

## ASCS Agency, Other Officials Ask That County Be Designated Disaster Area Due to Bad Drought Conditions

### Dry Range Conditions, Low Stream Flow Cited as Reasons in Making United Request

The Malheur Disaster committee, composed of Paul Bunch, Harry Sandquist and Don Kudrna, has made application for the county to be designated as a "disaster area" due to severe drought conditions in rural sections.

Bunch is chairman of the committee, as well as of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in the county. Kudrna is supervisor of the Farmers Home administration and Sandquist is agricultural extension agent in Malheur county.

## Nyssa Foursome On Probable List For County Title

Four young ladies of the Nyssa area are listed as probable candidates for the Miss Malheur County pageant to be held Aug. 20 at the Ontario high school auditorium.

They are Marilyn Lewis, daughter of Mrs. Tom Mitchell; Kris Parks, daughter of former Nyssans Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parks, now residing at Yakima, Wash.; Lina Flake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Flake; and Susan Schenk, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Schenk.

Other probable contestants are Lorraine Hasler of Vale; Sarabelle Hull and Glenda Olson of Ontario; Diane Pugh, Brogan; and Judi Alderson of New Plymouth.

### Discuss Plans for Pageant

The girls met last Thursday evening at Moore hotel with Jaycee and Jay-C-Ette representatives from Nyssa, Ontario and Vale to discuss plans for the pageant.

Roger Graves of the Ontario Jaycees outlined a list of events planned for Miss Malheur County week. Miss Toni Winkel of Vale, the current title holder, told the girls about the fun and excitement of the contest and stated that "entrants have an unequalled chance to make friends and better themselves."

Harlan McClure of Vale is entries committee chairman, while Ben Cook of Ontario is serving as general chairman for the pageant. Nyssan Dick Walters is one of six co-chairmen.

Entry blanks are available to local girls from Mrs. John Marsh in Nyssa.

### FUEL TANK EXPLODES

Adrian volunteer firemen answered a call Thursday evening, July 21, to the Bob Callahan ranch. A gas tank on a combine had exploded; however, the blaze was controlled by the time firemen arrived on the scene.

## Scribe With Oregon Wrestling Team Gives Insight Into Japanese Living

By RICHARD D. JEWETT, Cultural Exchange Correspondent

CHIBA, Japan — Chinese food is prepared for taste. Japanese food is prepared to attract the eye.

And, it is the attractiveness of the food which has impressed Ralph Carter the most during three weeks of travel in northern Japan. Carter, a 1966 Nyssa high school graduate, is a member of the Oregon

High School Cultural Exchange all-star wrestling team which, as this is written, is near completion of an eight-match tour of this country.

But, Ralph, like most of the members of the Oregon delegation, will leave a little bit of his heart in this beautiful land when he departs from Tokyo to return to the United States and home.

For the Oregon wrestlers and their coaches have met kindness, generosity and friendship at every turn on their swing around this land from Tokyo to Tatebayashi, to Yamagata, to Sendai, to Hachinohe, to Asahikawa, to Akita and now to Chiba.

Charm of Hosts Adds Appeal  
The variety of the foods as well as their color and their garnishment, the many dishes and bowls in which the courses are served and the exquisiteness of Japanese rooms with their frame and wallboard paneled walls, fiber matting on the floors and their low tables at which the diners kneel or sit cross-legged, all add to the attractiveness that Ralph noted. And the charm of the Japanese hosts makes the meal even more appealing.

Except for the vegetable salads and soups at breakfast time, complete with mayonnaise and dried seaweed, raw vegetables and raw sea foods, Ralph has not found the foodstuffs too greatly different from those at home in Oregon.

Breakfast Offers Varied Fare  
Japanese breakfasts have included ham or bacon and eggs, cucumbers, cauliflower, tomatoes, celery, onions, asparagus, soup of eggs, noodles or vegetables, tomato and orange juices, milk, tea and the inevitable rice, which comes with every meal.

Other meals have included luncheon meats, chicken, beef, pork, prawns and other cooked or raw sea foods. Bananas, oranges and melons seem to be plentiful. Bam-



RALPH CARTER  
... Impressed by Oriental Food

Bunch and Kudrna toured the county a few weeks ago and reported that sections not relying on stored irrigation water are "suffering the worst drought conditions in their memory — much worse than those of recent years, and that many farmers and ranchers say worse than in the '30's." And they state that rainfall records will bear them out.

The committee sent its report and recommendation to the state ASCS office in Portland for approval, following which it goes to Governor Mark Hatfield for decision and then to federal authorities in Washington.

If approved, as requested, farmers and ranchers will be permitted to graze conservation reserves and diverted acres. Also a feed-grain program will be made available for a period ending May 1, 1967. Application for relief will be made to the county ASCS office and each case judged on its merits.

### Drought Conditions Detailed

The two members who toured the county reported the range grass gone at lower elevations, becoming more sparse rapidly at higher elevations. Hay production is way down and permanent pasture deteriorating due to lack of moisture and extreme heat.

Some ranchers have been hauling water for their livestock — which is costly and time-consuming. Hay, normally selling for \$20 to \$22 per ton at this season, is bringing \$30 and there is not a sufficient supply in the nearby counties at that price.

According to Sandquist, the southern part of the county and those areas around Riverside, Ironside and Unity.

The county court has joined the committee in the action by passing a resolution and writing to Governor Hatfield asking for his assistance.

The executive committee of the Malheur County Livestock association was to meet in Vale last night and it was expected that the group would join in the action.

## Plan for Bloodmobile Visit



MRS. RICHARD (LINDA) GUSTAVSON (standing) and MRS. STANLEY (JACKIE) SISSON are serving as co-chairmen of the Red Cross blood drawing to be held Wednesday, Aug. 3, in the Nyssa Eagles hall. The bloodmobile unit will be at the local site between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m. Quota for this drawing has been set at 150 pints plus an additional 20 percent (180 total) which will be sent to Vietnam. The co-chairmen report that type "O" blood is urgently needed with a special plea to donors having "negative" RH factors. Women of the LDS First ward Relief society will have charge of the canteen and members of Mrs. Dick Tensen's Girl Scout Troop 2 will provide baby sitting services.—Staff Photo.

## FBI Files Unlawful Flight Charge Against R. Apodaca on Kidnapping

John H. Williams, special agent in charge, Portland, has announced the filing of a complaint by the Federal Bureau of Investigation July 22 with U.S. Commissioner E. Otis Smith of Nyssa, charging Richard Apodaca, Ontario, with "unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for the crime of kidnapping."

This adds to three previous charges made by the state two days earlier at Ontario. The 26-year-old former Nyssan has warrants for his arrest for kidnapping, assault with intent to rape and intent to detain a child from its parents.

The victim was a nine-year-old Ontario girl who was picked up as she rode her bicycle home the



HARVESTING OATS, the old-fashioned way — a farm operation rarely seen in this era of self-propelled combines. But on Monday of this week, shortly after noon, the eye of the Journal camera was focused on just such a scene at the Fay Corn farm north of Nyssa. On the tractor, with lots of modern horsepower, is Corn and his young grandson, Brian Taylor, son of Bob and Beverly Corn Taylor. Harry Miner is operating the outmoded twine-tying grain binder, owned by Charles Pitman of Apple Valley. Steve Bielby, a local barber in Miner's shop, and his teenage daughter, Ramona, are placing the tied bundles into shocks. The latter, in modern attire of Jamaica-length stretch jeans, sleeveless blouse and no hat, remarked, "This is the first time that I've 'really' worked." Reason for harvesting in this matter is merely so that early in September the grain can be extracted from the hulls with an old-fashioned threshing machine, powered by Miner's old-fashioned steam engine, also a recent subject of the Journal Polaroid.

## Local Business Firms Show Thunderegg; M & W Holds Contest

Thunderegg displays are appearing in many of the Nyssa business houses, including one in the window at the Journal office, with colorful stones furnished by Adolph Schroeder and Maurice Corey.

An interesting feature of the Corey exhibit is that it includes stones from various beds in this area, with individual samples labeled as to where they were found.

Corey, a former Journal employee, says he and his wife, Fannie, have already been notified by several rockhound friends that they will be parking their trailer homes on the Corey property during Nyssa's Aug. 4-6 Thunderegg Days.

He says they expect even more visitors at that time and that he is planning to erect a sign directing them to the "Bend-of-the-River Ranch," located on the Snake river three miles southwest of Nyssa, just off the Adrian highway.

Probably the largest Thunderegg on display is the one at M & W Market where weight-guessing competition is now in progress. A picture of the "big one," together with contest data, can be found in the grocery firm's ad in this issue of the Journal.

## Amalgamated Picnic Set Saturday, July 30

Amalgamated Sugar company employees will meet for their annual family picnic at 2 p.m. Saturday 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.

## Examinations Due For NHS Freshmen

Physical examinations for this year's freshman students should be completed before the beginning of the fall school term on Aug. 29, according to Gene Chester, high school principal.

Forms for the health tests are available at all offices of local doctors, Chester said. He also noted that some youngsters might previously have had examinations prior to attending various summer camps and in this case, one checkup is sufficient.

## Thunderegg Days Planning Complete To Welcome Thousands of Rockhounds Aug. 4-5-6, According to Chairman

### Advance National Publicity Brings Many Out-of-State Hobbyists Prior to Slated Event

Chairman Harold Brendle says all is in readiness to roll out the "red carpet" for thousands of rockhounds and guests at Nyssa's annual Thunderegg Days next weekend, Aug. 4-5-6.

The event has received nationwide publicity through ads placed in the Lapidary magazine by local merchants, acclaiming Nyssa as the Thunderegg Capital of Oregon. Due to its nearness to the marvelous beds where these agate-filled nodules are found, the title is well-justified. The Thunderegg is the official stone of Oregon and prized highly by rock hunters.

Brendle says the publicity has already brought hundreds of visitors to the city, where registrations at the Chamber of Commerce office show they have come from Canada, all corners of the U.S. and states in between.

Since the last week in May, five or six registrations have been made daily at the local office. Many of these have gotten the news about this area by word-of-mouth after their vacations were planned.

### Tours, Display Planned

Registration will start at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3—parking has been arranged—the tours are all set—the Snake River Gem club (co-hosts of the event) has plans all ready for the show Saturday.

In addition, the steam engine-powered train of Union Pacific railroad will be through Nyssa on the Boise to Huntington run. Hundreds of people in the area, too young to have seen one of these, will have an opportunity when it stops here between 2:40 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6.

The Journal will again blanket the area for these special events and Nyssa merchants will be "going all-out" to welcome visitors and offer unusual sale bargains. Watch for details next week.

## Commission Sets Hearing on Dates

The Oregon State Game commission will hold its annual hearing on regulations for small game and fur-bearing animals on Wednesday, Aug. 24, at its Portland headquarters, 1634 S.W. Alder street. The meeting will convene at 10 a.m.

The commission will consider rules governing seasons, bag limits and methods of taking for upland game and fur-bearing animals. It will also select season dates and bag limits for migratory birds.

Date for opening of the pheasant season in Malheur county is very important to seed growers. They desire to have most of the seed harvested prior to the opening, and following their request in the last few years, the commission has delayed the normal opening date.

## Idaho Power Sets Open House at Dams Sunday to Observe 50th Anniversary

Idaho Power company, now marking a half-century of service to the Snake River valley that began Aug. 1, 1916, will hold public open houses at its Brownlee and Oxbow generating plants next Sunday to highlight observance of the historic "golden" anniversary.

The events, among six public tours of facilities throughout the utility's interconnected system, will see the two modern plants in the approach to Hells Canyon opened to inspection by visitors from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

"Our customers in the western end of Idaho Power's system are cordially invited to take advantage of this opportunity to view the Brownlee and Oxbow plants on this special occasion," said Bernard T. Frost of Payette, western division manager.

### Specially Planned Events

"The open houses have been especially planned by the company to permit them to share in observance of our 50 years of service to southern Idaho and eastern Oregon."

Frost said the company's Hells Canyon Dam project under construction farther downstream, will not be open to the public, because of the limited space and large construction machines now working at the site.

In addition to tours of the Brownlee and Oxbow plants, conducted by their operating staffs, refreshments will be served.

### Public Welcomed at Offices

On Monday, the company's customers will be welcomed from 1 to 5 p.m. at division and district

## Onion Committee Sets Regulations For 1966-67 Season

The Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion committee met July 19 in Ontario and set regulations for grade, size and maturity for the marketing of onions during the 1966-67 season.

The regulations set were the same as for last year and will go into effect immediately. Under the regulations all onions must be inspected and must meet a moderately cured maturity.

There will be no size or grade restrictions other than state inspection requirements until Aug. 20. After that date all white and yellow onions must meet at least U.S. No. 2 grade. Mixed grades may not be shipped. If a lot is shipped as No. 2's, the lot cannot contain more than 30 percent U.S. No. 1's.

Minimum size for shipment is 2 inches in diameter for yellow onions and 1½ inches for whites. Boilers may be shipped if packed separately.

There are approximately 50 acres of set onions in southwestern Idaho that will be harvested and shipped prior to Aug. 20. The regular crop from Malheur county and Idaho will not come off until after that date.

New officers elected are Lyle Andrew of Parma, chairman; Warren Farmer of Nyssa, vice chairman; and Tom Iseri of Ontario, secretary-treasurer.

The committee approved an increased budget for the coming year with greatly expanded research and promotion programs.

## Early Ads, Pictures Requested Next Week

The Journal is seeking pictures of rock collections and stories that will add to interest of the Thunderegg Days edition next week. Deadline for these has been set at noon Monday. The area will be blanketed with over 4,200 copies of this special issue.

For advertisers who wish "welcome" or regular ads, the copy is needed as soon as possible. Effort will be made by phone to contact irregular advertisers for space commitment this weekend with copy to be received by Monday evening.

## Patrons to Discuss Historical Projects At Saturday Meeting

A meeting to discuss the forming of an historical society and furthering the Malheur County Museum project will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at the court house in Vale.

All interested patrons of the county are urged to attend. According to Mary Graham, a Vale resident who has long been interested in historical events, the discussion will cover establishment and preservation of historic sites throughout the county.