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## "The Purpose And Extent Of Federal Money Used In Nyssa Public Schools"

(By Supt. W.L. McPartland)

For the past two years the Nyssa School district has received considerable money from the Federal government. From the beginning of school systems in the United States the matter of administrating and financing schools has been a function of the states. For this reason we thought it advisable to explain to our patrons the reason for the influx of Federal money for the purpose of developing specific programs which the states and local districts have not been able to finance.

### BACKGROUND GIVEN

When the Nyssa system installed Vocational Ag. and Home Making departments in 1940 the Federal Government paid part of the instructors salary. From 1940 until Russia's Sputnik invaded outer space in 1958, the Washington regime stayed out of the picture. The realization that Russia was possible ahead of the United States in the education of scientists prompted Congress to pass the National Defense Education Act in 1958 specifically to give impetus to Math and Science teaching. Under this program we were able to equip the new Biology room.

In 1965, Congress passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, commonly referred to as the E.S.E.A. The main thought in back of this program was to provide help to the districts for the more costly process of educating the disadvantaged children, particularly those of the low income families.

### AID FOR MIGRANTS

A migrant amendment to Title I E.S.E.A. provided additional money for the education of the children of migrant families. For several years, we have had the problem of migrant children, who, inspite of the best intentions, became what may be called "disadvantaged". Often their parents move several times a year; many of

the parents are not aware of the necessity of keeping their youngsters in school so they do not inforce regular attendance. Consequently these children get behind the students of their age level. They soon become discouraged feeling, perhaps, that they are not capable, and then they quit trying. As soon as they can become drop-outs.

We also have a problem of language. Many of the six year olds who enter the first grade do not understand or speak English. Their background has not been such that they can

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## Dinner Honors Wilbur Chapin

Wilbur Chapin, outgoing chairman of the Adrian Soil and Water Conservation District, was honored by fellow supervisors with an April 3 dinner at the Starlite cafe in Vale.

Chapin has been on the Adrian board since the district was created in 1958. He was chairman of the district from 1961 until February of this year.

Dean Blaylock, present district chairman, acted as master of ceremonies for the meeting. He presented Chapin with a plaque commending him for his longtime service to the district.

## Service Academies Nominations Open

Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore) said recently he will now accept nominations for the 1970 class at the nation's service academies.

Hatfield said any High School junior boys interested in any one of the four academies should write now for application procedure information.

The Air Force and Naval academy classes commence in June, 1970, and the Army and Merchant Marine academy classes begin July, 1970.

Students receive \$171.60 a month plus tuition, room and board while in school.

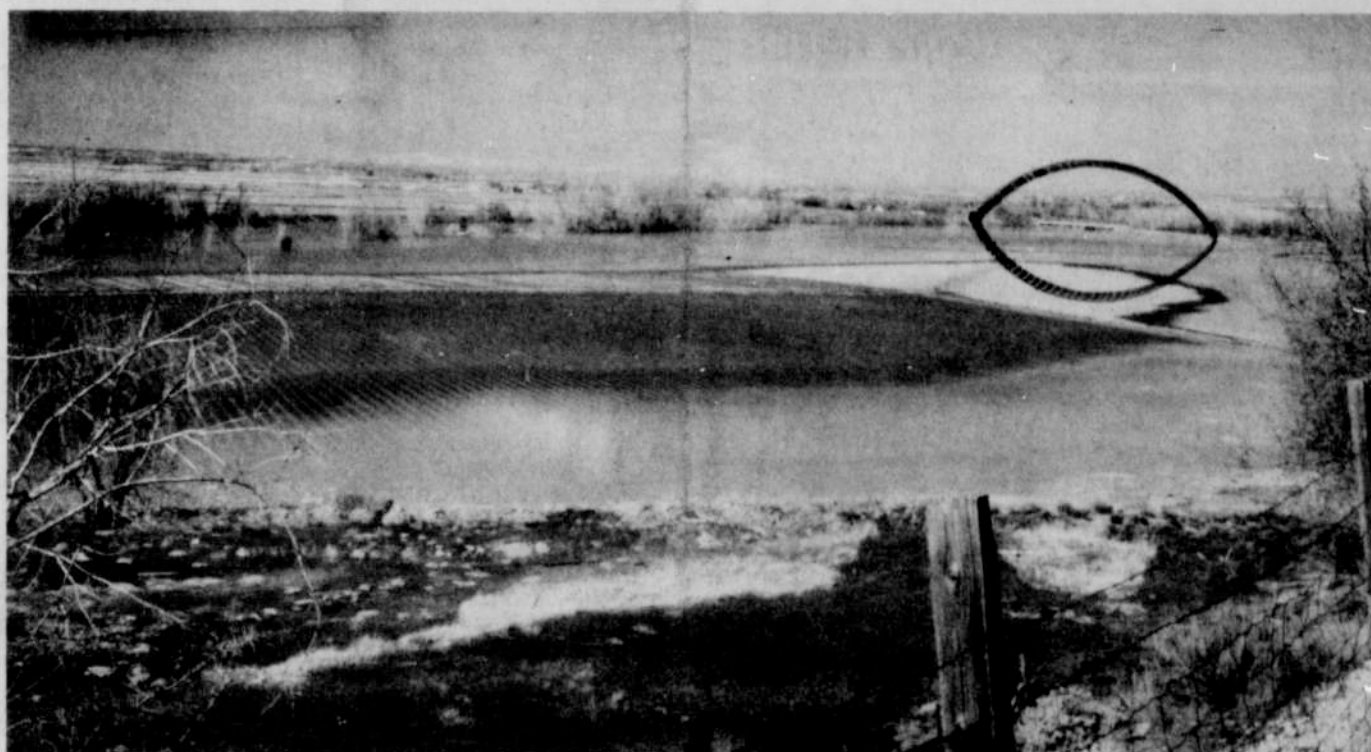
The Senator said that applicants must meet the following standards for admission:

-- Be a citizen of the United States, 17 to 22 years of age by July 1st the year of admission, never have been married, be of good moral character, possess a good high school record (usually standing in the top 40 percent of his high school class), and meet the medical standards of the academies, including a normal requirement of 20/20 vision. Waivers may be granted to applicants with outstanding records with vision as poor as 20/ 00.



WATER WAS LAPPING AT THE FLOOR OF THE OWYHEE river bridge south of Nyssa Tuesday afternoon. Most of this was from the Owyhee reservoir some 30 miles upstream to the dam. The balance was surface water caused

by the rain on Easter Sunday. Over 11,000 second feet was coming from the dam Wednesday but this was down to 8,000 Thursday and the bridge was thought to be out of danger.



WATER IS A PRICELESS COMMODITY IN THIS SEMI-desert area but there is an over-abundance of it now coming into Owyhee reservoir. This shows what can happen when the reservoir fills early and water must be released to make room for more to come later from snow in the hills. This scene is from the hill near the Adrian labor

camp looking northeast and shows some of the fertile farm land under water. The bridge in the top photo may be seen in the dark oval to the right. The tiny white object just above the bridge, also in the oval, is Amalgamated Sugar company's silos in Nyssa. - Gate City Journal Photos

## Owyhee Reservoir Fills To 90 Percent Capacity; Assures Abundant Supply

### Storm Causes Some Flooding

The Owyhee reservoir was filled to 90 per cent of storage capacity Wednesday, according to North Board of Control Manager Adam Focht. Capacity is 715,000 acre feet and storage was 644,000.

This is good news for farmers dependent on this source to irrigate the thousands of acres of crop and pasture land. But it does have another side not so cheerful. The inflow into the basin came so rapidly, together with local rains over Easter weekend, that some farm land has been flooded on the lower stretches of the Owyhee river.

Flooding began Monday morning, covering some crop land between Mitchell Butte and the mouth of the river. It reached a peak Tuesday and began receding Wednesday. No estimate of the number of acres affected or the damage to lands and planted crops is available.

### HIGH INFLOW

On March 24 storage was at 416,500 acre feet and 11 days later at 589,660. This was a gain of 173,160 acre feet or 25 per cent of the capacity of the reservoir. Yet on one of the days (March 28) the inflow was only slightly over 6,000.

### DELICATE CHOICE DAILY

Each day officials of the project study reports of inflow into the lake, try to out-guess the weather, and anticipate the net results on storage. The project is primarily for irrigation and not flood control, so their first obligation is to water users. But they also use their best judgment in trying to get the

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## Winning Bowlers Listed In Men's City Tourney

Members of the Nyssa Men's Bowling Association participated in their seventh annual handicap tournament on March 28-30 at the Sugar Bowl.

Of the 26 teams entered, the Eder Plumbing men emerged as handicap champions with a total 3160 score. M and W Market's team placed second with 3036 pins. All will receive individual trophies, as well as one for their sponsors.

Other teams winning cash

awards include those sponsored by Twilight Cafe and Lounge with a 3000 score; Home Dairies and Frank's Sinclair. The Twilight fivesome emerged as scratch champions in the team events with a 2721 total score.

Mike and John Stam took doubles honors with a combined handicap score of 1307, while Roy and Gib Holmes placed second with a 1306 tally. The Holmes brothers tied with Frank Wilson and Don Bullard for scratch honors in doubles competition. In a playoff, Don and Frank won by several pins.

Singles championship honors, both scratch and handicap, went to Joel Mitchell with 635 and 698 scores. George Hust placed second with a 693 handicap tally, and Pete VanderOord was third with 682.

All-events honors went to Dick Card with a 1987 handicap total; Joel Mitchell, second, 1893. The latter was also scratch champion in all-events with a 1704 score.

Special event high money winner is George Hust, who also scored the high scratch game of 244. High three-game scratch series was rolled by Joel Mitchell, 635. Each will receive an ABC award of merit and belt buckle, with his name engraved.

The association will give trophies for first and second places, handicap, and the Sugar Bowl will award first place trophies in each event.

Officers of the association announce that the annual awards dinner will be May 17 at East Side cafe in Ontario. They have also asked the Journal to express their appreciation to the women who kept score during the tourney.

## Spring Concert Slated Friday

Presenting their annual "Spring Concert" will be the Nyssa high school band and chorus at 8 p.m. Friday, April 11. This event is staged in the multi-purpose room of the primary building.

Commenting on the concert, Craig Northrup, band director, states, "The chorus and band will be presenting music which they will also play on Saturday, April 12 at the Idaho District III band and chorus contest in Caldwell. Both groups have consistently attained superior ratings at the annual contest in years past."

Selections to be played by the band are, "Outdoor Overture; January, February, and March; and LaBamba Vera Cruz." Some of the numbers to be sung by the chorus are, "Scarborough Fair; The Water Is Wide; Christie Elison; People; and Some Enchanted Evening."

This will be the last concert of the year and the public is urged to attend. There is no admission charge. - Susan Kouns, NHS Bulldog reporter.

## FIVE CANDIDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Five candidates have filed for the two vacancies on the Nyssa school board. Petitions for Joel Mitchell, Ira Ure, Jr., Dean Blaylock, Mark Hartley and Charles Quinowski were received by Clerk Dirick Nedry Prior to the April 4 deadline.

The election will be held May 5. Chairman Henry Esplin has chosen not to run again, and Joel Mitchell is running to succeed himself. The two successful candidates will be elected for five-year terms.

## ADRIAN PTA MEETING

Adrian PTA unit will hold its next meeting April 17 at 8:15 P.M. in the grade school cafeteria.

There will be a panel discussing the rules and regulations concerning school conduct, etc. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

## CUB SCOUTS MEET

A meeting of Cub Scout Pack 450 was held March 25 at the Methodist church. The Flag ceremony was performed by Mrs. Percy's Den #1.

The Pack participated in a "Laugh In" which was a huge success.

Due to the absence of Cubmaster Ed Tyner, the awards were presented by L. D. Walburn. Awards went to Mike Eden and Bruce Fowler, Bear badges; Randy Savage, Forester and citizen awards; Marty Quinowski, engineer; and Mike Walburn, wolf badge, a gold arrow and a silver arrow.

Den #4, a new den, was formed during Scout week. Den Mothers are Mrs. Julia Langoria and Mrs. Dorothy Hershey. The whole den received Bob Cat pins. Den #4 won the attendance ribbon.

A film on mouth to mouth resuscitation was shown. The Pack has been studying first-aid. The next pack meeting will be a disaster night. Plans are also being made for a May candy sale.

## Cascade Gas Head Sees No Customer Hardships Through Union Strike

A strike of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation union servicemen and construction workers will not affect gas customers in the utility's 70 communities in Washington and Oregon, according to the company's president, O. Marshall Jones.

Supervisory and salaried personnel from the general offices in Seattle, as well as those from all district offices, have been assigned to field work.

"We expect to conduct our business in a normal manner during this work stoppage," Mr.

Jones said. "There will be no interruption of service to our customers. New customers, of course, may not be connected as promptly as we would like. But, generally speaking, we are prepared for business as usual."

Negotiations for a new contract between Cascade Natural Gas and the International Chemical Workers Union, underway for several weeks, reached a stalemate when the utility's final offer of an average 6 percent increase was refused by the union.

## Sen. Packwood Seeks Change In Farm Size To Qualify For Water

Senator Bob Packwood has announced co-sponsorship of a bill which will change a 67 year-old-law "that is out of step with the times."

The bill, Packwood said, would increase from 160 to 640, the number of acres for which a farmer may obtain irrigation water under a reclamation law passed in 1902.

"The 160-acre limitation is unrealistic, uneconomic, unjust and obsolete today," Packwood

said. "The original 160-acre limitation was enacted 67 years ago in an apparent effort to follow the philosophy of the Homestead Act. That Act was designed to encourage family settlement on public lands.

"But times have changed dramatically since then. In fact, the acreage limitation which was intended to provide certain benefits for the so-called family size farm is now having just the opposite effect in many cases. Today it forces individual farmers to engage in limited operations which, in the world of today's modern agriculture are inefficient and uneconomic, perpetuate 'subsistence farming' and impede businesslike growth.

"Because of the heavy need for capital investment for costly machinery and the increased costs of farm labor, the cost per acre of operating a farm unit of 160 acres is much higher than for larger units.

"The result is that the costs to the small farmer are higher, and he, in turn must pass along these increases to the consumer."

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
April 2	72	41	--
April 3	62	40	--
April 4	75	36	--
April 5	74	50	--
April 6	53	42	.37
April 7	56	38	.46
April 8	61	31	--
April 9	--	36	--

## RESERVOIR STORAGE

4/9/69	644,840	Acre Feet
4/9/68	462,810	Acre Feet

## Dancing Display April 18

Betty Madge Wilson will present her dancing students in a revue scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock Friday evening, April 18 at the Nyssa school cafeteria.

The dancing display is sponsored annually by the Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary.

These recitals have been given since 1950 by Mrs. Wilson, with proceeds used to purchase many useful and necessary items for the hospital.

From funds last year, the auxiliary purchased two comfort chairs which are being used in various ways. The restraint chair has a detachable tray from which the patients eat their meals, do hand work or play games. The other, a commode chair, has removable upholstery so that it can be used while giving showers. Both have large casters and can be used as wheelchairs.

Numerous other articles have been purchased for the hospital with proceeds from these recitals, as well as from teas, fashion shows and concerts.



BEHIND THE SCENES AT A DANCING DISPLAY REHEARSAL. And this was strictly 'behind the scenes' as no one in the photo knew that it was being snapped by the Journal camera. In the foreground is Betty Madge Wilson, seated in front of the stage in the Nyssa school cafeteria, as she directs a group of young dancers during rehearsal. At the piano is Barbara Fangen. Many long hours have been put in by these two as they and the performers practice for the April 18 recital. The youngsters (at left) await their turn to rehearse, and some appear to find various methods of expending additional energy.



THESE YOUNG MEN ARE (l to r) KENNETH SCHILLING, RONALD SARAZIN and LYNN HIRAL. They are now Eagle Scouts, having been presented their awards during March

23, 1969 ceremonies at Nyssa United Methodist church. They are sons of Nyssans Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schilling, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Sarazin, Mr. and Mrs. George Hiral.