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## Break in Main Canal Friday Morning Now Repaired With Full Operations Expected to Be Resumed by Weekend

### Crews Working Around-the-Clock Prevent Any Appreciable Damage to Crops in Area

A break in the main canal near Snively siphon Friday morning has been repaired, some users are now getting water and full operations are expected to resume by the weekend. Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, told a Journal reporter the break was discovered about 9:30 a.m. by Elmer Hill, gate tender at Owyhee dam, on his daily patrol to the Owyhee river. He radioed the dam and the water was cut off immediately.

## Oregon District Scout-O-Rama Set May 7 at Ontario

The annual Scout-O-Rama and Circus of the Oregon district, Oregon council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held on Saturday, May 7, at Merchants' Sale pavilion, fairgrounds in Ontario, with show time from 7 to 10 p.m.

Hundreds of boys in Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Explorer posts will present actual demonstrations in their booths and on the main stage; such as "Be Prepared—Artificial Respiration," "Nature Race," "Pinewood Derby," "Cooking," "Knot Tying," "First Aid," "Plastic Handicrafts," "Pioneering," "Camping" and dozens of other subjects.

Cub Scout packs will also demonstrate popular monthly themes, achievements, electives and handicrafts. Boy Scout troops will also demonstrate merit badges, second and first class requirements. Explorer posts will also demonstrate vocational exploration, specialties and assist on service projects.

Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers are now selling tickets for the big show. Officials point out it is a great show for all to see and enjoy—a great event for the whole family to attend.

A host of subjects will be demonstrated to be of interest from the youngest to the oldest. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for all to see area Scouts in action.

## STUDENTS TO EARN FUNDS BY WORKING FOR NYSSANS

On Saturday, April 30, the NHS sophomores will again be working for area residents to earn money for the AFS exchange student fund and the junior-senior prom.

They prefer to be contacted by Friday, so that they can outline the work best fitted for each individual student. Their services may be obtained by dialing 372-3583 or 372-2884.

(These students are to be admired because they are not saying "gimme," but are willing to work for their needed funds. Examples of some of the duties they will and can ably perform are office work, window or car washing, lawn work, cleaning or clean-up jobs, as well as many other small tasks.)

## Nyssa Legion Groups Select NHS Juniors to Attend Summer Sessions

Miss Laurel Beck and James Anderson, junior students at Nyssa high school, have been selected as delegates to attend Girls' and Boys' State sessions this summer. Meetings for the girls will be held at Willamette university in Salem and the boys' sessions are slated on the OSU campus at Corvallis.

Miss Beck is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beck and is being sponsored by the Nyssa American Legion auxiliary. Music has had an important place in her life since early childhood as she plays the piano and clarinet. She accompanied the NHS band when the group marched in the Rose parade in Pasadena, Calif., three years ago.

During each of her high school years, she has held some important class office and has been successful in all her work. She has participated in drama, music,

Canal Wall Unbroken  
House said the canal wall was not broken but that water got underneath one side of the canal lining, causing settling with a crack in the concrete resulting, through which the water escaped. This, in turn, caused more settling and a widening of the existing crack.

The water came out onto the hillside of government land about 35 feet below the crack in the lining and did not damage any cropland. The stream was estimated to carry only 5 to 10 second feet of water, so loss of water was also negligible.

Concrete Dries 24 Hours  
Repairing called for removal of approximately 3,000 cubic yards of rock and dirt before starting the fill for the base of the canal. Then about 25 feet of the cracked lining had to be poured with new concrete. This had to dry about 24 hours before turning the water back in limited amounts.

The manager said waterusers were very understanding and cooperative. He said he believed there was very little if any damage to crops suffering from a lack of water during the period since the turn-in date was much earlier this spring than usual. As a result most growers had their land wet and some were tapering off their use of water when the break occurred.

Worst Break in 1940  
The most serious break ever occurring on the line was May 23, 1940, when about 500 lineal feet of the canal broke on the south side of Mitchell Butte. This required cutting through rock for the new channel.

Water was off 25 days at the time and crops that were not a total loss were severely damaged. About 43,000 acres are dependent on the canal from Owyhee reservoir to supply water and if crops should be lost would create economic havoc in the area.

Everyone can be thankful for efficient crews, supervisors and good equipment in the North Board of Control to guard against such a catastrophe.

## Discuss Music for 17th Dance Revue



MRS. LLOYD (BETTY MADGE) WILSON, producer of the annual dancing display sponsored by Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary, is shown with three of her right-hand girls. They are (left to right) Patty Urry, Marcia Wyckoff and Mrs. Wilson's daughter, Stephanie. Patty and Marcia have been piano accompanists for five years, but this will be their last as they are both NHS seniors and at this time next year will be studying at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande. Stephanie has participated in the recitals since a very small girl and as she has grown older has assisted

her mother with numerous tasks while preparing for and producing the dancing displays. In fact each recital becomes a family affair. Betty's husband, Lloyd, assists annually with the back-stage work, as did their son, Paul, before he went off to college. This year's recital is Friday evening, April 29, in the high school cafeteria. Curtain time is set for 8 o'clock, with the doors to swing open at 7:30. A picture of six of the young participants, dressed in their revue costumes, appears on page 7 of this Journal issue.

—Staff Photo.

## Hospital Auxiliary Sponsors Annual Dancing Display Set Friday Evening

The 17th annual dancing display, sponsored by Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary and starring pupils of Betty Madge Wilson's School of Dancing, will begin at 8 o'clock Friday evening, April 29, in the Nyssa school cafeteria.

Posters publicizing the event were made and placed in the windows of various Nyssa business firms by Girl Scouts of Mrs. Dick G. (Margaret) Tensen's group.

The first of these recitals was held on April 13, 1950, and as has been done since that time, the proceeds were turned over to the auxiliary. The very first purchase was a heavy duty sewing machine, used for some time at the school and later transferred to the hospital.

It is reported by auxiliary members that the recitals have netted an average of \$100 each year, with the funds going to purchase needed items for the local hospital.

When recital time approaches each year, mothers and grandmothers start their sewing machines humming, preparing costumes for the children.

Instructor Given Praise  
And Mrs. Wilson is highly praised for the many hours of work she puts into designing all the costumes, preparing the choreography and instructing the young stars, down to each minute detail.

Betty is a native of England, having resided at High Wycombe, near London. She was a teenager during World War II and witnessed the many perils during the conflict. She studied at a Catholic private school, she and her mother, Mrs. Nora Whincup, now residing in Nyssa, both served as air-raid wardens and her father trained pilots in the Royal Air Force.

She studied dancing under Espinoza, head of the British Ballet organization and the first to theorize dancing in England. His son, Kellan Espinoza, taught tap and modern dances and a daughter, Yvette, instructed character and international dancing.

Mrs. Wilson took all of her dancing instruction and exams through auspices of the BBO and was considered an honor student. A part of her training was costume designing, staging, elocution and dramatic art which she studied at the Royal Academy.

Teaches Dancing in England  
After qualifying as an instructor, she taught in a dancing school comprised of approximately 250 pupils and also gave dance instruction to children, ages 5 to 10, in a private school.

A charity benefit was staged annually for the Royal family, with hundreds of pounds going for worthy causes. The dance instructor said that with the rationing of clothing, on many occasions costume improvisations had to be made.

Betty met Nyssan Lloyd Wilson while he was in the U.S. Air Corps, stationed near her home town. They were married in 1946.

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## Motor Vehicle 1965 Registrations Increase in County

All but one of Oregon's 39 counties recorded increases in motor vehicle registrations during 1965. The only county showing a decrease was Jefferson county with 444 fewer vehicles than in 1964, according to a report from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Statewide, 1965 registrations were up 68,273.

At the other end of the scale, Morrow county gained 531 vehicles and recorded the largest percentage gain in registrations—a 14.2 percent increase over 1964. Jackson county also scored a substantial and more significant gain—5,855 more vehicles or 10.3 percent more than in 1964.

Malheur county had 16,694 vehicles registered in 1965. This compares with 15,839 registrations in 1964, or a 5.39 percent gain.

## CANCER MEETING SLATED

A public meeting of the Malheur chapter of the American Cancer society is planned for 8:30 Monday evening, May 2, it is announced by Dr. David Sarazin. The session will be held in the little theater at Nyssa high school. Dr. Gus Tanaka of Ontario will be featured speaker and a film about the disease will be shown.

## DEMOCRAT CLUB TO MEET

Austin Robbins, president of the Democrat No. 3 club, has announced that a meeting of the organization will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Moore hotel.

## NHS Honor Roll Names 49 Students; Eighteen Earn Perfect GPA Grades

Forty-nine students were named to the Nyssa high honor roll at the conclusion of the third quarter. Eighteen of these scholars earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Seniors obtaining straight A's were Brenda Draper, Lynda Cundall, Patty Urry, Lina Flake, Susan Schenk, Judy Nedry and Vic Haburchak. Juniors reaching this goal were Marie Elguezabal, Brad Maxfield, Jim Ableman and Bob Ure.

Warren Adams, Marie Durfee, Scott Jefferies and Lorraine Wilson were the sophomores earning a perfect GPA. Freshmen, including George Heider, Barbara Tensen and Pam Saito, also obtained the highest grades.

3.8 Honor Students  
Bob Okano, Charles McConnell, Linda Ballou, Nancy Beck, Janine Meyer, Renee Somers, Teresa Haburchak, DiAnne Wilson, Roger Garner, Lucille Bertram, JoAnn Durfee, Reid Saito and Ramona Bielby.

3.7—Kay Abe, Carolyn Winchester, Joan Stunz, Lynn Finch, Ken Brown, Chris Burningham, Paul House, Don Smith, Laurel Beck, Teresa Elguezabal, Susan Bratton, Janet Nedry, Roberta Breshers, Margie Staples and Gene Brown.

3.5—Darlene Bale, Ralph Tidwell, Suzanne Stunz, Dan Reece, Larry Hirai and Marcia Wyckoff.

## \$60,000 Bond Issue for New Library To Be Submitted to Nyssa Electors In Special Election Slated for May 17

### Would Authorize Buying of Taylor Building At 319 Main Plus Renovation, Equipment

A \$60,000 bond issue for purchase of a library building, equipment and accessories thereto will be placed before the electors of Nyssa May 17. The special election will be held in the council chambers of the city hall between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Plans call for purchase of the Taylor building at 319 Main street and adjoining parking lot at a cost of \$28,000 with an estimate of \$14,000 for remodeling and repairing and \$10,000 for library furniture and fixtures.

The amount that could be spent for additional books would depend on the accuracy of the above estimations and the amount of federal funds that might be available through the Oregon State Library board.

Present Facilities Inadequate  
The present library, located on the upper floor of the city hall, is considered inadequate in size, inaccessible to many older people, does not have adequate parking and has no available space for expansion.

Library authorities estimate that a town the size of Nyssa should have a minimum of 3,000 square feet of floor space and should have provisions for growth of the town. The prospective location provides 5,400 square feet of floor surface and has a paved parking lot along the west side that could be used for future expansion if ever needed.

Financing Plan Explained  
The financing would be through 20-year general obligation bonds and, according to estimate made by City Manager Fred Koch, should be sold at near a four percent interest rate with an average payment of \$4,200, covering principal and interest, for a yearly average cost.

After discussion of the matter since last fall, the city council approved submitting the issue to a vote at its regular meeting April 12, 1966, with the motion being made by Councilman Don Engstrom and a second by Councilman Ken Pond.

All registered voters within the city are eligible to vote, whether property owners or not.

## TEACHER VACANCIES LISTED AT ADRIAN SCHOOLS

Superintendent Glenn Ward reports that five teacher vacancies still exist at Adrian schools. Instructors are needed for third, fourth and eighth grades and for physical education and commercial subjects in the high school.

## Barry Fujishin, Jim Brewer Named As Adrian Delegates to Boys' State

Adrian high school junior boys selected to attend Boys' State sessions at Corvallis during June are Barry Fujishin and Jim Brewer. Barry is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fujishin of the Ridgeview community and Jim's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Brewer of the Owyhee area. Sponsoring the youths are American Legion Post 109 and the Adrian Lions club.

During his high school career, Barry has participated in football and judo for three years. He is presently serving as student body vice president at Adrian high and was recently awarded the Oregon State Farmer degree.

Other Activities Listed  
He has also been vice president of the National Honor society, vice president of the Junior Japanese American Citizens league and president of the Snake River district, Future Farmers of America. He is a member of the Future Teachers of America and sports editor of the paper staff.

During his freshman year, he served as class president and was student council representative while a sophomore.

His out-of-school activities include DeMolay in which he holds the office of scribe for Gem chapter at Homedale. He has been junior assistant scoutmaster and was named outstanding scout of the year for 1965. Barry has participated in 4-H work for six years and attends the Presbyterian church at Homedale.

Jim has been a member of Pep club, Future Teachers of America and Future Farmers of America organizations, Lettermen's club and Thespians.

His sports activities include football, basketball and track. He served as president of the sophomore class and sports editor on the paper staff.

His outside activities include seven years of 4-H work and a junior leader of the organization. He is a member of the executive committee of the Malheur County Youth council and attends the Presbyterian church.

## W. L. McPartland Represents State At National Meet

Nyssa School Superintendent W. L. McPartland, along with Superintendent Ralph Jones of Grants Pass, will represent Oregon at the 20th annual conference of presidents and executive secretaries of the State Association of School Administrators at Chicago this week.

McPartland will leave Nyssa this morning for the conference at Pick Congress hotel April 29-30 and May 1. All expenses are paid by the Oregon Association of School Administrators.

Theme of the conference is "Strengthening the Professional Leadership of State Associations." Two school superintendents from each of the 50 states will represent their own associations at the sessions.

While in Chicago McPartland plans to visit with Clyde Swisher, who is at the University of Chicago on a John Hay fellowship; and will fly to Ann Arbor, Mich., to visit with his daughter, Barbara, Sunday before returning home Monday. Barbara will be graduated this weekend after a year of graduate work at the University of Michigan.

## NYSSA DOCTOR ATTENDS SESSIONS IN PORTLAND

Dr. David W. Sarazin spent the weekend in Portland where he attended the Oregon Medical association's mid-year house of delegates session at the Benson hotel.

He reports that the keynote speaker was James Z. Appel, M.D., president of the American Medical association, and main topic of discussion was the Medicare program.

Dr. Sarazin also attended a University of Oregon alumni meeting. He was accompanied to the Rose city by his daughter, Amy, and they were house guests of Mrs. Sarazin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl.



LAUREL BECK

dance, speech and sports in MIA, an organization within the LDS church of which she is a member.

Auxiliary women report that Miss Beck was rated highly by the high school faculty in leadership, character and scholarship, all important qualities of a Girls' State delegate. Auxiliary members have chosen Ramona Bielby as alternate.

James is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson of Nyssa and is being sponsored by American Legion Post 79. During all of his high school years he has participated in baseball and has served as manager for the football and basketball teams.

He is a member of the Lettermen's club and for approximately five years was an active member of the Boy Scout organization.



JIM ANDERSON



JIM BREWER



BARRY FUJISHIN