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## Highlights of Legislative Activities In 1965 Session Reported by County Representative Robert F. Smith

### New Laws, Advantageous Changes Made Without Increasing Costs to Taxpayers

By STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT F. SMITH

This report from your representative in Salem is an attempt to cap the achievements of the 1965 legislature, particularly with regard to legislation which affects those people living in the 26th legislative district of Malheur and Harney counties.

In a word it could be said the Oregon legislature and its composition in the 53rd session has adopted much progressive legislation WITHOUT increasing the taxes of the people of Oregon.

The ordinary session lasted 124 days, which was 17 days less than the 1963 session. At the cost of well over \$18,000 per day—this alone is a significant accomplishment. The special session of the Oregon legislature, called by Governor Mark Hatfield to determine the congressional apportionment left unsettled in the regular session, took an additional five days.

**Legislative Costs Reduced**  
Economy was paramount in the management of the legislature, especially in the House of Representatives during the past session. More than 30 less employees were hired to operate this session than last. We have estimated a reduction of costs per day of at least \$1,400. Total legislative cost will be reduced more than \$150,000 this session of the legislature.

Happily, I can report to you that not one measure presented in bill form by the constituency of Harney and Malheur counties failed to pass.

It has been a most rewarding session, especially to those interested in agriculture, timber, business and education. The total general fund appropriation is \$484,711,000, an increase of \$116.3 million. Sixty-three percent, or \$72.2 million of the increase is applied to education. Twenty-three percent or \$27 million is applied to direct property tax relief through HB 1226 and the Inventory Tax Relief bill.

It should also be noted that none of the cost of this budget was shifted to future generations by the use of bonds. The budget has been held within the limits of expected revenues.

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## Stolen Pickup Truck Rams Into Structure At Nyssa Labor Camp

Law enforcement officers were summoned to the Nyssa labor camp late Tuesday evening after a pickup truck crashed into the employment office building.

According to a member of the Nyssa police department, the vehicle is owned by Prudencio Escobedo of 120 East Second street. He had just returned from the theater, at approximately 11:30 p.m., parked the pickup, but failed to remove the keys.

The truck was apparently stolen, was being driven down Ehrgood avenue when it rammed into the building which was pushed about eight feet off its foundation and is reported to be completely demolished.

There was also considerable damage to the structure's contents; however, damage to the vehicle was slight.

Driver of the pickup was still unknown at press time Wednesday evening, but the incident is being investigated by the Malheur County Sheriff's office.

## Jaycees Announce Boat Race Winners Sunday, Aug. 1

Three Weiser men took top honors in the skimmer division of the Jaycee-sponsored boat races held Sunday at the bridge near Nyssa. Larry Harvey crossed the finish line first, followed by Del Petty and Phil Weitz.

Winners in the B-hydro class were Bob Moore, Ontario, first; Bob Gerdes, Caldwell, second; Cal Hendon, Ontario, third.

Nyssa Norman Baker was first in the C-hydro division and placed third in both the D-hydro and unlimited hydro classes. Frank Johnson of Ontario finished second and Dale Tolliver of Boise, third in the C-hydro competition.

First and second place winners in the D-hydro race were Jim Boyer of Payette and Jim Davis, Weiser. Mason Smith of Parma took first in the unlimited hydro, followed by Jim Boyer of Payette in second place.

Winners in the pleasure craft division were Tom Petty, Weiser, first; Lyle Harvey, Weiser, second; Ed Nelson, Nyssa, third.

Names of the winners were reported to the Journal by Richard Gustavson, Jaycee president.

## Local Fire Fighters Answer Two Alarms

Nyssa volunteer firemen were called early Saturday morning to the Idaho Canning company where a car was reported to be burning. The vehicle, owned by Wanda Timmerman of Ontario, had been driven off into a pit near the unloading ramp at the cannery, damaging a fender and blowing a tire. It is believed that the impact caused gasoline to spill over the motor, starting the blaze.

Firemen report the fire was confined to the motor area; however, wiring and hoses were destroyed.

The automatic alarm at Amalgamated Sugar company sounded Saturday evening during a blowing rainstorm. Firemen answering the call could find no evidence of fire and believe that water in the equipment caused the alarm.

## Bids Due on Project In Southern Malheur

Bids will be received by the Oregon State Highway commission on Aug. 10 in Salem for 14 projects estimated to cost approximately \$1,675,000. These are in addition to the 15 projects announced earlier for this date.

Among the new projects is one in Malheur county involving seven miles of paving on the Jackson creek section of ION highway U.S. 95, about nine miles north of McDermitt, Nev.

Plans call for widening the shoulders and placing an asphalt overlay on the two 12-foot lanes. Completion date is set for Nov. 30, 1965.

## Hired as Mechanic At Mitchell Garage

Asa (Ace) Livingston, with approximately 20 years of mechanical experience, was recently employed by Tom Mitchell, owner-operator of Mitchell Auto and Truck Repair, located at Ninth street and Park avenue.

Until recently, Livingston worked as auto mechanic for Jack Swager, previous owner of the Ford garage in Nyssa, and prior to that time was employed by Barrentine Motor company in Ontario.

## Missionary Kurtz To Speak Sunday At Adrian Church



THE REV. HAROLD KURTZ  
... Home From Ethiopia

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Kurtz and family from Ethiopia will be visiting this weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kurtz of the Newell Heights community near Adrian.

They are missionaries, have spent 10 years in Ethiopia and are now taking a year's furlough. The Rev. Kurtz will be guest speaker during the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday morning, Aug. 8, at Adrian Community church. Immediately following will be a potluck dinner for the church congregation and friends of the Kurtz family.

Plans are also being made for the Rev. Kurtz to show films and tell about his missionary work at 8 o'clock Sunday evening at the church.

All residents of the area are welcome to attend.

## SUFFERS SHOULDER INJURY

Perle Richard of route 2, Parma, was given emergency treatment Tuesday at Malheur Memorial hospital for an injured shoulder.

Richard, an employee of Amalgamated Sugar company, was injured when a steel beam he was attempting to raise slipped from a clamp, striking him on the shoulder.

## Field Day for 4-H Livestock Groups Set August 11 at County Fairgrounds

Members of 4-H livestock clubs will be given instructions on fitting and showing their animals at the annual 4-H Livestock Field Day to be held Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the Malheur county fairgrounds.

These will be separate demonstrations on fitting and showing beef, dairy, sheep and swine. They will run concurrently with the demonstration of their choice.

G. A. and Norman Ireland of Ontario will present the demonstration on fitting and showing beef cattle, with Lewis Johnson of Vale giving the dairy demonstration.

Stanley Sisson, vocational agriculture instructor at Nyssa, will handle the swine session, with Michael Amick of Harper showing the members how to fit and show their sheep.

## 4-H Judging Contest Slated

Also included in the field day program will be the county-wide livestock judging contest. Each 4-H livestock club may enter one

## OSU Specialists Check Seed Fields In Malheur County

Seed certification specialists from Oregon State university will start field inspections of Malheur county's certified acreage of alfalfa and red clover this week, according to Leeds Bailey, county extension agent. He says that about 10,000 acres of the two crops will be examined by the inspectors in the next several weeks.

Major portion of the crop to be examined is alfalfa for seed. This makes up 9,850 acres of the total. This is down from a record 12,130 acres of alfalfa seed applications of last year. Bailey said that poor seed yields the past several years have caused farmers in the marginal producing areas to cut down on the amount of alfalfa that they are saving for seed.

Farmers have entered 11 varieties of alfalfa for certification in Malheur county. The Vernal variety leads the list with 6,270 acres. This is followed by Ranger with 1,970 and Narragansett with 1,050.

## Nyssa Industries Stockholders Plan August 23 Meeting

A special meeting of the stockholders of Nyssa Industries, Inc., has been set at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at the little theater in the Nyssa junior high building.

According to Paul Penrod, president of the corporation, purpose of the meeting is to elect a board of directors for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly be brought up at that time.

Penrod stressed the necessity of a majority of the stockholders being present, or they should sign the proxy form he has mailed to them in order that a quorum will be in attendance.

## LEAVES FOR ARMY DUTY

Michael John (Mike) McGinnis left Monday for U.S. Army duty after being processed through the recruiting office at Ontario.

He is a son of Glenn and Faye McGinnis and a 1963 graduate of Nyssa high school.

After working for approximately two years on a ranch near John Day, in April this year he was employed as range rider by the Owyhee Cattlemen's association.

## \$332,000 Allocated Malheur County For Disadvantaged Child Education By Office of Economic Opportunity

### Funds Included for Training of Teachers; Vale Chose Not to Ask for Program Money

An Aug. 3 telegram from Oregon Senator Wayne Morse revealed that U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity had approved a grant of \$332,868 to be used for the improvement of educational opportunities for children in Malheur county.

The program was contemplated earlier in the spring with the idea of teaching children of migrant workers of pre-school age, that they might be better prepared for the first grade. However, the applications were not approved in time for this part of the program.

Yet, included in the total are day care funds totaling almost \$50,000 for the Adrian, Ontario and Nyssa districts. Superintendent Cliff Norris of the Ontario school said it was hoped this could be carried over for use next summer.

Vale is not included in the program. School authorities there felt there were not enough migrant children, or other disadvantaged children, in the district to justify asking for the funds and adding the program to the school.

## Patterson Named Administrator

The funds are for the fiscal year July 1, 1965, to June 30, 1966. The administrator is Robert Patterson of Adrian; \$26,000 has been set up for administration costs of the total projects and \$50,000 for a training institute for teachers of these children.

The release furnished the Journal by authorities of the affected schools states that the school term programs "have possibilities of operation commencement with the opening of the public schools in the county, August 30, 1965." (Quotation marks ours.) How the program will be administered before the teachers are trained at Treasure Valley Community college is not clear at this time.

## Program Funds Listed

Allocation of funds for the program are as follows:  
\$26,000 for administration, total projects.  
\$56,000, Ontario and area summer school program.  
\$13,500, Ontario, day care.  
\$71,000, Ontario, school term.  
\$22,000, Nyssa, day care.  
\$52,000, Nyssa, school term.  
\$13,500, Adrian, day care.  
\$28,000, Adrian, school term.  
\$50,000, TVCC, training institute for teachers of disadvantaged youth.

TVCC was selected by the advisory council to be the fiscal agency through which the autonomous school district subdivisions could carry on their separate projects.

Personnel of the advisory committee will be listed in next week's issue of the Journal.

## STATE PARKS COMMITTEE TO BE HERE AUGUST 11

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Advisory committee will meet with the county court and members of the chambers of commerce of Nyssa, Vale and Ontario at Owyhee Lake Resort next Wednesday for noon luncheon.

The group will then traverse the Succor creek road through the newly proposed park area and on to U.S. highway 95 at Malloy ranch.

This is a part of the annual five-day inspection tour of existing and proposed park areas. The 36 members leave Portland by chartered bus Aug. 9 and return Aug. 13.

## Conference Held On Religious Education Topic

The Oregon Conference on Religious Education in the Schools was held July 19-21, sponsored by the University of Oregon's department of continuing education.

Attending the meeting were eight members of the executive committee of Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers. Among them was Mrs. Lester Cleaver of Nyssa, parliamentarian for the state organization.

School administrators, board members and others interested in education were also invited to attend.

Among speakers from the eastern states were Dr. Luther Harshbarger, professor of humanities and religious studies at Pennsylvania State university; Professor Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr., professor of law at Harvard Law school; and Dr. Robert Michaelson, professor of religion and director of the school of religion at the University of Iowa.

Other speakers were two instructors of religious classes at Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Newton, Mass.

Professor Sutherland explained the Supreme court decisions and cases that brought about those decisions.

In workshops at the end of the conference, the group concluded that religion should be taught in public schools. It is a worship service, a prayer or reading from the Bible as a religious service, when directed by the state, that has been declared illegal.

One interesting thing brought out by Professor Sutherland was that a teacher or administrator would be interpreted as the state.

Mrs. Cleaver has printed material available to anyone interested in looking into the matter.

## Malheur Stockmen Slate Noon Picnic Sunday in Vale Park

The annual beef-barbecue picnic for Malheur county stockmen and their friends will be held Sunday in the Vale park, with activities beginning at 12 o'clock noon.

Sponsors of the annual event are the livestock association and Cow Belles, but the public is invited to attend. Beef, rolls, coffee, punch and ice cream will be furnished, with the remainder of the meal being potluck.

According to George W. Bain, secretary of the association, this has proven to be an enjoyable day each year, with friends and neighbors joining the sponsoring groups.

There will be a minimum of business matters transacted during a brief meeting following the luncheon hour, Bain concluded.

## Nyssa Weather ...

| Date    | Max. | Min. | Prec. |
|---------|------|------|-------|
| July 29 | 99   | 62   | —     |
| July 30 | 98   | 61   | —     |
| July 31 | 100  | 60   | —     |
| Aug. 1  | 100  | 65   | .03   |
| Aug. 2  | 91   | 69   | —     |
| Aug. 3  | 85   | 62   | .03   |
| Aug. 4  | —    | 58   | .09   |

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
Aug. 4, 1965 603,240 Acre Ft.  
Aug. 4, 1964 582,240 Acre Ft.

## Caricatures of Characters Expected in Saturday's Back-to-School Parade



These Nyssa young'uns, together with numerous others, will no doubt appear in the Back-to-School parade slated to begin at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, Aug. 7. The students, all ages, will meet at 1:30 on the elementary school grounds at the west end of Main street where entries in five categories will be judged. The divisions will include pets, homemade soapbox cars, costumes and floats, bikes and trikes, wagons and doll buggies. The parade will proceed east on Main to First street and will then disband. The youngsters will then go, at

their leisure, to the municipal swimming pool where they will be served free refreshments. The city will provide free swimming between the hours of 3 and 6 p.m., with additional lifeguards on duty during these hours. The Back-to-School event is being sponsored by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, with parade activities under supervision of the local Jaycees. Nyssa merchants are offering numerous Back-to-School bargains today, Friday and Saturday, with many advertised in this issue of the Journal which is blanketing the trade

area. Oh yes, the young characters in the Journal's "make-believe" parade are (left to right) Mardi Tensen, a studious one; Fido, a high-stepper; David Danford, a frequent drive-in visitor; David Wilson, an apple for the teacher—the hard way; Dwight Calhoun, a rough-tough cowpoke; Rick Wilson, a baseball champ; Fifi, a tired one; Debbie Fangen, with a doll-buggy passenger and some of Mom's flowers for the teacher; and Rootin'-Tootin' Billy Marcum, whose father owns a gun shop. —Journal Cartoons.