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## FIRE RAZES ONION SHED AT ORE-IDA

Fire destroyed part of the Ore-Ida Foods, Inc. plant at Ontario Friday night with loss estimated at \$200,000 to \$250,000. The building, located at the Northwest corner of the plant complex housed the machinery and equipment for processing fresh onions. It also contained thousands of empty sacks which added to the speed with which the fire progressed.

The Ontario fire department received a call near 9 P.M., that there was a blaze in the office portion of the plant, but upon arrival discovered a much more serious fire in the onion shed. In fact it was out of control at the time with an extremely high wind blowing from the Northwest toward the other buildings, they, along with fire crews from Payette and from Ore-Ida, had a long fight to keep it from spreading to the other buildings.

Fire Chief Bob Prah said that three Ontario fire trucks and two from Payette were busy on the scene with volunteer firemen and crews from Ore-Ida until 2 A.M., Saturday. Then 12 plant employees patrolled the area the rest of the night to check on any new outbreaks.

### MEN INJURED

Three men, including two firemen were injured and sent to the local hospital for attention. Fire Chief Prah received an eye injury, Larry Holman a serious burn on the arm, and Kenneth Grout, an Ore-Ida employee was injured when a ladder slipped and hit him on the head. All three men were treated and released by the hospital.

Cause of the fire had not been determined until Monday when Paul Hodgins, deputy fire marshal, reached the conclusion that it was probably spontaneous combustion caused by leaving string mops on a linseed treated wooden floor in the building.

### PLANS NEW BUILDING

F. E. Osburne, vice president of administration of the company, said construction of a new building would get underway soon and it was hoped it could be ready for processing the current crop this fall. If not, he said, temporary facilities would be used.



MISS MALHEUR COUNTY, Cheri Hyde of Vale, (center) appeared on Tuesday evening of this week with six of the candidates entered in this year's 'Miss Malheur' contest. The other young ladies are (l to r) Christine Burningham and Marlene Bair of Nyssa, Carol Schutt of Ontario, Linda Ballou of Nyssa, Linda Madrid of Ontario and Angie Parra of Nyssa. Another probable contestant is Nyssa Marcia Jackson,

however, she was not on hand when this photo was snapped during a meeting of the Nyssa Jay-C-Ettes at the local Jaycee hall. The new Miss Malheur will be chosen during a pageant to be staged at 8 p.m., Saturday, August 10 at the Ontario high school auditorium. The contest is being sponsored by Jaycees of Nyssa, Ontario and Vale. - Staff Photo.

## Nyssa Named Local Contact For Retarded

Mrs. Paul Kunkel has been selected by Ann Patterson, Director of Volunteer Services, to serve as the local contact person for the volunteer services department of Idaho State School and Hospital at Nampa. She will have information readily available to all individuals and organizations who will help to meet the needs of the mentally handicapped children at the institution.

Mrs. Kunkel has recognized the need for volunteers to help provide the "extras" that contribute to a pleasant life for the retarded children. She is anxious to enlist others who will also be concerned.

Contact Mrs. Kunkel, 605 Ennis Avenue, Nyssa if you wish information about what you or your organization can do for mentally handicapped children.

## County Judge Ellis White Explains, Defends Budget

What does the 1968-69 Malheur County Budget provide for? What will it require in taxes? Is it objective and in the best interests of the County and the Taxpayer? What is the County Court's Fiscal Policy, and how does it relate to budgets? Will the 1968-69 Budget encourage or discourage industry to locate in the County?

The foregoing and additional questions have been raised in part as a result of a budget statement issued to the news media by a member of the Court.

### 29 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

The 1968-69 Budget provides for operation of 29 separate department or service budgets in the County for the ensuing year. It includes \$363,550 for Roads; \$82,980 for Schools; \$121,126 for Welfare and the Abundant Food Program; \$62,147 for Medicare and Migrant Health Programs; and \$41,606 unappropriated balance to be used as a tax offset in 1969-70 Budget. The total budget is \$1,463,601 and will be balanced by resources or income of \$897,995 and a \$629,713 tax levy. Compared to the 1967-68 Budget, it will require an increase of \$34,823 in taxes. An estimated 16% increase in valuation bringing the true cash value of Malheur County to \$217,000,000 will lower the millage rate of taxes for the 1968-69 Budget.

The Budget is determined by the committee consisting of Sam Hartley of Adrian, George Russel of Vale, Tom Iseri of Ontario; and, the members of the Court. It is an objective Budget. It is within the 6% Limitation. It provides a lower millage rate for taxes, and sets aside \$41,606 as a tax-offset for the coming year in a continuing effort to maintain a dependable and stable millage rate for the County Budget.

The taxpayer may well ask, "Why set aside \$41,606 for next year's budget?" The Budget Committee recognized that the beginning year balance from unexpended funds in departmental budgets and from other resources in the amount of \$101,038 was 3 to 5 times larger than the average of the past 3 years. The County, just like every home, farm, ranch and business, faces increased costs of supplies, materials and services. Should there be no increase in the 1969-70 Budget, and an average beginning fund balance, the amount of taxes to balance resources for budgetary requirements would not be within the 6% Limitation whereas, setting aside the remaining balance of \$41,606 with interest earned as a reserve or tax offset would keep the 1969-70 Budget within the statutory limitation and save the taxpayers an election cost of \$3,000 to \$5,000, and likewise maintain dependable and stable tax millage. The County Court has maintained the policy of providing the services as required of Counties by the State, and such other services as are needed and desired by the people for the common good at the lowest cost to the Taxpayer.

The annual certified Malheur County Statement of Taxes bears out the fact that County Budgets have been determined on the basis of need and economy, and not on a basis of how much can be budgeted under the 6% Statutory Limitation. It explodes the oft-repeated argument that county taxes will double every 12 years.

### FUNDS DRAW INTEREST

Today the County has no bonded or outstanding indebtedness. We operate on a requisition basis with know balances in budgeted accounts. Interest earnings, through the cooperation of departments and the investment of unexpended balances by the County Treasurer, has increased 5 times, resulting in a 1967-68 earnings of \$25,000 which offsets a like amount of tax dollars. Prudent management and conservative yet progressive budgets as have been carried out by the present Court and Budget Committee will maintain the strong fiscal position of Malheur County.

On this basis, I believe industry and development will be attracted to Malheur County and provide for continued growth in both population and valuation, and enable Budget Committees and Courts to meet necessary budgetary requirements.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
July 17	83	59
July 18	92	49
July 19	96	54
July 20	83	52
July 21	94	50
July 22	90	50
July 23	92	54
July 24	--	56

RESERVOIR STORAGE	7/24/68	232,430	Acres Feet
	7/24/67	482,500	Acres Feet

### BUDGETS COMPARED

The first budget that two present Court members were responsible for, was the 1961-62 Budget of \$528,180. The following years' budgets were: 1962-63, \$510,120; 1963-64, \$541,630; 1964-65, \$507,209;

## NYSSA THUNDEREGG DAYS SET FOR THURSDAY START

### Third Annual Event Expected To Draw Thousands Of Visitors

Nyssa's Third Annual Thunderegg Days starting Thursday of next week is expected to draw thousands of visitors from throughout the continental U. S. and some Canadian provinces.

All is in readiness for the four day event, according to Chairman Wayne Moncur. He said Wednesday that registrations had been received from 23 states and nine provinces, to date, plus a letter from a lady in Australia wanting to make the tour next year.

### WIDELY ADVERTISED

The committee has advertised the event in the Lapidary Journal, Gems and Minerals Journal (both having wide national circulation) and the Canadian Rockhound.

In addition the Journal will again blanket the area with sample copies next week in order to inform area residents about details of the program

along with the rock, hobby, and art exhibits in the high school cafeteria.

### THUNDEREGG SPONSOR

The Nyssa Thunderettes will sponsor the rock and hobby show. Mrs. Stan (Jackie) Sisson, chairman, says they must be set up in the cafeteria by Thursday to be ready for the Friday and Saturday showings

from 10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. both days and for the noon to 5:00 P.M. showing Sunday. If additional information is needed she can be reached at 372-2817.

There will be an art department with artists invited to show their work. This is headed by Mrs. E. H. (Virginia) Brandt and for additional information she may be reached at 372-2824.

### GUIDED TOURS

Registration will be Wednesday, July 31, at the South park in Nyssa with vehicle space assignment at that time. The guided tours to the Thunderegg beds and other rock deposits will start Thursday morning at 7 o'clock and continue through Saturday.

## HAUSER CABIN DEDICATION HELD DURING CAMP SESSION

About 100 Malheur County 4-H members and 30 Baker County 4-H members are attending the annual 4-H Camp, July 23-27. The session is being held at the Lakecreek Youth Camp in Grant County.

Older members serving as camp counselors are Chris Wyatt, Susan Harrington, Robert Sturgill, and Ann Lindley, Baker; Cindy Mikesell, Unity; Jim Schaffel, Sandy Davis, Maxine Nagaki, Cynthia Teramura, and Linda Yoshihara of Ontario; Karalee Faw and Tik Moore, Vale; Pam Saito, Nyssa, and Gay Morinaka, Adrian.

Adults also attending camp include Jack Conner, Kay Pobanz, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fletcher, and Helen Dwell, Ontario; Mrs. Earl Faw and Judy, Vale; and Mrs. Harvey Harrington, Baker.

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The Thunderegg is Oregon's official stone, Nyssa has been declared the Thunderegg Capital of the state, and it is up to every citizen of this and surrounding communities to make all visitors welcome.

Wednesday, July 24 was E. M. "Curley" Hauser Day at 4-H Camp in honor of the retired 4-H Extension Agent. A special program was held to dedicate a cabin built with funds donated by Malheur county 4-H members in honor of Mr. Hauser.

Activities include fishing, hiking, sports, crafts, and evening programs.

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JAY-C-ETTE OFFICERS who recently took over their duties for the coming year as they appeared in their official blue and white uniforms at their regular meeting in the Nyssa Jaycee hall. They are (l to r) Mrs. Delroy (Joy) Matthews, director; Mrs. Monty (Norma) Burbank, treasurer; Mrs. Richard

(Linda) Gustavson, president; Mrs. Dave (Betty) Rieb, vice president and Mrs. Alvin (Ruth) Allen, director. Another officer, Secretary Judy Robinson was not on hand when the Journal camera went to the Jay-C-Ette meeting on Tuesday evening of this week.

## Malheur Judge Holds First Juvenile Hearing

Jurisdiction of the Malheur County Juvenile Department was changed from the county court to the circuit court July 1.

The transfer of jurisdiction resulted from action in the last session of the Oregon Legislature. First indications are that juvenile violators and their parents will share a greater responsibility for actions contrary to laws of the State of Oregon.

Judge Jeff D. Dorroh presided at his first series of juvenile hearings last week. Seven boys and girls, ages 14 to 16, were brought before Malheur's circuit judge on a variety of charges from larceny in a building to possession of alcohol and curfew violations.

### FIRST HEARINGS HELD

Commenting on his new job as administrator of the Juvenile Department, Judge Dorroh said enforcement of Oregon's curfew law and violations of alcoholic beverage laws were some of the biggest problems he would face. Judge Dorroh met these problems head-on during his first hearings and rendered some surprising decisions.

Two boys brought before the court for illegal possession of alcoholic beverages were remanded to adult courts where they will face the charges like adults. He said "they are old enough to drink they are old enough to be responsible for their actions." Complaints will be drawn up by Malheur County District Attorney H. Clifford Looney and the boys will appear in Ontario Justice Court. Another boy was remanded to an adult court for illegal possession of firecrackers.

Some youngsters charged with curfew violations will continue to come under scrutiny of juvenile authorities and other

cases will be continued. He said the parents of some of the youthful violators will also make further appearances in court.

Judge Dorroh commented that under Oregon curfew law all persons under 18 are to be off the streets by midnight each night. Cities may also have laws posing further restrictions. "Parents need to be more responsible" he pointed out and they can also be prosecuted or fined for permitting curfew violations. He said that all youngsters charged with curfew violations in his first session of hearings were detained by law enforcement officials between the hours of 2 and 3 a.m.

Judge Dorroh has been preparing for his new role as administrator of the Juvenile Department since action by the legislature. The cases were previously heard by Malheur County Judge Ellis A. White.

A juvenile council was appointed last spring and the group meets regularly to assist the court and point out areas where improvement is needed in regard to juveniles. The advisory council is made up of representatives from most of the towns and farming communities in Malheur county.



HEADING THE JULY 31 RED CROSS BLOOD DRAWING committee are Mrs. Dave (Judy) Peery (on left) and Mrs. Richard (Linda) Gustavson, members of the sponsoring Nyssa Jay-C-Ettes. Quota for the Wednesday drawing is 150 pints of the life-saving fluid. Dr. David W. Sarazin will be on duty during the mobile unit's visit from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Nyssa FOE hall, located at North Third street and Bower avenue. Women of St. Paul's Episcopal church will be in charge of canteen service and members of Girl Scout Cadet troop 99 will be baby sitting. The Jay-C-Ette chairmen remind members of area organizations that the traveling trophy is still being awarded. To be eligible, an organization must have ten or more members, and the trophy is given on a percentage basis of members donating blood at any one drawing. The Nyssa Jaycees have won it once, and members of the Lions club are two-time winners. If there is a three-time winner, that organization gets to keep the trophy. Interested members of the various Nyssa-Adrian area groups are asked to contact Mrs. Gustavson or Mrs. Peery who will supply additional information and register the name of the organization. The women also point out that there is a desperate need of blood for patients who reside in this immediate area. REMEMBER DONORS: BLOOD DRAWING - JULY 31 - 2 TO 6 P.M. - AT NYSSA EAGLES HALL. - Staff Photo.