and one from the Boles home. They have been sent in for a ballistics check but the report had not been received at Journal press time Wednesday evening.

Nyssa PTA Officials Attend Recent School

Nyssa unit officers and committee chairmen were among those attending the Aug. 20 school of instruction conducted by the Malheur county PTA organization at the Cairo junction school.

Attending from the local chapter were Mrs. Howard Myrick, president; W. K. Wahlert, treasurer; Mrs. W. O. Hipp, secretary; Mrs. Bob McKinney, school education chairman; Mrs. Don Lytle, Arcadia representative; Mrs. J. W. Rigney, exceptional child chairman; Mrs. Leonard Hewett, publicity chairman.

Among Regional 8 officers attending and taking part on the program were Mrs. Lester Cleaver, vice president; Mrs. William Barton, secretary; and Mrs. Mark Hartley, legislative chairman.

TVCC Announces Classes for Adults At Four Sites; Band, Football Plans

Carl Devin, director of adult education at Treasure Valley Community college, has announced adult education classes at four sites within the college education district.

Basic institutional menu planning, taught by Agnes Foley, will meet on Monday nights at Cairo school. Basic clothing construction, with Hazel Anderson as instructor, will meet on Tuesday evenings at Ontario high school.

Also at Ontario high, a class in ABC shorthand will be conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. A tailoring course, taught by Virginia Stefens, will meet on Mondays at Nyssa high school. On Mondays at Nyssa, Robert Patterson will teach the popular rapid reading course.

Classes Scheduled at 7 p.m.

All classes, except future farm records, accounting and advanced clothing construction, will begin the week of Sept. 23 and will meet at 7 p.m. Registration for these courses can be made at the college office starting Sept. 19 or at the first meeting of the class.

Band to Be Organized

The college band will hold an organizational meeting at 7 o'clock this evening (Aug. 29) at the Ontario high school building.

New Instructors Welcomed to Nyssa



APPEARING AT THE ANNUAL box luncheon served Monday noon at Nyssa south park for school personnel were these instructors who will be new to the Nyssa system this year. They are (left to right) Mrs. Elaine Smith, Mrs. Alice Peterson, Miss Mary Mitchell, LaVerne Shell, Mrs. Kay Fangen, Stanley Sisson, Mrs. Kathleen Reed, Dan Martin, Gary Clawson and Frank Turner. Mrs. Smith will be English instructor and came to Nyssa from the schools in St. Anthony, Idaho. Mrs. Peterson taught in Nevada last year and will be English and Spanish teacher. She is making her home with Mrs. Louise Fife. Miss Mitchell will teach first grade and came here from Burns. She will reside in Nyssa but her hometown is New Plymouth. Shell is a fifth grade instructor and a graduate of Eastern Oregon college. He spent the summer in Missoula, Mont., where he was taking additional courses at the university.

Nationwide Railroad Strike Averted By Passage of Federal Law Shortly Before Deadline; Arbitration Forced

Local Officials Notified New Work Rules Not to Be Posted; Usual Operations Resume

A crippling nationwide railway strike was averted Wednesday afternoon when congress enacted a law forcing arbitration on the railroads and unions on the main issues in dispute.

The railroads had notified President Kennedy and legislative leaders that they were not postponing further posting of new work rules and regulations, previously approved by the U. S. Supreme court. This was set for 12:01 a.m. today (Thursday) and the unions maintained that they would immediately go out on strike if the rules were posted.

The law sets up an arbitration board of two men representing the unions, two the railroads and three to represent the public. The latter are to be agreed on by both parties, and in case of non-agreement, to be appointed by the president.

Board to Make Decision

The board would issue a binding decision on the issue of 32,000 firemen's jobs to be eliminated under the road's proposal, plus changes in road and yard crews. The decision would become effective 60 days later.

Minor issues would be left for settlement through collective bargaining.

The bill passed the senate 90 to 2 with Oregon's Senator Wayne Morse and Texas' John Towers voting in the negative. Morse is known as a union man and had said that he would never vote for forced arbitration in any form.

Local Shippers Prepared

A partial check of the potato shippers in Nyssa Wednesday morning revealed that various plans were made with the strike pending.

Muir-Roberts planned to cut off truck deliveries to the shed at 3 or 4 p.m. and complete the cars being loaded to meet the Wednesday 7 p.m. deadline set by the railroads Tuesday. Manager Maylin Maxfield said potatoes unharvested would not be hurt for a few days and he felt that the strike would not be tolerated longer than that if it came about.

Simplot planned to cease operations much in the same manner as Muir-Roberts, according to Mas Yamashita, local manager.

Watsons Continue Operations

Tom Eldredge, J. C. Watson manager, said they planned to continue normal operations, believing the strike would not occur and that in the event it did and lasted very long they would plan to make deliveries by truck.

Local Freight Agent Tom Jones said Wednesday morning that he felt sure there would not be a strike but that "before midnight I'll be working for Uncle Sam, and you can't strike against the government."

LDS First Ward Team Defeats Utah Squad In Softball Tourney

Word was received here Wednesday that the Nyssa LDS First ward softball team defeated West Jordan, Utah, Second ward team 26-5 in the all-church tournament being held this week in Salt Lake City.

It was noted that the local boys were behind 5-0 in the third inning when Mike Jefferies came through with a homer in the sixth frame.

The youths were slated to play another game Wednesday evening. If they win the contest, they will play Friday for the championship or consolation place, according to Ken Ashby, coach.

People to Decide Fate of \$60 Million Tax Increase in October 15 Election

It appears that Oregon voters will be afforded an opportunity to approve or disapprove the \$60 million tax increase voted by the last session of the legislature.

The referendum petition appears to have more than the required 23,185 signatures to be placed on the Oct. 15 ballot, according to preliminary reports from Salem.

The principal increase involved was a raise of approximately 10 percent in income taxes through removal of credit on federal income taxes paid. Opponents of the new act say it is unfair to put a state tax on money paid to the federal government and never in the hands of the earner.

Those who desire the act to remain in effect say the increase is necessary to maintain educational facilities and that this is the fairest method of raising the money. Many also maintain that the legislature might come up with a worse bill.

Events Scheduled For County Fair Ending Saturday

Malheur county fair got under way at Ontario Wednesday morning with weather and attendance reported good. Entries were heavy in the FFA and 4-H contests.

A schedule of events, starting at 9 a.m. Thursday and ending at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, is listed below.

Thursday
9 a.m.—4-H beef, west of main exhibit hall, judging; FFA beef, FFA show arena, judging; FFA swine, swine show arena, judging; 4-H dairy, Girvin hall, judging.

1:30 p.m.—FFA dairy, FFA show arena, judging; FFA sheep, swine show arena, judging.

2 p.m.—4-H beef fitting and showmanship.

8 p.m.—Hardtop races.

Friday
9 a.m.—4-H dairy fitting and showmanship, Girvin hall; quarterhorse junior activities; select-judge Statesman trophies.

10:30 a.m.—4-H poultry, judging; 4-H rabbits, judging.

1:30 p.m.—4-H livestock judging contest.

7:30 p.m.—Junior fat stock auction sale.

Saturday
9 a.m.—Judging 4-H saddle horses.

2 p.m.—Awards program.

4 p.m.—Release all exhibits.

4:15 p.m.—Deliver fat stock to trucks.

Oregon PUC Studies Idaho Power Request For Increase of Rates

A proposed 7 1/2 percent rate increase for Oregon customers of Idaho Power company was suspended this week for the second time by Oregon's public utility commissioner.

The official, Jonel C. Hill, said rates were suspended for another three months to allow time for further study of testimony taken during a hearing in Vale.

The proposal would raise rates for about 9500 patrons of the company in Malheur, Harney and Baker counties of Oregon and produce about \$161,000 added revenue yearly for Idaho Power.

The utility company first submitted the revised rates last February and Hill suspended them for six months. The company said the new rates would bring the Oregon tariffs into line with those in Idaho. The Idaho Public Service commission earlier granted the company a 7 1/2 percent increase.

MUSIC TEACHER ARRIVES

Frank Turner, new music instructor in the Nyssa school system, arrived last weekend. He spent the summer studying in Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Turner is visiting her parents at Melba and plans to join her husband late this week. They will reside in the Elvin Ballou residence on North Fourth street in Nyssa.

Unique Entries Seen in Nyssa Parade Followed by Free Melon Feed in Park

Members of the sponsoring Nyssa Chamber of Commerce have estimated that over 1250 pounds of watermelon was served to area youngsters following the Back-to-School parade held Friday afternoon in Nyssa.

Approximately 50 entries made up the parade with a number of floats and units comprised of from two to six children. This year's event has been termed as one of the most successful as many of the kids went all-out in carrying out their ideas and put a lot of work into their costumes and floats.

One slight mishap occurred when a young lady fainted, fell against a curb and had to be rushed to a local doctor's office where several stitches were taken to sew up a gash in her head.

Division Winners Named

Named as first place winners in the "Bike, Trike, Wagon and Doll Buggy" division were Barbara Bosselman, Jeanie Jefferies, Connie and Linda Ray. The young ladies won the top award for their unique costumes, colorfully decorated doll buggies and tricycle. Second place winner was Ross Fox Second place winner was Ross Fox with third place award going to Michael Manning.

In the "Homemade Soap Box Car" classification, top winners were Russell Myrick and Larry Miner. Myrick, dressed as the mother, was astride a bicycle and pulled the homemade car with Larry aboard. A sign on the car read, "Mother, please, I'd rather go to school by myself." In this division, second place winners were Steve Moss and Chipper Burningham. David Danford and Doug Howes received the third place award.

Circus Theme Wins

Mike Ray and Steve Bosselman were top winners in the "Costumes and Floats" division. Their entry carried out a colorful circus theme. Steve Wilson and Mike Smith placed second, with Linda and Ann Colby in hula costume, as third place winners.

A Basset hound, Maney, nearly stole the show from the Hirai boys who were first place winners in the "Pets" classification. Oralee Stites placed second, with Carolyn Winchester taking third. Photos of all first-place winners will be carried either in this week's Journal or in subsequent issues.

First place winners in each division were awarded \$5. Second place winners received \$3, while third place award was \$2.

Watermelon Victor Disappears

A watermelon eating contest was held during the feed at Nyssa south park, but unfortunately the winning young man got away before those in charge could get his name.

Art Colby served as master of ceremonies during activities at the park and distributed awards to parade entry winners. Local businessmen who assisted with cutting and serving the melon were Vane Rusco, Byron Standefer, Ralph Lawrence and Bernard Eastman.

Judging the parade entries were Bob Thompson, Ron Schoen and Royce Irby. Other chamber members assisted with the event in various ways.

Marriage License Waiting Period To Be Increased

A seven-day waiting period between application for and issuance of marriage licenses becomes effective Sept. 2, according to County Clerk J. Homer Schnell.

This is in accordance with a new Oregon law passed during the last session of the legislature. Probate judges still have authority to waive or shorten the waiting period if they find sufficient cause.

Miss Clarinda Ashley Wins Flying Vacation

Miss Clarinda Ashley was recently judged winner in a "name your snapshot contest" sponsored by Film Service corporation. As winner of the competition, she was awarded a week's flying vacation in the sponsoring company's Beechcraft plane to the Seattle-Vancouver area.

Miss Colleen Christensen, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Christensen of Nyssa, accompanied Miss Ashley as traveling companion. The two young ladies left Wednesday morning from the Ontario airport.

Miss Ashley is a student at Brigham Young university in Provo, Utah.



"MOTHER, PLEASE, I'd Rather Go to School Myself" is lettering on the sign attached to the homemade soap box car ridden by Larry Miner. Russell Myrick, portraying the mother, is apparently taking her (or his) offspring to school under protest, via bicycle towing the car. This unique entry was just one of the nearly 50 which made up the Back-to-School parade held Friday in Nyssa. These lads won first place in the homemade soap box car division.