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## LOCAL MAN DROWNS IN LAKE OWYHEE SEARCH FOR BODY FAILS

The body of a drowning victim in Lake Owyhee Wednesday of last week had still not been found at press time yesterday, one week after the mishap.

Vietnam war veteran, Bobby Tooley, 21, Route 3, Parma, disappeared in the water about 150 yards from shore, a short distance above the dam, when the boat upset. His uncle, Perry Tidwell, Nyssa, who was also in the boat was saved by Lester Cleaver, Nyssa.

According to Malheur Sheriff Bob Ingram, Tidwell and Tooley were approaching the boat dock when the propeller became entangled in fishing line. Tidwell went into the water to free it, telling Tooley to "gun" the boat. When he did it upset throwing Tooley out. Neither could swim and they were without life jackets.

## Plugged Line Forces Plane Onto Highway

A plane, piloted by Earl Barton of Nyssa, made an emergency landing last Thursday on U. S. Highway 93, five miles south of the Shoshone ice caves. According to Barton, he was forced to land the plane due to a plugged air-vent line leading to the fuel tank, which cut off the supply of gasoline, causing the engine to sputter.

The pilot, Bill and Vaughn Stringer also of Nyssa were enroute home from Dubois, Idaho where they had attended services for Fred Smith, father of Nyssan Blaine Smith.

Idaho State Patrolman Larry Plott was in the area and saw the plane going in the opposite direction he was traveling, and it was flying at a very low altitude. He turned his auto around and saw the aircraft land on the highway behind a car.

The officer took Barton to the Halley airport where repairs were made. He then blocked the highway for a half mile, making room for the take off.

Mr. Smith, the deceased for whom the trio had attended funeral rites had spent the winter months in Nyssa for several years, having resided at the home of Mrs. Ellis Walters. He succumbed July 3, services were held in Dubois and burial was made in Spencer.



LYNN SNODGRASS, perennial chairman of the Nyssa Nite Rodeo is all smiles due to everything being in readiness for the 21st annual event to be held this Friday and Saturday night. He came to Nyssa from Greeley, Colorado in 1940 and helped with the first rodeo in 1944 or 1945 when there was no arena. It was held in the open area at the South end of Second street with cars forming the outside fence to hold stock inside.

## JV Ranchers To Vote On Joining Adrain SD

Ranchers in the Jordan Valley-Rome-McDermitt area of Malheur county will vote on the issue of adding that territory to the Adrain Soil and Water Conservation District on July 20, according to Wilbur Chapin, district chairman. The date was set by the Oregon State Soil and Water Conservation committee that administers the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Oregon.

The polling place for the referendum will be the Arock Grange Hall and polls will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 20. Land owners unable to vote during the regular polling hours may get absentee ballots by writing John Lequerica of Arock who is serving as polling superintendent. Other persons serving on the election board include Orville Fretwell of Jordan Valley, Mrs. Jim Montgomery of Arock and Mrs. Bill Ross of Jordan Valley.

Persons eligible to vote in the referendum include individuals, firms and corporations owning more than 10 acres of land or having such land under contract to purchase within the proposed district addition. A two-thirds majority of those voting is needed to pass the issue and add the area to the Adrain district.

## Cherry Crop Looking Good

Robert Knotts, manager of the Fruitland Canning Association, announced today that the R. S. P. Cherry pack began last week. The crop, according to Knotts, looks very good and together with an excellent market condition, should result in an outstanding return to the association growers.

## Hemorrhage Kills Weiser Laborer

Jesse Lareau, 32, Weiser laborer, did not die of drowning as reported by some news media, but from a cerebral hemorrhage, according to medical examiner Dr. David Sarazin of Nyssa.

Lareau was found face down in a shallow irrigation ditch in the Porter Flat area 12 miles west of Weiser on the Oregon side of the line by his employer, Bill Walker, also of Weiser. The autopsy ordered by Dr. Sarazin, and performed Thursday, showed cause of death. It occurred near the same time Bill Tooley was drowned in Lake Owyhee and it was first presumed he had drowned.

The board also approved recommendation of the financial affairs committee to initiate a travel payment schedule for meals and lodging based on the system used by public institutions throughout Oregon.

The corn pack is expected to begin shortly after the first of August and here again the prospects look good for the coming year.

Mr. Knotts commented on their expansion program, by noting that the freezing tunnel is nearing completion and is expected to be available by late July, in time for the corn pack. The French Fried Onion line equipment is also being installed with the expectation of production beginning in late October. The association also expects to process a substantial pack of purple plums and applesauce.

## TVCC Officials Approve Budget

The Treasure Valley Community college board of education, together with the budget board, in a July 6 hearing, approved the revised college budget as published. Discussion brought out inclusion of auxiliary funds in the revised budget, including bookstore, food service and housing, student assistance, and student body funds.

Members of the organization are responsible for the displaying of American flags on 15 days each year in the business section of Nyssa. They have asked the Journal publishers to announce that owners or managers of firms not participating in this service, but interested in doing so, may get full details from any local Jaycee.

## Needed: 150 Pints Of Blood - That Is! Today At FOE Hall

Eligible donors of the area are reminded of the Red Cross blood drawing from 2 to 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Nyssa Eagles hall, Third street and Bower avenue.

The Nyssa Jay-C-Ettes are again sponsoring the drawing and announce that the quota is 150 pints.

Free baby-sitting services will be provided by Mrs. Dick G. Tensen's Girl Scout troop and women of the Methodist church will be in charge of the canteen.

With peak demands on the blood bank, those in charge urge all eligible donors to report during the scheduled hours.

## 21st Annual Nyssa Rodeo To Be Held This Weekend

### 100 Cowboys Expected To Vie For \$2500 Cash

Heading the Nyssa's 21st Annual Nite Rodeo Friday and Saturday of this weekend are some of the top cowboys of the northwest, according to local chairman Lynn Snodgrass. Over 100 are expected to be competing for \$2500 or more prize money offered in the five main events.

Not only will they be competing with each other but also with top rodeo stock furnished again by Ralph Stephens of Midvale, Idaho.

OFFICIALS NAMED PARADE ROUTE

Bill Brummett, popular auctioneer and Mayor of Weiser will be the announcer. With his know-how action will be fast with a minimum of time between events.

Judges are Harold Woodland and Bill Hogg, both of Weiser, while Mrs. Woodland (Hazel) and Mrs. Lynn Snodgrass (Nora) will again serve as official timers. The Stevens twins of Middleton will be clowns and bull fighters, who not only are highly entertaining with their antics but are highly competent to help save riders from the mad, bad bulls.

Pickup men will be furnished again by the stock producer.

### HARPER GIRL QUEEN

Rena McKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod McKay, was chosen over seven other contestants to be queen of the two night event. Her sister, Dorothy, and Lucille Bertram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram, Nyssa, will serve as princesses to the queen.

## Cascade Natural Gas Manager Says Rates To Remain Unchanged

The recent request by Intermountain Gas Company to raise its rates in Idaho has started a number of rumors on the Oregon side of the river that have no basis in fact, according to Burl Snowden, district manager for Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.

"All kinds of rumors have been reaching the ears of our people in Ontario and Nyssa," Snowden said. "Some of the customers of both Cascade and Intermountain along the border here are not sure which company is serving them."

But that problem is mild compared to the story being circulated to the effect that if Intermountain is granted a rate increase in Idaho, Cascade will quickly apply to the Oregon Commission for a hike in rates.

"This simply is not true, and we cannot emphasize that fact too strongly. The present rates in Ontario and Nyssa will absolutely remain the same."

In this connection, O. M. Jones, president of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, has issued from the Seattle general office the following statement: "It is unfortunate that the plans of another gas distribution company serving another state have become confused with the operations of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation."

"In this part of Oregon we are proud to serve Ontario and Nyssa. Several neighboring cities, very close by--but in Idaho, are served by Intermountain Gas Company. Intermountain has made application to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for an increase in its rates. "Action on this case in Idaho will have no effect on Cascade Natural Gas Corporation. Whether a rate increase is granted or denied to Intermountain Gas Company, our company's rates in Ontario and Nyssa will remain the same. There will be no change."

## Malheur County Pageant Slated August At OHS

The Miss Malheur County pageant will be held at 8 p.m. August 11 at Ontario high school gym.

This year the contest is being sponsored by Nyssa, Vale and Ontario Jaycees.

To qualify for the pageant a contestant must be a resident of Malheur county for at least six months and not have been a previous state finalist who completed in the national finals.

She must be single, a high school graduate, 18-28 years of age, of good character and possess poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty. She must have talent and may be either amateur or professional.

Interested young women are asked to contact Alvin Allen or Tim McGinnis for further information.

## AJHS Students Need Science Instructor

Adrian School Superintendent Glenn Ward has reported a teacher vacancy, the position of junior high school science instructor.

If qualified, the teacher hired will also serve as high school assistant basketball coach and AHS head track coach.

### LOCAL CONTEST

In addition to the five main events--saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, calf roping, bull riding and steer bull dogging, there will be a strictly amateur portion of entertainment both nights.

Local businessmen will try their hands at calf tying, kids (age 9-12 inclusive) will compete in calf riding and area girls will vie in barrel racing each night. The latter groups have been practicing for weeks but the merchants feel with all their previous experience in "throwing the bull" that practice is unnecessary.

Kids entering the calf riding must be accompanied by their parents who must sign-in for them. A \$25.00 award will be made to the winner of the girls' barrel racing event.

On Friday night Payette County Posseettes will put on a precision drill with the Payette Valley Riders doing the same on Saturday night.

Chairman Snodgrass says the grounds have been cleaned, will be watered and sprayed for mosquitoes before rodeo time. All will be in readiness for another "bang-up" good rodeo this weekend--so plan to come and bring the family for two nights of good clean entertainment. Even disable people can see the performance by driving to the east gate where they will be escorted to a vantage point to watch from their cars.

The Owyhee Riding Club is sponsoring the event and promises this 21st rodeo will be up to the usual high performance.



VICTOR STEELMAN wittfully inspects the charred ruins of the Fruitland Elementary school which burned to the ground Tuesday evening. Victor attended school in this building. Arson is suspected of this blaze, the second major catastrophe from fire in four months for Fruitland.



MISS ELIZABETH (COOKIE) COLE was among top winners in the knitting division of the 1966 Western Idaho state fair. She displays the garment which not only won a blue ribbon, but a special red, white and blue award. The prize-winning, off-white sweater of pull-over design, is of Aran Isle (fisherman's knit). Cookie is a 1965 graduate of Nyssa high school and a student at Treasure Valley Community college. She has been knitting for six or seven years and her instructors have been her mother, Mrs. Royce Cole; and her grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Church. Miss Cole plans to enter a Poncho-style coat, which she made for herself, and possible other knitted items in this year's Western Idaho state fair. There is an amazing climax to this brief story about an attractive young lady with "sheer determination," as in one eye she has about 20-200 vision, with around 20-60 in the other. When asked how she so gracefully conceals that fact, Cookie replied, "Oh, I just put on a big front, I guess." Miss Cole is scheduled for eye surgery on August 10 in Portland--and again that "sheer determination" is definitely in her favor. — Journal Staff

## Rockhounds Visit

Twelve out-of-area visitors, interested in Thundereggs and other rock specimens in this area, called from July 1 through 8 at the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce office.

Among them were those from Oregon, 1; Washington, 4; Massachusetts, 3; Utah, 1; Minnesota, 2 and Illinois, 1. This makes a total of 291 since the beginning of the year.



ROD GEORGE  
... Transferred To Bend



DOYLE MARTIN  
... New Operations Officer

The appointment of Doyle Martin as operations officer at the Nyssa branch of First National Bank of Oregon is announced by Manager Tom Stenkamp. Martin's transfer becomes effective July 17 when he will replace Rod George, who has been named operations officer at the bank's Bend branch. A First National employee since March, 1966, Martin has been serving in the operations department at the Cottage Grove branch. He was promoted to pro assistant cashier and named assistant operations officer last November. George came to Nyssa from the La Grande branch of First National in December 1965. He joined the bank at La Grande in 1960 and was promoted to assistant cashier in December 1966. He will report to the Bend branch July 24.



The high warehouse building isn't new but the 75 foot high elevator at the right end of the structure is. It was recently completed by Parma Water Lifter company and Holcomb Construction to speed up unloading of grain at harvest time. This is the only warehouse in the Lower Treasure Valley having an elevator to move wheat and another to move barley

and mixed grain. The latter can be seen at left end of building where it formerly handled all, forcing the pit to be cleaned out when different grain was being dumped. Manager Rulon Trost says it will offer the fastest unloading in the country. The building had an earlier "first" in that the sign was said to be the largest in the entire area.