

**Small Pupils To Graduate**

Graduation programs for students in Mrs. Ida Moncur's Jack and Jill kindergarten will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 8 and Friday, May 19 in the LDS cultural hall. The public is invited to attend.

The students were divided into morning and afternoon classes to enable more individual instruction and each group had educational study units, with visits to see 'in action' what they were being taught.

They visited the Ontario police station, fire station, airport, Nyssa library, Ray's bakery, Peterson's dairy farm, railway depot, Stringer's lambing sheds and the Frank Jayo farm.

Students enrolled in the morning session are Angela Guerra, Valerie Ordenez, Carl Simpson, Terrell Moffis, Lance Lane, Randy Flinders, Kelli Connell, Sara Lee Bunn, Wynne Aldrich, David Rieb and Tina Ordenez.

Among afternoon students are Marcine Clawson, Robin Wood, Kristi Gomez, Tammy Traveller, Billy McMillan, Dana Maxwell, Shelly Mayden, Nancy Landreth, Anna Marie Jayo, Karen West, David Voeller, Richard Skeen, Geraldine Seburn and David Ross.

**Big Bend News**

By Mrs. Dyre Roberts

**BIG BEND**—Mr. and Mrs. Phil Clucas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Knapp of Roswell attended April 18 farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kent at the Rollo Kent home in Nyssa. Mr. and Mrs. Kent left April 19 to make their home in Connell, Wash.

Mrs. Edythe Prosser was an April 23 dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Delno Brock in Sunset Valley.

Staff Sergeant Ernest Knapp of Las Vegas, Nev., visited April 19 with his sister, Mrs. Phil Clucas.

Big Bend Extension Unit members met April 18 with Mrs. Pete Sillons as hostess. Following a tasting luncheon a lesson on "Variety in Vegetables" was given by Mrs. Veri Bishop and Mrs. Dyre Roberts. One visitor, Mrs. Edythe Prosser and twelve members attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood entertained April 23 with a family dinner in honor of Mrs. Mary Wood's and Mrs. Lloyd Wood's birthday anniversaries. Afternoon callers were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood and family of Marsing.

Miss Helen Hatch of Ontario visited April 23 with Mr. and Mrs. James McGinnis.

Mrs. Clyde Riggs of Parma visited on the afternoon of April 23 with Mr. and Mrs. Dyre Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tuppeny visited April 23 with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Brumbaugh Jr. in Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright visited April 21 with Mrs. Naomi Wright in Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Graham of Boise spent a recent weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Chaney. Mrs. Anna Chaney of Nyssa visited Sunday in the Chaney home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Blamier and family of Gooding visited several days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Chet Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Kurtz visited April 23 with Mr. and Mrs. John Packwood. Mrs. John Packwood recently spent two days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Packwood and sons at Owyhee corners.

**NHS CALENDAR . .**

Today, May 4, 1 p.m.—Eastern Oregon College band concert at Nyssa high school.

Today, May 4, 4 p.m.—Jr. Varsity track meet, here.

Today, May 4, 4 p.m.—Girls district track meet at Ontario.

May 6, --Jr. high music festival at Weiser.

May 7, 2 p.m.—Jr. and Sr. high school spring concert in city park.

May 8, 4 p.m.—Baseball with Weiser, here.

May 8, 4 p.m.—SRV Jr. high school track meet at Ontario.

May 9, 4 p.m.—Malheur County track meet at Vale.

May 9, 8 p.m.—FHA fashion show in high school cafeteria.

May 11, 8 p.m.—PTA meeting in high school cafeteria.

**"PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN"**

By Martha Heider

For a recent assignment, students in Irl Nolan's eighth grade Language-Arts class were asked to write essays on the subject, "I'm Glad I am an American."

The assignment was given because Nolan felt it was timely with all the unrest in the world today. The following essays, Nolan stated, were not especially selected as being considered the best ones turned in, but because of sincerity expressed.

By Mary Haburchak

Freedom, beauty, education, power, love, and patriotism are all included to make this country, my country the queen of civilization.

I'm proud that all of us have an equal chance to receive a good education to help build this country.

I love the beauty - fields, mountains, deserts, lakes, oceans, and cities.

I'm proud that my friends are of every nationality. They don't care what my nationality is or what my father does. They like me for what I am.

I'm proud that my country is big enough to admit she's wrong while on the other hand she stands up for what she thinks is right.

What other country can boast of these things?

Through waves of red, white and blue only two things dampen my spirits, one: too often too many of us don't realize the good thing we have. Two: No matter how hard or how long I tried I could never really tell you why I love America.

So as they say in China one picture is worth thousands of words. To me the picture is the flag of the United States of America.

Yes, I'm glad I'm an American! That was a big statement. But to me it was more than just six little words. To me it means I love America! I love everything about her. Of course, I love the freedom of speech, press, ballot. But I love everything she is criticized for too.

I love her reputation of always butting into other nations' affairs. I love the fact that although America is the greatest nation in the world, she isn't perfect.

When I think of all the people in congress, all the work they do, all the pain they go through; when I think of all the unknown, yet brave, soldiers killed while fighting for their country's freedom; when I think of the agony the settlers went through for my country; when I think of these things I suddenly feel a pang of guilt. Why? Because I, an American, criticize my own country! I, the free American, am always talking about our "so-called free nation", as I put it. I feel guilty because I am forever saying to myself, and others, that our nation isn't as free as it is supposed to be. I wonder why we are in Vietnam - if it's worth it.

Why do I think all these things? Because I am an American, I have everything so easy I take advantage of it. I have everything so good I expect! I even expect MORE! I don't even deserve to be an American!

That's why I'm proud of the fact... I am an American. I'm proud of the fact it is my America, my free, independent, loving nation.

Yes, I'm glad I'm an American!

**TVCC Awarded Federal Funds For Migrants**

Congressman Al Ullman announced Tuesday that Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon, has been awarded \$209,192.00 to conduct an adult program for migrant workers. Ullman said the office of economic opportunity grant would finance projects at Ontario, Nyssa and Weiser.

The adult education project will be augmented by a day camp program for the children of the workers. Director of the project will be Robert Patterson, Ullman announced.

**Enlists . . .**



TED PROCTOR

Leaving April 1 for basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas was Ted Proctor, son of Mrs. Jean Mangin of Nyssa. He is with an armored division, and prior to enlistment, was a student at Nyssa high school and employed at Wilson's Market.

primary source of the Capitol Club's success and respect. "To settle for anything less would mean not only selling out ourselves and those we represent, but we would be misleading our elected officials and, in the end, betraying the people."

**Sunset Valley -**

By Freda Astoreca  
SUNSET VALLEY—Wilbur Chapin, who was recently injured when his tractor ran into the canal, was released last week from the hospital and is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Price were recent Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Share and family in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alexander and family were April 23 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McMillan at Ontario. The dinner honored Alexander's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Ekanger spent a recent weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cleaver and son at Pocatello.

Mrs. Emma Newgen attended a recent meeting of the Federated Dorcas-Womens group in Caldwell.

Mrs. Virginia Lorensen of Ontario was a recent evening visitor in the Ken Lorensen home. Mona, Mida, Marcie and Lorene spent a recent weekend with their grandparents.

The Virginia Lorensen family and Mrs. William Turner were recent Sunday dinner guests in the Ken Lorensen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nielsen, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nielsen and children of Homedale, Mrs. Effie Nielsen of Nu Acres were recent dinner guests in the Elver Nielsen home. The dinner honored Elver Nielsen's birthday anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Chard of Nyssa were recent evening dinner guests of the Niensens.

Mr. and Mrs. Elver Nielsen visited April 21 with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chard at Meridian.

Other visitors were the Kenneth Chards of Boise. The Nielsen couple, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moncur and Curtis were recent Sunday dinner guests of the Bill Niensens in Homedale.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Asumendi, Lillina and Curtis spent a recent weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Trump in Wallawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Astoreca and girls visited April 23 with the D. Bivins family in Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byers were recent Saturday evening visitors in the George Folkman home.

**Coming Events**

Today, May 4, 7:30 p.m.—Knife and Fork club meeting at East Side cafe.

Today, May 4, 8:30 p.m.—AA meeting at St. Mathews Episcopal church, Ontario.

Today, May 4—Nyssa Legion Auxiliary meeting, community hall.

May 5, 1:30 p.m.—United church women meeting at Nyssa First Christian church.

May 5, --TVCWC area conference at Boise.

May 6, 8 p.m.—Pinochle party at Nyssa IOOF hall.

May 6, --TVCWC area conference at Boise.

May 6, 9:30 a.m.—5 p.m.—Science club car wash.

May 7, 2 p.m.—Jr. and Sr. high school Spring concert in city park.

May 8, 8 p.m.—Nyssa Jaycees meeting at hall.

May 9, 8 p.m.—Treasure Valley association for handicapped and retarded children meeting at Moore hotel, Ontario.

May 9, 8 p.m.—Yellow Rose Rebekah Lodge meeting at IOOF hall.

**BIRTHS**

April 27, --To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grimaldo of Nyssa a 7-pound, 5-ounce son, Louis Alonso.

May 1, --To Mr. and Mrs. Magdalena Martinez a 6-pound, 2-ounce girl, unnamed.

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**Jaycees To See Fast-Car Films**

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meeting, a Goodyear Tire company film will be shown. The picture is about Greig Breedlove, known as the fastest man on earth in his car.

The picture will include scenes of his recent wreck on the Bonneville Salt flats while he was traveling at a rate of 525 miles per hour.

All interested area residents are invited to attend the Jaycee meetings.

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**Nu Acres News Events**

By Mabelle McKague

**NU ACRES**—District Home-maker's council meeting was held April 25 at Emmett, and there were several guest speakers. Luncheon was served at the Central Mesa grange hall, after which the group returned to the First Christian Church for the afternoon session. Among those attending from the Farmerette club were Fern Gardner, Roberta Wilson, Leona Bryan and Mabelle McKague.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Haueter of Westfall, Ore., were April 27 evening visitors in the Mike McKague home.

Stephen Kersey of Fruitland spent the weekend at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Effie Nielsen. Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Kersey and the other two boys were Saturday visitors in the Nielsen home. Later that evening the Kerseys took their sons to Ontario where they were participants in a Scout-O-Rama.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baxter returned Friday evening from a vacation trip on which they had started. They went to Madras where they visited the Brad Schmidt and Gary Heap families. They then drove on to Tule Lake, Calif., to visit with the Ralph Walker family. They encountered snow, rain and other bad weather so decided to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. David Heap of Boise spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baxter. The Heap couple has signed contracts to teach in the Redmond schools next year. They will be moving there shortly after the close of the Boise schools where they are now teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCullough of Emmett were Saturday visitors and dinner guests in the Ralph Baxter home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Mell drove to Sumpter, Ore., April 19, where they visited with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Sarlund. They returned home last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Heap of Boise were April 20 evening dinner guests at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baxter.

A regular meeting of the Farmerette Club was held April 19 at the Community hall. Prior to the regular meeting a potluck dinner was held. The meeting was presided by Fern Gardner. New officers for the new year are Mrs. Ezada Betts, president; Mrs. Jean Burton, vice president; Mrs. Leona Bryan, secretary; Mrs. Mabelle McKague, treasurer.

Names of the Pollyannas were revealed and new ones drawn. A number of gifts were passed out and plant exchange was held at the close of the meeting. There were 14 members and three children present.

Mrs. Alida Smit spent several recent days visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gallant and sons at Goodrich. She returned to her home in Nu Acres April 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Allison drove to Meridian April 23 where they visited at the home of Mrs. Allison's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde LaVale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baxter left April 21 on a trip to western Oregon and parts of California. They expect to return in about two weeks.

Roy McKague of Caldwell spent April 22 at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McKague.

A pinochle party and silent auction was held recently at the community hall, with 16 residents attending. Prizes for the pinochle session were won by Marilyn Russell, women's high score; Irene Clements, low; Clarence Neeley, men's high; Woody Wilson, low. Travelling prize was won by Cecil Evans.

**Yturri-Smith Report Covers Late Legislative Activities**

By Mabelle McKague

Senator Yturri was appointed to a two-year membership on the Interstate Cooperation Commission, an agency of which the Governor is a member. The Commission works in close harmony with similar Commissions in other states toward solving state-federal relations, agriculture, transportation, economic problems, and other vital areas concerning the several states.

The House of Representatives has defeated a bill that would have allowed Portland, Salem and Eugene to impose a one percent income tax on the wages of its residents.

The House, following approval of the Ways and Means Committee, has voted to increase Oregon's gasoline tax from 6¢ to 7¢ per gallon. The bill has been referred to the Senate Highways Committee with a requirement that it return to Ways and Means Committee prior to final vote by the Senate. The bill increases the share that cities will receive, but does not increase the counties' share. It is expected that the Senate Highway Committee will change the distribution formula so that counties will participate in the increase.

Following an Attorney General's opinion to the effect that the currently circulating Bank-America card is illegal, Senate Bill 536 was introduced. It would legalize such cards. The issue involved is that the present permissible rate of interest which banks may charge on this type of account is 15 1/4%, whereas the Bank-America cards use, in some cases, could be as much as 18%.

A full-dress hearing was held this week before the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee. It appeared that in the case of accounts paid within 25 days, no interest is payable. Also, many private and small businesses testified that only by use of these credit cards are the small stores able to compete with J. C. Penney's, Meier and Frank's, Sears and other large stores.

Testimony also disclosed that small loan corporations can charge as much as 36%.

No action has been taken but the large chain banks are supporting the bill while a majority of the independent banks are opposed.

Senate Bill No. 1 would prohibit the garnishment of any wages, whether such wages be \$400 or \$4,000 a month. An extensive hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee had the Bureau of Labor and various others supporting the bill, while small businesses and collection agencies opposed it. The present law allows one-half of anyone's wages in one month up to \$550 to be automatically exempt from garnishment. Final action has not been taken by the committee, but we see little chance for any change in the present law.

Tax problems continue to haunt the legislature. The House, as we told you last week, has passed House Bill 1093 with its proposal for a 3% sales tax on items of tangible personal property, with food and drugs exempt. This would be referred to the people at an election for their approval or rejection.

The bill, now in the Senate Taxation Committee, is certain not to be passed in the House form. The bill is patterned as closely as possible after the

California law, but there are still areas of doubt. The Senate Tax Committee had Mr. Edward Stetson from California here to discuss the matter in detail for three solid days. Mr. Stetson has been the administrator of the California sales tax for 30 years and is probably the most authoritative person in the field.

The Senate Tax Committee is now considering policy matters and is expected to reach a decision next week. We concur in saying that there will be much criticism of our actions whether we vote for or against a referral to the people of a Sales Tax. However, if the people are to vote, we want the most reasonable measure possible to be submitted to them.

In what perhaps constitutes one of the most courageous acts of any Governor in recent years, Governor McCall appointed himself to the State Sanitary Authority and was made Chairman. From a political point of view it would seem that he has little to gain and perhaps much to lose since this is a most controversial area. On the other hand, the Governor is keenly aware of air and water pollution problems and wants to establish a base from which the future of Oregon will be safe from unnecessary pollution. He will serve for only six months on the Authority and then turn over the problem to a successor whom he hopes will follow the guidelines he will have established.

The Senate Highway Committee took another step in traffic safety matters and passed out Senate Bill 63 with a "do pass" recommendation. This bill would require every driver to be re-examined each four years to determine his driving qualifications. In this manner hundreds of presently incompetent drivers using our highways would be removed. In most cases, the driver would not apply for a renewal.

A Conference Committee, of which Senator Yturri is a member, will meet to see if the differences between the House and Senate can be ironed out insofar as the Constitution are concerned. No agreement has yet been reached, but the Conferees are confident that they will at least agree upon a version of Senate Joint Resolution No. 7 that will be submitted to each house of the legislature for a vote.

House Bill 1151, which prohibits the employment by any city of more than 1,000 population of any member to the police force for more than one year unless such officer has been certified as qualified by the Police Standards Board, has been voted out of Committee. However, amendments will allow certification without attendance at a school. It is designed to improve the quality of police officers throughout the State, and will permit certification by attendance of Community College courses, or other type of school authorized by the communities. The mandatory feature remains in the bill, but most of the objectionable aspects have been eliminated.

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