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## Youngsters Initiate Playground Facilities



JUST LIKE A "MONKEY ON A STRING" each one of these third grade students at the Arcadia school plant scrambled up one of four ropes tied to a long pole spanning the space between two large trees. Two more of the pupils can be seen with their feet off the ground, as one sits in the fork of a tree and another stands on a pole leaning against the other. And still another child ap-

pears to be starting up another pole. Looking on are other students who go to school each day at the Arcadia plant, and with them is instructor Virgil Seward (the tallest one) who thought up the idea of the badly needed play area which became reality through donations of materials and labor by area residents.

—Journal Photo.

## Combined Efforts Provide Play Area For Third Grade Students at Arcadia

Through combined efforts of community residents, a long pole has been placed across the limbs and spanning the space between two large trees on the Arcadia school grounds to provide physical exercise and hours of enjoyment for students.

The Arcadia plant, which this year is housing two third grade classes of the Nyssa school system, was lacking in playground equipment.

Virgil Seward, one of the instructors, started a movement to hang ropes from a pole to be placed in the trees which stand near the building. His idea sprang from watching the playful youngsters swing from and climb ropes tied to branches of a large weeping willow tree.

Dale Adams, manager of Idaho Power's Nyssa operations, was notified of the need for a pole and in short order donated one measuring 35 feet long.

NHS Students Assist  
NHS Coach Ralph Aldrich and some of his physical education students, by using a pickup and trailer, moved the pole from Nyssa to the school campus and left it in Seward's care.

Craig Froerer and Paul Kesler, two of Seward's pupils, became anxious to start swinging from and scrambling up the anticipated ropes. They solicited the efforts of their fathers to complete the project.

On a Friday afternoon, late in December, Owen Froerer and C. R. Kesler Jr. arrived on the school grounds with tractor, power loader and power saw, so with Seward assisting, by 6 o'clock that evening the project was completed and ready for fun-filled action to provide stronger, healthier young bodies.

## Nyssans Urged to Study City Park Problems, Submit All Suggestions

At a recent reorganizational meeting of the city planning commission, Bernard Eastman and Richard Wilson were appointed to contact officers of the various garden clubs and civic organizations regarding the development of Nyssa parks.

On Jan. 21 City Manager Fred Koch and the two appointed Nyssa businessmen sent a letter to heads of the various groups and the correspondence reads in part:

It is contemplated at this time to build public restrooms in the north park, which is bounded by North Fourth and Fifth streets, Locust and Walnut avenues. Also anticipated is the reseeding of this park to provide a tough lawn surface for recreational activities.

Tennis Court Needed  
A tennis court has also been suggested. The existing court is in very poor condition, has no base and will either have to be completely rebuilt or a new one constructed at a new location.

Some controversy has arisen over this matter as to whether the present court shall be renovated or tennis activities moved to another site and the old one removed to provide more playground and picnic space.

Also to be considered are the questions as to whether additional playground equipment shall be purchased for any of the three parks and what type of equipment shall it be.

Shall flower beds be created in the parks and to what extent shall recreational facilities become a part of them, are other questions to be answered.

Ideas Due by March 1  
Members of the park committee urge all Nyssa residents to give the existing problems some thought and then submit all suggestions so that a plan may be formulated and a goal established so that all interested Nyssans can work together for nicer and more beautiful parks within their city.

Suggestions should be submitted prior to March 1 and may be taken or mailed to the city manager's office at the city hall.

## Nyssa Weather ...

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 19	38	22	—
Jan. 20	36	21	—
Jan. 21	36	16	—
Jan. 22	35	22	—
Jan. 23	37	26	—
Jan. 24	39	26	.05
Jan. 25	39	23	—
Jan. 26	—	22	—

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
Jan. 24, 1966.....563,630 Acre Ft.  
Jan. 24, 1965.....652,750 Acre Ft.

## Idaho Students Named Winners In BPOE Contest

Linda Meacham of New Plymouth and Ron Frenzi, of Payette were named first place winners in the annual leadership contest sponsored by members of Ontario Elks lodge No. 690, and each received a \$50 cash prize.

Cyndi Norris of Ontario and Joe Yraguen of Vale took second place honors and each was presented a \$30 cash award.

Other participants, receiving \$20 each, were Colina Megorden of Payette, Gai Polley of Fruitland, Ted Sharp of New Plymouth, David Turner of Ontario, Judy Faw of Vale, Patty Urry and Ralph Tidwell of Nyssa.

The awards were presented during a brief ceremony at the regular BPOE meeting held last Thursday evening in the Elks temple at Ontario.

Contestants were judged on leadership qualities of initiative and organizational ability, including influence on others. Other qualities included citizenship appreciation, perseverance, resourcefulness and a sense of honor as demonstrated through school, church and community interests.

## Music Students From PLU Slate Concert at Ontario

Pacific Lutheran university's 60-piece band will appear in concert at 8 o'clock this evening, Jan. 27, at the Ontario high school auditorium. The admission-free program, sponsored by the Treasure Valley Community college student body, will be open to the public.

Renowned throughout the west for its high standard of musical performance, the PLU concert band was founded before the turn of the century by the Rev. Dr. Carlo A. Sperati, who later gained international fame as director of the Luther college band.

Each year the concert band takes extended tours of cities in the west. Its programs are heard over radio and television. The group appears at civic functions, in parades and gives colorful halftime shows for intercollegiate football games.

Members of the 60-piece band are selected by audition from the university student body.

Stirring marches, favorite classical works, sparkling show tunes and novelty numbers are featured on the program. Also included will be some of the most recent works by contemporary composers.

For an evening of musical enjoyment, it will be difficult to find one topping this concert staged by PLU students.

## United Fund Leader Extends Appreciation For Drive Assistance

The Rev. John Bullock, United Fund area chairman, reports that residents of the Nyssa community topped all other areas by reaching the largest percentage of their goal during the drive which ends Monday.

Harry Erlebach, Malheur United Fund chairman, announces that the \$15,000 raised in this area is more than any collective drive within the past three years.

Pastor Bullock has asked the Journal to extend his appreciation to Ron Young, Nyssa bank manager, for time and efforts put forth during this campaign.

The minister states that much of the success is due to his work. Appreciation also goes to Dale Adams, Emil Stunz, Robert Haney and Ray Larson who served as chairmen of the various drives. All extend special thanks to citizens of the area for their generous cooperation.

## Too Much TV Seen Unfit for Canines

A recent monthly bulletin from the Oregon State Board of Health warned to be discriminate about letting dogs watch television.

It was based on a West German study pointing out the hazards to the animal's well-being if the owner permitted it to watch TV more than an hour per day.

For example, Poodles spending three to four hours daily before the set suffered a loss of appetite and became highly nervous and snappish. It also revealed that dogs are the most ardent fans, but birds ran a close second. Parakeets came down with a fever after watching for five or more hours a day.

## Two Dairy Groups Set Annual Meets Wednesday, Feb. 2

Members of two county-wide dairy associations will hold a joint annual meeting next Wednesday, Feb. 2. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. in the Four Seasons restaurant at Ontario. A no-host luncheon will be served.

Herbert Roy of Vale, president of the Malheur Dairy Herd Improvement association, said the morning session would include the annual business sessions of the herd improvement group and the Malheur Dairymen's association. Joe Payne, also of Vale, is president of the dairymen's association.

Payne announced that a feature of the afternoon program will be a report of the activities of the Oregon Dairy Products commission. Cal Crandall of Portland, executive secretary of the commission, will present this illustrated report.

Both Roy and Payne urged all dairymen and their families as well as others interested in the dairy industry to attend this joint meeting.

## Implement Show Draws Big Crowd

Over 300 people attended B & M Equipment's annual John Deere day showing Saturday at the company's grounds in Nyssa.

Manager Les Burbank said he was extremely well-pleased due to the fact that family groups were in attendance more than ever before and also because it brought them from a wider area, since he knew less than half those present.

The company theme was "Power Train '66" and was designed to show what was new in the tractor and machinery line for farm use. Some new equipment was on hand and the balance was shown in a film run during the lunch hour.

Registration began at 9:30 a.m. and the first 100 ladies signing in were given a pair of nylon hose. Other prizes given by the local firm were 50 musical records (for the kiddies), 24 six-packs of pop, motor oil, grease, measuring tapes, a riveter and a three-point A-frame.

Box lunches, prepared by Nyssa LDS Second ward Relief society, were served on the premises during the noon hour.

## Vale Senior Named 1966 Good Citizen By DAR Organization

Judy Fulleton of Vale has been named winner of the 1966 good citizen award given annually by Malheur chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Announcement of her honors was made and she was presented a cash award during a luncheon meeting Monday noon at Moore hotel in Ontario.

Hostesses for the dinner, which honored participants, their mothers and guests, were DAR sponsors of the competition among Malheur county senior girls.

Miss Fulleton's questionnaire and other necessary documents will now be submitted for district competition and if she is a winner there, she will go on to try for state honors.

The Malheur winner, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Fulleton of Vale, was selected from a field of five participants.

The four other girls were also presented with small gifts at the Monday luncheon meeting. They are Cyndi Norris of Ontario, Joyce Steele of Harper, Toni Fife of Nyssa and Judy Pratt of Adrian.

## Six Adrian Students Earn Perfect Grades For First Semester

Six students at Adrian high school earned straight A's for the first semester, according to information reported from the office of Superintendent Glenn Ward.

The perfect averages were earned by Leslie Fujishin, Burdette Pratt and Carolyn Ward, freshmen; Barry Fujishin and Tami Winn, juniors; and Judy Pratt, a senior.

Other freshmen with high averages are Kathleen Bullen, Cherylee Chamberlain, Eleanor English, Lynn Evans, Pud Franks, Janet Hall, Cindy Shenk, Joann Timmerman and Lisa Winn.

Sophomore honor students are Ernest Lewis, Carylee Mefford, Gay Morinaka, Jeanette Pifer, Lois Seuell, Gary Shields, Jerry Sloan, Jane Timmerman and Teresa Topliff.

Others named on the honor list are Nina Evans, Dirk Sipes and Becky Wenke, juniors; James Barnhart, Mary Laan and C'audia Morley, seniors.

## Three-Mill Levy for Bridge Building Reported by Commissioner E. Flock At Ontario Chamber Raises Questions

Figures Quoted Do Not Add Up to \$160,000; Legality Doubted as to District Voting

In a report to the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Monday, County Commissioner Earl Flock told of a three-mill levy proposed for bridge jobs to the tune of \$160,000.

The story, carried under a five-column headline in the Ontario Argus-Observer Monday, said "after lengthy study" the court made the proposal. However, a check with the other two papers of the county and the radio station in Ontario showed they had received no previous notice of the plan.

According to the item in the Ontario paper, the tax would apply only to those living outside the established road assessment districts and the four incorporated towns of the county.

Tax Election Doubtful  
Checking with County Assessor John Koopman, a Journal reporter found there was no Consolidated Road District No. 1 carried on the tax statements, and checking further with a local attorney, he felt it was very doubtful that if the court had approved a road district of the rural sections (eliminating the towns and districts previously mentioned) that an election could be held for the tax purpose.

Nor did the figures reported add up to the \$160,000 unless the levy would be approved for a four-year period in the May election. Assessment figures (in round numbers) show total for the entire county as \$46 million with \$19 million lying inside Special Road Districts (Nyssa, Ontario, Juntura and Ironside) and \$13 million in the incorporated towns (Ontario, Nyssa, Vale and Jordan Valley). These total \$32 million, leaving \$14 million in the outside, referred to as Consolidated District No. 1.

Would Require Four Years  
A one-mill levy on this base would produce \$14,000, a three-mill levy \$42,000 in one year and thus require four years to raise \$168,000.

Another item in the article, as reported by Flock, that surely would leave a sour taste in the mouths of rural people far off the beaten track was placing a newly acquired bridge across the Malheur river at the Holiday crossing.

The county bought the bridge for five cents a pound from the state but estimated it would cost \$25,000 to move it to the new location west of Malheur Butte. This crossing is on a blacktopped road parallel to U.S. highway 20-26 from Vale toward Ontario and only 1 to 1 1/2 miles distant.

Roger Skeen Named 1965 Junior Citizen By Jaycees of Bend

Roger Skeen was recently selected as "Junior Citizen of the Year" by the Bend Jaycees.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen of route 1, Nyssa, is married to the former Janice Williams, the father of five children and the family has resided in Bend for approximately five years.

The honoree began his banking career in Nyssa and is now manager of the East Bend branch of the First National Bank of Oregon.

State Representative Robert F. Smith was speaker at an awards banquet held last Thursday evening at the Bend country club.

During the dinner-meeting, Skeen was presented with a plaque inscribed, "Bend Jaycees—Junior Citizen 1965—Presented to Roger Skeen."

His mother and brother, Tracy, were among those attending the awards banquet and they then visited relatives in Eugene.

ADRIAN LIONS SCHEDULE PROJECT FOR SIGHT FUND  
Adrian Lions club members are planning a public waffle and pancake supper Friday evening, Jan. 28, at the grade school cafeteria. Serving will be from 5 to 8 p.m.

Members report that proceeds from the supper are designated for the club's sight fund.

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