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## Eighty To Participate In Graduation Exercises

Eighty Nyssa High seniors will participate in combined Baccalaureate-Commencement exercises, May 25 at 8:15 P.M. in the gymnasium.

Robed in the traditional blue and white, graduating seniors will enter to the familiar strains of Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance." The band will then play Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner" and Rev. Orville Jacobson of Faith Lutheran Church will give the invocation.

### STUDENTS TO SPEAK DIPLOMAS TO BE AWARDED

Miss Pam Saito, salutatorian, is slated to deliver the welcoming speech. Following the band's rendition of "America the Beautiful", Miss Barbie Tensen, co-valedictorian, will address the group.

Rev. J. D. Crego will provide the scripture reading and graduating senior Susan Hartley will sing "The Lord's Prayer." Co-valedictorian George Heider will deliver the farewell address and the NHS chorus will sing "The Halls of Ivy."

Following the announcement of scholarships by Mr. Larry Bosen, Principal Gene Chester will present the Class of 1969.

Diplomas will be awarded by Mr. W. L. McPartland, superintendent of schools and Mr. Henry Espin, chairman of the board.

The audience will then join in singing the Alma Mater and Father Charles Young will deliver the benediction. - NHS Bulldog.



SMILING FOR THEIR FINAL HIGH SCHOOL PICTURE are the ten top seniors of the 1969 graduating class. They are (l to r) seated, Kay Abe, Pam Saito, Merla Ashby and

Wendy Bair. Behind them (l to r) are Barbie Tensen, Angie Labby, George Heider, Ruth Ann McGinley, Carolyn Winchester and Brenda McKinney. - NHS Bulldog Photo.

## TVCC Plans Agri Study To Improve Local Area First Meeting June 9

A symposium in agriculture is being planned by Treasure Valley Community College for the 1969-70 academic season. An organizational dinner will be held on the college campus on June 9, 1969, so that farm group leaders, community leaders, and college officials might implement the general program now set for November and December, 1969, and January and February, 1970. The basic theme of the symposium is: How Treasure Valley Community College and the community can work together to bring about change in the local agricultural economy.

Specific themes include: November - "Education and Agriculture." One idea to be examined in this program will be that "the best thing educa-

tion can do for agriculturalists is to get their children back into agriculture in a competitive position." December: "Middlemen and Agriculturalists." The theme for this and the succeeding meetings will be developed by the citizens steering committee. January: "Consumers and Agriculturalists," and February: "Urban Businessmen and Agriculturalists."

## Draft Boards To Be Closed

All Oregon Local Boards, Selective Service System, will be closed on May 27, 28 and 29, 1969. It is the custom with the various State Headquarters of the Selective Service System to hold an annual conference for board members and compensated personnel for the purpose of discussing mutual problems and participating in an exchange of ideas. The Oregon State System will hold such a conference this year on those dates. There will be guest speakers from National and Regional Headquarters as well as from associated agencies. Emergency calls will be handled through special personnel assigned to the Multnomah County Local Boards or Oregon State Headquarters, Portland, Oregon - (telephone number 234-3361).

Local Board No. 22, Ontario, Oregon will be closed all the week of May 26 through May 30, 1969.

Planned by President Emery Skinner, Dean Ed Haynes, Dean Otis Murray, Earl McCollum, and Bill Murphey, head of the agriculture department, who will coordinate the symposium, the plan is an outgrowth of the group's feeling that if progress is to be made in our local agriculture economy, it is time that a concerted effort be made by all groups who are involved in the production and marketing of agriculture products, to improve the position of the basic producer.

Within the concept of cooperative action, as educators, Treasure Valley Community College feels it is their responsibility to initiate a cooperative effort to study and bring about change in the local agricultural economy. It is hoped that the June 9 meeting will mark the beginning of a successful cooperative effort. The 1969-70 symposium on

## 1969 Top Ten Senior Students Named

Top ten scholars of the 1969 graduating class are Kay Abe, Merla Ashby, Wendy Bair, George Heider, Angie Labby, Ruth Ann McGinley, Brenda McKinney, Pam Saito, Barbie Tensen, and Carolyn Winchester according to NHS Principal Gene Chester.

These students have earned the highest GPA's based on seven semester's grades of the entire senior class.

KAY ABE currently serves as president of the newly-formed Honor Society and was secretary-treasurer of German Club her junior year. She is also serving as AFS president and is completing her fourth year in FHA. In addition she was also a member of Honor Band in her junior year.

MERLA ASHBY has participated in band for four years, honor band, two years, pep band, two years, and stage band two years. She is presently serving as the secretary of the Senior class and participated in FHA one year.

WENDY BAIR is an active member of Pep Club and has also participated as a cheerleader for three years. She transferred from New Meadows High School in her junior year where she was a member of the Dramatics Club.

GEORGE HEIDER serves as Science Club president and Lettermen's Club treasurer. He participated in band, pep band, and dance band for two years. George also lettered in tennis two years.

AGRICULTURE follows similar efforts in community service by the college. In 1966-67 they presented "The Dilemma of Modern Man Series," in 1967-68 a Humanities Series in the Development of Western Man; in 1968-69 a fine art film series, and now, for 1969-70 the agriculture series.

ANGIE LABBY has been busy serving as editor of the Bulldog in her senior year. She also acts as Thespian secretary, and was FHA reporter in her junior year. Angie has been in Thespians three years, FHA four years and is now a Science Club member. She received distinction this year of placing second in the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Contest.

RUTH ANN MCGINLEY is completing her fourth year as a member of Pep Club and her second year of cheerleading. She was active in FHA two years, honor band, two years; and band two years. During her junior year, Ruth Ann served as German Club activity chairman and AFS representative. She is also secretary-treasurer of the Honor Society. In addition, Miss McGinley was Nyssa's representative to Girls' State.

CAROLYN WINCHESTER is currently serving as editor of the Tupelo this year and was assistant editor last year. She has been a member of FHA four years, Pep Club two years, German Club one year, and band two years. - NHS Bulldog.

BRENDA MCKINNEY has been active in Pep Club and served as president this year. She was in FHA four years; GAA, one year; honor band, two years; German Club, one year; Drill Team, two years; and Tupelo, one year. She is currently vice president of Honor Society.

PAM SAITO has been a four-year member of Drill Team, Pep Club, FHA and GAA. During her junior year she served as secretary of Pep Club and FHA and is presently secretary of the Student Body. In addition, Pam is captain of the Drill

Team. She is also a member of Science Club and two-year member of German Club. Pam won first place in the Sororist Citizenship Award.

BARBIE TENSEN is presently completing her senior year as Student Body President. Other offices she has held are freshman class representative, sophomore class secretary and junior class president. She has participated in Pep Club four years, AFS four years, German Club two years, and band two years. Barbie was also J. V. cheerleader for two years. She was named Nyssa's alternate to Girls' State.

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## Resume Of Scout Trip To Mt. Home Air Base

On Saturday, May 17, 1969, at 8 a.m. 36 Cub and Weblo Scouts and ten adult Scouters from Nyssa Pack 450 departed by school bus for the Air Force base at Mountain Home, Idaho.

After a remarkably quick trip we arrived and in a little while we were found by our guide, AIC Gary Neitzke. This may sound simple but the Mountain View District of Scouting was holding a field meet at the park. Can you imagine 150 to 200 Cub Scouts all dressed alike?

First on our agenda was the "sit in" and "climb-all-over" a phantom jet. Here one of our smaller fly-boys was wounded in action. Mark Haile cut his head while walking under the jet. He was rushed to the base hospital and came out wearing a white badge of courage on his head and eating an ice cream cone for bravery.

After a picnic lunch in the park, we went to the fire station. We saw and sat in the biggest fire truck we had ever seen; and it has power steering. They have five there, all different sizes. We saw fire-fighting suits, equipment and saw how they weigh and fill fire extinguishers.

We observed a "Husky" jet-propelled helicopter and the boys were given a demonstration on how the pilots pick up the wounded. They manned the controls, learned how the smoke jumpers emerge, what helicopters are made of and how much it costs to operate one for one hour.

The control tower was of special interest, mainly because we had to walk up 148 steps to get to the top. Breathlessly, we watched three jets land. It was very interesting to hear the pilots and tower operators talk to each other during the landing operations.

Last, but not least, we visited RAPCON. It is amazing and will become final for the 1969 seasons. McKeen invited all interested persons to attend both sessions and present suggestions for the coming seasons. Those who are unable to attend may submit recommendations in writing.

## Nyssa, Adrian, TVCC To Hold Budget Elections Before June 1, Brief Data Listed

Graduation and planning for the future are the big things in the lives of the seniors now. But to area taxpayers it is the elections in the near future. Three school budget elections are due before the end of May and shortly after (June 3) is the one to decide about a sales tax.

Nyssa school district budget is to be voted upon tomorrow (Friday), Treasure Valley Community College district voters will pass on the budget next Tuesday (May 27) and Adrian's has been set Saturday, May 31.

Nyssa's will be coming up for the first time this year but the other two are up for the second go-round, both having been defeated in light votes May 5. Neither of the latter have a tax base established and voters must approve the entire amount for them to carry.

### NYSSA BUDGET BRIEFS

The total budget requirements in the GENERAL FUND are increased from \$782,562 last year to \$833,683 proposed. BONDED INDEBTEDNESS is decreased \$30,500 (from \$251,000 to \$220,500). SALARIES are increased approximately \$41,000 for 121 total employees and EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT fund is up \$4,950. But TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED are down \$1,306.59 (from \$584,167.75 to \$582,861.16).

A report from the Clerk-Bus, Manager D. E. Nedry is as follows:

The Nyssa school board adopted the 1969-70 budget at their public hearing May 14. Total taxes to be levied are \$582,861.16, which is down \$1,306.59 from the amount of \$584,167.75 levied for the current year. The tax levy is also reduced, and will require

## LEGISLATURE MAY INCREASE CITY REVENUE

Oregon House Speaker Robert F. Smith said Monday that the city of Nyssa will receive an additional \$8,679 in state liquor revenues during the next two years if the full Legislature approves a plan adopted by the Ways and Means Committee.

Smith said he supports a revised liquor revenue distribution formula which would boost the share of revenues that cities receive from 14 to 20 per cent.

Legislative approval of the plan, he said, would result in an additional \$4 million revenue to hard-pressed city governments during the next biennium. Smith said that Nyssa would receive \$20,251 during the next two years under the present formula. If the revised formula is adopted, the city would receive \$28,930.

Smith said that the share received by Malheur County will remain at its present percentage. The increase for cities will result in a reduction in revenue to state government.

The Malheur County Legislator said "this is just another example of the efforts being made by this Legislature to return every dollar possible to local government for direct or indirect property tax relief."

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## Ontario Man Dies In Crash

An Ontario man was fatally injured Sunday morning, May 18 when his automobile went off a county road near Nyssa and burned in a field.

Oregon State Police identified the man as Elmo W. White, 35, also known as Rusty Davis, of 510 North East First. He said his vehicle was traveling north from Nyssa on Arcadia Road about 8:50 a.m. and he apparently missed a curve. The car jumped an irrigation ditch, rolled over on its top and burned in a nearby field.

Nyssa rural volunteer firemen were called to the scene, but were unable to save White.

\$8.50 per \$1,000 valuation as compared to \$8.80 in the current year.

Board members point out that this budget has been pared drastically so as to present a budget less than the 1968-69 budget. Nyssa schools operate for less money per student than all but one or two Class A systems in Oregon.

School district patrons will vote on the budget Friday, May 23rd at the little theatre in the high school. They will be asked to approve the amount of \$77,972.00 outside the 6% limitation.

### TVCC COLLEGE BRIEFS

An abbreviated form of the TVCC budget, carried in this issue of the Journal, shows: TOTAL TAXES TO BE LEVIED are up \$88,000 (from \$343,193 to \$431,011), SALARIES up about \$88,000 (with about \$30,000 of this amount for three new instructors, (1) Agri, (2) (Continued On Page 6)

## Court Briefs

Report by Judge White of his meeting with Mr. Darold Walker, Highway District #5 Parks Supervisor, State Highway Department:

A flood light and floating dock will be installed at the State Park on the Snake River north of Ontario, which will improve launching and landing of boats and increase public use of the facility.

A trailer house will be placed at the State Succor Creek Park and a caretaker will be provided for Spring, Summer and Fall supervision. Restrooms and water facilities to approximately 15 overnight camp sites will complete the first phase of the development.

The Court also discussed increased numbers of persons attracted to Owyhee Lake..... especially the area from the dam to the Cherry Creek Resort. Signs will be placed on the road prohibiting parking, except at designated sites.

A PUBLIC HEARING was held at 2 P. M. on Supplemental Budget. No protests were received, and the Supplemental Budget was approved by the Court.



WHERE THERE'S A RODEO there's royalty, and the Jaycee-sponsored 1969 Nyssa Nite Rodeo is no exception. Reigning as queen during the two-day event will be Miss Patty Peterson, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Neil Peterson of Nyssa. Her Princesses will be Sharon Coleman of Nyssa and Vicki Turner of Vale. Also vying for the title of queen were Renee Hardman and Lynne Hall of Adrian, Jane Joyce of Nyssa and Margaret Holland of Payette. Judges of the queen contest were Dan Townley and Betty O'Neil of Vale and Roy Holmes of Nyssa. The girls were judged on horsemanship, poise and personality.



COACH MEL CALHOUN

Selected as a nominee for Oregon state "Coach of the Year" is Nyssa High School's Wrestling Coach Mel Calhoun. He is also a finalist for "Wrestling Coach of the Year" in the state of Oregon. Ken Scally, Athletic Director at Gresham, notified Calhoun of his selection by the Oregon High School Coaches Association. Serving as wrestling coach at Nyssa for ten years, Calhoun has seen many of his boys win in district competition and has seen some attain state-wide recognition. Due to his excellent teams and conference titles garnered in 1965 and again in 1968 in Treasure Valley, Calhoun has been featured speaker at various wrestling clinics in the area. In 1968, Coach Calhoun led his grapplers to victory in Corvallis, where they captured the Oregon A-2 wrestling championship. "I am very elated and feel honored to be a nominee for this 'Coach of the Year' award. I owe a great deal to the boys who have participated in my program and helped to make my success possible," stated the NHS coach.

## WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
May 14	75	53	.42
May 15	71	52	.06
May 16	79	44	--
May 17	82	49	--
May 18	82	59	--
May 19	65	53	.02
May 20	66	44	.34
May 21	--	46	--

RESERVOIR STORAGE	5/21/69	713,850	Acres Feet
	5/21/68	385,010	Acres Feet