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Oregon SWC Plans Meet In Ontario

Members of the Oregon State Association of Soil and Water Conservation annual meeting program committee met in Ontario Thursday afternoon (July 17) to work out preliminary details of the Association's annual meeting to be held in Ontario on November 12, 13 and 14. The organization rotates its annual meeting to various parts of the state but this will be the first time that it will be held in Ontario. Approximately 300 persons are expected at the convention.

The meeting was conducted by Wilbur Chapin of Nyssa who is annual meeting chairman and a vice-president of the State Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Representatives of the local Chambers of Commerce, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Soil Conservation Service and Extension Service also helped with the meeting.

Preliminary plans call for the convention headquarters and much of its activity to be centered at Treasure Valley Community College. The meetings agenda calls for a soil judging contest, conservation speech contests, an address by John Wilder the Vice-president of the National Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, tours of the area for visitors and other features to be worked out before convention time.



ROCKHOUNDS SEEKING thunderegg next week will travel over this road in the scenic Succor Creek canyon about forty miles southwest of Nyssa. This shot is looking north just inside the canyon walls after leaving the state camp grounds. It is approximately one half mile from here to the turn-off across Succor creek, and one half mile on "Upstairs" to the beds of Thunderegg. The canyon is known

for its narrowness, high, towering walls on both sides. Also it's rock formations and many hues and colors. The state plans to make a park of this and adjoining area in future years. Some of the land will

be purchased from individual owners and other traded for BLM land.

Norman Watson Given 3 Years

Norman Glen Watson, 26, Seattle, who was found guilty of negligent homicide by a circuit court jury in Vale, Friday, July 11, was sentenced to three years in the correction division of the Oregon State Penitentiary. He was sentenced by Judge Jeff D. Dorroh, Jr., Tuesday in Malheur County Circuit Court.

Watson was charged in the death of Mrs. Connie DeLong, wife of a Nyssa teacher, and mother of two children who were also injured in the collision. Others injured were three persons in the Watson vehicle and the husband of the woman killed.

Watson, a former Nyssan is married and has two small children.

Rummage Sale Set By Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens of the Nyssa area announce they will be holding another rummage sale, beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6 and continuing until most items are sold.

The forthcoming sale of quality rummage will be held in the former Western hotel building, located at the corner of South First street and Good avenue.

Among articles to be sold will be furniture, a group of renovated dolls (suitable for gift items) and good clothing for all ages, including infants' wear and other items for the younger set.

Proceeds will go toward obtaining a permanent meeting place for the senior citizens - one where open house can be held six days each week.

THE 'KING' FAMILY REUNITED IN NYSSA

Ernest King, Malheur Memorial hospital administrator, recently returned from Alaska with his two eldest children, Mary Ann, 20, who was employed by the Office of Economic Opportunity; and Harold, 19, who had just completed his high school education at Seward.

Just prior to that trip, King had made one to Duncan, British Columbia, to get his daughter, Tina Marie, 9, who was a student at Queen Margaret school.

Mrs. King arrived in Nyssa on June 11. The family is residing in a mobile home at North First street and Emison avenue in Nyssa.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
July 16	89	58
July 17	93	60
July 18	94	65
July 19	97	58
July 20	100	60
July 21	96	62
July 22	93	60
July 23	--	60

RESERVOIR STORAGE
7/23/69 601,240 Acre Feet
7/23/68 234,920 Acre Feet

Spud Growers To Get Daily Market Info

The Malheur Potato Growers Association has installed in the County Extension Office in Ontario a telephone equipped with a tape recording of daily potato market information. This is for any interested growers to use as a guide in marketing their forthcoming potato crop. This market information is obtained daily from the National Potato Council in Washington, D. C. One can obtain this information by dialing 889-8939.

Comments concerning its value will assist in evaluating it for another season's use. Inform Warren Henninger at the County Extension Office in Ontario concerning the value of this service.

CITY ACTIVITIES

The City crew will be out tomorrow morning, Thursday and Friday July 24th and 25th in the early morning hours, with the foggin machine to combat mosquitoes and flies. We will use malathion which is suppose to be effective on these insects, but, will not necessarily rid us of gnats and some other insects.

I would also urge the people within the City to help in this matter by keeping their garbage pails closed with a proper tight lid. In driving through the alleys I find numerous piles of old grass clippings which become good breeding grounds for insects. It would be well if these were removed.

While we have a reasonably adequate water supply at this time we must ask the residents to turn-off all sprinklers in case of a fire, when you hear the fire whistle blow. We do not have enough storage capacity to fight fires and also take care of the summer time use.

In reviewing the demand for water it is quite evident that we do most of our sprinkling in the late afternoons and evenings and consequently have no storage left in the tanks at this time. If at all possible it would be well to do irrigating and sprinkling in the early morning hours when we have our tanks full. This practice would be helpful in maintaining water pressures and volume in case of fire.

Fred O. Koch
Nyssa City Manager

SUNDAY PICNIC SET

A family potluck picnic, sponsored by the Treasure Valley Association for Handicapped and Retarded Children, Inc., will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 27, in Lions' park in Ontario.

In addition to covered dishes, those attending are asked to take own table services. Coffee and punch will be provided.

NYSSA THUNDEREGG DAYS SET FOR THURSDAY START

Fourth Annual Event Expected To Draw Thousands Of Visitors

Nyssa's Fourth Annual Thunderegg Days starting Thursday of next week is expected to draw thousands of visitors from throughout the continental U.S. and some Canadian provinces. All is in readiness for the four day event, according to Chairman Wayne Moncur. He said Wednesday that registrations had been received from 20 states and nine provinces, to date, plus a letter from a lady in Australia wanting to make the tour this year.

WIDELY ADVERTISED

The committee has advertised the event in the Lapidary Journal, Gems and Minerals Journal (both having wide national circulation) and the Canadian Rockhound.

In addition the Journal will again blanket the area with sample copies next week in order to inform area residents about details of the program along with the rock, hobby, and art exhibits in the high school cafeteria.

ROCK, HOBBY SHOW

The rock and hobby shows again will be held in the cafeteria. Friday and Saturday the hours for viewing will be from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M., and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 P.M.

Mrs. William (Mary) Marostica, chairman says they must be set up on Thursday in all readiness for the showings. If additional information is needed she can be reached at 372-3379.

GUIDED TOURS

Registration will start Wednesday, July 30, at the South park in Nyssa. Vehicle space will be assigned each visitor at that time.

The guided tours to the Thunderegg beds and other rock deposits will follow the same schedule as last year - starting at 7 A.M. daily, Thursday through Saturday.

JAYCEES BARBECUE

The Nyssa Jaycees will again hold their barbecue in the park Thursday evening starting at 6:30 with food prepared to serve 1,000 people. And advanced ticket sale will be conducted with holders eligible for several prizes at drawings following the feed.

This was one of the highlights of the home entertainment and a real "pleaser" to the rockhounds as well as several hundred local people.

A JOB FOR ALL

The Thunderegg is Oregon's official stone. Nyssa has been declared the Thunderegg Capital of the state, and it behooves every citizen of this and surrounding communities to make all visitors welcome.

ART EXHIBITS

The rock and hobby displays to be set up in the Nyssa school cafeteria will open for public viewing at 10 o'clock Friday morning, August 1. All area residents are urged to participate by showing their rock or hobby collections.

In addition to rock displays, there will be hobby exhibits of art, ceramics, plastics, leather and woodworking crafts.

Registration of all exhibits will be Thursday, beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing all day.

Mrs. Virginia Brandt, chairman of the art department display, reports that all pictures should be framed or matted, ready for hanging.

The rock-hobby show, sponsored by the Nyssa Thunderegg, will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with exact hours to be announced in the July 30 issue of the Journal.

FNB Of Oregon Proposes Stock Split, 5 For 3

The board of directors of First National Bank of Oregon has proposed a five for three stock split, according to an announcement by President Ralph J. Voss.

The proposal will be submitted to the shareholders of the bank at a special meeting to be held Aug. 25, 1969. If approved, the additional shares will be distributed on or about Sept. 12, 1969 to shareholders of record Sept. 2, 1969.

Under the proposal, an additional two-thirds of a share will be issued for each share currently outstanding increasing the total to 5,313,149 shares. The board expressed its intention to establish an annual dividend rate of \$1.20 per share for all stock then outstanding which is the equivalent of \$2.00 per share based on the number of shares currently outstanding. The present dividend rate is \$1.90 per share.

Voss stated the stock split should result in a broader and more active market for the bank's stock. The bank currently has nearly 2,000 shareholders including approximately 1,500 in the state of Oregon.

4-H Comancheros Ride Into Lake Creek Area

On the morning of July 6 at 5:30 a very enthusiastic group of Nyssa 4-H Comancheros met on the Nyssa rodeo grounds to start loading horses for their first trail ride to Lake Creek 4-H Camp. The group included seventeen 4-H members and five adult advisers.

Also on trip were members of the Adrian 4-H Riding club, with Mrs. Rowena Kreager and Mrs. Ilea Hall assisting. Transportation was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stephenson, Bill Richeson, Ron Rookstool, Mrs. Kreager, Axel Stephen, Bud Sappe and Darrell Zinn.

The first afternoon was spent in riding into Little Mud Lake. Every one enjoyed it by getting the kinks out from riding up to camp in cars.

The morning of July 7 came very early for most, with breakfast call at 6:45 and planning of the ride for the day. It was decided to go up to High Lake, which is ten miles north of the camp site. It was a beautiful day, we arrived at the lake about 11:30 and everyone was ready for lunch. Some tried fishing, but without much luck.

We rode on above the lake on the Skyline trail, which provided

a wonderful view of Logan Valley. A cougar track was found on this trail.

The breakfast bell rang early again on the morning of July 8 and again the plans were being made for the day's ride. We decided to go to Slide Lake. It was a little further but everyone was getting into good shape.

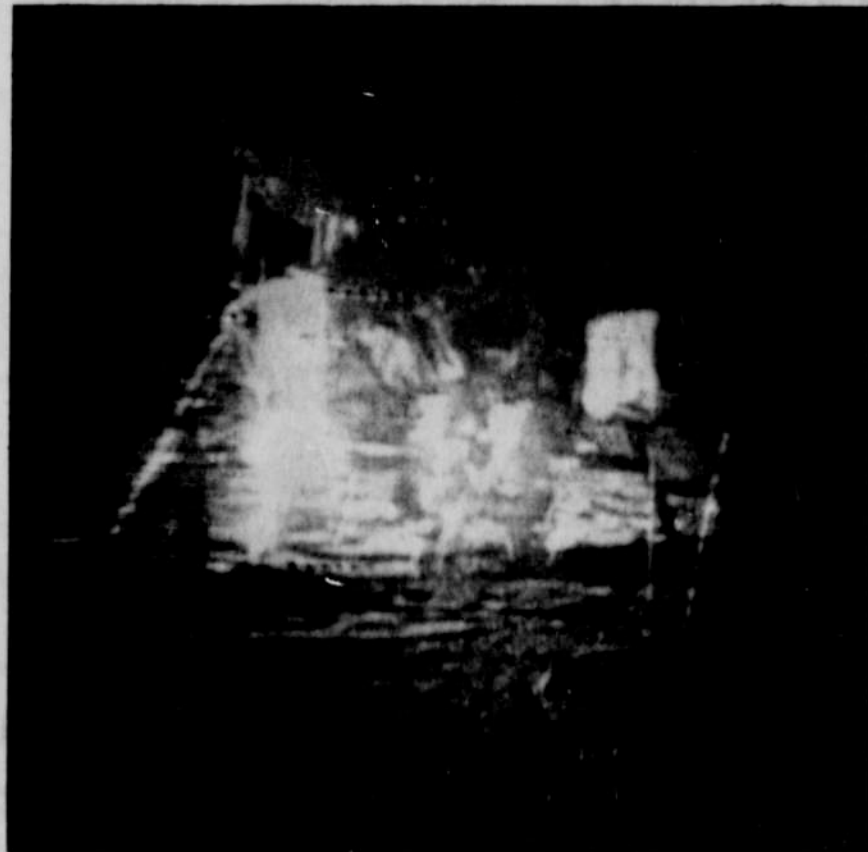
It was a silent journey the first mile or so until our guide, Darrell Zinn, saw a bear track in the trail. Then things started buzzing. It was heard down the line that bears like Palomino horses best and that Carolyn Sells had better return to camp but she decided to stay with the group.

Again that same day more bear tracks were spotted, these were a different variety but somehow looked the same. That night at the dinner table, it was confessed that these were man made. We reached the divide going into the Slide Lake area and found it to be treacherous for some of the less experienced riders so we returned to the ridge to eat lunch.

On the return trip down the mountain several of the riders found arrowhead chippings.

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'ROCKHOUNDS ON THE MOON'



SOON, BUT NOT ON THE MOON — NYSSA will be entertaining earth rockhounds. Instead of spacecrafts, the visitors will be traveling in four-wheel vehicles to accessible rock beds via guided tours. This photo, interference streaks and all, was snapped Sunday evening on the television screen

of Journal publishers, the Brammers. Even though Monday was not a holiday for most of the publication's staff members, all were interested in the 'big shot' and like numerous others throughout the world are looking forward to the safe return of Astronauts Collins, Armstrong and Aldrin.



THIS SPRAY PLANE, OWNED AND OPERATED by Paul Hansen of Ranch Aero Airplane Spraying Company made a forced landing early Saturday morning in a wheatfield on the Glen W. Peterson ranch located approximately four miles west of Nyssa on Alberta avenue. Hansen, who is now working in this area, was spraying an alfalfa field on the Peterson farm. From all indications he dipped the aircraft a little low, catching

it on a fence and fortunately brought it to a halt in the wheat field after crossing a canal road and small irrigation ditch. As shown in the photo, one-half of the propeller is missing, but other damage to the plane was slight and Hansen walked away uninjured. Peterson's crew had been harvesting the wheat, but as the picture indicates, an area of grain around the aircraft had to be left standing. — Journal Photo