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## Mel Beck Family Hosts Exchange Student



AN OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, in the Mel Beck home to honor Miss Prapasri Tangtatswadi, Nyssa's 1966-67 American Field Service exchange student from Bangkok, Thailand. Assisting at the reception will be members of the local AFS committee, including both adults and NHS students. Miss Tangtatswadi, seated on the divan (center) is pictured with members of her American family. Seated with her (left to right) are Dad Mel Beck,

Laurel, Mother Ruth and Jim. In front of them are Karla and Richard. Prapasri arrived at 9 o'clock Friday evening at the Ontario bus station where she was met by her American family. She flew from Bangkok, Thailand, via Moscow, to New York, arriving there Aug. 12. A group of 11 Thai students traveled by bus from New York to San Francisco, then Prapasri was Oregon bound. All area residents are invited to attend the Sunday afternoon open house event.—Journal Photo.

## New Guidance Counselor Outlines Basic Program in Assisting Students

When Nyssa junior and senior high students return to classes Tuesday, Sept. 6, they'll find a new counselor on hand to help them with some important problems—such as "What courses should I take?" "Should I go to college or to work?" and the all important, "What kind of work am I cut out for?"

The counselor is Charles Quinowski and the service is known as the "guidance program." It will be available to students in both junior and senior high schools.

The Nyssa guidance program was developed under the able and dedicated leadership of Mrs. Harriet Brumbach. She will now devote full time to her school librarian duties.

### Takes Summer Courses

Quinowski attended school at the College of Idaho this summer for the purpose of gaining experience and credits to certify as guidance counselor.

The new counselor explains his job by stating that guidance is an attempt to meet the needs and interests of the individual. By understanding the student and helping him to understand himself, the school can help him make the most of his educational and vocational opportunities.

The school's guidance program is developed on the concept that all teachers are in a way part of the overall program; however, specific qualified teachers are assigned to counseling activities during the school year. In this way it is possible to reach all students at least once a year.

### Basic Program Outlined

Program for this year comes as a result of careful groundwork laid by Mrs. Brumbach working with the school board, school administrators and faculty members. Basically, the guidance program will include:

- Personal conferences with students to talk over educational and vocational plans.
- Collection of information on different occupations and schools to help students choose and train for an occupation.
- Use of records, tests and other material to help students study and understand themselves.



GLENDIA OLSON (right) of Ontario was selected as Miss Malheur County and Nyssa Marilyn Marie Lewis was named as first runner-up during the pageant held Saturday evening. Both young ladies are pianists with Miss Lewis adding singing to her talents. Lorraine Hasler of Vale was chosen second runner-up. Each finalist had to answer two questions asked by Clint Bellows, master of ceremonies. Miss Lora Jo Stoker of route 2, Nyssa, was recipient of the "Miss Congeniality" award. All finalists were presented trophies and coronation duties were performed by Toni Winkel, retiring Miss Malheur County.—Photo Courtesy Argus-Observer.

## Board Reaffirms Increase in Rates At Local Hospital

The Malheur Memorial Hospital board reaffirmed rate increases of \$3.50 per day and 19 cents per hour for registered nurses at a special meeting Tuesday night, Aug. 23. The only change was a delay until Oct. 1 as the effective date (originally planned for Sept. 1).

The motion, made by Everett Heldt and seconded by Tom Drydale, passed unanimously after brief discussion as to what other hospitals in Idaho and eastern Oregon had done about raises.

Administrator Pheral Dodson told the group that Idaho hospitals were trying to "hold the line at somewhat less than had been thought over here." And that those of eastern Oregon, as a whole, were trying to stand by the recommendations made by the Eastern Oregon Hospital Council at an Aug. 4 meeting in Pendleton.

### Pay of Nurses Discussed

Dodson read at length the rates of starting pay for nurses from cities in New York, California, Seattle and western Oregon, showing they were much higher than locally. Board Chairman John Stam remarked that the comparison was not effective as some people in New York making \$6,000 annually were considered as poverty stricken.

He further added that the local area is more like Idaho's economy and that only Snake river separated us and they were paying much less than we.

Board Member Ted Morgan said he felt the action of Tuesday night might have been a little hasty and perhaps it should have been determined what other competing hospitals were doing about the raise.

Dodson told him that the nearest hospital in Oregon going along with the raise was at Baker. Holy Rosary of Ontario planned no increase, according to announcement made over a local radio station Wednesday, Aug. 17.

## Sept. 4 Picnic Slated By Owyhee Pioneers

Plans are being made for the annual Owyhee pioneer picnic to be held Sunday, Sept. 4, in Nyssa south park. A potluck dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. with coffee to be furnished.

All Owyhee area pioneers, their families and friends are invited to this annual get-together. Those planning to attend should take food for a potluck dinner and own table service.

## Nyssa-Adrian 4-H Club Members Among Top Winners at County Fair

According to E. M. Hauser, Malheur county extension agent, entries in 4-H classes at the Aug. 17-20 county fair reached an all-time high this year, with a total of 620 exhibits.

These consisted of 122 dairy animals, 154 beef exhibits, 68 head of swine, 138 sheep, 88 saddle club entries, 17 food exhibits, 16 crop displays, five photography entries, 12 poultry and rabbit exhibits.

Among blue ribbon winners in the Jersey dairy class were Mike Osborn of Nyssa and Jeanette Phifer of Adrian. A first place ribbon in the Guernsey division went to Ann Cameron of Adrian.

In the swine classification, blue ribbons went to Scott Goodell of the Buena Vista area; Rodney Price, Julie Hirai, Monte and Leslie Fujishin of near Adrian; and Don Bishop of Nyssa.

Herdsmanship contest banners went to Hylina, Harper and Adrian Livestock clubs for outstanding achievement in caring for animals. Adrian's award was in the swine division.

## Medicare Patients Outnumber Regulars At Local Hospital

During July, first month of operation of the federal "Medicare" program, patient-days at Malheur Memorial hospital exceeded total days for regular patients.

According to a monthly report furnished the board by Administrator Pheral Dodson at the regular meeting Aug. 16, the totals were Medicare, 176; regulars, 132.

A further breakdown shows considerable difference in the type of treatment rendered the patients. For Medicare benefits, only 24 were admitted for surgery, compared with 70 regulars. Elderly patients using the new federal program for medical care totaled 138 and there were only 38 regular admissions.

## 1st National Bank Entering Field Of Retail Credit

Applications for the First National BankAmericard are now being accepted and are available at any of First National Bank of Oregon's 109 offices throughout the state and thousands of Oregon merchants are being asked to join the program, it was announced by Walter G. Zeller, vice president in charge of the bank's credit card division.

Zeller said the bank's modern data processing equipment will handle BankAmericard transactions not only for the statewide First National system, but also for three other banks offering the all-purpose credit card.

### Replaces Other Cards

"The First National BankAmericard offers proven advantages for both merchant and customers, and we anticipate an enthusiastic response," Zeller said. "Seven years of experience in California has shown that the BankAmericard can easily replace all other credit cards a person may carry and can even provide an additional and unique service—that of the cash advance."

First National Bank of Oregon was the first bank in the nation to sign an agreement with the Bank America Service corporation authorizing issuance of the card. Currently, there are 1,800,000 card holders and 60,000 merchant members in California alone, and officials of the corporation predict that more than 200 banks throughout the nation will offer the card within the near future.

An official reported applications are now being taken at the Nyssa bank and forms will be enclosed with August statements. Local response so far, he said, has been very good.

## WOMEN'S BOWLING GROUP PLANS FRIDAY MEETING

All women interested in bowling during the coming league season are urged to attend an association meeting Friday evening, it is announced by President Donna Glenn.

The session will be held at 8 o'clock in the Sugar Bowl, Mrs. Glenn added.

## BOWLING SEASON BEGINS MONDAY FOR MIXED LEAGUE

Men and women planning to bowl on the Monday Night Mixed Doubles league are reminded that the bowling season will begin Monday evening, Aug. 29. Keglers are urged to be at the Sugar Bowl 30 minutes ahead of the 9 o'clock bowling hour to allow time for a business meeting.

## State Crop Prospects Improve; June, July Weather Favorable for Maturing According to USDA Statistics Service

All Grains, Hay Below Estimates for 1965 But Potatoes Up Due to Increased Acreage

On Aug. 1, grain crops in Oregon showed improved production prospects, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. After a slow start because of unfavorable spring growing conditions, crops responded to the favorable maturing weather during June and July.

Wheat production prospects, particularly winter wheat, showed considerable improvement during July, with yields turning out better than expected. Production is now set at 25.6 million bushels, over one million more than the estimate last month, but nearly five million bushels below the 1965 crop.

### Oats, Barley Show Increases

Several other grain crops also showed substantial improvement in production prospects during July. Oats, now placed at 6.2 million bushels, compared with 5.5 million but are still below the 1965 crop of 7.8 million bushels; and barley, estimated at 16.8 million bushels, compares with the 14.8 last month and the 1965 crop of nearly 17 million bushels.

For both these crops, yield prospects increased five bushels per acre during July.

The Oregon forecast for corn and dry field peas remained unchanged from last month's forecast. (Corn for grain at 949 thousand bushels and dry field peas at 143,000 hundred pound bags.)

Hay production at nearly two million tons remained about the same as a month ago. There were several shifts in production by kinds—a slight decline in grain hay offset by a slightly higher estimated output of alfalfa. The 1965 production of hay totaled 2.3 million tons.

### Malheur Potatoes Higher

The first potato production estimates for the new season in Oregon show Malheur county prospects at 3.5 million hundred-weight compared with 3.3 last year. All of this increase is because of 2,000 additional acres this year.

The balance of Oregon's production from this high income crop is estimated at 6.2 million hundredweight — 230 thousand bags above last year. Again, all of the increase is because of more acreage.

Fruit crop prospects in Oregon remain unchanged from the previous month.

## County to Receive \$253,928 Tax Relief Under 1965 Act

Malheur county will receive \$253,928 this year as its share under the 1965 property tax relief act, Secretary of State Tom McCall notified the county's assessor in a letter mailed recently from Salem.

Total statewide relief for this year under the legislation will amount to \$18,285,000, according to McCall, who said it will result in a potential average tax cut of \$13.25 on a \$10,000 home. McCall noted that the total was nearly \$5 million higher than the first distribution under the relief act last November.

The 1965 law requires the secretary of state to determine the amount of the relief in dollars and millage and to break down the net share of each county.

Millage relief this year is 5.3 mills for 34 of the counties and 6.4 and 6.1 mills, respectively, for Columbia and Wasco counties.

The secretary of state must mail warrants to the counties by Nov. 15.

## Nyssa Parents Urged To Stress Bicyclists' Traffic Regulations

Cyclists are subject to the same traffic regulations as automotive vehicles in Nyssa.

City Manager Fred Koch asks that parents cooperate with city officials by stressing the importance of this fact to their children.

Most important feature of this educational cooperation is that it could keep the youngsters from being involved in serious accidents. Koch notes that the hazards will be even greater after the opening of school.



THE BEGINNING OF A "LARGEST POTATO" CONTEST. This one was grown on the Joe Stephen farm in Cow Hollow and was found by members of the Keith Tallman-Donnie Brewer digging crew, including Tim Tallman and Louise Brewer, who display the big Norgold spud. When first weighed, shortly after being dug Tuesday, the potato weighed 55 ounces on the scale at Owyhee grocery. On Wednesday afternoon it was taken to the Farmers Feed and Seed scale, being used as the official one for the contest. There the potato weighed 51 1/2 ounces, with the difference probably caused by water loss. The spud was measured in the Journal office, and as is evident by reason of the 12-inch ruler, is 10 3/4 inches long. Around the larger end it measures 13 inches, and 11 1/2 at the small end. To date two prizes are being offered to the grower (or to the one he designates). They are a year's subscription to the Journal and a free airplane ride by Paul Hansen of Ranch Aero Flying service. Area spud growers are urged to bring those "really big ones" to the Journal office.—Staff Photo.