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ANNUAL MYSTERY DAYS SLATED THIS WEEKEND OFFERS MANY BARGAINS

Nyssa's seventh Annual Mystery Day, Saturday, May 3 promises to be the biggest town-wide promotion since Crazy Day last fall. With practically all retail stores and service shops participating, the buying public is offered top bargains in almost every field.

Some merchants are offering special items at real-honest-to-goodness low prices; some are offering store-wide discounts for cash, and others do not list prices but will let the buying public learn when they come into the stores. The latter are advertised by ??? where normally the price would be found.

Each merchant has advertised as he chose and there will be some novel displays that will

afford fun as well as bargains. Some are running items Thursday, Friday and Saturday -- but the latter day is designated as Mystery Day and is one that no one in the area should miss. The Journal is blanketing the area with over 4,000 copies, reaching 12,000 to 14,000 readers in the nearby areas.

In checking the pages of the Journal, readers will find special prices covering such items as food, clothing, used cars, automotive equipment, tires, jewelry, farm tools and implements, paint, irrigation supplies, garden and lawn equipment, drugs and novelties.

The event is sponsored by Nyssa Businessmen's Promotion committee and they invite everyone to come to the Thunderegg Capital for this special event. Only by seeing the low prices of these quality goods will buyers be convinced!

SCHOOL ELECTIONS SLATED MONDAY

Patrons in Adrian school district 61 will go to the polls Monday, May 5 to vote on their school budget for the coming year. According to Supt. Glenn Ward, the area residents will vote on the entire budget figure, \$388,191, as the district does not have an established tax base.

Balloters in the Big Bend area will also vote on one zone 2 school board director for a five year term. James Miller is the only applicant, as Charles Sykes has withdrawn his name from the ballot. His term will expire June 30, 1969.

Voters in Nyssa school district 26 will select two board members at the Monday, May 5 election. The budget election is dated May 23.

Patrons within the Treasure Valley Community college district will also vote Monday, May 5 on \$3 million budget, as well as for members of the board.

NYSSA WOMAN DRAWS 7 YEAR PRISON TERM

Charmian M. Roverano was sentenced to a seven year term in state prison Friday by Lake County Circuit Judge Charles Foster. She was transported to Salem Saturday by Sheriff Bob Ingram.

The former office manager at Dessert Seed Co. in Nyssa had previously plead guilty to a grand jury indictment on a forgery charge. Sentence was delayed at that time for a presentence investigation to be made for the judge's consideration.



PINEWOOD DERBY WINNERS AT THE BOY SCOUTS OF America Seven Rivers district annual Scout-O-Rama staged Saturday in Ontario. The lads are (l to r) Paul Fife, 8, son of Nyssans Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fife, who won an award for model car craftsmanship; Mike Wahlert, 9, son of the William K. Wahlerts of Nyssa, who was first-place

derby winner; and Tommy Henkel, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henkel of Parma and second-place winner of the race. These youths were among 30 Cub Scouts, from several area towns, who participated in the pinewood derby. - Photo courtesy of Argus Observer.

NYSSA WOMAN KILLED, SIX INJURED, IN TWO CAR WRECK SATURDAY

Mrs. William (Connie) DeLong, 25, rural Nyssa was fatally injured and six other passengers were hospitalized Saturday night when two cars crashed at the SW edge of Nyssa.

The head-on collision occurred at the SW corner of Nyssa school grounds on Adrian boulevard about 10:15 P.M., according to Nyssa Police Chief Alvin Allen. Mrs. DeLong died in Malheur Memorial hospital approximately two hours later. The DeLong children, Mary, 4, and Robert, 3, were still hospitalized at press time Wednesday, along with 13-year-old Frank Simmons, a passenger in the other car.

According to Nyssa police, teacher in Nyssa high school, DeLongs were heading east into the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nyssa in a 1963 Plymouth L. E. Bates of Vale.

Valiant station wagon, and Norman Watson, Seattle, driver of a 1966 Thunderbird, heading West when the crash occurred.

He was accompanied by his with negligent homicide and Uncle, Philip Watson, 112 Park Avenue, Nyssa and his nephew, appeared in E. Otis Smith Justice Court Monday and asked time to consult an attorney. This was granted and bail set at \$1,500. This was put up Tuesday and the accused released until preliminary hearing in Smith's Court May 16.

CHARGES FILED

May 19 Deadline Set For Assessment Appeals

Oregon property taxpayers have until Monday, May 19, to appeal this year's assessments to their County Boards of Equalization.

Each board will convene on Monday, May 12, to begin its annual review of assessments, and any taxpayer has the right to petition for a reduction if he feels his assessment is out of line with comparable properties in his district.

The county assessor is required by law to appraise property at its true cash (market) value. If the taxpayer feels the assessor's appraisal is not correct, he should first request the assessor to review the appraisal. The assessor may make an adjustment as late as May 1.

If the taxpayer still is not satisfied with the assessor's determination, he may appeal by petition to the Board of Equalization.

Filing a petition does not automatically insure a deduction, suspend tax payments or invalidate the present assessment. The board is required to find the correct assessed value of the property in question, whether it is the same, higher or lower than the value determined by the assessor.

PROOF REQUIRED
To overcome the legal presumption that the assessment is correct, the taxpayer must be able to offer evidence supporting his contentions. He cannot expect relief simply because he feels his taxes are too high. The appeal procedure is based on the assessed value, not the amount of his tax.

If the taxpayer still is not satisfied after the board's action, he may appeal to the State Tax Commission or, in the case of real property, directly to the Oregon Tax Court's Small Claims Division if the

Property owners are reminded that they cannot wait until receiving their tax statements next fall before appealing the assessments. If they do not know the value at this time, they can obtain the information at the assessor's office.

If their appeal petitions are not filed by May 19, they cannot hope for any relief this year.

GOVERNOR DESIGNATES STATE LAW DAY - MAY 1

Governor Tom McCall has officially designated Thursday May 1 as Law Day USA throughout the state and has called upon citizens and public officials to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, programs and educational activities in keeping with the theme: "Justice and Equality Depend Upon Law--and YOU!"

The observance has been organized in most communities of Oregon with a number of special events planned under the direction of local chairmen, members of the Oregon State Bar, with the assistance of civic and educational leaders, business and professional people, and church leaders. A statewide editorial writing contest for high school students will award substantial prizes of savings bonds to five top winners. These will be judged from among the winners selected in each county. Mock trials will be presented in schools with students playing the roles. Ministers of churches will bring attention to Law Day in sermons. Speakers will stress the theme in a number of schools and organizations. Civic clubs are devoting meetings to addresses by qualified speakers on the subject:

participation, the more effective and just government will be. "Every citizen thus has a responsibility to his country, his state and community. He has a duty to observe the laws, to support the agencies of law enforcement, and the courts, and also to recognize the rights of others and assist in advancing the equality of justice and opportunity for all Americans."

"Our form of government, which is unique and has protected our nation for over 190 years, requires that the right of dissent and the right to petition for redress of grievances be asserted in a lawful manner. In a free society, the end to be sought, however worthy, can never justify unlawful means.

"It is appropriate, therefore, on this special day set aside by joint resolution of Congress and by Presidential proclamation that we should reaffirm our faith in the rule of law and in the supremacy of government by law rather than by men."

School Voting Monday, May 5

The annual school election will be all day Monday, May 5 at the little theatre in the Nyssa High School, with polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nyssa school district voters will elect two board members for five year terms, and those running for the two positions are incumbent Joel Mitchell, Dean Blaylock, Mark Hartley, Charles Quinowski, and Ira R. (Van) Ure.

In addition patrons will vote on the county Intermediate Education District budget, the Treasure Valley Community college budget, and for the college directors.

The Nyssa school district budget will not come up for ballot until May 23. Legal advertisements appeared last week and this week in the Gate City Journal showing the tax levy and receipts and expenditures as proposed by the budget committee. At the public hearing scheduled for May 14 the school board will answer questions and discuss the budget with interested patrons before adopting the budget.

The proposed budget calls for an amount outside the 6% limitation of \$77,972 (this was inadvertently reported in last week's issue as \$38,044.16), and a levy of \$1.87 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, which amount is the same as the levy approved for the current year's budget.

Overall taxes to be levied are \$582,861.16, down \$1,306.59 from the current budget. Members of the budget committee point out that this will call for a levy of \$8.50, down from the levy of \$8.80 per \$1,000 valuation in this year's budget. The tax figure includes district tax, IED tax, and \$38,044.16 to retire bonds and interest.

CORRECTION

The \$38,044.16 figure listed in the last issue of the Journal as the amount outside the 6 percent limitation in the Nyssa school budget was in error. The correct amount is \$77,972. The upper figure should have been NOT subject to the 6 percent limitation.

Junior High Music Concert Set Friday

It is announced by Craig Northrop, Nyssa music director, that a concert by junior high school students will be held Friday, May 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the school cafeteria. Featured will be members of the seventh- and eighth-grade band and chorus, and sixth-grade band students.

WEATHER

| DATE | MAX. | MIN. |
|----------|------|------|
| April 23 | 60 | 53 |
| April 24 | 56 | 37 |
| April 25 | 56 | 36 |
| April 26 | 58 | 33 |
| April 27 | 61 | 32 |
| April 28 | 76 | 42 |
| April 29 | 55 | 40 |
| April 30 | -- | 30 |

.30 inches of precipitation was recorded April 24, 1969.

| RESERVOIR STORAGE | | |
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| 4/30/69 | 699,160 | Acre Feet |
| 4/30/68 | 435,220 | Acre Feet |

LAW DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Governor McCall's statements on Law Day follow:

"All of us recognize that representative government depends for vitality and strength upon citizen participation in its processes. The broader that

Nyssa School Board Aspirants To Appear At Meeting Tonight

To become acquainted with, and to learn the objectives and goals of candidates for Nyssa school board positions is purpose of a public social meeting scheduled at 8 p.m. this evening, May 1, in this meeting room of the Nyssa public library.

Vying for the two posts are Dean Blaylock, Mark Hartley, Joel Mitchell, Charles Quinowski and Ira Ure Jr.

After a brief introduction of the candidates, area residents will have an opportunity to talk to each one, on an informal basis, during a social hour which will follow.

The session should provide an excellent opportunity for School District 26 residents to become better acquainted with the candidates for the two vacant positions and learn their viewpoints on school issues.

The public is cordially invited to attend this informal meeting.



TWO GERMAN-SPEAKING NYSSA HIGH school students brought home honors from the Foreign Language Field Day held April 23 at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande. They are Leah Henigson (on left) and Roxy Mason. With them, in this photo, is their instructor Gary Sant. Roxy, a daughter of the Ed Masons, took second place in German level I, while Leah, a daughter of the Hal Henigsons, captured second place in German level II. They were given a German verb book and a volume on Germany, respectively. Twenty-six members from Nyssa's Ger-

man I and II classes, and their instructor, attended the event; along with approximately 600 other language students from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The competition also covered French, Latin and Spanish. After the testing was completed, participants reported to the ECC coliseum where students from various high schools sang and exhibited their talents in German dances. Following the entertainment, a banquet was served and awards were presented. - NHS Bulldog photo.



MISS CAROLYN SELLS, A NYSSA HIGH school senior, (on left) is this year's winner of the Nyssa Jay-C-Ettes' \$100 scholarship to the school of her choice. She is being presented with the award by Mrs. Ron (Jo) Rookstool, Jay-C-Ette scholarship committee chairman. Carolyn is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Sells of Nyssa, is serving as president of the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA), served as decorations chairman for the junior-senior prom and was runner-up for the position of NHS public relations chairman. The award winner

has been a member of the NHS girls' track team for four years, placing second in a district meet and participating in the state event. She also earned a third-place ribbon on an oil painting at the Malheur County fair. Miss Sells participated in Girl Scout activities for two years, is a member of a 4-H riding club and is active in work of the Christian Church Youth Fellowship group (CCYF). She plans to enroll for physical education and art instruction at Treasure Valley Community college. - Journal Photo.