

Nyssa Gate City Journal

Yturri-Smith Legislative Report Tags Tax Programs Advanced in Month As Russian Roulette With All Firing Precedent Broken When Senator Takes Aim At Proposal of House Before It Hits Senate

Should anyone desire to place a tag on the first month's operation of the Oregon Legislature, one could call it the month of the Russian Roulette Tax programs. Taking the 60 members of the House and the 30 members of the Senate, placing each one of them in a chamber with his own unique method of reducing local property taxes, allowing one additional loaded chamber which would represent the final decision, and you would resemble the largest loaded revolver ever constructed.

Oregon-Idaho Onion Growers To Meet Saturday

The annual joint meeting of the Malheur County Onion Growers association and Southwestern Idaho Onion Growers association will be held at Treasure Valley Community college Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

According to Steve Besse, Malheur county extension agent and secretary of the growers association, an interesting program is being planned. Of particular interest to both groups will be a discussion of joint participation in the advertising and promotion of Sweet Spanish onions as produced in Idaho and Oregon.

Up until now, Besse advised, Idaho has carried on its own onion promotion through the Idaho Potato and Onion commission, and Oregon has handled its advertising on a voluntary check-off basis through the Malheur Onion Growers association. A discussion will be carried on by directors of the grower groups pointing out advantages and disadvantages of a joint promotional program.

Dr. Quentin Banks, extension economist with the University of Idaho, will talk on the economic aspect of onions. The title of his talk will be "Will the Onion Market Keep?"

Other Speakers Listed

DeLance Franklin, superintendent of the Parma Branch Experiment station, will report on bulk storage of onions and the progress being made on mechanical harvesting of the Sweet Spanish variety. Mamaro Wakasugi of Oregon Slope and Lyle Andrew of

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The House Tax committee is drafting a proposal which would be sent to the people for a vote in early April, constituting 37 percent property tax relief. The package includes 3 percent sales tax, exempts food and drugs, 15 percent corporate excise tax increase, a 7-mill limitation on true cash value for local school district operational budgets, provisions for the repeal of the 6 percent limitation allowing cities and counties to exceed their past year's millage only by a vote of the people.

All of the revenue raised by the proposed sales tax would be directed through the basic school fund for the relief of school districts and, of course, property tax reduction. This tax program will probably be sent to the Senate next week, where the Senate will begin deliberation on its merit.

There is no doubt in anyone's mind that the package will be changed drastically, and there are questions on many minds as to whether an opportunity will be given to the people to choose between no new taxes and substantial property tax relief.

The Russian Roulette game is a result of the different interpretations by legislators here as to the real needs of local taxpayers. Some believe property taxes are

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Among Scouts Observing National Week



CUBS OF NYSSA PACK 450 are among numerous Boy Scouts throughout the country who are observing their national week. These lads, pictured with Cubmaster Ed Tyner, are (front row, left to right) Neil Oldemeyer, Alan Laurence, Fred Stelling, Jimmy Greig and Ross Fox. Behind them are Rex Mitchell, Mike Easton, Larry Haney, Johnny Wahlert and Mark Strom. The lads recently held their pinewood derby at Nyssa Methodist church with 24 Cubs participating and many of their parents witnessing the races. Championship honors went to Neil Oldemeyer, with Ross Fox placing second and Mike Easton taking third

Nyssa Completes VISTA Training, To Spend Year on Duty in Florida

Miss Kathleen Ann McPartland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McPartland of Nyssa, is one of 40 trainees who were recently graduated from a VISTA training program at the University of New Mexico.

As a volunteer, Miss McPartland will spend one year working on a migrant program, "Community Action Fund" in Florida.

During the six-week training period, she completed classroom studies and gained field experience by working near the training site on a project similar to one to which she has now been assigned.

Miss McPartland, 21, a literature and sociology major at Lewis and Clark college, is taking time off from college work to pledge herself to a year with VISTA.

She enrolled at Lewis and Clark in 1963 after her graduation from Nyssa high school, where she was valedictorian of her class.

Active in a wide variety of school and college organizations, she brings to her VISTA assignment practical experience gained in summers of 1960 and '61 while working in the children's day school at Nyssa labor camp.

A student library assistant at the college last year, she spent last summer working also as a library assistant within the Nyssa school district.

Horace Arment, manager of the Oregon Employment service for Malheur county, and Ray Larson, district manager of Amalgamated Sugar company, will join in a discussion of the "Labor Outlook" for this year.

Financial operations for all of the labor camps will be viewed by Everett Heldt, treasurer of the association.

Tom Burns, president of the Labor Sponsors association, reports that election of new directors will be held.

Directors whose term are expiring are George Maeda, Oregon Slope; Varner Hopkins, Adrian; Bill Oxnam, Ontario; B. W. Fullerton, Vale; and Ted Morgan, Nyssa. Lunch will be served at East Side cafe through courtesy of the Labor Sponsors association. Anyone interested in the farm labor situation in Malheur county is invited to attend.

MEETING SET TO DISCUSS MENTALLY RETARDED TOTS

According to Kay Mollahan of Ontario, there will be a meeting of parents and friends of mentally retarded children at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the Ontario junior high school.

The session will be held in room 1 of the math and science section. Blair Whipple of the mental health clinic will be guest speaker, according to Mrs. Mollahan.

place. Preliminary den 1 winners were Ross Fox, first; Mark Strom, second; and Neil Oldemeyer, third; den 2, Jimmy Greig, Johnny Wahlert and Larry Haney; den 3, Fred Stelling, Mike Easton and Rex Mitchell. Den Mothers are Mrs. Floyd Uley, Mrs. Edwin Tyner and Mrs. Harvey Easton, respectively. Cubmaster Tyner presented Alan Laurence with a craftsmanship trophy, silver and gold arrows. Larry Haney and Mike Tyner received silver arrows, with Bobcat awards going to John Lopez, Johnny Wahlert, Renee Menchaca and Mike Denny. Craftsmanship honorable mention awards went to Fred Stelling and Ross Fox.

P. Johnston Buys Renstrom Agency

Paul Johnston of Ontario, owner of Malheur Insurance, recently purchased Renstrom Insurance agency in Nyssa from Mrs. Ken Renstrom. The agency was formed 20 years ago by the late Ken Renstrom.

The new owner will operate under the name Malheur Insurance and will retain Mrs. Janelle Seward as office secretary. An office manager will be moved to Nyssa in the near future.

Johnston is no stranger to the people of this area as he was born and raised here. He attended Oregon Trail elementary school for eight years and was graduated from Nyssa high in 1938.

He graduated from OSU with a bachelor of science degree in 1941 and served in the U. S. Navy from 1942 to '46. From 1946 to '56 he was director of health and physical education in the Springfield (Ore.) school.

In 1957 he bought an interest in Malheur Insurance agency in Ontario and purchased it outright in 1958. He has been in the business continuously since that time and feels he is well acquainted with the insurance needs of the people of the area.

PTA Patrons to Hear Program by Swisher

A meeting of the Nyssa PTA unit will be held at 8 p.m. this evening, Feb. 9, in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Floyd Rhoades, who serves with her husband as co-presidents of the local unit, announces that the program will be under direction of Clyde Swisher, head of the NHS English department and recent recipient of a John Hay fellowship.

Refreshments will be served by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jefferies.



KATHLEEN McPARTLAND
... 1963 Valedictorian

AHS Student Takes First Place Honors In PTA Talent Event

Earnie Lewis, a tenor from Adrian, was first place winner of \$25 in the Malheur County PTA talent and stunt program held Saturday evening, according to Mrs. Kenneth Goul, publicity chairman.

The AHS junior, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Lou Denman, sang "Rose of Allendale" and "They Call the Wind Maria."

Second place winner of \$15 was Don Bishop of Nyssa, who presented pantomime skits entitled "Do I Worry" and "A Thousand Violins."

"Battle Ax," a skit from Harper, was awarded third place prize money of \$10. "Battle Ax," a horse, was portrayed by Judy Wagg and Lisa Laurance, while ring master was Mrs. Sanford Wagg.

County Court Resolves to Distribute Gas Tax Refund on 1965-66 Valuation

The county court passed a resolution Wednesday to distribute gas tax refunds on the basis of the 1965-66 assessed valuation until the end of the fiscal year June 30.

This was the recommendation of the county-wide committee at their meeting in Vale Thursday, Feb. 2, when this was about the only thing decided to solve road problems of the county.

The group did agree that there should be an emergency fund on a county-wide basis to replace old bridges. But there was no agreement on the best manner to accomplish this or the amount necessary.

To Make Survey

Representatives of the various districts are to determine as closely as possible the number of miles of roads in their areas, the number of bridges, occupant residences on each road and attempt to evaluate the ton-mileage use of them.

The next meeting will be March 2 at the court house in Vale with successive meetings the first Thursday in each month at 1:30 p.m.

Jaycees' District Meet Set in Nyssa

Three Oregon Jaycee officials and members of District 14 units will meet at 7:30 p.m. this evening, Feb. 9, in the basement of the Eagles hall.

State President Harris Hansen, State Reports and Recognition Chairman Glea Allison of Portland and District Vice President Pat Butson of John Day will be among those attending. Jaycees from Ontario, Vale, Burns, Baker and John Day will also be present.

Secretary Alvin Allen said the importance of this meeting is to discuss project forms and other business matters of interest to all Jaycees.

Fall Rains Prime Soil; Snow Depth At Upper Elevations Assures Owyhee Irrigation Users Adequate Water

Conditions Much Better Than a Year Ago Due to Deeper Snow, Higher Water Content

Irrigation water users under the Owyhee project are assured an adequate supply for the 1967 crop. That was the statement Wednesday morning of Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control.

House said that due to fall rains priming the ground, the depth of snow on upper elevations with a higher than normal water content, we are in a much better situation than at this time a year ago.

A preliminary report by the SCS office in Portland, prepared by snow survey supervisor W. T. (Jack) Frost dated Feb. 1, with the aerial inspection made by House Sunday, Feb. 5, indicates the snow water content is 122 percent of normal.

With normal amounts of spring precipitation, the February-July runoff is estimated at 650,000 acre feet.

Reservoir May Fill

House said, "With a minimum precipitation the runoff with the carryover in the reservoir would equal the water supply of 1966, and with above normal precipitation will fill the reservoir."

Comparisons from a few of the reporting stations show: 41 inches of snow at Silver City (27 inches in 1966) with about double the water content; South Mountain, 32 inches over the 15 last year with water content almost triple; upper watershed in Nevada, more snow at all locations with one-third greater water content than last year. Increases were also noted in the Deep Creek areas and Trout Creek and Steens mountains.

House also reported 18 inches of snow at Logan Valley in the Malheur drainage. And at the marker at head of Bully Creek there still remained 8 inches of snow in spite of the heavy runoff last week.

Watershed Areas Located

House said the Owyhee watershed extends about 200 miles south of Nyssa with Oregon containing about 40 percent of the area and 30 percent each in Idaho and Nevada. Yet Oregon supplies only about 5 percent of the water, Idaho 30 percent and Nevada (with much higher elevations) 65 percent.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING SLATED IN NYSSA

Annual meeting of the Adrian Soil and Water Conservation district will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the Nyssa school cafeteria.

According to Wilbur L. Chapin, two state officials will be present. They are A. J. Webber, conservationist, and Robert C. Baum, administrative officer.

SENIOR CITIZENS TO MEET

Senior Citizens will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, in Nyssa Methodist church basement.

It is asked that everyone attending take a sack lunch. All area residents 55 years of age and over are welcome.

(Signed)
Lyndon B. Johnson

Membership Figures Given

Boy membership in the program shows 4,289,379 enrolled, a gain (Continued on Page 12)

Boy Scout Week For 5.8 Million Being Observed

President Lyndon B. Johnson yesterday told the 5.8 million members of the Boy Scouts of America that "Boy Scout Week calls our attention to the wholesome influence of Scouting on the lives of millions of Americans—and thus on our progress as a nation."

He voiced the hope that the XII World Jamboree to be held Aug. 1-9 at Farragut State park, Idaho, "will quicken among boys of many nations the desire for understanding and passion for peace upon which rests the future of all men."

The President's message for Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7-13, marking Scouting's 57th anniversary, was released here by the Ore-Ida council, Boy Scouts of America, through Bob Ferdinand, president. Ferdinand received the message through Chief Scout Executive Joseph A. Brunton Jr.

The President's message follows.

To the Boy Scouts of America and Their Leaders:

Every society has vested its hope for tomorrow in the caliber of its youth. For youngsters without purpose or inspiration will grow into a generation without leadership or concern.

Young men must be trained well in the duties and opportunities of citizenship. They must develop strength of character and an intense loyalty to the institutions of freedom. They must be physically fit and mentally keen.

The Boy Scouts of America adopt these qualities as goals. Boy Scout Week calls our attention to the wholesome influence of Scouting on the lives of millions of Americans—and thus on our progress as a nation. It also is an occasion for commending the volunteers and sponsors who sustain the Boy Scout movement.

And in this special year, I want to join in welcoming scouts of other lands to the United States. I trust that the 1967 World Scout Jamboree will quicken among boys of many nations the desire for understanding and passion for peace upon which rests the future of all men.

(Signed)
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Adrian-Nyssa Students Selected To Sing in All-Northwest Chorus

Two junior students from Adrian and Nyssa have been selected as members of the 1967 All-Northwest Chorus to perform March 29 through April 1 in Missoula, Mont.

On those same dates, the biennial meeting of the Northwest division of Music Educators will be in progress.

The two area students are Linda Ballou, an NHS junior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou; and Earnie Lewis, a junior at AHS and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis.

Linda will sing second soprano in the honor chorus. She has been singing since she was a very small child and has been taking voice lessons from Mrs. Tom (Alice) Nishitani of Nyssa.

She is a member of Nyssa First Christian church and is now serving as CYF president. She also sings with the church choir for which she is often soloist.

Miss Ballou is also proficient on the guitar and accompanies herself while singing at various functions throughout Treasure Valley.

She has been playing the instrument for approximately a year, after taking lessons from John Wohleke. Linda now gives a few private lessons to guitar



LINDA BALLOU
... Also Plays Guitar

enthusiasts, and serves as a Candy Stripper at Malheur Memorial hospital.

Earnie will sing first tenor in the chorus. He is junior class president at Adrian high, serves as vice president of Hi-Y and the Honor society. He is a member of Thespians and the Adrian chapter of Future Teachers of America.

He often performs as soloist in his church and at other community functions.

Last spring he received a 1 rating as soloist at both the Oregon District IV solo-ensemble festival held at La Grande and at the Idaho District III festival in Boise.

The young man was first place winner of the Malheur County PTA talent program held Saturday evening in Ontario. He has sung for three years in the Adrian high school mixed chorus and is vice president of that organization this year. He has also sung in the Snake River Valley honor chorus.

The students were selected for the All-Northwest chorus after their names were submitted, together with tape recordings of their singing voices.



EARNIE LEWIS
... Talent Event Winner



MRS. LORIN MUNN and PHERAL DODSON are serving, respectively, as chairmen of the 1967 Heart Fund campaign in Adrian and Nyssa. The drive is now in progress, with Mrs. Doris Ballantyne of Nyssa serving as Malheur county chairman and Mrs. Victor (Sue) Marshall in charge of rural Nyssa activities. The campaign leaders are busy planning various functions to raise funds for the program, as well as organizing collectors for a house-to-house canvass on Heart Sunday.