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STREAMFLOW NEAR NEW RECORD LOW SEEN FOR COUNTY

Streamflow approaching new record-low amounts is forecast for Malheur County water users for the 1968 summer season. Water supplies will barely be sufficient for lands served from Lake Owyhee reservoir, according to a report released today by A. J. Webber, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, and prepared by W. T. Frost, State Snow Survey Supervisor representing cooperating federal, state and private agencies. Other lands served from reservoirs will have only fair supplies. All lands dependent on diversions from natural streamflow will have extremely short water supplies similar to the dry season of 1934.

Winter precipitation, November through March, was only two-thirds of the usual amount according to the U. S. Weather Bureau. April precipitation followed the pattern and was only 62 percent average. Mountain snowpacks have literally vanished since the late February snow-melt and rainfall except at very high elevations.

Water stored in Warm Springs and Agency Valley reservoirs on May first was 149,660 acre feet compared with 163,200 a.f. last year. Bully Creek reservoir held 23,000 acre feet compared with 27,300 a.f. last year. Flow of the Malheur near Drewsey is forecast at only 4,000 acre feet May through July and

the North Fork at Beulah is estimated to produce only 7,000 acre feet. This supply will be insufficient for a complete season of irrigation.

Lake Owyhee held 432,790 acre feet on May first and 458,000 a.f. last year. Inflow to the lake, May through July, is forecast at only 25,000 a.f. For the same period in 1934 the streamflow was 25,030 a.f. Total water available will provide sufficient amounts for this season only.

Antelope reservoir had 23,089 acre feet on hand on May 6th. Flow of Jordan Creek, May through July, is forecast at 8,000 acre feet. Total water will be a short supply for irrigation in the Jordan Valley.

All other streams have already completed their flow or will cease to flow very soon.

NYSSA JAYCEES EARN AWARDS AT STATE MEET

ALSO LOW FOR STATE

The Nyssa Jaycees received four special awards, and one member gained a state post, at the annual convention of the Oregon Jaycees last weekend in Salem.

Richard Gustavson was elected to a Jaycee international senatorship, according to Publicity Chairman Alvin Allen. Gustavson also won a color television set.

The Nyssa Jaycees won a first year award in the outstanding young farmer contest, two awards in records and recognition competition, and were presented a plaque for being in District 14, selected as the top Jaycee district in the state.

Couples attending from Nyssa were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gustavson, Monty Burbank, Jim Robinson, Dave Perry, Alvin Allen and Stephen Fonda.

Adrian Patrons Refuse Measure In School Vote

A controversial measure on the ballot during the annual school election led to a large



EARN SCHOLASTIC HONORS



SCOTT JEFFERIES

... To Give Salutatory Address

MISS LUCILLE BERTRAM, with a grade point average of 3.95, has earned valedictorian honors for the 1968 Nyssa high school graduating class. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram. Scott Jefferies, with a 3.926 GPA will give the salutatory address at this year's graduation exercises. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jefferies. There are 86 other students in the NHS graduating class



LUCILLE BERTRAM

... NHS 1968 Valedictorian

of 1968. The baccalaureate-commencement program will be held at 8:15 p.m., Sunday, May 26 in the high school cafeteria, followed by a reception for the graduating seniors and their parents. The reception is sponsored by the Nyssa PTA unit. Commencement speaker will be Robert E. Taylor, admissions officer at Portland State college, - Schoen Portraits.

League Of Oregon Cities Meets In Ontario May 21 To Aid Cities In County

City officials of Nyssa and other cities in Malheur County have been invited by Mayor Morgan G. Beck of Ontario to attend a regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities on Tuesday, May 21, at the East Side cafe in Ontario.

The meeting is one of a series of 18 regional meetings of the League held throughout the state during April, May and early June.

Mayor Beck will preside at the no-host dinner meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. An afternoon workshop for informal discussion of current operating problems will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Ontario City-County Library.

League President James J. Dunlevy, mayor of Medford, will head the League delegation at this year's regional meetings. Mayor Dunlevy has advised Mayor Grant H. Rinehart that the regional meeting program will include a discussion of current city programs and activities, state and federal assistance programs and state legislation affecting cities, and League of Oregon Cities programs and activities.

Mayors, city council members, planning commission members and department heads in the cities of Jordan Valley, Juntura, Nyssa, Ontario, and Vale are expected to attend.

County Council PTA Meeting Set May 16

The Malheur Council PTA meeting scheduled for May 23 will be held instead on May 16 in the Adrian school cafeteria. All retiring officers and chairman, as well as newly elected officials, are urged to attend. This is the report meeting of the year.

Four members represented Malheur county at the recent state convention. They are Mrs. Paul Hale of Vale, Mrs. Owen Froerer, Mrs. Dee Garner and Council President Mrs. Lester Cleaver all of Nyssa. They will report on the meeting, using the convention theme, "Communication Takes Two."

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
May 8	74	38
May 9	82	40
May 10	80	55
May 11	74	47
May 12	70	47
May 13	63	48
May 14	65	43
May 15	--	47

.06 precipitation was recorded on May 14.

RESERVOIR STORAGE	
5/15/68	398,520 Acre Feet
5/15/67	467,830 Acre Feet

Colby Resigns In Colorado; Moves To Ohio

Art Colby, ex-Nyssa, has resigned as City Manager at Thornton, Colo., and accepted a similar position at Blue Ash, Ohio, effective May 20.

Colby left Nyssa three and one half years ago for the Denver suburb city where he was administrator of city affairs. His family will remain there until school is out.

Blue Ash, he says is a fast-growing city near Cincinnati, and is the seat of the University of Cincinnati, as well as having a number of large industries.

Colby says the population will be near 40,000 on Jan. 1, 1969, has urban renewal and will have plenty of building problems due to being a new city. The assessed valuation is \$89 Million and carries a 3.08 mill levy.

Colby asked the Journal to remember him to his many friends whom he and the family missed very much. He did not have a street address for his new location but the Zip code is 45242 and mail would reach him at Blue Ash, % of City Hall.

AHS Graduation Program Sunday

The Adrian high school commencement exercises will be held at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, May 19 in the high school auditorium.

Guest Speaker will be Patrick J. O'Loughlin of Eugene. He was the 1968 seniors' eighth-grade teacher. Lois Seuell will give the valedictorian address, with Gay Morinaka speaking as salutatorian.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS LIST LOW BIDDERS

It was announced Wednesday by officials of Adrian school district No. 61 that Gentry Ford of Ontario was low bidder on a new school bus.

The low bid on gasoline was submitted by Adrian Oil company, with Parker Hardware and Lumber company of Adrian submitting the low bid on coal.

The bid opening was Tuesday evening.

Ban Lifted On Chinook In Columbia

The Oregon Game Commission Monday morning lifted the ban on sport chinook fishing in the Columbia River which gave the green light to anglers to resume fishing Tuesday morning, May 14, at 5 a.m. from the mouth of the river upstream to the Washington line.

The Commission reported that the action was taken after receiving Bonneville fish passage reports at 9:30 a.m. Monday, which showed excellent movement of chinook over the dam during the weekend. The Commission said that this changed the entire picture favorably from the latest count figures on last Friday, when passage of fish at the various dams was continuing at a moderate level.

Counts over Bonneville now stand at almost 89,000 spring chinook and are jumping back up to well over 1,000 fish per day. At this rate of migration, escapement goals may be reached. Passage over upstream dams also is up sharply, and the state of Idaho reports satisfaction with the level of escapement over Ice Harbor Dam.

Budget Reveals Changes Planned For Coming Year; Salary Costs Up \$14,000

The total budget requirements for the City of Nyssa for 1968-69 is \$413,784.10 with \$90,662.60 total taxes to be levied. This is only \$2,621.88 higher than the current budget figures but allows for an increase of \$14,000 in salaries for city employees.

Highlights of planning, as submitted by City Manager Fred Koch, shows: In the Police department that the work load will increase by reason of the transfer of juvenile court to circuit court which will require more investigatory work-hence an additional full time officer is provided for in the figures, plus raises for present employees will cover approximately \$7,000; \$5,000 is budgeted toward the purchase of a new fire truck (making a total of \$21,000 in this reserve fund); The street department a specific program of repair and maintenance is scheduled for the part of the city on the south side of Main street (work was done on the North side of Main last year); The planning in the water department calls for construction of mains to eventually develop into a grid system within the city limits; The sewer department plans to acquire additional equipment; The Park and Cemetery department contemplated improvements at the River Park with the extent of these determined upon the status of matching funds from the Federal government.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES

By departments the financial changes are as follows: General fund \$156,226.00 - up \$4,042.00; Bonded Debt fund \$52,857.25 - down \$7,396.25; Street \$61,536.00 - up \$1,740.00; Water \$95,129.00 - up \$5,288.04; Sewer \$35,525.45 - down \$10,728.61 and Swimming Pool down \$794.50.

ment operator \$180.00.

Water: Utilities foreman \$150.00, Utilities mechanic \$270.00.

SUMMARY

A check of the city budget (Continued On Page Three)

May 21 Election Set For Adrian Rural Fire Area

Voters in the Adrian rural fire district will go to the polls Tuesday, May 21 to decide on whether or not a special tax of \$8,399.81 shall be levied.

This tax, to require an additional levy estimated at .55¢ per thousand dollars of true cash value of taxable property within the district, if approved will be in excess of the limitation on taxes imposed by Article XI, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, and OGS 478.410(1).

Voting hours are from 2 to 8 p.m. at the fire station in Adrian.



ADMIRING A PLAQUE which honors them for their years of service to the Nyssa school system are retiring teachers Mrs. Helen Gonyer (on left) and Mrs. Gladys Engelhardt. In the center is Mrs. Nelda Schenk, Nyssa Education Association president, who made the presentation.

SATURDAY DINNER HONORS RETIRING NYSSA TEACHERS

Mrs. Gladys Engelhardt and Mrs. Helen Gonyer were honored guests at the annual retirement dinner-meeting held May 11, 1968 in the Nyssa school cafeteria.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the evening was Frank Parr, with the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence giving the invocation. Vocal music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dazell of Ontario, with Beverly Lawrence playing a violin solo. Henry Esplin, District 26 school board chairman, congratulated the women on their many years of teaching service.

"Down Memory Lane", a resume of the retirees' lives, was prepared by Opal Alcorn, Mildred Renstrom, and Madge Thomson.

Superintendent W. L. McPartland reviewed some of the unforgettable experiences shared by the two women. Gifts were presented to them by Mrs. Clarice Poor, elementary principal.

In addition to teachers and administrators of the school system, others present at the dinner meeting were District 26 school board members, Henry Esplin, Harold Kurtz and Dick G. Tensen, and their wives. Another guest was Mrs. Eva Chadwick, a Nyssa teacher who retired last year.

Among special guests were Mrs. Engelhardt's husband, Arch, a sister-in-law from Nampa and a brother from Minnesota; Mrs. Gonyer's husband, Leo; a daughter, Marilyn from OSU in Corvallis; another daughter, Mrs. Gloria Mann and daughter, Melanie from California.

Mrs. Engelhardt began teaching in Iowa in 1921. In 1937, she and her husband, Arch moved to Idaho. They lived in a trailer house on the Ken Renstrom ranch and helped with the farming.

In 1945, Mrs. Engelhardt began teaching in Arock. She has taught first-grade in the Nyssa school system for over 15 years.

Mrs. Gonyer is also a native of Iowa. She received her certificate from Black Hills teachers' college. After teaching in a rural grade and junior high schools, she was elected Butte County school superintendent. During this time, Mrs. Gonyer supervised 33 schools, started a library and edited a newspaper.

In 1939, the Gonyers came to Nyssa. Mrs. Gonyer worked for the Reclamation bureau and then resumed her teaching career. She has taught in the Nyssa schools for the past 16 years.

PLAN MAY 18 'HOSPITAL' TEA



MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Auxiliary women are completing plans for the organization's annual silver tea to be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at the John Stam home in Nu Acres. In the photo (seated L to R) are Mrs. David W. (Barbara) Sarazin, silver tea chairman; and Program Chairman Mrs. John (Vera) Olson, who will show slides of Old Mexico. Behind them are Mrs. John (Velma) Stam, hostess for the event; and Mrs. Ralph

G. (Ethel) Lawrence, auxiliary president. A silver offering will be taken to purchase items for the hospital. The Stam home is located one mile east, one and one-quarter miles north of Anderson's store located at the Nyssa-Parma junction on highway 95. Those needing transportation may dial 372-3544 and cars will be available. All area residents are invited to attend. - Journal photo.