

Nyssa Gate City Journal

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\$1,300 Reward For Throwing Of Acid Bag

At their regular meeting yesterday noon the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce voted to add \$200 to the reward fund for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for throwing acid on a Payette woman.

Mrs. Grace Frances Clough was seriously burned about the face the night of June 29 when a bag containing acid was thrown into her car from a passing vehicle. She remains hospitalized at Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.

The fund has now reached \$1,300 underwritten by the Chamber of Commerce of four towns. Payette led off with \$500, followed by Ontario for a like amount. Tuesday of this week the New Plymouth Chamber raised the offer by \$100 and then Nyssa's \$200.

VETERANS' LOANS SET NEW RECORD

A new record for numbers and dollar volume of Oregon veterans' farm and home loans was set in fiscal 1968-69 when 5,980 loans were granted in the amount of \$86,617,100, the Department of Veterans' Affairs reported today.

H. C. Saalfeld, director, said loans were 30 percent over the previous high of 4,622 in 1961-62, and dollar volume was 42 percent above the previous record of \$60,794,600 in 1967-68.

In Malheur County last year, loans were granted to 55 veterans in the amount of \$944,250, compared with 47 loans in 1967-68 for \$757,550.

Since the loan program started in 1945, loans have gone to 691 veterans in this county in the amount of \$6,668,900. Statewide, 68,679 loans have been granted for \$678,156,224. Borrowers have repaid \$348.7 million in principal and \$120.8 million in interest, with monthly repayments currently averaging over \$4.7 million. Of the 68,679 loans, 38,853 were outstanding June 30 in the amount of \$419,598,849.

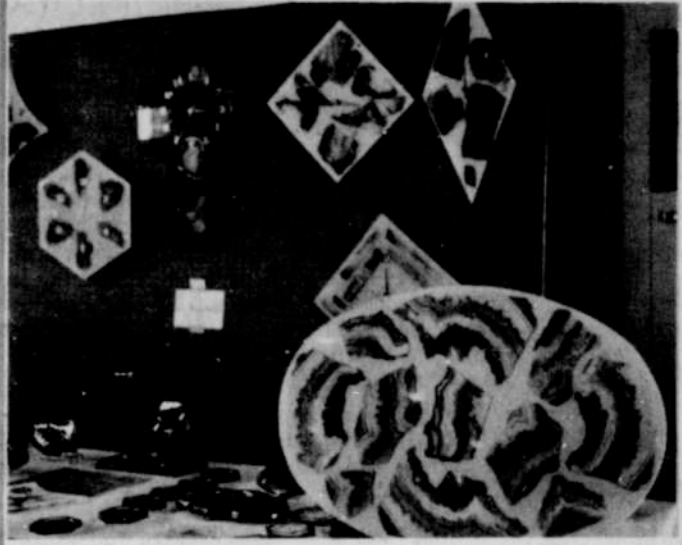
Saalfeld said the loan program continues to earn a net revenue after paying all expenses of the loan program and the service and coordination division, and the State's share of costs for maintaining the rehabilitation programs of veterans' organizations and county service officers.

This net revenue last year was \$2,260,670, down 17 percent from 1967-68 due to higher bond costs. It brings the total earnings since 1945 to \$26,657,023.

Out of last year's earnings, \$410,872 will go to the State's General Fund as a result of an act by the special session of the 1967 Legislature, making a total of \$14,028,446 of loan earnings reverting to the State in the last two years. This leaves the Veterans' department \$12,628,577 of earnings representing three percent of loans and contracts outstanding.

Nyssa Thunderegg Days Now In Progress

Provides Daily Guided Tours
To Three Rock Deposit Areas;
Free Art, Hobby, Gem Exhibits



ROCK AND HOBBY EXHIBITS AS VIEWED BY MANY OUT-OF-AREA VISITORS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS DURING LAST YEAR'S THUNDEREGG DAYS. In the top (left hand) photo is a display of thundereggs, lamps, pencil holders and other items made from various kinds of rocks. In the upper left photo are wall plaques from the collection of Wayne Moncur. He and Mrs. Moncur have about 40 of these wall hangings with colorful stones on cloth backing. In the lower left picture is a table top, clocks, ashtrays, a pen set and other articles made from gems collected by a rockhound. The lower right photo is one of an authentic oil painting by Nyssan Virginia Brandt who is

chairman of the art department display and one who is given much credit for creating artistic interests in the Treasure Valley area. The scene, entitled "Owyhee River Canyon", was painted upstream, by looking down toward Snivley's Hot Springs. The art work was done in the summer of 1965. Names of the exhibitors in the two left hand pictures are not known by members of the Journal staff. Mrs. Bill (Mary) Marostica is serving this year as overall chairman of the rock and hobby show which will be open for public viewing on Friday through Sunday in the Nyssa school cafeteria.

— Staff Photo

IDAHO POWER PROVIDES NEW FREE TRAILER PARK IN FAMED HELLS CANYON

OXBOW DAM -- Copperfield Trailer Park -- fourth major recreation area provided by Idaho Power Company for free public enjoyment in the T. E. Roach Hells Canyon development -- will be opened near here for its first use Saturday, it was announced Wednesday.

The facility, developed at an estimated cost of \$21,000 contains 100 spaces for trailers and campers on three landscaped levels shaded by tall trees, according to Wendell Smith, the utility's recreationalist-fish biologist.

Fifty of the spaces -- those on the upper two levels -- provide electrical, sewer and water hookups, while those on the lower level provide electrical and water hookups only.

NO CHARGE FOR USE

Electricity is made available to the park's users at no cost, Smith said.

Located at the upper end of Hells Canyon Lake, the park also contains rest rooms with showers and an enclosed patio equipped with picnic tables. A boat ramp is located on the lake shore.

Smith said the accommodations are available on a "first come, first served" basis and that users are "requested to limit their stay to seven nights so others may also enjoy them."

"Idaho Power is pleased to open this additional area as an-

Two Nyssa Firms Sold

Dennis Fowler purchased the Beeline service station from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moffis, and they bought the Dollar Diner from John Holt the first part of the week. Both have assumed operation of their new places. Fowler will continue to operate Shell Service and his brother-in-law, Walt Baker, who has been assisting at Shell will take over the management of Beeline. Fowler says the name will be changed to Husky Service.

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LABOR CAMP MANAGER FORECASTS CHANGES IN AGRI OPERATIONS

"Farms will continue to grow in size, less 'stoop' labor will be used, mechanization will increase, wages will continue to rise and farm labor will be unionized." This was the summary of changes seen in the near future by Frank Mercer, manager of Wilder labor camps the past 16 years.

Mercer, a brother-in-law to Chamber Secretary Jake Fischer, spoke at the Nyssa Chamber meeting Wednesday of last week. In addition to managing the two labor camps, Mercer recruits labor for 12,000 acres of farm land growing onions, hops, and sugar beets.

LABOR SHORTAGE

Mercer said that, under a federal law, wages for farm laborers went up in Texas and that there would be less incentive to come to Idaho and Oregon than in the past. This may speed up mechanization as a cheaper means for the farmer to get work done formerly performed by migrants.

"Field laborers constitute the largest groups of unorganized workmen in the U. S. and labor unions are making a concerted effort to get them in the fold," Mercer said. He noted that 10 bills had been introduced in the present congress to permit them to unionize. He described some of them briefly and warned farmers to study this phase of their operations much more closely as "It is surely coming."

GRAPE DEAL FARCE

He described the effort to organize the grape workers of California as the biggest farce pulled on the American public. There are no migrant laborers in the field - they are year-round residents of Delano-get good wages, and, do not want to join a union.

Chavez, he said, was a tool of the Teamsters and other unions who desired a check-off of dues for the money that would go into their coffers. They, along with some religious

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN.
July 23	95	60
July 24	98	62
July 25	92	63
July 26	89	52
July 27	98	52
July 28	98	61
July 29	96	59
July 30	--	61

RESERVOIR STORAGE

7/30/69	581,310	Acre Feet
7/30/68	217,590	Acre Feet

organizations and individuals have supported the grape boycott that has been carried on in the large cities.

WIDELY ADVERTISED

The event has been advertised in the Lapidary Journal, Gems and Minerals (both having wide national circulation) and the Canadian Rockhound. These have reached a wide segment of rock-hunting enthusiasts. And not to be discounted as an advertising method are the hundreds of satisfied visitors to the Thunderegg Capital of Oregon in the past two years who have spread the good tidings by word-of-mouth to their friends and club associates. The many letters received by the committee following the two previous events testify to that. The Journal is again blanketing the area (Courtesy of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce). This will draw few rock hunters but it will let our neighbors

know that they can see a wonderful display of rocks along with various hobbies.

COMMUNITY BARBECUE

The Nyssa Jaycees are again sponsoring a barbecue to be held at South Park on the evening of July 31st. Food will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m. According to Steve Fonda, chairman of the event, the meal will feature barbecued beef (expertly prepared by Bill Wahlert) salad, baked potato and corn-on-the-cob, bread and butter, milk and coffee. Following the meal will be a slide show of the Owyhee country, a drawing for prizes and a community sing.

The Jaycees promise faster

service this year with two serving lines for food. Adult ticket prices are \$1.50, 75¢ for children 6 to 12 and children under 6 are free.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Methodist Church will have an ice cream social Friday night at the home of Ernie Metcalf, 823 Adrian Blvd. from 7 to 10. Cake will be served with homemade ice cream and a choice of coffee or punch. The charge for adults is 50¢ and 35¢ for children 6 to 12. This is only about two blocks from the park where most of the guests will be staying and proved to be very popular with those attending last year.

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DISASTROUS FIRES HIT ONTARIO, WEISER FIRMS

Disastrous fires hit business firms in two neighboring towns early in the week. The first, in Weiser, early Sunday morning gutted Hansen's Globe Furniture store and the second one, Tuesday, damaged Ore-Ida processing plant in a \$1 million loss.

2ND OLDEST BUSINESS

The furniture store, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hansen, was the second oldest business in Weiser, having been built about the turn of the century. It was operated by Bert and Sam Emrich over 40 years and became one of the best known small town stores in the area. Hansens purchased it in 1966. The store was on State street in the downtown section of Weiser and threatened surrounding structures for several hours following the eruption of flames about 8:15 A.M. Fire Chief Stender said firemen and equipment from Weiser and Payette were able to contain it only because there was no wind at the time.

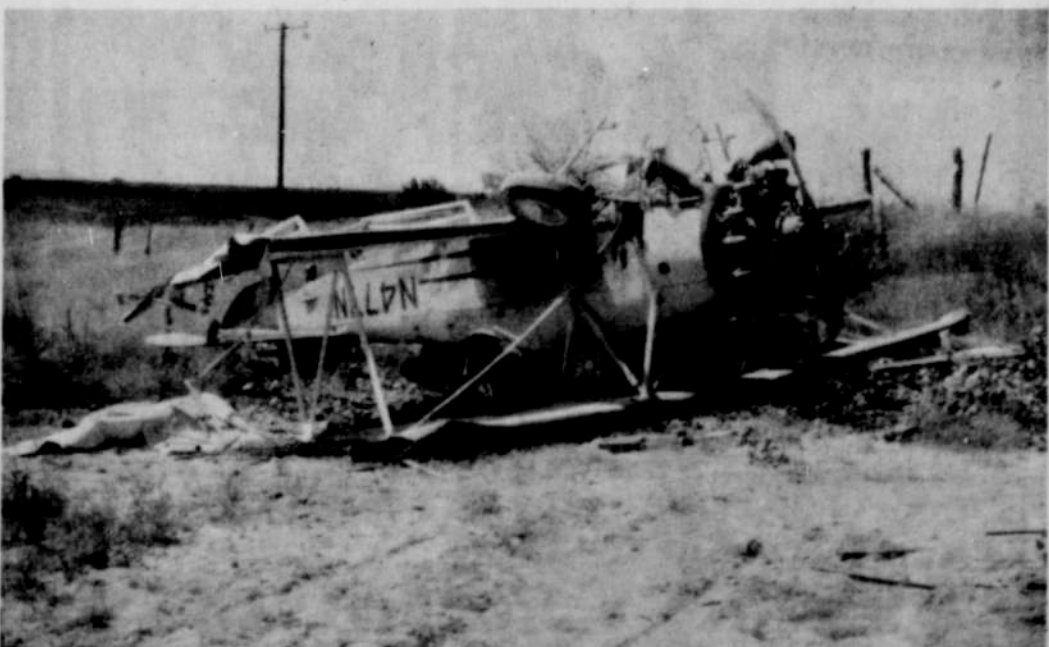
Adjoining businesses suffered damage from water and some plate glass was destroyed from the heat.

OTHER TOWN HELP

The fire at the Ore-Ida plant broke out about 9:30 Tuesday

CUTS CORN PROCESSING

Ore-Ida President Robert K. (Continued On Page 6)



THE PILOT, VINCE BINGHAM, WALKED away from this white spray plane after it crashed around 7:30 Monday morning, coming to rest upside down on the police gun range atop cemetery hill west of Nyssa. Bingham reported he had made one pass over an alfalfa field on the George Saito farm. The aircraft, owned by Paul Hansen of the Ranch Aero Airplane Spraying

Company, was about one-half full of spray when it lost power, the tail wheel caught on a power line and struck some small trees before hitting the ground. Unlike the Ranch Aero plane, pictured in last week's issue of the Journal, this one was considered a total loss. This photo was snapped early Monday by Bob Thompson.



AROUND 11 A. M. WEDNESDAY, THESE OUT-OF-AREA rockhounds were among the many registering for the 1969 Thunderegg Days celebration. In the top photo are Mr. and Mrs. (Marvin and Mildred) Sherrill of Milwaukie, Ore., and their two sons, Larry, 12 (on left) and Robert 18. Mrs. Sherrill holds the family pet, 'Mr. Lucky'. She says he is the best rockhound of all - he usually digs a hole, climbs in and rests while the others actually hunt rocks. The Sherrill family came to Nyssa, enroute home, after attending the National Boy Scout jamboree at Farragut state park, Idaho. Prior to that time, they were rock hunting in Montana and had visited Cable, a ghost town on Cable Mountain, near Anaconda. Mark Moncur, two-year chairman of the Thunderegg Days event, is shown registering them in. Registrant in the lower photo is Art Johnson from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Visiting Nyssa with him are his wife and daughter. He told a Journal reporter that this is their first trip to this section of the country, and they came especially for Thunderegg Days. They also plan to tour other parts of Oregon before returning home. A group of Boy Scouts are assisting with the registration by directing the visitors to their assigned trailer-parking stations.

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