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THE PHOTOGRAPHS within this pentagon tell the story of a memorial service held last Friday afternoon near the base of the flag pole on the Nyssa high school campus. At the top of the pentagon is a picture of Doug Moss, who was killed in a hunting accident on Oct. 4, 1964, while a sophomore at NHS. The picture on his right shows Victor Haburchak, a fellow classmate and president of this year's graduating class, as he tells of a memorial to be erected. The picture opposite shows the lad's father, Keith Moss, turning the first spade full of dirt, as his wife and daughter stand nearby. The lower photos show the crowd dispersing and the immediate begin-

ning of work on the project. The memorial, when completed, will be a concrete slab in the form of a pentagon at the base of the flag staff, with bench seats bordering four sides. The fifth side will be left open for a concrete walk leading to the east door of the high school building. The bench seats are to be used only by senior students, with upkeep of the memorial to be the duty of underclassmen. A dedicatory plaque is another feature of the memorial being erected by members of the NHS class of 1966, with assistance from some of Doug's other school friends and his instructors.

—Journal Photos.

Addition to Adrian School Assured By Sullivan's Low Bid of \$113,659

Bob Sullivan of Ontario will be awarded a contract for construction of a new multi-purpose room at the Adrian schools in the immediate future. His bid figure of \$113,659 was \$7,000 under the next lowest, that of Jerry DeBord of Payette and \$23,000 under that of the highest bidder.

Glenn Ward, school superintendent, said 10 bids were received at the opening Tuesday night and that there would be \$10,000 to \$12,000 remaining in the budgeted item for other improvements. Among uses contemplated are insulation of the high school building, remodeling the grade school structure and removing the old furnace and boiler, and some correctional work at the east end of the grade school structure.

The contract will cover construction of the multi-purpose room with kitchen, toilets, storage room and a new boiler room to be built at the east end of the elementary building.

Start of the project will probably be in two to three weeks with completion set 120 working days later. Architects are Smith-Keys of Ontario.

Special Education Teacher Given Lifetime Membership Award in PTA

Mrs. Jesse W. (Josephine) Rigney, a teacher in the local school system since 1945, was recently presented with a Nyssa PTA lifetime membership certificate by chapter officials.

The honoree was graduated from Emmett high school and received most of her higher education in Idaho. She served as instructor in various schools of that state, before bringing her teaching talents across the Snake river into Oregon in 1941. Upon joining the Nyssa faculty 21 years ago, she began as sixth grade instructor.

Mrs. Rigney helped to organize the local PTA chapter, is a charter member of the organization and has continuously worked for its betterment, especially with the exceptional child program.

She has also been an active PTA worker on county and state levels. She served as president of the county council in 1953 and as regional junior vice president.

Helps to Organize Program

The local teacher, together with 34 other educators in the state, helped to organize Oregon's special education program in 1949,

and it was established in Nyssa schools the following year. The program is for students with physical, emotional or mental deviations and the special instruction takes care of individual needs.

Mrs. Rigney's work with the pupils includes instruction in speech correction, administering mental ability tests, providing clinical reading instruction, counseling students with emotional problems and helping to provide facilities for crippled children.

Through varied areas of communications, Mrs. Rigney helped to establish the local school's primary and intermediate modified education program, as well as a special class for retarded junior high students which began last fall and is now being taught by Miss Nelle Hayes.

Works With County Clinic

The Nyssa teacher also helped in establishing the Malheur County Health clinic and is a member of the advisory board. She also assisted in organizing the Eastern Oregon Chapter of Exceptional Children, served as president for two years and is now membership chairman.

Outside of the education field, Mrs. Rigney is an active worker in the Christian church, helped to organize the Nyssa Bethel for Job's Daughters and served as guardian for two years. She is also past matron of the Eastern Star chapter and has remained active in work of the lodge.

In addition she is an adviser for the Mexican PTA unit and an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, teachers' sorority, as well as attending psychiatric clinics held every two months in Baker.



JOSEPHINE RIGNEY
... Nyssa Teacher Since 1945

Idaho Rapist Pleads Guilty

Juan Joe Mireles, 35-year-old Idaho ex-convict, pleaded guilty to rape Monday of this week as charged in a grand jury indictment, and will be sentenced by Circuit Judge Jeff D. Dorroh Jr. on Monday at 1:30 o'clock.

He was arrested in Nyssa by local police Dec. 22 and charged with assaulting an elderly lady of Nyssa the Thursday night previous, and holding her a prisoner in her home for several hours.

After his arrest Mireles admitted to the theft of a television set, watch and ring from the home of the woman but denied the rape charge in a preliminary hearing in Justice court of E. Otis Smith.

He was represented by court-appointed Attorney Carl Burnham of Ontario and the guilty plea was made by him after it was determined he was an habitual drunkard and drug addict. And where habitual, it is no defense under Oregon law.

The charge carries a penalty of from 20 years to life in the penitentiary if the presiding judge should determine he is a definite menace to society.

Arson Believed Cause Of Lumber Yard Fire

Fire damaging the old Nyssa Lumber Yard store at 617 Good avenue approximately \$1,500 Friday night was believed to have been the work of arsonists—possibly juvenile vandals.

From preliminary investigation by Nyssa police and a follow-up by Deputy State Fire Marshal Stan Phillips of John Day, the fire had been deliberately set. Apparently paper had been piled on the floor near a wall and possibly paint thinner added to start the conflagration.

It was reported about 7:45 p.m. and had been burning some time. Firemen were able to control the blaze within 1½ hours, with all damage being confined to the building and fixtures.

The structure is owned by J. S. Amyx, present mayor of Boise, and was being used for storage of supplies by J. E. Obenchain, local building contractor and former associate of the owner. There was insurance on the building, according to information supplied the Journal by Obenchain, but if the amount of damage had been estimated he was not aware of it.

Postal Rates Raised

Beginning Saturday, March 26, there will be an increase in fees on nearly all postal services, it is announced by Nyssa Postmaster Lee Dail.

In most cases the increase is about five cents over the present fee and will affect money orders; registered, certified, insured and special delivery mail, Dail said.

County Candidate Filing Unchanged For May Primary

There were no new filings for offices in the May primary, Republicans Earl Flock and Arnel Claude will oppose each other, while Democrat Emil Maag will be unopposed.

For county commissioner position in the May primary, Republicans Earl Flock and Arnel Claude will oppose each other, while Democrat Emil Maag will be unopposed.

Seeking to be county judge will be incumbent Ellis A. White and Robert Marquis (both Republicans) and James Rudd, Democrat. (Pictures of all these candidates with their announcing statements were carried in the Journal last week.)

No word had been received in the court house Tuesday whether or not anyone had filed for district attorney. This would have been done through the state offices in Salem, and if there is no applicant the governor will make the appointment.

Anniversary Event Scheduled Tonight By Legion Post 79

Members of American Legion Post 79 are planning a potluck dinner this evening, March 17, in observance of the organization's 47th anniversary, it is announced by Commander Charles Steffens.

The dinner will be served at 7 o'clock and those planning to attend are asked to take a covered dish and own table service. Rolls, coffee and dessert will be furnished and serving will be done by members of the auxiliary.

An interesting program has been planned for the evening, Steffens said. Among those to be honored are past commanders, Gold Star mothers and auxiliary presidents.



Nyssa Weather ...

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
March 9	57	41	14
March 10	57	40	.03
March 11	56	23	—
March 12	67	29	—
March 13	65	39	.29
March 14	64	38	.05
March 15	59	37	—
March 16	—	34	.03

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
March 14, 1966 600,190 Acre Ft.
March 14, 1965 624,110 Acre Ft.

Rhoades Couple Named Co-Presidents Of PTA; Dinner Project Nets \$405

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rhoades were elected co-presidents of the Nyssa PTA chapter for the coming year during a meeting held March 10 in the school cafeteria. Other new officers include Mr. and Mrs. Jim Obenchain, co-vice presidents; Mrs. Mel Calhoun, secretary; Mrs. Victor Haburchak, treasurer.

Area representatives elected are Mrs. Don Bowers, Nyssa; Mrs. Dick Miller, Arcadia; and

Mrs. Eugene Stephen, Oregon Trail. Installation ceremonies for the new officers will be conducted during the May meeting and they will assume their duties at that time.

By-law changes were approved and the Ways and Means committee reported a net profit of \$405.84 from the International dinner. Mrs. Joy McPartland's fifth grade students received the cash award as winners in the advance ticket sales contest and a check was presented to representatives from her classroom. Appreciation was expressed to those who had helped with the dinner in any way.

Interesting Program Presented

A vocal solo was presented by Mrs. Marvin Snoderly, a newcomer to the Nyssa community.

Dr. John Mirich, speaker of the evening, was introduced by the Rev. Ralph Lawrence, juvenile protection chairman. Dr. Mirich spoke on problems concerning teenagers and youth and cited the home as the greatest solution, stressing teaching of the old values of religion and human decency.

Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hartley and their committee.

SUFFERS SERIOUS BURNS

Mrs. Ben (Ione) Storm recently suffered second and third degree burns on her right arm from fingers to elbow when cooking fat in a skillet became overheated and caught fire. The injury is reported to be healing and Mrs. Storm expects to return soon to her position as clerk at Bracken's Department store.

Potato Growers, Ore-Ida Foods Sign 1966 Contract

Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., Ontario, and the Malheur Potato Bargaining association agreed on a 1966 contract last week. The announcement was made jointly March 8 by Blaine Holladay, assistant to the president of the firm, and Warren Farmer, president of the grower group.

The base price is \$1.30 with a minimum size of 1½-inch and was the same offer rejected by growers in meetings on Feb. 24 and March 2.

According to Dale McLane, public relations man for the firm, all potatoes had been contracted that were desired for processing this year before Wednesday (yesterday).

Students at TVCC Register March 28 For Spring Term

Registration for the 1966 spring quarter at Treasure Valley Community college will be held on Monday, March 28, at the Academic-Classroom building on the college campus. New students as well as previously enrolled students will register on that day between 1 and 9 p.m.

The college will once again offer a full day and evening schedule. Class sections are being adjusted and reopened to accommodate those students who wish to enroll for specific course offerings.

New Courses Reported

Along with the continuation of sequence courses, new courses being offered this spring quarter are advanced writing, advanced math for elementary teachers and calculus with analytic geometry in the transfer division. Business law, office procedures, marketing, office management, secretarial accounting, cost accounting and beginning bookkeeping in the business education department.

Real estate principles in the real estate division. Advanced drafting problems, small engine repair and employee-management in the mechanical technology division. Plant nutrition and agricultural research techniques in the technical agricultural division. Jail procedures, traffic control and criminal investigation in the law enforcement department.

Also once again this spring quarter, beginning golf, intermediate golf, beginning tennis and intermediate tennis will be offered in the physical education department.

Regular classes will start on Tuesday, March 29.

DALTONS MOVE TO AREA

Mr. and Mrs. Elvie Dalton, nee June Stam, moved last week onto the Harley Wilson farm in Apple Valley. The couple came to this area from Santa Barbara, Calif., and Dalton is working for his father-in-law, John Stam.

Treasure Valley A-League Wrestling Champs Win Second Spot in Two-Day Oregon A-2 Tournament at Corvallis

Carter and Vendrell Capture Top Honors; Reece Takes Second; Petrie, Haney Place

Nyssa high school wrestlers participating in the Oregon A-2 and B-Prep tournament, held last weekend at Oregon State university in Corvallis, racked up 42 points to win the second place trophy. Reedsport earned top spot with 61 and Vale totaled 13 points.

In the final matches, Senior Ralph Carter decided Tom Smoot of Madras, 4-3, to gain the championship title in the 115-pound class. Sophomore Rudy Vendrell overpowered Bill Woodfin of Burns, 16-3, to win the crown in the 123-pound division.

Dan Reece, defending state champion in the 136-pound class, gained second spot in the tournament. In the final rounds of the contest, he was pinned by Dave Abel of Reedsport in 5:42. Abel also took state honors last year in the 130-pound division.

Others adding points to the Bulldogs' score were Steve Petrie who pinned his opponent in his initial bout and Steve Haney who won his first match by decision.

Other Nyssa wrestlers qualifying for state competition were Fred Esplin, Swede Mason and Knute Cleaver.

Prior to entering the March 3-4 district tournament at Madras, which they won with 109 points, the Bulldog wrestlers had captured the Treasure Valley A-league title with a 9-0 tally.

Individual Records Listed

Individual records earned during the league season are as follows. Wins, losses and draws appear in that order.

98-lb. class—Richard Parra, 4-6-1; Alan Cleaver, 4-7-1.
106 lbs.—Steve Haney, 11-4; Rick Phillips, 0-6.
115 lbs.—Ralph Carter, 15-0; Gilbert Gallegos, 11-1.
123 lbs.—Rudy Vendrell, 12-2; Ralph Estrada, 12-1.
130 lbs.—Knute Cleaver, 11-2-1; Bob Church, 3-1.
136 lbs.—Dan Reece, 14-1; Roger Carter, 6-2.
141 lbs.—Darryl King, 1-0.
148 lbs.—Fred Esplin, 11-3-1; Tom Stringer, 11-2.
157 lbs.—Jim Ableman, 12-2.
168 lbs.—Eugene (Swede) Mason, 12-3; Rodney Blaylock, 0-0.
178 lbs.—Fred Wight, 9-5.
191 lbs.—Gary Mason, 14-1.
Heavyweight—S. Petrie, 11-3.



COACH MEL CALHOUN
... Displays State Mat Trophy

Nyssa Youth Joins Portland Ad Firm

Robert Hendricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hendricks, 603 King avenue, Nyssa, has joined the staff of Cole and Weber, Inc., Portland advertising agency.

Bob was salutatorian of the 1962 graduating class of Nyssa high school, attended the University of Idaho and is now a student at the University of Oregon where he lacks one quarter for a degree in journalism.

He has won the Crown Zellerbach, the Association of Industrial Advertisers and Cole Memorial scholarships and is a member of Alpha Delta Sigma honorary advertising fraternity.

His mother is a sixth grade teacher in the local school and his father is employed by Dessert Seed company in Nyssa.

Ontario-Payette Snake River Bridge Start Temporarily Set for Sept. 1

Work will start on construction of the Snake river bridge between Ontario and Payette no later than Sept. 1 if the state of Idaho is ready with matching funds then.

The release was made Monday in Salem by Robert Prange, field engineer and assistant to County-City Relations Director S. H. Cox in a meeting attended by County Judge Ellis A. White.

White also told a Journal reporter Wednesday that highway officials felt assured that Idaho could come up with matching funds for the start even if they used federal money allotted to them.

Park Status Given

White also reported that Robert Wilder of the Parks and Recreation division of the highway department announced an early start on the park near Ontario. He said land acquisition was progressing rapidly and when completed the start would be made

that would eventually form a state park on a river island north of the city of Ontario and just off the freeway.

It will also include land along the bank of the river adjacent and when completed will have boat ramps and recreation facilities. It will be planned for overnight parking and will be financed with state funds.

No starting date has been set for the park in and along Succor creek, but Wilder said the state was in the process of acquiring some private land now.



DALE ADAMS (on left), manager of Idaho Power company's Nyssa operations, presents a bronze "All-Electric Building Award" to Jennie and Fred Bennett on their grand opening day at the Twilight Cafe and Lounge. As he presented the

plaque on behalf of the utility company, Adams offered his congratulations to the local couple for bringing about a big improvement to the city of Nyssa.

—Journal Photo.