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Oregon Workers Earnings Rise Despite Less Hours

Hourly and weekly average earnings of Oregon's manufacturing production workers increased in May compared to a year ago, though average hours worked decreased, the Department of Employment reported here today. Average weekly earnings were \$140.23 in May compared to \$133.73 a year earlier. Hourly earnings in May averaged \$3.55 compared to \$3.36 in May, 1968 and hours worked averaged 39.5 per week in May, 1969 and 39.8 hours in May, 1968, the Department of Employment said. Hourly earnings were highest on record, the Department said.

Lumber and wood products workers earned \$143.92 per week in May compared to \$138.45 per week a year earlier. They worked 40.2 hours per week this year in May compared to 40.6 hours per week last year and earned \$3.58 per

hour this year compared to \$3.41 per hour in May, 1968. Contract construction workers earned an average of \$220.15 per week in May compared to \$192.89 a year earlier: they worked 35.3 hours per week this May compared to 37.6 hours per week last May and earned an average of \$5.67 per hour this May compared to \$5.13 per hour last May.

In the trade category, hours worked remained the same as last May at 36.4 hours per week with weekly earnings averaging \$108.47 last May compared to \$115.02 per week in May, 1969.

Old Fashioned Concert Slated In South Park

The Nyssa-Adrian Summer Band will present an old fashioned evening concert in the South park in Nyssa at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26.

The concert will consist of music from the Broadway musicals Sound of Music and the Music Man, Marches, and many old favorites.

The Summer Band program is directed this year by Mr. Craig Northrup and Mr. Jim Johnson, and students from the Nyssa and Adrian meet daily from 9-12 at Nyssa for a morning of music and fun.

County Budget Open Hearing Set For Today

A public hearing on the proposed budget for Malheur County has been scheduled for 2 p.m. today at the courthouse in Vale.

The total budget requirement

Nyssan Among Candidates For Title Of Miss Oregon

Miss Linda Ballou, Miss Malheur County for 1969, and 22 other candidates selected in local pageants will compete in the 23rd annual Miss Oregon Pageant July 9-12 in Seaside. The contestants will be vying for the Miss Oregon title and an opportunity to become the 42nd Miss America. Linda is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou of Nyssa.

Her first official appearance will be on the beach near the Turnaround when she and other contestants will meet newsmen and pose in swim suits and street clothes for photographers on the morning of July 9. Between then and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10, when she goes on stage for the first night of competition, there will be meetings with the judges and rehearsals.

Both Thursday and Friday nights, there will be the preliminaries of the evening gown, swim suit and talent contests in the Seaside high school gymnasium - half of the girls appearing in swim suits and evening gown and the other half in talent each night.

Ten semi-finalists will com-

pete in the three phases Saturday night. Five of these will be named as finalists and will show their ability to come up with a quick answer before a large audience when impromptu questions are read to them. Then, the four runners-up and Miss Oregon for 1969 will be named. Miss Oregon for 1968, Marjean Kay Langley of Milton-Freewater, will preside at the coronation.

The contestants will attend an awards luncheon on Sunday, July 13 and then all except the new Miss Oregon will return to their homes. Miss Oregon will remain in Seaside for a briefing on things she can expect to do for the next year.

Miss Seaside for 1969, a high school honors graduate this year, will be hostess. She is not a Miss Oregon contestant.

"Dream Me A Rainbow" is the theme for the pageant decorations and entertainment. Pageant tickets are on sale and may be ordered by writing to the Seaside Chamber of Commerce for a brochure. Ticket brochures also may be obtained at local Chambers of Commerce throughout Oregon.



THE NYSSA SWIMMING POOL, THIS WEEK, HAS NOT been a place of extreme action due to cool and damp weather conditions, however this photo was taken last week but during the evening dinner hour so the bobbing heads are not too numerous. And members of the Journal staff cannot identify the young man providing action off the high diving board. In the background, along the north side of the

pool, can be seen a new fence constructed from fiber glass corrugated paneling in shades of red, yellow, blue and green. The fence not only adds color to the facility, but serves as a windbreak for the damp swimmers on cool days. It was installed just prior to the opening of the pool on June 4. — Journal Photo.

for 1969-70 fiscal year, as approved by the Malheur County Court and Budget Committee, has been set at \$1,559,105. This compares to \$1,557,908 in the current year. The general fund budget of \$1,019,389 is down from the \$1,058,081 in this year's budget.

The budget will be some \$20,000 under the six percent limitation, according to auditor Herbert Hartwell.

Taxes to be levied next year will be \$597,463 compared to the current levy of \$629,713, a reduction of \$32,250.

RACING MEET RATED BEST OF ALL TIME

Total betting receipts for this year's June Race Meet at the Ontario fairgrounds was \$90,339, about \$6,000 more than the highest total ever recorded before in the race's 21-year history.

Chairman Roy Brewer said the highest "handle" registered previously was about \$84,000. He estimated gate receipts at about \$3,500 for all six nights and said attendance at the races averaged about 1,500 to 1,600 each evening.

"This was the most successful season in all respects during the race's 21-year history," Brewer said, and I want to issue special thanks to those people who volunteered help and to the community for making everything possible." (Ontario Argus Observer)

Idaho Power Brochure Aids Tourist Promotion

Idaho Power Company Wednesday announced publication of a new brochure describing the utility's public recreation facilities throughout the Snake River Valley designed to help promote tourist business in its service area.

The brochure will be available to the public at Idaho Power offices and at chambers of commerce, motels, hotels and travel agencies in the Snake River Valley and elsewhere in Idaho, according to company president Albert Carlsen.

Titled "Fun Country," the brochure lists accommodations provided by Idaho Power at 13 of its hydroelectric projects and shows access routes on detail maps indicating distances from the nearest communities.

The brochure is illustrated with pictures depicting the many types of recreation available at the company's facilities and in the surrounding areas. It also contains fishing and hunting information.

"Our new descriptive folder is intended to acquaint Snake River Valley residents with the recreation facilities Idaho Power has developed for their enjoyment free of charge and to help attract tourists from outside the state," Carlsen said. Copies of the brochure already have been sent to numerous out-of-state persons who requested additional information after seeing a company advertisement in the 1969 edition of "Idaho Fishing and Hunting Guide."

Requests have been received so far from prospective visitors in California, Colorado, Iowa, Utah and Washington, as well as from Idaho residents. Carlsen said the requests indicated special interest in the Hells Canyon reach, pointing out that the 100-mile stretch of the Snake has become a nationally known tourist attraction since Idaho Power completed its three-dam development there.

The brochure features the development's major recreation areas, which include Woodhead Park on Brownlee Lake, McCormick Park on Oxbow Lake and Hells Canyon Park on Hells Canyon Lake. Its cover is illustrated with a picture showing a scenic portion of Hells Canyon, known as the deepest gorge in North America.

In addition, the brochure describes the company's facilities at its Swan Falls, C. J. Strike, Bliss, Lower Salmon, Upper Salmon, Clear Lake, Thousand Springs, Shoshone Falls and American Falls projects.

Altogether, Carlsen notes in the brochure's welcoming message, the man-made lakes created by Idaho Power projects are nearly 170 miles in length and provide a combined surface area of more than 30,600 acres for boating, fishing and other water sports.

The utility president said Wednesday that the brochure's distribution was scheduled to coincide with the Fourth of July holiday, when use of the Idaho Power facilities normally reaches its early - summer peak.

Visitors at the facilities this Fourth of July are expected to exceed crowds estimated in the thousands that used them during the Memorial Day weekend, Carlsen said.

Chadwicks Sell Grocery Store To Dave Riebs

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rieb purchased Nyssa Food Center, 605 Main street, from Mr. and Mrs. Al Chadwick Monday of this week. The new owners assumed operations the same day, after moving their stock from the Rieb's Market location on Bower avenue.

Chadwicks had been in the same location in the grocery business since 1936 after having arrived in Nyssa from Colorado the previous year. It was housed in a small frame building at that time and until 1945 when the present concrete block building was erected.

Mr. Chadwick is a native of NW Arkansas but lived in Oklahoma and Colorado a number of years. Mrs. Chadwick is a native of Oklahoma and they were married in Colorado. She taught in the Nyssa school system from 1939 until her retirement in 1966. They say they have made no plans for the future other than to continue living in Nyssa.

Dave and Betty have a number of years experience in the grocery business, from the lowliest jobs to owning their own store for the past three and one half years.

Dave first worked for Eder's grocery in 1953 shortly after his folks moved here from Nebraska. Then following four years in their grocery -- then five years for Ray's Food Fair stores in Nyssa and Ontario.

Betty had also worked for grocery stores in the area for several years prior to their purchasing their own store in Nyssa.

They say they plan to enlarge their stock in the near future and will operate under the same trade policies used in the other store.

Franks Promoted

Ernest D. (Pete) Franks has been appointed "acting farm manager" at Ore-Ida's mammoth Skyline Farms, according to newly appointed John P. Stanley, general manager of the firm's agricultural operations division.

Franks is replacing Howard Kartchner, who has left the company, Stanley said.

A native of Adrian, Franks joined the Skyline staff in 1968 and was most recently assigned the position of "unit manager,"

TVCC Budget Approved By Two-To-One Vote; Amount Reduced \$59,000

The Treasure Valley Community College budget was approved by district voters by almost two-to-one margin in Tuesday voting in 10 precincts.

Complete with unofficial returns showed 2,428 "yes" votes to 1,291 "no" votes. The 3,719 total was an increase of 1,035 over the May 27 defeat and 1,465 more than the first loss May 5.

CHANGES NOTED

An analysis of the voting showed many changes in the ten precinct but by far the greatest being in Ontario. There, following an intensive campaign by newspaper and radio ads, news stories, telephone service, and plain old individual "leg-work" was where the budget was won. Their 1,716 voters was near half the total voting - it was an increase of 633 over the May 21 vote. But bigger yet was the complexion of the vote--there were 760 more "yes" votes and 127 less "no" votes than in the May 27 vote.

Other precincts changed considerably, evidently influenced by the \$59,000 cut from the two previous defeats, and from the fear that if not approved now there would be no summer school for area students.

COUNT BY PRECINCTS

With the "yes" votes listed first and the "no" votes second the counts by precincts were: Ontario 1,389-327, Huntington 80-20, Vale 297-168, Jamieson 59-52, Adrian 109-107, Pioneer

83-118, Cairo 123-125, Nyssa 245-322, Harper 21-27, Annex 22-24.

Summer term was scheduled to start this past Monday but was delayed until Wednesday morning when registration started at 9:30 a.m. under Registrar Dick DeBisschop.

The board met Wednesday morning to decide in what manner and the times for making up the first two days lost in starting summer school.

Third Class Bulk Mail Due To Rise

Postal Patrons need not be excited about an increase in Postal Rates as some did after reading the article in last week's Gate City Journal. The information contained in this article was received by the Postmaster about May 1 and at that time it appeared as though Congress would be able to have the rates increases in effect by July 1, however Congress had much opposition concerning rate increases and couldn't get the bill through.

There will be no increases in Postal Rates on July 1 except to those who mail bulk third class mail. Congress will continue to work on rate changes but if any changes are made it will be very possible that they won't become effective until Jan. 1, 1970.

Joseph L. Dail
Postmaster.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
June 18	93	56	--
June 19	90	58	--
June 20	87	58	.04
June 21	83	60	.05
June 22	76	57	--
June 23	65	59	.05
June 24	66	51	.44
June 25	49	--	.02

RESERVOIR STORAGE	6/25/69	6/25/68	6/25/67
6/25/69	664,890	314,840	314,840
6/25/68	664,890	314,840	314,840



In Memoriam

To the memory of Jo Elaine Strickland, this brick structure stands near the steps leading into the center entrance of the Nyssa high school building. Miss Strickland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Strickland and a member of the 1969 NHS senior class, died of carbon monoxide poisoning on March 8, 1969. Erection of the memorial, now complete except for a plaque, was a project of Jo's classmates who sponsored a number of fund-raising events to cover the cost of materials and labor. The brick work was done by Marion Glenn, with the brown wooden sign and etched white lettering done by some of the 1969 senior boys, under direction of George Fanning, industrial arts instructor.



LINDA JANE BALLOU

Oregon Employers Due To Get Refunds On Accident Premiums

The State Compensation Department (SCD) has changed its name to the State Accident Insurance Fund (SAIF), it was announced by Charles B. Gill, Jr., general manager of the agency. Also declared was the highest refund to Oregon employers in the agency's history.

The name change, effective July 1 by act of the 1969 Oregon Legislature, was made to more clearly define the function of the "Fund" as a workmen's compensation insurance carrier. All procedures and services of the agency will remain basically the same.

Gill went on to announce a refund of over 8 1/2 million dollars to be distributed to Oregon employers this year.

This will be the fourth consecutive year that dividends have been paid to Oregon employers since the workmen's compensation law was changed by the 1965 Legislature. To be eligible for the refund, Gill said, an employer must have been insured with the Fund during the 1967-68 fiscal year. The State Accident Insurance Fund will distribute the checks to eligible Oregon employers later this year.

Vale Rodeo Adds Events

The 54th annual Vale rodeo, one of the largest and best-known amateur rodeos in the Northwest, will get underway here July 3 and continue through July 5.

Two new events have been added this year, according to Willis Zillig, publicity chairman. A buckaroo breakfast will be served in the Vale City Park from 7:30 a.m. by the Malheur County Sheriff's posse, and a wild horse race will be an event for Saturday evening, July 5.

Unbroken horses will be turned out of the chutes with halters on, and a three-man team will attempt to catch and saddle a horse and then one man will ride it, Zillig explained.

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