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Rep. Robert F. Smith Being Pushed For Republican State Chairman; Says He'd Accept Through Fall Election

Sees Need for Party Unity and Financial Stability as Goals to Be Attained Now

Robert F. Smith, Republican representative for Malheur and Harney counties is being pushed for the position of Republican party state chairman.

The action was initiated Monday by Don Wilson, Republican representative from the heavily populated counties of Benton and Lane. He has been contacting leading figures within the party as well as key county chairmen, urging their support at the coming state meeting in Coos Bay.

Livestock Field Day July 21 to Feature Contests, Instruction

Livestock judging will be featured at today's annual 4-H Livestock field day at the Malheur county fair grounds. In addition, 4-H members will be given instructions on fitting and showing beef, dairy, cattle, sheep and swine.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with demonstrations on fitting various types of animals. Lewis Johnson of Vale will be in charge of showing 4-H'ers how to fit and display dairy animals; George Bain, beef cattle; Stanley Sisson, NHS vocational agriculture instructor, swine section; Michael Amick, Harper 4-H member, sheep demonstrations.

Judging Competition Slated

County-wide livestock judging contest will start at 1:30 p.m., with teams of three members from each 4-H livestock club eligible to compete. Contestants will judge two classes of dairy cattle and sheep, one each of beef and swine.

Animals for the contest are being furnished by Alva Goodell, Lewis Johnson, Scotty Payne, Rod McKay, Allan Erstrom, Tom Burns and sons.

"I am supporting Bob Smith for state chairman because he is one man who can serve the interests of all Oregon Republicans. Bob is not the candidate of one county or one faction," Wilson said.

Smith, a successful businessman and rancher of Burns, as well as the county's representative in the state legislature, served as majority house leader during the last session. This was the first term since 1955 that the party had a majority in the Oregon House.

Would Accept Temporarily

Smith's statement Tuesday was, "My first concern is for Malheur and Harney counties, which comprise the 26th legislative district I now serve. However, should the Republican delegates meeting in Coos Bay determine my services needed, I would be willing to accept the chairmanship until after the November election."

He sees the need for a chairman who can unite party differences and provide a solid aggressive program for the party and candidates. Financial stability and party unity were named as what he considered the first goals of a state chairman.

Nyssa Lapidary Constructs Huge Saw



A DRAG-SAW, built purposely to cut through thundereggs, petrified wood and other precious gems, has been constructed by Adolph Schroeder, a Nyssa resident for 20 years — and a rockhound for approximately one dozen. Being the proud owner of stones too large to be halved with equipment he had on hand, Schroeder began dreaming of a big saw to cut huge rocks.

For some time he studied plans for construction of such a piece of machinery. Finally in March, he ordered a blade with the cutting edge made from segments of diamonds containing metal. The blade came from Felker company of Torrance, Calif., which Schroeder believes is the oldest existing manufacturer of diamond blades. He says that this portion of the drag-saw is by far the most expensive part.

The motor which maneuvers the blade back and forth is the mechanism from an old washing machine. While the blade is in motion, a small stream of water is kept running over the rock to reduce friction and eliminate sawdust. (Now this writer always thought of sawdust as small fragments of wood — but after thinking on the subject — a saw is a saw and it is what produces

the sawdust, regardless of the material it is cutting through.)

The above photo shows Schroeder with the complete unit, as the saw works its way through a 225-pound thunderegg, the largest in his collection. And the pictures below are close-ups of the small motor which operates the saw (on left) and the partially cut huge rock which Schroeder found in Red bed about 33 miles south of Harper.

The drag-saw builder says the unit is not yet perfected, as he is still having trouble with blade adjustments. After seeing his weary countenance and listening to his story of ups and downs (or should it be backs and forths) this reporter believes that Schroeder's advice would be, "Don't try to construct a drag-saw to cut large stones."

But our guess is that the 12-year gem collector will soon have it operating to perfection. Schroeder, a retired carpenter, likes to hunt, cut and polish his stones for other folks to enjoy and among his desires is to have some displayed in the proposed county museum. He plans to have specimens on display during NYSSA'S AUG. 4-5 THUNDEREGG DAYS.

—Journal Photos.

Teaching Staff Nearly Filled for Start Of Nyssa Schools August 29; Program For Children of Migrants in Doubt

Possibility Program May Be Supervised, Financed by State with Funds to Come

Nyssa schools are scheduled to start the fall session Monday, Aug. 29, according to School Superintendent W. L. McPartland. Teachers will report for the usual in-service training one week earlier on Aug. 22.

One unknown quantity is the status of the migrant education program, carried on in the district and county with federal funds the past year under the Office of Economic Opportunity. To date, according to McPartland's information, there has been no appropriation made. However, he said there is talk that it will be continued with state agencies doing the supervising.

If discontinued entirely, during the school term, it will mean the end of the kindergarten classes (two rooms at Arcadia school involving about 60 children) plus the remedial classes (grades one through six) involving about 100 pupils and conducted in the Nyssa city schools.

Other Programs Eliminated

Also eliminated would be the day-care program in which 55 children of agricultural families, with parents working, have care paid for during working hours. Another phase of the program that would be eliminated would be the current summer school for county migrant laborers.

The latter is conducted in the May Roberts school building in Ontario and has 50 to 60 students from Nyssa, five days each week. They are sent by bus and another bus carries a smaller number from Adrian.

The local school staff is complete for the fall start with the exception of the migrant program. And, should it be discontinued, two teachers now in that department would fill existing vacancies in the primary department.

New Teachers Named

Charles Newkirk of Notus will teach social studies here and coach track in the coming year. He is married, has a wife and two children, and is in school in California this summer. They will be moving to Nyssa.

Monday of this week, William DeLong of Vale was hired to teach physics and chemistry. He taught at The Dalles last year and is currently employed by BLM at Vale. His family consists of his wife and one child; they will also be moving here.

Howard Parrill, custodian in the local school for three years, has resigned to accept a similar situation in Council. No replacement is being sought at this time — dependent upon the outcome of the migrant program.

Repairs, Improvements Made

Among the repairs and improvements made in the school plant and on the grounds are re-roofing one-half of the elementary building, refinishing desks and floors in various buildings, placing a partition in the room under the north balcony of the gym. This will be used for industrial arts drawing and another section for the music room.

Painting has been done at the Arcadia building and acoustical tile installed in the elementary library room and three high school classrooms.

The triangular-shaped part of the grounds at the intersection of Adrian boulevard and 11th street has been filled in, leveled and will soon be seeded to grass. When completed and sodded, this will be used for a practice area for junior high athletics.

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield Issues Message In Observance of Farm Safety Week

During Farm Safety Week, July 24-30, 1966, I urge emphasis on measures to eliminate accidents which can lead to injury or death, in our homes, on our streets and highways and in rural activities.

It is said, "that since accidents are caused, they can be prevented." But prevention can only be realized when the proper attitude toward safety exists and persons are motivated by a feeling of personal responsibility in the prevention of accidents.

I would urge, therefore, that during Farm Safety Week and throughout the rest of the year as well, that all communications media assist in reminding our citizens that error can be reduced by training, skill and knowledge of hazards.

It is my hope that such a program will bring with it strengthened motivation to function safely. Then and only then will the word "safety" become more than a word in everyone's vocabulary.

(Signed)
MARK O. HATFIELD
Governor of Oregon

100 4-H Members In Malheur Plan Camp Attendance

Malheur 4-H members attending camp this year will be using the new 4-H camp being built on Cascade lake near Donnelly, Idaho. Dates of the camp are July 28 to Aug. 1, which is considerably earlier than previous camps. More than 100 4-H members from Malheur county have signed up for the camp, according to E. M. Hauser, county extension agent. In addition, adult leaders will help conduct the camping program. Members of the junior leader organization will act as cabin counselors and will help with camp activities.

Hauser explained that most of the campers are younger 4-H members, many of whom will be away from home for the first time. He says that this lesson in group living is one of the most valuable experiences in a camping situation.

Babe Ruth All-Stars To Vie for Honors In Thursday Contest

The Ontario Beaver All-Stars are still competing in the District 3 Babe Ruth tourney at Hermiston. So far they have won 3, lost 1.

The Elks-sponsored lads suffered their first and only loss Tuesday evening to the Pendleton Americans with a final 9-7 score. During this contest, there were seven home runs chalked up by members of both teams. Two were made by Garry Berg of Nyssa; one each by Pud Franks of Adrian and G. B. Cudru.

Thursday evening will produce results of the championship contest. At 8 o'clock the Beavers will meet the winners of tonight's game which will be either the Pendleton Americans or the Ontario Vandals.

Clarence Page of Nyssa and Pete Franks of Adrian are coaches for the local lads, with Carl Lovitt of Adrian serving as team manager.

Seed Certification Specialists Complete Grain Examinations

Seed certification inspectors from Oregon State university have completed examination of grain entered for certification in Malheur county, according to Leeds Bailey, county extension agent.

A total of 502 acres made up of wheat and barley was examined by the certification officials. Vale barley with 345 acres led the crops in total acreage. Remainder of the acreage was made up of Bonneville barley, Idea 59 and Gaines wheat.

Grain that passed the field inspection will undergo purity and germination tests following harvest and cleaning. Seed that passes all tests will qualify for certification and furnish a source of weed-free planting stock of known genetic purity for farmers to plant for next year's crop.

Jaycees Plan Miss Malheur Contest; Announce August 1 Entry Deadline

Miss Malheur County for 1966-67 will be selected from area contestants Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. during the annual pageant at Ontario high school auditorium.

A social meeting for all girls interested in vying for the title will be held at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday) in the Walnut room of Moore hotel at Ontario. Girls of the county who are high school graduates between the ages of 18 and 28 and unmarried are eligible to enter.

Entrance deadline is Aug. 1. Each contestant must be of good character and possess poise, personality and intelligence. Among other qualities, she must have charm and beauty of face and figure.

A talent presentation of at least three minutes duration will be required of each girl. This may involve such talents as singing, dancing, art display and creative poetry, or the entrant may give a talk on her chosen career.

Pageant Sponsors Listed

Sponsors of the Miss Malheur County pageant are Ontario, Vale and Nyssa chapters of Junior Chamber of Commerce and Jay-C-Ettes. Ben Cook of Ontario, general chairman, will be assisted by six co-chairmen—Messrs. and Meses. Gary Schmitt of Ontario, Harlan McClure of Vale and Dick Burns of Nyssa.

Two previous pageant winners

assisting in the production are Toni Winkel of Vale, Miss Malheur County of 1965-66, and Mrs. Larry DeLong of Vale, formerly Linda Bates, who held the title for 1964-65.

Others helping during the event are Miss Linda Lieurance of Vale, Mrs. John Jennings of Ontario and Mrs. Darwin Jensen of Nyssa, who was second runnerup in the 1959 Mrs. Oregon pageant.

Entry Blanks Available

Official entry blanks for the contest can be obtained by contacting Harlan McClure of Vale, who is entries committee chairman.

Among other prizes and awards, winner of the Miss Malheur title will receive a \$250 scholarship, a television appearance in Boise and an expense-paid trip to state competition in July of 1967 at Seaside, Ore.

A \$100 scholarship will be awarded to the first runnerup, and second runnerup will receive a \$50 scholarship.

Gary Ward Says Information Wrong On Altercation With Police Officer

(Editor's Note—Gary Ward, who was involved in an altercation with Nyssa Patrolman Ron Rookstool at the Nyssa Nite Rodeo July 9, says the information carried in a front page article of the Journal last week was incorrect. His version is carried in the following statement.)

Nyssa, Oregon
July 20, 1966

Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

I am Gary Ward. I gained notoriety through an article published on the front page of the July 14 issue of the Nyssa Gate City Journal. I hope this article will have the same publicity.

I was at the Saturday night rodeo and was participating by riding a horse. I parked my pickup at the south end of the grandstand. There was no reserved sign where I parked. I was ordered to move my vehicle and I told them to move it as the keys were in it.

Officer Rookstool became loud and profane. I answered in kind. He rode toward me and I dismounted to go move the pickup. He also dismounted and met me, cursing loudly. He threw off his badge and hit me in the mouth. Officer Allen grabbed me

around the arms and wanted Deputy Sheriff Dick Pounds to arrest me. Dick refused and said, "He has done nothing to be arrested for."

That I asked him to take off his badge is untrue, as I was taken completely unaware by Officer Rookstool's attack. It is true that I am 19 years of age.

If Officer Rookstool was fined \$200 for not performing an arrest that was unjustified, it would seem to be inconsistent with good city management.

A number of men have visited my Dad and me, offering to be witnesses for me if the matter comes to trial.

I would appreciate a meeting with the police force for a chance to submit my story and witness. We should have been asked before the article was published in the paper.

GARY WARD

Amalgamated Picnic Slated at Nyssa Park

Amalgamated Sugar company employees will meet for their annual family picnic at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30, in Nyssa south park.

The dinner will be a southern-style barbecue. On the entertainment agenda will be a ball game, races for all ages, horseshoe pitching contest and a sugar drawing, with prizes being offered.

All former and present employees of the White Satin firm and members of their families are urged to attend.

Each family should take a covered dish and own silverware.

GROCER LISTS WINNERS OF CAMPING EQUIPMENT

Reed Ray, owner-operator of Ray's Food Fair in Nyssa, has listed the following winners of camping equipment and grocery items in his recent Ocoma Camp-A-Rama event.

Marion Leseberg was winner of the tent; Joseph F. Staples, camping stove; Mrs. George Sadamori, table; Mrs. Mel Beck, lantern; and Mrs. Gordon Williams, ice chest.

Winners of case goods and other groceries were Mrs. Dean Winchester and Mrs. Richard Pounds.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO MEET

A meeting of the local Senior Citizens' club will be held Friday, July 22, on the lawn at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Long in Nyssa. Activities will begin at 10:30 a.m.

All area residents, 55 years of age or older, are invited to attend.

DEMOCRATS PLAN MEETING

Officials of the Democratic central committee have asked the Journal to announce that a meeting of the group will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, July 25, at Brownie's cafe in Nyssa.

Idaho Power Sets Demand Record Of 1,006,000 Kilowatts in One Hour

Customer demand for service from Idaho Power company's interconnected system soared to a single-hour peak of 1,006,000 kilowatts July 11, setting a new record that President T. E. Roach said demonstrated the utility's "ability to fill the growing electric needs of its area."

Roach, tracing the jump in the hour peak load to the weather and a "flourishing" economy, said it broke a previous mark of 1,003,000 kilowatts that was reached last July 9 to top 1,000,000 kilowatts for the first time in Idaho Power's 50-year history.

He reported that the company's record level of service to southern Idaho and eastern Oregon was hit between 1 and 2 p.m. "Our peak load can be expected to go even higher before the end of the summer as the economy continues to grow and if there is no change in the weather," the utility president predicted.

Up 10 Percent Over 1965

Pointing out that the new peak was more than 9.25 percent higher

Gratitude Expressed By Zittercob Family

We take this opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation to Oregon Concrete Products, Glade Chadwick, Wilbur Holcomb, Earl Bartron, sugar company employees and our many other friends whose efforts have made possible the baseball dugouts in memory of our beloved husband, father, son and brother.

We are deeply honored, and most grateful!

To the Rev. John Bullock and all others who took part in the dedication ceremony, we also express our sincere thanks.

—The Family of Jack Zittercob