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This recently publicized lava cave in the desert about 60 miles west of Jordan Valley has drawn wide interest from individuals and organizations seeking to explore it. It has also resulted in much publicity for Malheur county as a tourist attraction and recreation area. Maxwell T. Lieurance, manager of the Vale BLM district, appeared on a Portland educational TV program Thursday for 30 minutes. Other area TV stations plan to send filming crews to the cave in the near future. The eerie lighting effect shown in the photograph is due to several gasoline lanterns and flashlights being shone on the wall at various spots to enable the photographer to make

a five-minute time exposure. The exact location of the cave is being kept from the general public by BLM officials, who explored the cave recently, as the entrance and descent to the floor level is considered unsafe for the inexperienced. The explorers report the tunnel as being about 40 feet wide, 50-60 feet high and the walls rather smooth as though eroded by water. They went an estimated half-mile inside, being limited by equipment and time. Rumor has it that the cave is possibly 40 miles long, which, according to speological records would make it the longest known cave in the world.

Back-To-School Day Planned August 4 By Local Merchants

Floyd Rhoades and Reed Ray, co-chairmen for the Back-To-School committee, announced Tuesday that August 4 has been set for kids' festivities with prizes, parades and cash to be offered in various classes.

The parade will start at 2 p.m., led by a musical group, followed by the awarding of prizes and free refreshments for all participants. Contestants for prizes may enter in any or all of the following classes: Pets, Costumes, Soap Box vehicles and Bikes. Three prizes will be offered in each class together with unannounced cash award for best overall.

Merchants will have stores stocked with all the needs for kids returning to school in the fall, as well as for other members of the family. There will be drawings for a new bike and television. Registrations may be made in all traffic stores.

The event will coincide with Nyssa's Annual Thunderegg Days which will start earlier in the same week.

The Journal will again blanket the area with a special edition featuring the two events.



Claude Day, Adrian, brought these hall stones to the Journal office Thursday morning of last week. Mrs. Day picked them up following the storm that hit the area about 3:30 P.M. the day before. The size can be estimated when compared with the ordinary flashlight battery behind them. The storm damaged crops and fields from N.E. of Vale, skipped to the Adrian and Mitchell Butte areas and eastward to Nampa, Meridian and Boise. Crop damage has not been estimated in Malheur county and won't be known until after harvest.

TVCC Chairman Reports On Status Of Bond Issue

William Schroeder, chairman of the board of education for Treasure Valley Community College, announced June 21, that word has just been received from Portland Bond Counsel that the election and all other proceedings of the district pertaining to the bond issue of the district are approved and the bonds will create a valid general obligation of the district when issued, thus permitting the sale of the bonds.

All of these proceedings and the budgetary proceedings were prepared and directed by the Vale law firm of Schroeder, Denning and Hutchens without charge to the district and the preparation of the report and abstract of the bond proceedings for the Portland Bond Counsel was accomplished by an independent attorney, Mr. Charles Swan.

Review Formation

Because the district has never before been bonded Portland Bond Counsel must also review the records of the State Department of Education pertaining to the original formation of the district. The voluminous abstract of these proceedings were submitted to the Portland Bond Counsel recently and if these proceedings are approved the bonds may be issued.

The board of education has requested advice from the specialists of the U. S. National Bank and the First National Bank as to various methods of offering these bonds for sale and this advice should be received prior to July 1.

Store To Open In Nyssa Soon

Mrs. Mike (Mabelle) McKague of the Nu Acres community told a Journal reporter Monday that she hoped to open her new variety store July 17. She is leaving for Clara City, Minn., to the home office of Variety V stores with whom she has a franchise.

The Nyssa Variety V will be located at 204 Main in the building formerly occupied by Sugar City 5 and 10, recently closed out by Mr. and Mrs. John Hoare.

The budgetary proceedings and election were also reviewed by James Van Galder, chief of the local law division of the Oregon State Tax commission and were also approved as levying, a valid assessment upon the property of the district. His suggestion that supplementary funds of the district should be published has been followed and that publication is now in progress.

Water Supply Appears Good

GENERAL OUTLOOK

Malheur county ranchers, farmers and other water users will have adequate water supplies this summer. Forecasts of expected streamflow May through July will be sufficient when coupled with the good stored water supplies.

SNOW COVER

Snow cover remains only at the higher elevations but is more extensive than usual for June 1 conditions due to frequent cold spells. Precipitation has been near normal in May adding to the past month's runoff which was 94 per cent on the Owyhee.

SOIL MOISTURE

Moisture in the soil mantle on upper watersheds is 92 per cent of capacity on the Owyhee and 89 per cent on the Malheur watershed. These figures are above average.

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THE WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
June 21	80	62	.25
June 22	77	52	.07
June 23	82	55	—
June 24	85	53	—
June 25	90	56	—
June 26	94	59	—
June 27	84	64	—
June 28	—	57	—

OWYHEE RESERVOIR
STORAGE
June 28, 1967 545,520 Acre Ft.
June 28, 1966 483,560 Acre Ft.

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A CASE STUDY OF NEAR FINANCIAL CHAOS

Treasure Valley Community College, located at Ontario in the heart of the rich and fertile Snake River Valley, was created June 11, 1962. The college began enrolling students in the fall of 1962. Like most community colleges in Oregon, enrollment at the school exceeded reasonable expectations. The first year the school was in operation the equivalent of 111 full time students attended. By the fall of 1966, enrollment had burgeoned to a full time equivalency of 1,040 students.

As would be expected the campus expanded rather rapidly to accommodate the influx of students. The community college enjoyed widespread community support and pride in what the college had been able to accomplish in its few short years of existence. All was going well, until one day early in January this year, it was discovered Treasure Valley Community College was out of money. Not only were they out of funds to meet current operating expenditures but the First National Bank was holding two promissory notes totaling \$475,000, which were due on Feb. 28. The college had no funds in sight sufficient to meet either current operating expenses or the debt at the bank. The college faced a dilemma.

Not in recent times has there been such a gross mismanagement of the affairs of a municipal corporation than occurred in the case of Treasure Valley Community College. Oregon Tax Research's reporting on the Treasure Valley Community College fiscal affairs is not an attempt to place the blame on any one person because the responsibility rests on those who were legally charged with administering the affairs of the college.

OTR's interest is one of attempting to search out "how", in the face of what are generally considered model statutes governing the affairs of municipal corporations, could a district get into such a predicament. It is hoped the lessons learned will serve to avert any such future disasters, not only those who are now or in the future responsible for the operation of the Treasure Valley Community College, but also by those who are charged by law with the responsibility of administering the affairs of all municipal corporations in Oregon.

Shortly after the Board of Education of Treasure Valley Community College discovered they were without funds with which to continue the college, the Board

issued a 15 page statement explaining the situation and describing, in part, the necessity of approving a \$735,000 bond issue. The Board and the Administration of the college, with commendable frankness, admitted "Meeting the needs of these students with physical facilities teaching faculty has been the preoccupation of the Administration and the Board of Education. And this preoccupation has been at the expense of adequate planning and sound financial management in the area of construction and equipment." (sic) But the statement issued by the Board of Education is little more than a rationalization for what happened and a promise not to let it happen again. It does not explain "how" it happened.

Inadequate Budgeting

ORS 294.321, in part, defines the purpose of the Local Budget Law to be:

- ... Provide for outlining programs of a municipal corporation and the fiscal policy which is to accomplish these programs;
- ... Provide for estimating of revenues, expenditures and proposed tax levies;
- ... Provide specific methods for obtaining public views in the preparation of fiscal policy;
- ... Provide for the control of revenues and expenditures for the promotion of efficiency and economy in the expenditure of public funds;
- ... Enable the public, taxpayers and investors to be apprised of the financial policies and administration of the municipal corporation in which they are interested.

Examining, in retrospect, the Treasure Valley Community College Budget Document for the current fiscal year, reveals the gross inadequacies of the document in fulfilling the purpose of the Local Budget Law. But, it was not the inadequacies of the budget document itself that led to financial demise of the Treasure Valley Community College. Rather, it was the failure of those charged with the financial administration of the College to follow any financial plan; a practice not con-

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New officers of Nyssa Lions club, as they posed for the Journal camera following their Tuesday noon luncheon meeting at Brownie's cafe. Seated at the table are (l to r) Floyd Rhoades, outgoing president; R. A. (Dick) Forbess, newly elected president; Dirick Nedry, secretary. Standing are Fran Dole, director; Jim Grunke, tail twister; E. Otis Smith, director; Fred Koch and the Rev. Orville Jacobson, directors; Ed Charters, third vice president; Lauren Wright, treasurer; Walter McPartland, first vice president. Dale Adams, second vice president; and Glade Chadwick, Lion tamer, were not on

hand when the pictured was snapped. The men were installed into office during the organization's 'ladies' night' banquet meeting Saturday evening at the Payette golf course dining room. Installing officer was Former Lions' District Governor Ivan Patrick of Ontario. He was also guest speaker. Vocal-guitar music was provided by the Pond twins, Mary and Carol, with Rhoades serving as master of ceremonies. Fifty-six persons attended the Saturday evening meeting, including Lions, their wives and other guests.

NHS Early-Day Students Hold Annual Picnic

Students of the early-day Nyssa schools held their annual potluck picnic, Sunday, at Nyssa south park.

This yearly event is held by students and teachers affiliated with Nyssa schools up to and including 1920.

Approximately fifty persons registered including seven attending for the first time. They are Ora (Anderson) Wilson of Othello, Wash., who was an early day pupil and also a teacher for one term in the local school; Edith (Iredale) Ferguson, of Depoe Bay, Ore., Nyssa high school graduate of 1915; Seth and Gladys Megordon of California; Elizabeth Thompson, of Portland, an early-day pupil and postmistress of Nyssa post office for many years.

Also present for the first time were Dora (Thompson) Eldredge, of Pilot Rock, Ore., a graduate of Nyssa high school; Jack Teutsch and his wife Vi of Seattle, Wash.; Lawrence Monce from Ontario, Ore.

Others attending from long distances are Lulu (Megordon) Childers from Olympia, Wash. She has attended every reunion and Olive (Megordon) Ainsworth, also a faithful attendant.

Those from Boise included Britt and Bessie (Boydell) Nedry, Allen and Mary (Largent) Forbes, Maude (Largent) Cosh, Cassie (Ray) Goshert and Jesse and Georgia (Brown) Whitaker.

Hugh Rutledge came from Caldwell, Carmen (Anderson) Finch from Moses Lake, Wash., and Elsmere Fenn from Home-dale.

The remaining persons were of local origin.

The early-day students picnicked, visited and reminisced. They decided the event will be held as usual, on the last Sunday in June at Nyssa south park next year.

BloodMobile Sets July 13 Nyssa Visit

The Red Cross blood mobile will be at the Nyssa Eagles hall Thursday, July 13, between the hours of 2 and 6 p.m., and all able area donors are urged to keep this date in mind.

According to Evelyn Tarter and Gayno West, Jay-C-Ette co-chairmen in charge of arrangements, there is an urgent need for repayment of blood required for patrons in the Nyssa-Adrian area.

The Jay-C-Ettes state that the quota is again 150 pints. They also announce that they are making plans for a contest among area organizations, with a traveling trophy to go to the group securing the highest percentage of donors.

HUMAN BLOOD is termed "a miracle of nature," and has become one of the great healing medicines of modern science.

KID'S BASEBALL BENEFIT DANCE TOMORROW NITE

Those interested in Nyssa Baseball For Kids are reminded of the benefit dance to be held at the Eagles Hall tomorrow night, starting at nine o'clock. The tickets are \$5.00 per couple, including free beer, and music will be furnished by the Tijuana Grass group from Ontario.

M & W Market reported \$20. net proceeds from trading stamps left by customers and matched by the store last week-end. Prior to this the Jaycees conducted a bottle drive for the fund.

Adrian Graduates Schedule Reunion

Members of Adrian class of 1937 are planning a reunion which will be held July 15 at the Golden Slipper in Vale. All members of the class are asked to contact Mary Riggs of Parma, Jean Fenn of Ontario or Edna Stam of Nyssa by July 8th to confirm reservations.