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## County Officials Seek Better Distribution Of Federal Land Funds

(Ed's Note: County Judge Ellis White mailed the following report to the Journal following his attendance at the convention of the National Association of County Officials at Washington, D. C. July 28-31)

At the request of the Board of Directors, I accepted the Chairmanship of the Natural Resources Committee, which includes the Public Lands. The committee is one of the largest in the association, and has about 360 members.

I moderated the Workshop Panel on Public Lands, which is of special interest to Malheur County because approximately 75% of our area is owned by the Federal Government and controlled by the BLM. On the panel, and in attendance, were County Commissioners from the livestock producing areas of the 11 Western States.

The opinion of the panel, based on governmental statistics, was that 170 million acres of public lands (largely in the West) produced large revenues from gas, oil, timber, grazing leases, royalties, fees and miscellaneous income; and, out of this revenue, approximately one (1) dollar out of six (6) dollars was re-invested on the lands, leaving about five (5) dollars to be used for other purposes.

### REQUEST OPTION

The committee, without dissent, passed the following resolution; which, later in the convention, was passed by the full vote of the membership:

**RESOLVED** to support and work for counties having substantial areas of public lands that they may have the option of receiving shared revenue or "in lieu" tax payments of no less than 10¢ per acre.

The livestock members did not want the "in lieu" tax payments to be based or predicated upon a percentage of grazing fees with the possibility of increased grazing fees offsetting the payments.

The committee further recommended that a bill to

carry out the resolution should not be delayed pending report of the Public Land Law Review Commission.

The information gained from the numerous workshop sessions, and discussions and exchanges with County Officers gave valuable insight into problems and programs of other counties.

During the convention, every presidential candidate appeared before the convention. The FBI people were in evidence clearing the center aisle and instructing the audience to remain seated during entrance and departure of candidates. In every, instance, FBI agents were in front, at the sides and to the rear of each candidate.

All, except McCarthy and Nixon delivered their remarks from prepared texts.

Nixon agreed to answer questions from an eight-member panel of County Officials. Oregon was fortunate in having two members on the panel... Mr. Clayton Nyberg, Washington County Commissioner and a member of the Taxation Committee, and myself as Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee.

The questions were prepared by the persons on the panel; and, at the request of Mr. Nixon, were not to be known to him prior to the statement of questions on the platform.

My question concerning public lands was: "What do you believe is the responsibility of the Federal Government, as a land-owner, to counties and to

## Approval Given For U. S. Bank Branch In Nyssa

This telephone message from Portland was received at the Journal office on Tuesday of this week, and came from the headquarters of the U. S. National Bank.

"U. S. National Bank of Oregon has received approval from the United States Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D. C., for establishment of a full-service branch banking office in Nyssa, Ore.

"According to LeRoy Staver, president of the bank, no definite date for the start of construction has been set."

## Eagle Scout Court Of Honor Dated Saturday

The Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 419 will be held Saturday, Aug. 10 at 8:30 p.m., at St. Bridget's Catholic church recreation hall.

Six Nyssa Eagle Scouts to be honored. They are Harry Brendle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brendle; Keith Oldemeyer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Oldemeyer; Michael and Maurice Smith, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Smith; Mark Hiral, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hiral and Brian Hiral, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hiral.

The flag ceremony and retiring of colors will be by members of Troop 419, with the invocation and benediction by Father C. M. Kirkpatrick.

A welcoming talk and introductions will be given by Tom Nishitani, with the opening of the Ore-Ida Council's Court of Honor by Dr. Kenji Yaguchi.

Norbert Sarazin will introduce the candidates, with presentation of awards by Jack Conner, Harry Smith, Jim Clayton and Al Hicks.

Ed Bicknese will give the Eagle obligation, with neckerchief draping by Mel Water, Ben Sellar, Ben Cook and Dr. Yaguchi.

More about the six candidates and their Scouting activities will be published in a subsequent issue of the Journal.



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A TABLE DISPLAY of hobby and gift items, many of them made by using Thundereggs found in this area. This was one of the many exhibits viewed at the three-day rock and hobby show during Nyssa's Third annual Thunderegg Days event. - Journal Photo.

## THUNDEREGG DAYS BRING VISITORS FROM MANY STATES

The Third Annual Thunderegg Days celebration was a big success, according to Chairman Wayne Moncur and members of his committee. When it was all over Sunday afternoon registrations showed 95 parties (from 23 states and foreign countries), representing 221 people had been in Nyssa part or all of the four days; about 2,000 registered for the rock show and hobby exhibits in the high school cafeteria and 800-900 were fed at the Nyssa Jaycee barbecue held in the park Thursday evening.

State and countries represented with the number of parties from each, were as follows: Calif., 20; Oregon, 26; Ohio, 4; Penn., 3; Canada, 12; Wash., 6; Idaho, 9; N. Mex., 1; Minn., 1; Florida, 4; Wisc., 1; N. Y., 2; Indiana, 1; Colo., 1; Ariz., 1; Texas, 1; Illinois, 1; Mich., 1; Utah, 1; Louisiana, 1; Thailand, 1; Iceland, 1; Holland, 1.

This letter, from a California couple, sums up the event quite well. "Our first visit to Nyssa, Oregon and we would love to let you people know how much we have enjoyed the hospitality here.

Guided tours for the visitors were held each of three days. These were from the South park starting at 7 A.M. each day to give the "Hounds" as much time as they desired at diggins sites. By holding them three days every visitor had an opportunity to attend the Thunderegg beds, the agate and jasper fields. These tours were well attended, and, judging by expressions, successful for all.

"First, the first field trip to Succor Creek was really great. We picked up a nice size box of eggs and can hardly wait to get home to see what's in them. Then the out door meal served was really all one could desire and courtesy no end. The slide show was very productive for us. Jasper was plentiful. The third trip to the agate beds, again was plentiful. After we were shown what to look for. The final day Aug. 4 a real nice show. We can't see much room for improvement and hope to come back another time. Thanks for all the courtesies shown us." Lee and Ann Rogers, Orangevale CA9-5662 Sacramento, area, Calif.

Several thousand pounds of rocks have been shipped or are being held, for shipment by Desert Seed company, Nyssa, which was designated shipment center. Their records show they went to Hibbing, Minn., Orange Cove, Calif., Concord, Calif., Brecksville, Ohio, New Brighton, Pa., Taft, Mich., Los Angeles, Calif., and Columbus, Ohio. These rocks were a very small part of the total since many had their own vehicles capable of carrying their own rocks.

## Legion Teams Meet In Vale For Semifinals

No effort was made to break down the attendance at the rock and hobby show, but as in the past most of these were from Nyssa and the nearby areas. Besides the many rock exhibits, polished and unpolished, there were a number of hobby showings with rock being used. There were also art, ceramics, horns, Indian artifacts and some fancy needlework.

Semifinals began last evening in the Oregon Class A Legion baseball tournament with the Vale Legion nine hosting the Madison Contractors of Portland on Vale's Lytle Field. The tournament schedule for the semifinals is an 8 p.m. Another game is scheduled this evening (Thursday). If the games are split there will be a third contest at the same time Friday night.

The youngsters may also enter the soapbox event and dress up bikes for the occasion. Prizes will be awarded in the various events so all desiring to take part should be making plans now.

Madison Contractors brought a record of 40-15, 19-1 in league play, into the series against the 24-9 Vale team.

Watch the Journal next week for complete details. All children will be given free ice cream at Nyssa south park, after prizes are awarded.

The Portland nine was led into the tournament by a pair of fine hurlers, Jim Officer and Rich Wise. Officer has a 14-1 record with three no-hit games to his credit; and Wise, younger brother of Philadelphia Phillies hurler Tom Wise, has won nine out of 12 games.

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The winning team in the best of three series will meet Klamath Falls at a yet to be determined site. The Wednesday evening game was played too late to report the outcome in this week's issue of the Journal.

## Elks' Vandals Take State Title; Win Regional Game

The Ontario Elks Babe Ruth baseball team, composed of boys from the surrounding area, won the state championship at Hermiston Saturday night by defeating Jefferson of Portland 6-2. They then entered the regional games and won their first contest over Idaho State champion (Lewiston) 4-0 Tuesday night at The Dalles.

The regional is a double elimination affair with teams from Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Alaska, British Columbia and Alberta provinces of Canada, and the Oregon champions of Ontario.

The next game for the local lads will be tonight (Thursday) against the British Columbia team. Broadcast time is 8 P.M.

## MALHEUR ATTORNEY RESIGNS POSITION FOR NAVY DUTY

Rudolf Hradecky, Malheur county's assistant district attorney, has announced his resignation effective Aug. 20.

He plans to return to active duty as a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy, and will join the advocate general's corps.

He will report to Newport, R. I., on Aug. 25 and then go to the legal office at Sixth-District Naval Headquarters, Charleston, S. C.

## Chairman Named At Annual Picnic Of Farm Bureau

Louis M. Wettstein, Ontario, was elected chairman of the Malheur County Farm Bureau at their annual picnic and business meeting Saturday night at Lions Park in Ontario. He succeeds his father, Louis J. Wettstein, who had been chairman of the local Farm Bureau for three years.

Neal Underwood of Annex was elected vice chairman and Joe Hobson, Ontario, was named voting delegate.

Mrs. Henry Sunderland, Willowcreek, was elected women's chairman and Mrs. Oda Bogue, Willowcreek, former women's chairman, was elected regional chairman.

High winds during the evening forced the group to continue their meeting at the Farm Bureau hall where six contestants for Farm Bureau sweetheart gave their final speeches.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
July 31	90	57
Aug. 1	96	58
Aug. 2	94	62
Aug. 3	92	62
Aug. 4	90	57
Aug. 5	92	54
Aug. 6	91	60
Aug. 7	--	55

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RESERVOIR STORAGE  
8/7/68 198,670 Acre Feet  
8/7/67 447,380 Acre Feet

## Back-To-School Program Slated For Next Week

The Back - To - School program and sales event, sponsored by Nyssa Merchants Promotion Committee, is slated for next week, according to Floyd Rhoades and Reed Ray, co-chairmen.

For adults, it will start Thursday morning when local merchants display their wares. For the children, it will be Saturday afternoon when they will have a chance to dress themselves and their pets in their favorite attire for entry in the parade.

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## Blood Drawing Report Given

A total of 102 donors reported during the July 31 visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile in Nyssa. Ninety-six pints of blood were netted, with six of the would-be donors being rejected.

Among the donors were two visiting rockhounds who were on hand for the Thunderegg Days celebration. They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bigolet from Wildwood Heights, Powell River, B. C., Canada.

Twenty-one pints of the life-saving fluid were given on behalf of young Nyssan Rick Phillips, who was severely burned in a mishap this spring. He is still a patient at the University of Oregon hospital in Portland.

A one-gallon pin went to Mrs. Katura Dickson; with two-gallon pins going to the Rev. Wallace Prowell and Janice Knapp.

Nyssa volunteer firemen received the traveling trophy for the organization having the most donors, on a membership percentage basis.

Mrs. Richard (Linda) Gustavson and Mrs. Dave (Judy) Peery, Jay-C-Ette chairmen of the July 31 drawing, extend their thanks to the following firms, organizations and individuals for their assistance.

First National Bank of Oregon, Nyssa Gate City Journal, Nyssa Public Schools, Nyssa Jaycees, Eagles lodge, women of St. Paul's Episcopal church. Darlene Stenkamp, Jean Kennedy, Judy Grunke, Beverly Aldrich, Karen Fife, Sharon Sweet, Mary Lee Chadwick, Berniel Hartley, Mrs. Boyd (Lucille) Wilson and Sherilyn Manly.

## REUNITED IN VIETNAM



DAVID AND TED PROCTOR

The Proctor brothers, Airman First Class David L. (on left) and SP/4 Dowie Theodore (Ted), after four years apart were reunited on July 21, 1968 at Nha Trang, Vietnam. The meeting took place during a four-day pass when Ted visited his brother, and together they talked for four minutes to their mother, Nyssan Mrs. Jean (Bertha) Mangin via short wave radio. Another brother, SP/4 Robert LeRoy (Bob) Proctor left July 19 for two years of Army duty in Germany. Mrs. Mangin received a letter from Ted on Tuesday of this week, and he is due to arrive in Nyssa on August 25.



AMONG HOBBIES shown at the high school cafeteria was this portable model railroad belonging to Bill Wilt, 621 N. Second Street, Nyssa. It is an "N" model with all details being 1-160 of actual sizes, required 289 construction hours on the part of Wilt and was completed in July from a December start. It is mounted on a wooden platform with folding legs and was transported from his

home, set up and in operation within an hour. It is powered by 12-volt direct current. At extreme left can be seen Wilt's hands at the control board with part of the 15-16 cars and one of the two locomotives immediately to right of his hands. This has been the hobby of Wilt since 1936 and he has a much more elaborate stationary model in the basement of his home.