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## Yturri-Smith Report Covers Late Legislative Activities

The 100th day of the session will soon be here, and it is expected that the Speaker, President of the Senate and the Governor will make an announcement as to the number of vitally important bills which remain to be considered. An examination of the various committees actually indicates that there are not as many important bills lying in committee as was suspected earlier. This means, that the session may not be as long as many had predicted. Once the Education budgets and the Tax program have found their way through the houses, the end will come suddenly.

### Action During the Week

The Senate defeated Senate Bill 501 which had as its purpose the elimination of the three-day waiting period for those injured during the course of employment. At present, a person injured on the job receives no pay unless his injury results in necessity, on a doctor's certificate of a three-day absence. However, if he is injured for more than 14 days, then he receives compensation for all time from the date of injury. Floor arguments disclosed that there is only one state in the Union that has more liberal compensation benefits for the employee than Oregon. It was also pointed out that in view of the 25% increase in benefits granted employees in 1965, the elimination of the three-day waiting period would greatly increase the cost to employers, and particularly to farmers who come within the scope of the law on January 1, 1968.

### Student Visits

Students of the John Day Grade School visited the State Capitol this week for the first time. We made arrangements for them to speak to the Governor and inspect all phases of the legislative process--the Senate and House Chambers as well as committee rooms. We only wish that more of the students from Eastern Oregon would visit. Actually, students from virtually every Willamette Valley school visit the session at one time or another, and we believe that they learn a great deal from this first-hand observation. Students from Crane School also visited last Friday, thirty students in all - and were taken to breakfast in the Capitol Coffee Shop by Representative Smith.

### Constitutional Revision

The Senate has refused to concur in the House amendments to the new proposed Constitution. A Conference Committee with two members from each house will now be appointed to see if they can iron out the differences between the House and Senate. If agreement can be reached, then the measure will go to the people for their approval or rejection in November, 1968. The House version is considerably more liberal in that it makes many more changes in fundamental government than does the Senate version.

### Political Participation

The House has passed and sent to the Senate a measure that will permit school teachers, public employees, and owners and employees of liquor outlets to contribute to political campaigns and candidates as well as to actively participate in the election of candidates of their choice. This is drastic departure from present law which prohibits such activities. It will grant full political rights to some 48,000 Oregonians who have hitherto been deprived of this activity.

### Erosion of Highway Funds

There are a raft of bills which would encroach upon highway funds. At present, revenues from gasoline and diesel tax, license fees and other taxes can be used only for construction, maintenance and the location of highways, and for state highway parks. This is one of the reasons that Oregon's highway system is enviable and because of this, Oregon is ahead of all states in the extent to which federal matching funds are utilized. However, various bills would erode this fund by using the same for other purposes. Some want a larger portion to be used for parks and recreation. Others insist that the Willamette Valley Greenway, at a cost of millions, take precedence over the interstate and arterial highway system. It appears, however, that the Legislature will not permit any great diversion of these funds.

House Bill 1320, which is a huge volume in itself, has the purpose of completely redefining the entire insurance code for the state of Oregon. It will require a great deal of work to ascertain whether or not any changes in substance are included. We doubt whether more than a handful of legislators have yet read this 250-page bill. The Senate Judiciary Committee is working on it now and it should reach the floor in about ten days.

The Senate Judiciary Committee has approved the establishment of an intermediate

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## Area Honor Students



BOB OKANO



JIM ABLEMAN



DAVID PATTERSON

Nyssa High School Principal Gene Chester announced this week that Bob Okano has earned honors as valedictorian of the 1967 graduating class with a 3.95 grade point average. Jim Ableman, with a 3.88 GPA, is salutatorian of the class.

David Patterson, a senior at Vale Union high school and son of Nyssans Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson, and Okano have been selected for four-year scholarships by the State Scholarship Commissions.

The youths were chosen from more than 5,500 applicants and selections were based on high academic achievements during their high school careers.

Okano plans to enroll this fall at Oregon State University in Corvallis. In addition to achieving scholastic excel-

lence, he has found time to participate in various school activities. He has been active in the science club, American Field Service program, as well as being active in student government functions.

He has served as student body treasurer, freshman class president and junior class activity chairman. Among other extracurricular activities, Bob has participated in athletics, being a member of the cross-country team, baseball and basketball squads. He has also served as Nyssa representative for the Junior Japanese-American league.

Okano plans to pursue a course of study in the area of math and science. His present vocational interest is chemical engineering. Bob is a son of

Mr. and Mrs. Hiroto Okano of route 1, Nyssa.

Ableman is now NHS student body president and has gained numerous other honors during his four years of high school.

He was recently chosen as a principal candidate for enrollment in the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ableman, and was one of two students chosen to represent Ontario Elks Lodge No. 1590 in the district scholarship contest.

Jim has been active in numerous school activities. He served as freshman class president, treasurer and vice president for the student body and sports editor for the school paper, the NHS Bulldog. He also participated in football, baseball, wrestling and track, as well as being actively involved in These-

plans to study engineering, however his choice of college has not been determined. He is considering OSU or Cornell university at Ithaca, New York.

Patterson, too, has been active during his high school career having served as class representative, vice president of the science club and was a member of the play cast during his junior year. While senior, he is serving as president of the science club and vice president for the Vale high school band organization. He is a drummer for the high school and pep bands.

David plans to enroll this fall at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande.

## Annual Mystery Days Offer Many Bargains

### Rainbow Planted In Upper Owyhee

It is reported that the Oregon State Game Commission planted 105,000 fish in the upper 16 miles of the Owyhee River below the dam.

This area was recently treated with rotenone to eliminate trash fish.

Larry Bisbee and Ralph Elle, game commission fish biologists, stated that excellent fishing should be available this weekend on the Owyhee River and should remain so for several years.

A total of 5,000 legal Rainbow Trout, averaging eight inches in length, and 100,000 Rainbow fingerlings were also planted to complete the project.

Other plantings took place at Antelope Reservoir, Bully Creek, Malheur Reservoir and Murphy Reservoir.

It is planned that Malheur River, Beulah Reservoir and upper Cow Lakes will also be stocked this spring.

### Weekend Event is Publicized By Journal Blanketing Area

Nyssa's Fifth Annual Mystery Day, Saturday, April 22 promises to be the biggest town-wide promotion since Crazy Day last fall. With practically all retail stores and service shops participating, the buying public is offered top bargains in almost every field.

Some merchants are offering special items at real-honest-to-goodness low prices; some are offering store-wide discounts for cash, and others do not list prices but will let the buying public learn when they come into the stores. The latter are advertised by??? where normally the price would be found.

Each merchant has advertised as he chose and there will be some novel displays that will afford fun as well as bargains. Some are running items Thursday, Friday and Saturday--some Saturday only--but the latter day is designated as Mystery Day and is one that no one in the area should miss. Journal Reaches 12,000-14,000

The Journal is blanketing the area with over 4,000 copies, reaching 12,000 to 14,000 readers in the nearby areas.

In checking the pages of the Journal, readers will find special prices covering such items as food, clothing, used cars, automotive equipment, tires, jewelry, farm tools and implements, paint, irrigation supplies, garden and lawn equipment, drugs and novelties.

The event is sponsored by Nyssa Businessmen's Promotion committee and they invite everyone to come to the Thunderegg Capital for this special event. Only by seeing the low prices of these quality goods will buyers be convinced!

### Activities Slated To Aid Children

Members of Treasure Valley Association for Handicapped and Retarded Children met April 11 to adopt bylaws and a constitution. There were approximately 30 area residents present to hear Dr. Paul W. Thormahlen speak on "What Oregon Is Doing for the Trainable Retarded Children".

Next meeting will be May 9, 1967 at the Moore hotel in Ontario. All interested area residents are cordially invited to attend.

## Hundreds of Texas Migrants Now Arriving for Crop Work

The first of the 1400 migrants recruited in Texas by Amalgamated Sugar company for work in the area beet fields began arriving in Nyssa Wednesday.

District manager Ray Larson said 550 had been shipped and by Monday of next week 700 would be here with the others arriving by May 1. Recruiting points are Eagle Pass, McAllen and Del Rio--all on the Mexican border.

The 1400 will be housed in the labor camps with the distribution as follows: Nyssa 300, Vale 215, Adrian 80, Payette Junction 125, Payette 100, Parma 200, Hometown 180 and Weiser 260. There will also be a few hundred "free lancers" who will find private living quarters while seeking work.



The Grange commemorative stamp went on sale this week, and among the first to purchase some of them from Nyssa Postmaster Lee Dail were these grangers from the Nyssa area. They are Don Somers, master of Oregon Trail Grange; Frank Sherwood, chairman of the legislative committee; Ellen Jones, lecturer for Malheur Pomona Grange No. 33; Lucielle Runcorn, secretary for Oregon Trail Grange; Eric Boenig; Lois Boenig, Oregon Trail lecturer; and Mrs. Don Somers, Postmaster Dail holds a sheet of the stamps and Somers is holding the letter containing the first stamp to be sold in the local postoffice. The item of correspondence is addressed to his brother, Dale Somers, who farms near Central City, Iowa.

## Pulpit Trades To Aid Effort Toward Union

This coming Sunday, April 23 has been designated as Consultation on Church Union (CCU) Sunday with pulpit exchanges in most of the ten denominations participating. This is the second annual pulpit exchange sponsored by CCU. Here in Malheur County nine churches will be participating in the pulpit exchange this coming Sunday, according to the Reverend Tom Foster of Ontario who is the convener for the exchange.

At the Kingman Memorial Presbyterian church in Adrian the guest will be the Reverend Wallace Prowell of Nyssa. In Nyssa at the First Christian Church, the guest will be the Reverend Virden Seybold of Vale; at the Nyssa Methodist Church the Reverend Elmer Rosenkilde of Adrian will be the guest speaker and at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Nyssa, the Reverend Tom Foster will speak. In Vale at the Methodist Church the Reverend Armand Larive of Nyssa will speak and at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church the Reverend Tom Foster will be the guest minister. In Ontario the guest preacher at the Bethany United Presbyterian Church will be the Reverend George Yemura of Ontario; at the First Methodist Church the speaker will be the Reverend Wesley Jones of Ontario and at the Community Methodist Church, the guest minister will be the Reverend Ralph Lawrence of Nyssa.

## Children, Parents To Visit Primary Classrooms Today

Mrs. Clarice Poor, Nyssa elementary principal, has asked the Journal to remind parents of children who will be in the first grade next year, of visitations scheduled today, April 20.

Both children and parents are invited to visit from 1:45 to 3 p.m. in the primary building. The youngsters will be invited to participate in various

## Legislators Debate Daylight Savings For Malheur Area

Following a request from Rep. Robert F. Smith, the House Planning and Development committee approved Tuesday a bill which would allow Malheur county to remain in the Mountain Time zone with Idaho. This will be allowed only if the measure does not jeopardize Pacific Daylight time for the rest of Oregon.

According to a new federal law, when a state goes on daylight saving time, the entire state must do so; however, Malheur county residents seem to prefer staying in the same time zone as Idaho.

April 30 is the scheduled date for both Idaho and Oregon residents to set their clocks ahead one hour. The decision as to whether eastern Oregonians will be an hour ahead of their neighbors across Snake river is still to be decided by the lawmakers.

activities, and after school is dismissed refreshments will be served in the multi-purpose room.



These young ladies are pupils from Betty Wilson's School of Dancing, and are pictured as they will appear in a black light precision number, Jazz Pizzicato, at their annual dancing display slated to begin at 8 p.m. Friday, April 21 in the Nyssa school cafeteria. The young dancers are (l to r) Jan Pecora, Debra Fangen, Nancy Barton, Renee DeMinick, Stephanie Wilson, Susan Bratton, Jan Saito, LeAnne Wilson, Sharmon Sadamori and Debbie Hendricks. Staff Photo

## Friday Evening Dance Revue To Feature Youthful Nyssans

Forty-six students from Betty Wilson's School of Dancing will be featured in their 18th annual dancing display scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock Friday evening, April 21 in the Nyssa school auditorium.

The revue is sponsored each year by Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary and proceeds are used to purchase needed items for the hospital.

Featured on the program this year will be the "Jewel Ballet", the story of a princess (played by Susan Bratton) who chooses a jewel for her wedding crown. There are 20 different jewels, portrayed by the dancing students. Other characters in the production include ladies in waiting, tiny bridesmaids and two small page boys.

The students range from preschoolers to teenagers and they will present various styles of dancing including tap, modern ballet and novelty numbers.

The finale is entitled "Tijuana Taxi" and will star the entire cast. Achievement awards will also be presented. Susan Leavitt and Barbara Fangen will be pianists, with Wayne Takami on drums. In addition to accompanying the dancers, they will provide instrumental entertainment.

Decorations will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fangen and candy strippers from the local hospital will serve as usherettes.

## Weather . . .

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
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April 13	62	36	—
April 14	56	36	.03
April 15	55	31	—
April 16	53	33	—
April 17	59	37	—
April 18	54	40	—
April 19	—	37	—

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