

Nyssa Hosts Over 3000 Out-of-Towners During Weekend; Thunderegg Days, UP Steam Locomotive Attract Visitors

Publicity Invaluable as Guests Carry Story Of Program, Friendliness to Distant Places

Nyssa was host to over 3000 out-of-town guests during the past weekend. These are from actual count, and not the usual wild estimate of a small-town official. Of these visitors, 450 were rockhounds, 2300 who attended the rock exhibit and 613 on the Union Pacific Railroad steam engine train stopping here for 45 minutes Saturday afternoon.

Visiting Rockhounds Express Appreciation For City's Hospitality

(This letter of appreciation was received Monday by Mayor Grant Rinehart—it had been written, signed by 42 visiting rockhounds and mailed prior to their leaving Nyssa.)

Friday, Aug. 5, 1966

"To the City of Nyssa:

"We wish to express our sincere thanks for the splendid hospitality extended to the rockhounds—and our appreciation for having the privilege of staying in your park.

"The gem show was enjoyed by everyone, according to comments, and the rocks were very well displayed."

Among those signing the letter were Canadians from Richmond, B. C.; Abbotsford, B. C.; Port Moody, B. C.; Edmonton, Alberta; and Vancouver, B. C.

The signatures also contained those of Californians from Nevada City and Los Angeles; Danville and Woodlawn, Ill.; Sunnyside, Wash.

Among Oregonian signatures were those from Sandy, Beaverton, Portland, Gresham and Sweet Home; Idahoans from Sandpoint, Caldwell, Nampa and Emmett.

Little League All-Star Tourney Ends in Tie

The Little League Baseball tournament between the Valley All-Star and Nyssa All-Star teams ended in a tie, according to Chuck Michael, one of the local coaches. The three-game series was played in Nyssa south park on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week.

The teams are comprised of outstanding Little League players of the area. Michael said that ordinarily two squads are selected to play as "Valley All-Stars," however, this year only one team was chosen, with the entire Nyssa unit named as the opposing team.

During the Thursday evening contest, the local boys were on the losing end of a 1-0 score. The following evening, they defeated their opponents by the same margin.

In the Saturday game, both teams were scoreless through the eighth inning and the contest was called off due to lack of daylight hours.

Michael stated that it was agreed to leave the results as a tie and not schedule future play-offs. Other Nyssa coaches are Don Perdue and Terry Thompson.

Drouth Relief Measures Discussed By Area Stockmen and State Official

Governor Mark O. Hatfield named Ben Allen, marketing division chief for the State Department of Agriculture, to represent him at an Aug. 8 meeting in Burns. The session with Eastern Oregon stockmen was to discuss possible grazing and feed measures needed to offset the drouth.

The meeting was called by Larry Williams of Canyon City, president of the Oregon Cattlemen's association, after the Forest service served notice that cattle will have to come off federal ranges early this year.

The cattlemen were expected to take unified action requesting use of grazing and hay lands idled by USDA diversion programs.

Former NHS Students Set Two-Day Reunion

Nyssa high school graduates of 1961 are planning a reunion for this weekend, Aug. 13-14, according to Mrs. Patty Michaelson Thiel and Mrs. Peggy Yost Nielsen.

David Moore will serve as master of ceremonies during a banquet to be served Saturday evening at McGarvin's Smorgasbord in Caldwell. A potluck picnic dinner is being planned at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon in Nyssa south park.

Graduates are urged to register any time Saturday at the E. D. Michaelson home, located at 218 North Sixth street in Nyssa.

The rockhounds came from 20 states and three Canadian provinces for the Thunderegg convention. The 2300 viewers of the gems on display at the cafeteria were from surrounding towns within a 100-mile radius and the 613 passengers on the UP train consisted mainly of model railroad enthusiasts attending a Boise convention.

Harold Brendle, chairman of Thunderegg Days, said he was extremely well pleased with the event and proud of the reception given the visitors. He stated that he talked to a number of them and they were happy with the program and the treatment received while here.

Rockhounds Plan Return

Many expressed a desire to return next year and said they would tell their friends and recommend the trip to them.

In an adjacent column is a letter signed by 42 rockhounds expressing their gratitude. Several of the visitors told Journal reporters that they had never been treated as nice anywhere during years of traveling.

The only sour note voiced by the visitors was the heat on Wednesday and Thursday when the temperature soared to over 100 degrees. But some said they expected heat in a semi-desert area such as this valley.

Undemanding Guests

Not to be overlooked in treatment afforded the guests is that they are the type who are always welcome. They were clean, congenial, and as a whole, very undemanding.

Chairman Brendle will make a full report to the Chamber of Commerce, which with the Snake River Gem club, sponsored the event.

Highlights will be carried later, but there is little doubt of an even bigger and better repeat performance next year.

Steam Engine Stops

Tom Jones, local UP freight agent, told Nyssa C of C members Wednesday that the old steam engine train was a big event and

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UNITED FUND PRESIDENT PLANS SPECIAL MEETING

Dale McLane, president of the United Fund campaign for Malheur county, announces that a special meeting will be held at 7:30 Tuesday evening, Sept. 6, at Moore hotel in Ontario.

Purpose of the session is to present an educational program for those helping with the United Fund drive. A film will also be shown.

Other Relief Considered

Stockmen are also considering asking for relief under the emergency livestock feed program available through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation service. This relief can be authorized by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman upon recommendation of Governor Hatfield and approval of the State Disaster committee.

Under the program, government grain can be made available to cow-calf ranchers (not feeders) at 75 percent of the county support rate.

Because of the drouth situation, Eastern Oregon cattlemen were forced to pasture on hay meadows earlier this summer and this, coupled with a short crop of both hay and grain, has put the cattle industry in a precarious position for the winter ahead.

The governor has recommended both grazing and grain relief for Malheur county, as well as grain relief for Wallowa.

Union Pacific Giant Delights Depot Crowd



NUMEROUS AREA RESIDENTS, many of them children, were on the scene at the Union Pacific depot as the big steam engine pulled into the station Saturday afternoon. A typical sight was kids holding their hands over their ears as the monster's whistle blew loud and long—to them it was an unfamiliar sound. The train was about a



half-hour later than anticipated, so Nyssa policemen worked full-time keeping the small fry away from the track—they just wanted to see if the engine was coming in. Also on hand was this group of musicians playing a variety of welcoming tunes. They are Terry Stone of Parma, Frank Turner, Eggert, Terry and Mike Off of Nyssa.

Annual Ram Sale Planned Saturday At Fair Grounds

Some 230 rams have been consigned to the sixth annual Treasure Valley Invitational Ram sale. Harry Sandquist, Malheur county agent, reported that 15 top breeders from Oregon, Washington and Idaho have consigned to the sale.

The event will be held at Malheur county fair grounds in Ontario Saturday, Aug. 13, starting at 1 p.m.

As in the past, bulk of the consignments will be Suffolks with 12 breeders having entries. T. B. Burton of Cambridge, Idaho, has one consignment of Suffolk-Hampshire crossbreds. The University of Idaho will have an entry of Hampshires.

Other Consignments Listed

U of I Caldwell branch will also have three pens of Panamas. Columbias will be furnished by Benjy Koch of Rockford, Wash., Charles D. Simpson of Baker and E. J. Hardley of McMinnville, Ore.

Suffolk breeders who have consigned include the U of I, Moscow, L. D. Warfield, Cambridge, Idaho; Keith N. Simmons, Oregon City; Rodney Warfield, Buck Howland and Son, T. B. Burton, Steve Howland, Stan Howland, Roy C. Blakley and Lawson Howland, all of Cambridge; A. W. Scott of Wallowa, Ore.; and Douglas Wood of Nampa, Idaho.

Catalogues listing all lots can be obtained at the county agent's office in Ontario or at the Ontario Livestock Commission company.

Two-Day Reunion Set By Graduates of 1956

Plans are complete for an Aug. 13-14 reunion of the NHS graduating class of 1956, it is announced by Mrs. Nadine Igo Sparks and Mrs. Pat Nicholson Savage, co-chairmen for the two-day event.

A banquet will be served Saturday evening at Moore hotel in Ontario with a social hour planned between 7 and 8 p.m. A picnic dinner for graduates and their families will be held at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon on the high school grounds.

All former teachers of the class are also invited to attend.

Thailand Miss Named AFS Exchange Student; To Live With Beck Family

Miss Prapasri Tangtatswasdi from Bangkok, Thailand, on the southern tip of Asia, will be Nyssa high's AFS exchange student during the 1966-67 school year. She will make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beck and family.

Prapasri is 18 years old, five-feet, three-inches tall, weighs 119 pounds and has black hair and very dark eyes. Her father, Kanchana Tangtatswasdi, is manager of Bangkok bank, Sampeng branch; and her mother is deceased.

The exchange student has four brothers, Sith, 29; Kampol, 27; Singh, 24; and Anant, 15. She also has three sisters, Sukanya, 22; Vichitra, 20; and Naunpen, 14.

Two brothers are now in the United States. Kampol resides in St. Louis, Mo., and Singh is a student at Wharton School of Finance and Commerce, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Prapasri says she loves to take care of her pets and has one hen, two tortoises, three fish and four cats. She once had a civet cat, but it escaped and was killed. Another of the exchange student's hobbies is stamp collecting.

Prapasri says she is fond of music, but does not play any instrument; however, she sings everywhere she goes. Jokingly, she says that her mother once advised her not to sing while bathing or cooking, as there is an old Chinese proverb stating that a woman who sings on such occasions will marry an old man.

Miss Tangtatswasdi wants to become an accountant and after a year in the United States, hopes to study the subject at Thammasat university.

She says she is proud of Thailand and Thai culture, and is most anxious to learn the American way of life. She hopes to see a lot of the U.S., and among her greatest desires is a chance to visit her two brothers in this country.

Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and students who are unable to register on the above dates may sign up for their classes on Thursday, Aug. 18, Lancaster said.

Fees in the amounts of \$1 for books and \$2 for towels must be paid by all junior high students at time of registration. Optional fees include student insurance, \$2; football insurance, \$10; and activity ticket, \$3.

Students may wish to talk to their physical education instructors before purchasing gym clothes, the principal said.

All students are urged to register before the opening day of school on Aug. 29.

Blood Drawing Nets 120 Units; Donors Given Recognition

Mrs. Richard Gustavson and Mrs. Stanley Sisson of the sponsoring Jay-C-Ettes report that 120 pints of blood were collected during the Aug. 3 visitation of the bloodmobile unit, with 19 would-be donors being rejected.

Quota for this drawing was set at 150 pints plus an additional 20 percent (180 total) which was to have been sent to Vietnam. It is believed that the insufficient number of donors reporting was due to the fact that it is an extremely busy season for many residents.

Another factor may have been the high temperatures which have prevailed in the area during the past several weeks.

Pin recipients included Glenn McGinnis, three-gallon; Kenneth Saunders, Mark Moncur, Peg Zinn and William Fitzsimmons, two-gallon; Ione Storm and Dick Walters, one-gallon.

The Jay-C-Ettes have expressed their appreciation to the Gate City Journal and have asked the publication to thank women of the LDS First ward Relief society, Girl Scouts of Troop 2, Nyssa Eagles and Jaycees.

They also express appreciation to Mmes. Ted Morgan, Ralph G. Lawrence, E. D. Michaelson and David Sarazin and to all others who assisted in any way to make the project a success.

Idaho Canning Company Nyssa Plant Corn Processing Begins Last Week; Operating Two 10-Hour Shifts Daily

Area Acreage Up 20 Percent Over 1965; Anticipate Harvest Completion by Sept. 10

Sweet corn processing at Idaho Canning company's Nyssa plant started with one shift Wednesday of last week. The second shift was added the following day and 350 workers are employed daily (except Sundays) keeping up with the rapidly maturing crop.

Acreage is up about 20 percent over last year and some new machinery has been added to give the plant an increase of 10 percent additional daily capacity. And while the company plans controlled harvest (through variations in planting time) they cannot account for weather conditions and have a continual worry until the harvest is over.

Bob Moss of Payette, Nyssa plant manager, says labor has been scarce, especially at the Payette plant, and will become a bigger worry when area schools start. In trying to plan through the campaign, more students have been hired from the Idaho side of the line than Oregon, due to the delay of the opening of their schools for a week.

Nyssa schools are due to open Aug. 29 and there will be 10 to 12 days left after that before the harvest will be completed.

Moss reported the quality of the corn is good and that growers can probably expect about the same returns for the 1966 crop as for last year—on the same acreage.

Treasure Valley is known for the unusually high quality of its sweet corn, and as in most years, the company had the total pack contracted before harvest began. Moss reported heavy buying by the federal government and said this would tend to stabilize the price, even if the crop should be much larger than usual.

Registration Dates, Teacher Vacancies Reported for Adrian

Registration for Adrian high school students will be held between the hours of 2 and 8 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 24-25, it is announced by Superintendent Glenn Ward.

Fees will be about the same as last year, the superintendent reported, the only change depending on whether the student elects to take school insurance.

Ward states that two instructors are still needed—one to teach all commercial subjects in the high school department and a third grade teacher in the elementary school.

Adrian Fire Destroys Martin Automobile

Adrian volunteer firemen answered two alarms last week. On Wednesday, Aug. 3, an auto owned by Gayle Martin was destroyed by a blaze caused by a faulty wheel bearing.

On Thursday afternoon the fire crew was summoned to the ranch owned by Mrs. W. W. Webb. A fire burning along a ditch bank and straw field went out of control, endangering a wheat field.

Miss Patty Urry Granted Scholarship By Oregon Parent-Teachers Congress

Miss Patty Anne Urry has been awarded a teacher education scholarship from Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., according to a recent letter received by NHS Principal Gene L. Chester from Mrs. Albert Gassner, president of the congress.

The scholarship, in a substantial amount, is to be applied annually on tuition, with provision that the student maintain the required grade point average at the college of her choice.

Miss Urry is a 1966 graduate of Nyssa high school and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max W. Urry. Her father is foreman of the Gate City Journal and her mother serves as librarian for the city of Nyssa.

Serves on Journal Staff
Patty, co-editor of the NHS Bulldog during the 1965-66 school year, is an accomplished pianist. During the month of June, she worked as a member of the Journal staff while the Ted Brammers were on vacation and is presently employed at Schoen Studios.

Miss Urry ranked third scholastically among 1966 seniors and also was Nyssa's girl representative in this year's Elks leadership contest. She plans to begin studies this fall at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande.

Prior to the state PTA recognition, Patty was awarded a four-year full-tuition with partial fee remission grant by the Oregon State Scholarship committee of the legislature.



THIS PICTURE WILL INTRODUCE Dr. and Mrs. James Reilly, area newcomers from the state of Washington. Dr. Reilly recently joined Dr. Bert Ross on the veterinarian staff at Treasure Valley hospital, replacing Dr. Dwight Mason. The new doctor was graduated from Washington State university School of Veterinary Medicine at Pullman and reports that he spent most of his lifetime in Yakima Valley. His wife is a native of the Seattle area. The couple is presently residing on the Lawrence Pace farm in the Apple Valley community.—Journal Photo.



PATTY URRY
... Receives Additional Award