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1,097 Drawing Welfare Assistance in County Defined And Classified

(Editor's Note - This report, prepared by Carolyn Craig, Welfare Administrator in Malheur county, should be of interest to all citizens of the county as it is the second largest item in the county general fund budget with \$103,276. It is exceeded only by the County Nursing Home in Vale with \$105,370.)

An average of 1,097 persons a month or approximately 4% of the population of Malheur County needs welfare assistance of one sort or another. Contrary to public belief, the majority of them are not employable -- they are either too old, too disabled, blind, or are dependent children. The County Welfare Commission believes that this little-known fact needs to be brought to the attention of the public. To illustrate:

-- 46% of the help goes for the benefit of children in homes where the father is disabled or absent because of death, desertion, divorce, separation, or incarceration. Although an encouraging number of the mothers of such children has participated in training programs, thus removing themselves from the welfare rolls, the majority find themselves unable to benefit from such programs because of poor health, small children in the home, and lack of basic work skills and education. Also, women with many small children find they cannot support their families on their earnings from unskilled labor, especially when the cost of babysitting is considered.

-- 22% is for the benefit of

children in homes with a mother and an unemployed father. This is the basic group of recipients who are employable and would be employed if there were jobs available within their capabilities. A recent survey of the characteristics of this group revealed that the average father is an unskilled farm laborer of Mexican-American ancestry who speaks broken English, averages 4.5 children, and possesses less than five years' education. He migrated here from Texas and has spent a total of 3.5 winters on welfare. He is not eligible for unemployment compensation. In order to be eligible for welfare, he must not have turned down a job offer or quit a job and must actively seek employment.

-- 14% are families and single adults who are receiving General Assistance -- the "catch-all" for those needing temporary help while disabled, unemployed, or awaiting establishment of ADC or other types of longer-term assistance.

-- 12% are persons aged 65 or older. Their average age is 76 years. Of the 130 such persons in the county, 67 are in nursing homes.

-- 5% are certified as totally disabled and not able to participate in any gainful employment. Some of these are single individuals; others, heads of households.

-- 4% receive aid because of being legally blind.

As valuable a resource as job training has been for the potentially employable welfare recipient group in Malheur County, it will not "solve" the "welfare problem" because a major responsibility of the welfare agency is to assist those unable to help themselves.

Malheur Beauty Places Third In State



SPARKLING, HAZEL-EYED, 1968-69 OREGON DAIRY PRINCESS Melodee Purvis, 17, (center), surrounded by first alternate Marion County Dairy Princess Peggy Zeek, 18, (left), and second alternate Malheur County Dairy Princess Trudy Ann Nelson, 18, (right). The coronation took place in Portland, June 25th. The three girls were selected to represent the Oregon dairy industry from a field of 13 dairy princesses

representing 19 counties in the state. (Miss Nelson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Nelson, Vale, and is the last congressional representative in Amalgamated Sugar Company's ad last week. However the printers in Ontario unintentionally placed the picture of last year's Miss Oregon Dairy Princess in the ad.)

Caldwell Plane Missing Over Five Months Found; Body Remains Identified

The private plane of Ontario businessman, John Caldwell, Jr., was located Sunday afternoon about 45 miles Northeast of Baker by Mr. and Mrs. Les Wells, Baker. His remains were in the plane.

He and his plane were the subject of an intensive air and land search lasting over 10 days, following his failure to show up at Ontario, after what should normally have been a routine 45 minute flight from the Baker airport on January 15.

Caldwell was president of Land Title Insurance company with offices in Ontario, Baker, John Day, Burns and Payette and was on a business trip at the time of the accident. His remains were identified Tuesday by a business associate through a ring, watch, pair of field glasses, fragments of a sport jacket and raincoat.

In addition to the planes four-wheel vehicles and search parties on foot were directed over a large area by Sheriff Bob Ingram of Malheur and Sheriff Dixon of Baker county. The plane was with a green and as much as 10 feet of snow covered much of the mountainous area.

NEAR MOVIE LOCATION

The plane was located about three miles west of the movie location of Paramount Pictures' "Paint Your Wagon" in the East Eagle Creek drainage. It was a considerable distance north and east of a direct flight line between Baker and Ontario, indicating that the storm he encountered on this Jan. 15 blew him off course or he lost his bearings. However Federal Aviation authorities who have been conducting an investigation have made no announcement as to the probable cause of the crash.

The search was officially discontinued after 10 days with posses from both counties searching areas where possible leads might take them.

REWARD OFFERED

A \$1,000 reward was offered by Land Title and members of the family for information leading to recovery of the body.

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Whirling 'Prop' Of Plane Kills 'Butch' Conklin

The failure of the popular executive to land at the Ontario airport on flight day brought on one of the most intensive searches this area has ever seen. Bad weather and fog limited the hunt the following day but on the second day 38 planes took to the air from the Ontario airport and logged over 23,000 air miles in the search. Other planes were flown out of Baker, Weiser and John Day.

Oscar William 'Butch' Conklin of route 3, Parma, was killed instantly on Wednesday, June 26, 1968 while examining the fan belt of a crop dusting plane.

According to a report from the Malheur County Sheriff's office, the 27-year-old Conklin had not stepped back far enough to avoid the whirling propeller. He was reportedly a member of the ground-maintenance crew for the Zerbelt Flight Service, a crop dusting firm, headquartered at the Adrian airport.

The deceased is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Conklin of the Big Bend area near Adrian. Area residents will remember that it was 'Butch' who was driving the auto in which a 29-year-old Nyssa woman, Jimmie Ann Hatch, was killed on Oct. 2 last year, just west of Nyssa on the Adrian highway.

Further details of the Wednesday mishap, nor notice of funeral arrangements were available at Journal presstime late Wednesday afternoon.

FIRE CALLS!

Nyssa volunteer firemen were called at noon on June 22 to the Neil Petterson ranch on Gem avenue to extinguish a corral blaze. There was a loss of over 40 tons of hay and an estimated 15-20 tons of straw.

On Sunday, June 23 at 4:20 a.m., a watchman at the Sugar factory notified the volunteers that a cottage near the underpass was afire. It proved to be a false alarm. He later said it must have been a light turned on, because when it went off there was no sign of a flame.

The Adrian firemen were called Sunday evening, June 23 to the Wally Steiner farm in the Big Bend community where a workshop was ablaze.

It is reported that there was considerable damage to the structure, a welding machine and some records were destroyed.

TEN PERCENT DRAW SOME ABUNDANT FOODS

Distribution of abundant federal government commodities reached an all-time high in April with 2,400 county residents participating. Over half of them were low-income families and were not receiving public welfare. Reasons for the increase are not clear, but it is noted that since its beginning in March, 1965, the program has been steadily gaining more participants, perhaps because of increasing county awareness. Two recent additions to the list of foodstuffs now bring the total to seventeen items including split peas, dry beans, margarine, corn meal, chopped meat, flour, lard, dried milk, peanut butter, rice, rolled wheat, cheese, bulgar, dried mashed potatoes, grape juice, and raisins.

Early Day Students Plan Annual Picnic

Students who attended early-day Nyssa schools have slated their annual potluck picnic for June 30, with activities to begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at 12 noon.

All students and teachers affiliated with the schools up to and including 1920 are urged to attend and take a potluck dinner. Beverages will be furnished. Those traveling from a distance are not expected to furnish food.

According to those who have attended these yearly gatherings, visiting and reminiscing furnish the only entertainment needed.

All friends of former Nyssa students are welcome to attend.

WICK NEWSPAPERS BUY ARGUS OBSERVER

Sale of the Ontario Argus-Observer was announced Thursday by William F. MacKnight, publisher for the past six years. Wick Newspapers is the buyer, and this firm has acquired all of the stock of the Malheur Publishing company. Frances McLean of Niles, Ohio will take over as publisher, effective July 1, according to Milton I. Wick, president of the organization.

Wick, who spoke for the new publisher Wednesday when the transaction was completed, assured all members of the staff that no changes will be made. The staff of some 25 persons who have been employed by the newspaper will be retained.

These include all front office, sales, and news personnel, cold-type and offset production departments, and the printing departments of the newspaper. Wick also stated there would be no changes in the semi-weekly editions of the newspaper.

MacKnight will retire as president of the Malheur Publishing company and Wick will assume this corporate office. All of the stockholders have contracted to convey their interests to the buyers. These include Viola M. Puntney, vice president and advertising manager, Madeline MacKnight, and Mr. and Mrs. Theron Gough of Parma.

McLean, the new publisher, will act as secretary of the corporation and will be a substantial stockholder. Other stockholders include James D.

Leon Tobler Bound Over To Grand Jury

Leon Tobler, who is accused of second degree murder in the gunshot death of his wife, was bound over to the Malheur County grand jury at the conclusion of a preliminary hearing Tuesday in Nyssa Justice Court. Justice of the Peace E. Otis Smith presided and found sufficient evidence to send the case to the grand jury. Bail was continued at \$5,000 and Tobler was returned to the Malheur County jail in lieu of bond. Mrs. Crolatta Tobler died shortly before midnight June 13 after she was shot in the back with a high-powered rifle allegedly held by her 26-year old husband.

Earn Press Honors

Scott Jefferies and Reid Saito of Nyssa are among 195 Oregon high school seniors honored by the Oregon Scholastic Press (OSP) for outstanding work on high school newspapers and yearbooks.

The 1968 graduates were members of the staff of the NHS Bulldog, with Jefferies serving as editor last year. The OSP, an affiliate of the University of Oregon School of Journalism, selected the students from among publication staff members nominated by some 70 Oregon high schools.

Ricocheting Bullet Injures Nyssa Youth

Mike Garza, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Epifanio Garza of Nyssa was treated and released from Malheur Memorial hospital Sunday after suffering injuries from an accidental gunshot wound.

The accident occurred at a birthday party when a 12-year-old boy fired a .22 caliber rifle into the ground and the bullet ricocheted into Garza's right forearm below the elbow.



THESE YOUNG MEN ARE SOME OF THE Nyssa Jaycees installed into office on the evening of May 29, 1968 during the organization's annual banquet-meeting at Brownie's cafe. Seated (l to r) are Jim Robinson, second vice president; Alvin Allen, president; Dave Rieb, first vice president. Behind them

are Chuck Boatman, external director; LeRoy Weatherby, external director; and Dave Peery, treasurer. Other new officers who were not on hand when this photo was snapped Monday are Stephen Fonda, secretary; Doug Patterson, internal director and Monty Burbank, state director. - Journal Photo.



"ONE OF THE MOST PLEASANT WEEKENDS I CAN EVER REMEMBER," a remark made by NHS Principal Gene Chester, just about tells the story of area residents serving as hosts to 41 American Field Service (AFS) exchange students, two chaperones and a bus driver, as they began their first trek across the United States bound for their native countries. According to Wilton C. Jackson, local AFS committee chairman, "not only did their host families enjoy their two-day stay, but the students seemed to have a very enjoyable stay in Nyssa." The only 'hitch' in plans, as announced in the last two issues of the Journal, was Saturday evening

when damp-cool weather put an end to a scheduled swim-party at the Nyssa pool. The activities were moved inside where music and an informal visiting-dancing session was in progress. Just prior to their leaving at around 8 o'clock Monday morning, the students were presented with individual 'Thunderegg' pins and a 'Thank You' talk was given by one of the students from Africa. This photo was snapped by Glade Chadwick, just prior to the visitors' departure. Jackson said that an estimated 200 persons were present for the Sunday picnic in Owyhee State park where everyone seemed to have a very enjoyable day.

Insurance Law Changed July 1

Minimum insurance coverage required under Oregon's financial responsibility law will increase on July 1 as a result of legislation approved by the 1967 Legislature. Coverage required will be \$10,000 and \$20,000 for bodily injury or death. At the present time, the law requires \$5,000 for injury to one person and \$10,000 for injury to two or more persons in one accident. Minimum property damage coverage will remain at \$5,000, according to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Veteran Announcer From Star Slated For Nyssa Rodeo

Ivan Pollard of Star, Idaho, will be announcer for the July 12-13 Nyssa Nite Rodeo, it is reported by the sponsoring Jaycees. Pollard has announced the Pacific International exposition in Portland and many other livestock and rodeo shows. He has developed a complete file on each rodeo contestant and has a reputation for being well informed on all cowboys who participate in rodeos of this area.

Seed Growers Face Deadline

Oregon certified seed growers are reminded that July 1 is the deadline for applying for field inspections for the certification of alfalfa, red clover and grain according to County Extension Agent, Leeds Bailey. He says that certification application forms and regulations are available at the County Extension Office in Ontario. The Jaycees also announce that Bud Sappe is now taking applications for the kids' calf-riding competition during the two-day rodeo.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
June 19	97	66
June 20	85	64
June 21	94	55
June 22	82	58
June 23	81	57
June 24	85	57
June 25	90	52
June 26	--	57

.01 Precipitation was recorded on June 21, with .12 recorded on June 23.

RESERVOIR STORAGE	
6/26/68	312,070 Acre Feet
6/26/67	546,980 Acre Feet