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Grand Opening — Thunderegg Mall Saturday, May 14

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Downtown Beautification

New Nyssa Parking Mall Complete; Dedication Ceremonies Set Saturday

The new Thunderegg Parking Mall in downtown Nyssa at Main and Second streets is all complete and owners have set Saturday, May 14, as time for the grand opening. Dedication ceremonies will be held at 2:45 p.m., immediately prior to a drawing for the free color television set to be awarded to a lucky registered winner.

In the absence of Mayor Grant Rinehart, City Manager Fred Koch will make a brief speech acknowledging the event and thanking the participating firms for making it a reality without the use of federal funds.

The mall actually consists of two parking lots, both extending along Second street on the north and south sides of Main street. The one along North Second has been an existing parking lot for a number of years, while the one on the south side of Second is new and just completed.

Improvements Made

Both have been recently blacktopped, floodlights installed, flowering Hawthorne trees planted and various colored concrete car stops erected. In addition to the beautification program, several of the nearby stores have redecorated the exterior of their buildings at thousands of dollars expense. And some have made vast interior improvements.

One of the owners said he believed a conservative estimate of the cost of these improvements would be $50,000 for the land and beautification of the parking areas and not less than that sum already expended by individual merchants since it started.

The same source said he doubted there was a parking mall or shopping district in the lower Treasure Valley that offered as many different stores and services within a block as does this one. They, of course, were already here in Nyssa but needed the parking space to give customers the convenience of nearby shopping.

Background Given

Negotiations with Nellie Powell, owner of the lot, were started two years ago and completed about April 1, 1965, to acquire the property. It was occupied by a Chevron service station and formerly housed Howard's Radiator shop. After he moved to a new location it was leased by local beet growers for a laboratory.

Then until the beet growers moved into a newly constructed lab, the new owners could do nothing toward razing the building and starting the new mall. Work was started this spring and new signs placed on Wilson's Market building and the side of Bracken's Department store yesterday (Wednesday) showing merchants offering the facilities for parking.

Sign Lists 18 Sponsors

A large sign on the west wall of Coast-to-Coast store shows the names of owners of this facility along with those paying an annual fee for helping in the main-

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New Parking Mall Welcomes Visitors

NYSSA'S NEW PARKING MALL located at the southwest corner of the Main and Second street intersection and extending south to Good avenue. The entire parking area, a portion of it being the site of the old Chevron station, has been blacktop-surfaced, equipped with new lights, colorful concrete car stops and graced with huge ornamental pots containing Flowering Hawthorne trees and evergreen shrubs. The parking lot on the northeast corner of the intersection has been equipped to match the new facility. The combined units have been named "Thunderegg Mall" by a group of Nyssa merchants and offer parking accommodations for over 200 cars. A brief dedication of the area by City Manager Fred O. Koch will be held Saturday, May 14, just prior to a 2:45 p.m. drawing for a 21-inch console color TV set.—Photo by Schoen.

PTA Year Closes With Installation Of New Officers

Final PTA meeting of the school year will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the school cafetorium, it is announced by President Mrs. Dee Garner.

Main order of business will be installation of new officers. Mrs. Garner states that a new vice president will be elected due to resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Obenchain who were previously named as co-vice presidents. Mrs. John Schenk will serve as installing officer of the evening.

Also included during the business session will be a report of the April 18-21 convention held in Klamath Falls. Representatives of the local chapter were Mrs. Bill Fitzsimmons, Oralia Vendrell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rhoades.

Conducting the flag ceremony will be members of Cub Pack 445 with Mrs. Max Urry and Mrs. Emery Spangler as den mothers. The Treasure Valley choir, under direction of Dr. Sam Pobanz, will present a program of vocal selections.

Mrs. Garner states that all committee chairmen who have not turned in their procedure folders are requested to give them to her or Mrs. Rhoades.

Refreshments will be served by Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Miner and their committee.

MORCOM APPOINTED CLERK FOR REMAINDER OF YEAR

It was announced Wednesday by members of the Malheur county court that Robert Morcom has been appointed to serve as acting county clerk until Jan. 1, 1967. The position was left vacant due to the untimely death of J. Homer Schnell. Morcom had been serving as deputy clerk.

Under Oregon election statutes, both political parties must caucus and each will submit the name of a nominee for the elective position.

Monday Concert Set By SRV Honor Band

The SRV honor band will present a public concert at 8 o'clock Monday evening, May 16, in the Nyssa school cafetorium.

Frank Turner, president of the SRV music educators, stated that top students from high schools throughout the valley are members of the band, including 10 from Nyssa.

A varied program is planned with music to please everyone.

Pupils Receive Achievement Awards While Staging Annual Dance Display

Several young dancers were presented achievement awards by their instructor, Betty Madge Wilson, during their annual recital staged April 29 in the high school cafetorium.

"Miss Congeniality" awards went to Megan Jackson and Nancy Bratton, while Susan Stam and Jan Pecora were recipients of "Miss Personality" awards. Karla Beck received the prize as most promising beginner and Renee DeMinck was rewarded for making the most progress during the year.

Miss Cherie Barker was honored as best all-around student and received the top award; Rickey Thomas received a gift as the lone boy in a program of girls.

Mrs. Wilson was presented gifts by her students and the hospital auxiliary, sponsors of the annual dancing display. All awards were presented by Mrs. Jessie Morgan, auxiliary president.

Other Students Participate

In addition to students already named as receiving awards, others participating included Lynn Whitty, Jamie Garner, Laura Whitty, Nellda Nichols, Kathy Toombs, Norene Savage, Renee Lattin, LeAnne Wilson, Michelle Sadamori, Jane Farmer, Kathy Daudt, GayLyn Trost, Stephanie Wilson, Vicki Roostool.

Susan Bratton, Debra Fangen, Dolores Defuentes, Jill Jackson, Linda Ray, Debra Hendricks, Sandra Thomas, Shelley Myrick, Tina Okuda, Lori Miner, ShanRae Moss, Teresa Okuda and Sharmon Sadamori.

Decorations were provided by Fangen's Floral shop with backstage work done by Lloyd Wilson. Spotlighting was under supervision of Gary Sadamori and Larry Miner, with Candy Stripers serving as usherettes.

Programs were provided by Mrs. Robert Fangen, with Girl Scouts making posters and taking charge of publicity. Costumes were designed and the entire production and dances arranged by Mrs. Wilson.

Soil Stewardship Observance Set Throughout Nation

The week of May 15-21 will be observed throughout the nation as Soil Stewardship week, according to Wilbur Chapin, chairman of the Adrian Soil and Water Conservation district. The special week is sponsored annually by 3000 conservation districts across the United States.

Members of the Nyssa-Adrian Ministerial association are planning to cooperate locally with the Adrian SWCD, and soil stewardship inserts for church bulletins are being furnished to the various ministers within the district.

Nation's People Indifferent

Theme of this year's observance is "Crisis in the Countryside." The "Crisis," according to Chapin, is indifference to conservation needs as shown by the nation's people.

Each year 500,000 acres of productive land are lost through erosion; and one and one-third million acres of choice land are taken for highways, factories, housing projects, etc.

With this in mind and considering the population explosion, Chapin urges that area residents make better plans and attempt to farm more wisely in the future.

Nyssa Lions Club Holds Block Sale For Building Fund

Nyssa Lions club members will again be at Second and Main streets Saturday for a final sale of pumice blocks to finance the proposed rest rooms and concession stand at the high school athletic field.

Chairman Bob West said that they have reached near the halfway point in the money-raising campaign, and their goal is $1600 for materials for the building. There has been a great deal of interest in this project, particularly among sport fans, and West said they hope to get started on actual construction in June.

The club hopes to complete the building in time for Thunderegg Days in August and the football season starting in September.

OTTO BAUMAN PRESENTED DEALER-OF-MONTH AWARD

Otto Bauman, owner of Bauman Farm Equipment company of Nyssa, has been named "Dealer of the Month" by Allis-Chalmers. An award was presented by R. C. Littlejohn and B. O. Ekanger of the firm's farm equipment branch at Pocatello.

Bauman's dealership was chosen for the March award because he achieved significant standards in his business operation. Allis-Chalmers dealers in all or parts of seven intermountain states were competing for the honor.

VISIT IN J. LONG HOME

Dr. and Mrs. A. Frantz of Salem are visiting this week in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Long. Mrs. Frantz is a niece of Mrs. Long.

OMSI Auction Moved From Rodeo Grounds to Location at 'Y' on W. Main; Wide Assortment of Bargains Offered

New Site Offers Shade, Less Heat and Dust With Adequate Parking, Better Accessibility

Tom Jones, chairman of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry auction to be held in Nyssa Saturday, May 14, reports the site has been changed from the rodeo grounds to the elementary school campus near the "Y" at the west end of Main street.

The decision was made during a meeting of district chairmen at Ontario Saturday, in order to provide shade, get away from dust which might prevail at the rodeo grounds and provide a place more accessible to out-of-town people.

The sale, to be conducted by the auctioneering firm of Anderson, Sparks and Baker (assisted by John W. Jones of Jordan Valley) will start at 1:30 p.m. and continue until all donated items are sold.

Chairman Jones said Wednesday that he had not received a report from Vale, Adrian and Jordan Valley, but from the partial lists turned in by Ontario and Nyssa, the sale should be very successful and he hoped it would bring in the county's $2000 quota toward the $200,000 statewide goal for the agricultural wing at OMSI in Portland.

Some Ontario Items Listed

A partial list of useful items from Ontario firms, as sent the Journal by Extension Agent Steve Besse Wednesday, included 15 gallons of ice cream, new tires from three different firms, fertilizer (by the ton or bag), a $300 John Deere "B" tractor, siphon tubes, new wrench sets, a water heater and motor tune-up jobs.

Other items listed were a free horseshoeing job, sheep shearmaster and clipmaster, special hunting privileges and shoe shines by County Judge Ellis White, as well as other numerous items.

Nyssa Responding Well

Dale Adams, Nyssa chairman, said he had never worked with a more cooperative group than his committee. They had been successful in securing gifts to be auctioned, which made him very proud.

He listed as some of the larger items: an electric carving knife, 250 pounds of sugar, dried beet pulp, about 100 sacks of potatoes and 20 sacks of onions (to be picked up after harvest of the current crop), 300 pounds of dog food, pole lamp and clock, a cement double wash basin (still in crate), two tons of bulk ammonia sulfate fertilizer, one case of motor oil, two recapped passenger tires (any size).

Other Contributions Reported

A spray pump, 12-volt battery for car truck or tractor, drill kit, electric fencer, 150 pounds of seed corn, five shoe shines by Nyssa Mayor Grant H. Rinehart, five eight-pound loads of dry cleaning, a 110-pound pig, an excursion ticket on the steam engine train from Boise to Huntington on Aug. 6—and a 600-pound steer from Stringer Feed Lot in Nyssa.

These are outside the cash donations made by firms in the various towns. Farmers, produce houses, implement dealers and agriculturally related industry have been particularly cooperative — as well as many other unrelated individuals and firms.

Don't miss this sale! You can buy something useful, have fun and support the movement to picture the importance of agriculture where it will be viewed by several hundred thousand people each year.

School Board Told Coach J. Moawad To Stay in Nyssa

Nyssa school board members met in regular session Monday evening to conduct routine business and to pay bills.

John Moawad, football coach and social studies teacher who had previously resigned, has reconsidered and will be back next year, according to Superintendent W. L. McPartland. He told the board that he is still accepting applications for a guidance counselor at the high school, and there are two vacancies at the elementary school.

The school board set Friday at 8 p.m. as the time to interview applicants for the bus mechanic position that will be vacant when Clayton Jensen retires in June. Qualified mechanics are invited to make application, and to appear for the interview May 13 in the administration office.

New Bus Purchased

A new school bus was ordered last week as the result of two special meetings called to open and review the bidding. The bus ordered will be a Superior body mounted on a GMC chassis with a V-6 engine. The body was ordered from Bill Powers of Payette, who bid $1,983, which includes trade-in of a 1956 GMC bus. The only other bid on the body was by Carpenter, with a net bid of $2,398.

The chassis was ordered from Wilson Buick of Nyssa, who bid $3,218 for the GMC V-6. This makes a total cost of the new vehicle $5,201 at the Superior factory in Lima, Ohio.

Other bids received were Gentry Ford, Ontario, with a bid of $2,898; Owyhee Truck & Implement, Nyssa, $3,731; Swager Chevrolet, Nyssa, $2,683.46; and Wilson Buick of Nyssa, $3,074 for an in-line six engine.

TVCC Sets Classes In Farm Records

In answer to many requests, Treasure Valley Community college will once again offer a class in farm records to be taught by Grant Rinehart of Nyssa.

Rinehart has taught this popular course throughout the Treasure Valley area for years. The course will be offered beginning May 16 at 7 p.m. in room C-1 of the Administration Classroom building on the college campus.

The course will cover analysis record keeping systems, cost accounting and methods of setting up individual farm records, and will be based around each student's record system and farm operation. It will meet three hours each class and once each month until December, thus enabling the student to complete his 1966 set of records by the end of the current year.

Further information on this course can be obtained from Treasure Valley Community college, telephone number 889-6493, extension 50, Harry Hoch, director of continuing education; or from Rinehart, phone 372-2415.

Accident Claims Lives of University Students; Services to Be Held Today

Roger Clarence Barnes of Nyssa and Dee Ronald Baker of Ontario were two of four University of Oregon students killed at approximately 9 o'clock Sunday evening, May 8, 1966, when their auto collided with a pickup truck on highway 99, four miles north of Eugene.

It has been reported that neither of the local youths was driving the car involved and that the operator of the pickup was also killed.

The 22-year-old youths were roommates and were both U of O seniors, scheduled to graduate in approximately five weeks.

On Aug. 23 last year Roger was severely injured while operating a road roller for the Nyssa Road district. And even though he suffered an intestinal puncture and a broken left arm, which later required surgery, he made a speedy recovery.

ROGER BARNES
. . . Lifetime Nyssa Resident

Funeral Services Thursday

Funeral services for Roger Clarence Barnes will be conducted at 2:30 this afternoon (Thursday) at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating will be the Rev. Wallace Prowell of Nyssa Christian church.

He was born March 21, 1944, at Nyssa, a son of Roy and Arline Barnes. He attended Nyssa schools and was graduated from high school in 1962. He studied for two years at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande, and for the past two years had been a student at U of O in Eugene. He was a member of the local Christian church.

Roger's father preceded him in death in 1954.

In addition to his step-father and mother, Hudson and Arline Robb, he is survived by one brother, Jim Barnes; two step-brothers, Jim Robb of Moses Lake, Wash., and Wayne Robb of the Owyhee community; one step-sister, Mrs. Bill (Darlene) Hamilton of Ontario.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walk-

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Instructors Attend Special Education Meeting in Portland

The annual "special education" meeting, sponsored by the State Department of Education, was held last weekend in Portland. Highlights of the session were talks by nationally known educators including Dr. Merle B. Karnes, associate professor of special education, University of Illinois; Miss Flora M. Daly, consultant for education of the mentally retarded, from the California Department of Education; and Dr. Harrie M. Selznick, director of special education, Baltimore public schools.

Topics discussed included "Prevocational Services for the Handicapped Child," "How to Use Federal Legislation for Exceptional Children" and "Public School Classes for the Emotionally Disturbed."

The latter subject was discussed by Dr. William C. Morse, professor of educational psychology, University of Michigan. Each lecture was followed by "buzz" sessions for small informal groups where questions were asked and ideas shared.

Attending the meeting from Nyssa were Miss Nelle Hayes, teacher of the modified education program in the junior high school; Mrs. Naomi May, instructor of the primary special class; and Mrs. Josephine Rigney, director of the Nyssa Special Education department.

Accompanying the teachers was Mrs. Lester Oden.

TINY MISS KATHY HABURCHAK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vic Haburchak, has been selected by members of the local American Legion auxiliary as "Nyssa Poppy Girl" for 1966. Just before this Journal photo was snapped, she had handed a veteran-made flower to City Manager Fred Koch. Pictured with them is Mrs. Herman Towne, Poppy chairman for the auxiliary. Members of the unit have set Saturday, May 14, as Poppy Day in Nyssa, with headquarters in the Towne Garage building. Those assisting will be Mmes. H. O. Hopkins, Joe Maughan, C. M. Pounds, Ellen Richardson and Nora Graham. On Poppy Day each year more than 25 million paper flowers are made by disabled veterans and distributed throughout the nation under supervision of the auxiliary. Approximately 125 thousand volunteers from auxiliary units and other organizations take part in the program annually.

Girl Scout Roundup Program Set Monday

"Light on the Mountain," official Girl Scout film of the 1965 Roundup at Farragut, Idaho, will be shown to the public in Nyssa at 8 o'clock Monday night, May 16, in the multipurpose room of the primary school.

This film and slides together with a resume of camp life by Caren Jackson will highlight the evening. Caren was Nyssa's only delegate to Roundup, and she reports that local residents were a big help in preparing her for this big adventure.

She has shared her experiences with the Chamber of Commerce, Lions club and spoken at various school activities, but so far has not appeared before scout troops or their families and has felt there are other interested adults who might also like to hear about camp.

This program will be a Court of Awards for all Girl Scouts of Nyssa, from Brownies through Seniors. Members of Junior Troop 338 with Mrs. Tom Morrow as leader, will serve as official hostesses for the Monday night program.

Rocks Delivered By Out-of-Towners

Monday morning between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock, the occupants of five or six passenger cars unloaded some roundish, sedimentary-type of rocks in front of the doors of stores in the first and second blocks on Main street.

Police Chief F. E. Petrie says they were from an adjoining town and while not Thunderegg, were brought in as a joke about Nyssa being the Thunderegg Capital of Oregon. He said they violated no city ordinance and the police force went along with the "gag," known about in advance by two Nyssa merchants.

Average tourists may have their curiosity aroused by these stones, as they usually don't know a Thunderegg from other stones. It adds publicity to the city's claim and could backfire on the intent to joke.