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GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER NO. 131 CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

By Kathleen Wheeler

Golden Rule Chapter No. 131, Chapter of the Eastern Star, celebrated its 50th Anniversary Saturday night, November 22, at the Nyssa High School Cafetorium. Worthy Matron Marie Holmes presided.

The impressive ceremony opened with the invocation by George Cartwright, Worshipful Master of Golden Rule Lodge No. 147. Associate Patron Bob Holmes, under the escort of the Marshall, Della Holmes, presented the American flag. Billie Holmes of the Owyhee Chapter of DeMolay, under the escort of Susan Kouns, Senior Princess of Bethel 33, Job's Daughters, presented the Eastern Star flag. Bobby Holmes, also of Owyhee Chapter of DeMolay, under the escort of Joyce Jennings, Honored Queen of Bethel 33, presented the State of Oregon flag.

Introduced, escorted and presented East were the honored guests, led by Muriel R. Field, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and Fred Rodman, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon. Other Grand Chapter officers presented were Mary Restola, Associate Grand Conductress; Kathryn Rodman, Grand Martha; Roberta Myers, Grand Ada; Dorotha Graham, Grand Marshall; and Florence Jaeger, Past Grand Matron.

Grand Chapter of Idaho guests introduced were Gail Anderson, Worthy Grand Patron; Genevieve Anderson, Grand Electra; Jim Wheelock, Past Grand Patron; and Wayne Woodward, Past Grand Patron.

The officers of Golden Rule Chapter performed a drill, then formed a heart and the charter members were escorted into the center. Blanche Boydell was escorted by her son, Edward Boydell; and Elizabeth Nedry was escorted by her son, Dirick Nedry. The Worthy Grand Matron and the Worthy Grand Patron pinned the 50-year pins on the charter members.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION ALLOCATES FUNDS

The State Highway Commission today formally approved the distribution of \$5,582,402.35 in highway - user tax funds to the 36 counties of the state. The allocation is based on the statutory 20 percent of the period July 1 to September 30, 1969. The funds come from the following source: motor vehicle registration and operators' license fees, gasoline tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier fees, and fines and penalties collected for violations of the size and weight statutes where complaints are made by the Highway Division weighmasters.

The fee to each county is based on the number of vehicles registered in it. Malheur County will receive \$71,196.93 with 18,066 vehicles registered.

Oregon Schools Third In Nation

Oregon stands third in the nation in the effectiveness of its education system, as exemplified by the success with which its young men pass the Armed Forces Qualification Test. Only 7.4 per cent of Oregon 18 year-olds fail to pass it. Minnesota has a slightly better record, at 6.9 per cent. And both are led by Washington, which tops the list of 50 states, having only 5.8 per cent of AFQT failures.

The test itself scores several factors, according to the Surgeon General of the Army. Among other things, he said each individual score "depends on the level of educational attainment of the youth taking it, and on the knowledge he has gained otherwise during his educational training, both in and out of school."

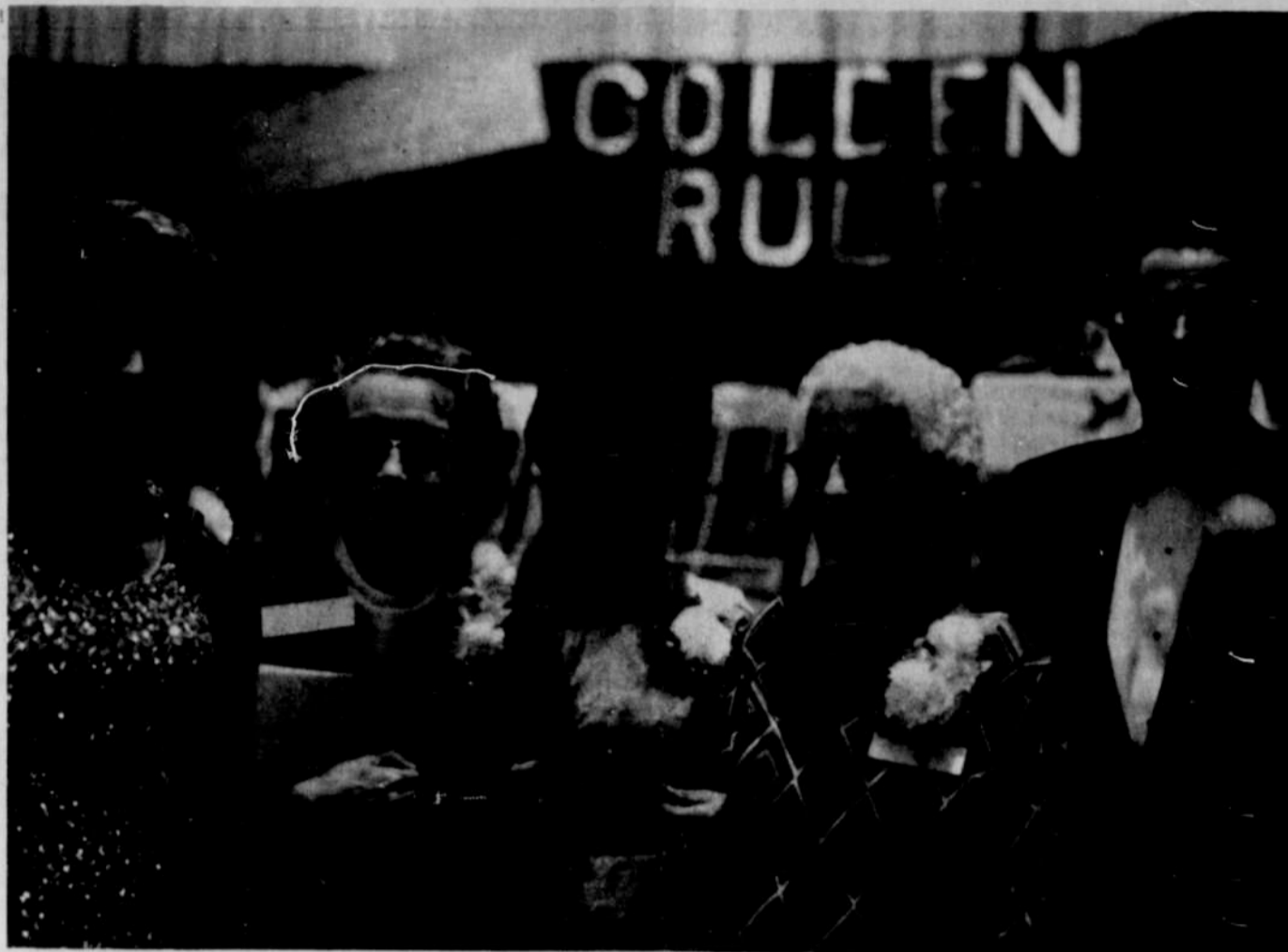
In presenting the Surgeon General's report to the Oregon Board of Education at its November 19 meeting, Dale Parnell, Superintendent of Public Instruction, pointed out that at the same report appears in the current issue of a national publication. Therein it is offered as "the best national index of teacher effectiveness."

"When a child fails, it is the teacher who fails," Parnell quoted the publication as stating. "On this basis, the fact that Oregon stands third in the entire nation is a solid tribute to the quality of teachers in Oregon schools."

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
Nov. 19	45	25	
Nov. 20	46	22	
Nov. 21	44	21	
Nov. 22	48	23	
Nov. 23	43	21	
Nov. 24	47	21	
Nov. 25		24	

OWYHEE RESERVOIR STORAGE	11/24/69	444,820	Acres Feet
	11/24/68	146,720	Acres Feet.



Shown left to right are Muriel R. Field, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Salem; Blanche Boydell, Nyssa; Elizabeth Nedry, Boise; and Fred Rodman, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Oakland. Mrs. Boydell and Mrs. Nedry were honored

with 50-year pins as charter members of Golden Rule. Also honored, but unable to be present for the ceremony was Miss Eva Boydell. The three ladies are the only living charter members of Golden Rule Chapter No. 131 who have remained members of the lodge since its beginning in 1919.

YULETIDE SEASON OPENS IN NYSSA SATURDAY, DEC. 6

Nyssa merchants will officially open the Christmas Season Saturday, Dec. 6, when Santa Claus will make his first appearance at 2 p.m.

The stores are well stocked and all will be in readiness for the entire family. The Journal will again blanket the trading area, compliments of the Chamber of Commerce, with the Dec. 4 issue.

Advertisers are asked to get ad copy in early for better service and in order for there to be no delay in the mailing of this issue at the regular time.

MALHEUR COUNTY FARMERS ATTEND STATE CONVENTION

Nine members of the Malheur County Farm Bureau attended the Oregon Farm Bureau convention in Salem last week.

They were Louis M. Wettstein, county Farm Bureau president; and Mrs. Wettstein; Joe Hobson, voting delegate, and Mrs. Hobson, county secretary; Leland Reif, county insurance agent, all of Ontario; Mamaro Wakasago, Weiser, Idaho; and Kenneth Romans, incoming regional director, and Mrs. Romans, Vale.

Miss Cheryl Mitchell, of Vale was Malheur county's contestant in the Oregon Farm Bureau Sweetheart contest this year.

New representative on the OFB women's advisory council is Mrs. Edison Child of Nyssa, succeeding Mrs. Beryl Bogue, Vale.

Malheur county received the citizenship award for 1969 based on communications with legislators and Congressmen.

AMALGAMATED PAYS GROWERS \$23.5 MILLION FOR FIRST BEET DELIVERIES

Payments totaling \$23,500,000 for first deliveries of the 1969 crop of sugarbeets were made this week by The Amalgamated Sugar Company to its growers in Utah, Idaho and Oregon.

The payments were made to 5,106 contract growers in the three-state area and covered beet deliveries made through October 31. The next payment for this year's harvest will follow on December 1, covering deliveries for the first two weeks of November.

Harvest operations have proceeded smoothly and rapidly in all growing areas served by Amalgamated, Vice President and General Agriculturist Harry A. Elcock said. The harvest should see 3,324,000 tons of sugar beets delivered to the Company's receiving stations by harvest's end, a new record delivery for the Company caused by normal yields on an unusually high

planted acreage. Payments by area totaled \$874,000 to growers in the Company's northern Utah - south-east Idaho district; \$12,600,000 to growers in the Magic Valley of southcentral Idaho, including the new Company district in the Mountain Home region; and \$10,000,000 to Treasure Valley growers of southwest Idaho and southeast Oregon.

Factory operations have been underway for the past few weeks at Amalgamated's five factories. Shortly after the annual 'sugar campaign' began, an all-time high company daily beet slicing record of slightly under 30,000 tons per day was set with the addition of the enlarged processing capabilities of the Nampa, Idaho factory. That plant, which at several times this campaign has sliced at a rate reaching 9,300 tons daily, is now the largest of its type in the United States.

Jensen's Spend Summer On Canadian Ranch; Tell Tall Fish Stories

By Winona Robbins

Have you ever dreamed of spending a summer on a ranch in Canada where you can catch a box full of trout just by placing your box on the bank of a stream or lake and watching the fish jump in? It sounds like a dream, all right, but Clay and Mamie Jensen say it's true and it happened to them this summer. And, since Clay and Mamie have been Nyssa residents for many years and have always been considered honest, who's to say this is

just another tall fish tale? Clay and Mamie spent three glorious months on the two-million acre Gang Ranch located about 53 miles from Clinton, Canada in the Frazier River country. Managed by Mamie's brother, who also is a brother of Mrs. Evelyn Kelly of Nyssa, Melvin Sidwell and sons, the ranch is owned by Floyd Skelton and Bill Studdert of Idaho Falls. It consists of 1500 acres farm ground with the balance of its million acres in timber, meadow, and lakes. An additional million acres are leased from the government for one dollar an acre per year. There are twenty-five good sized lakes, each one alive with trout.

Lumbering is a major part of the total operation with hauling going on day and night. The farming operation itself consists of 450 acres of tall corn which yields 30-tons of silage per acre. About a third of the 1500 acres is sprinkled, the rest corrugated. There are 10,000 head of beef cattle and 300 saddle horses.

This vast operation requires the help of a minimum of 30 men year round, some of whom eat and sleep at the ranch. They earn \$175 - \$200 per month, plus board and room. Others with families make \$225-\$250 monthly. Homes are scattered on different sections of the ranch with eleven families living on the home ranch.

Gang Ranch has its own store, post office, diesel power plant, and a school for its 18 first to seventh grade children. Older kids attend school in town at a Baker enroute each way.

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ATTEND ANNUAL OSBA CONFERENCE

Superintendent W. L. McPartland, Deputy Clerk Mary Saltee, and School Board Member Dick Tensen attended the annual Oregon School Boards Association convention in Portland last week.

Air West Starts New Schedules To And From Portland

Air West will start a new five-day-a-week schedule between Ontario and Portland which will be a great improvement over past schedules.

The new flight, No. 94 will leave Portland at 7:10 a.m., PST, and will arrive in Ontario at 10:11 a.m. MST.

Flight No. 91 will leave Ontario at 5:09 p.m., and will arrive in Portland at 6:10 p.m. The "mini-liner" will stop at Baker enroute each way.

UNION PACIFIC STARTS DAYTIME SERVICE TO PORTLAND NEXT WEEK

The Union Pacific Railroad has filed a new train schedule with the Public Utilities Commission, and starting December 7 passenger service between Nyssa and Portland will be a daytime service.

10 minutes earlier than under the present schedule. Further questions on the new service will be referred to Ralph Armstrong, Union Pacific agent at Nyssa.

Under the new schedule Train 18, the Portland Rose eastbound will leave Portland at 7 a.m. and arrive at Nyssa at 6 p.m. Train 17, the Portland Rose westbound will leave Nyssa at 12:34 p.m. and arrive at Portland at 10 p.m. Under daytime service the Union Pacific will operate lounge and dining car service from and to Portland.

The scheduled stopping times for the Portland Rose at stations in Oregon under the new service will continue to be rendered at all stations in Oregon where it is presently available.

Under the new time schedules the arrival and departure times of Train 106, The City of Portland, eastbound has been changed. Under the new service train 106 will arrive and depart

CASCADE NATURAL GAS PAYS MALHEUR COUNTY TAX BILL

A check for \$12,235 was delivered to the county treasurer this week by Calvin Key, district manager for Cascade Natural Gas Corporation in Ontario.

This represents the utility's first quarter 1969-70 payment of county property taxes in Malheur County.

The full year's taxes amounted to \$48,941, an increase of \$148 over the previous year. Taxes paid to Malheur County by Cascade Natural Gas in the past five years total \$209,818, Key said.

IDAHO-OREGON UNION PROMOTION COMMITTEE BUSY

The Idaho-Oregon Union Promotion Committee with offices at Parma, Idaho has made available in-store union promotional material to approximately 1,473 chain store divisions, brokers, and receivers of unions.

The efforts of the Promotion Committee are to further increase the usage of Idaho-Oregon Sweet Spanish onions, reports Warren Henninger, Malheur County Extension Agent who is adviser to the committee.

The mailing as to the availability of this material was made September 30. To date, as a result of this first mailing, approximately 24,000 promotional kits were distributed. Each kit consists of two onion banners and a price card, reports Henninger.

E. D. Michaelson, committee manager, reports that requests for this promotional material have been received from at least some of the divisions of all the major chain stores in the United States and many smaller chain stores have requested material for all of their stores. In addition, many brokers and receivers have asked for this material. Requests have come from all over the U.S. and Canada.

In January, the Promotion Committee will be making a second mailing of this in-store promotional material, reports Henninger.

Ullman Hails Ammunition Control Repeal

Congressman Al Ullman hailed repeal of ammunition control regulations by the House today as "a recognition that common sense must prevail in the law making process." The House approved the Interest Equalization Act (HR12829) by record vote of 333 to 47 that included repeal of registration requirements for all sporting ammunition except .22 caliber rimfire. The Senate has already approved a similar version of the bill.

Ullman, who said that the registration requirements are unacceptable because of "the inconvenience and harassment for sportsmen and dealers," noted during the House debate that he has introduced a bill that would also exempt .22 caliber rimfire ammunition from registration requirements.

"I hope that the House will begin study of this proposal at an early date," Ullman told his colleagues.

Vocational Students Outnumber Others In Junior Colleges

Vocational courses and others related to vocational education showed an unduplicated headcount of 51,967 students in the 12 Oregon Community Colleges, Carrol deBroekert, Associate Superintendent for Community Colleges and Career Education, told the Oregon Board of Education at its Portland meeting November 19.

The total of students engaged in preparing for vocations contrasts with 22,744 enrolled in lower division collegiate courses, deBroekert said. Vocational students represented 65 per cent of the total state enrollment in community colleges.

Those in the courses from which they may transfer at conclusion to four-year institutions of higher learning amount to 28 per cent of the total. The remaining seven per cent, or 5,888 students were taking non-credit courses.

Men outnumbered women in the total enrollment by 10 per cent, deBroekert's figures showed.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ASSUME OFFICES ON CITY GOVERNMENT DAY

Nyssa High School seniors again were city officials for the day, a custom that has carried on for many years. Each year members of the modern problems class assume the public offices to which they are elected by their class-mates, and with their regular counterpart in city government learn firsthand the problems of city administration.

Under their instructor, Max Brittingham, they assembled at Nyssa City Hall Thursday, November 20. Mayor Cecil Morrison and City Manager Fred Koch briefed the students, then the students visited each of the

various departments, and later had lunch with the government heads at Brownie's Cafe.

Attorney Stephen Fonda addressed the group at noon, and talked about the role and importance of law in our lives, and the responsibility of being a citizen.

Lutz Kliche, foreign exchange student from Germany, was acting mayor for the day. Serving as councilmen under him were Janice Okano, Roxy Mason, Barbi Wilt, Lissa Nishitani, Karen Zerbel and Gary Sadimori.

Doug Garner filled the post of City Manager, and other de-

partment heads were Larry Miner, Municipal Judge; Robert Peterson, City Attorney; David Wilson, Police Chief; Harold Christenson, Fire Chief; Joyce Jennings, Health Officer; Marty Somers, City Librarian; Bill Zikmund, Street Department head; Susan Kouns, City Clerk; John Elguezabal, Water Superintendent; and Craig Lewis Park Superintendent.

City Manager Fred Koch said that the students were exceptionally attentive as they made their rounds of city government, and he feels that they are better equipped to be informed citizens after a day spent with municipal officers.



Acting Mayor Lutz Kliche (center) is surrounded by his City Councilmen on City Government Day. They are (left to right)

Gary Sadimori, Barbi Wilt, Lissa Nishitani, Janice Okano, Roxy Mason and Karen Zerbel.



Acting as department heads for City Government Day were (l to r) Larry Miner, Susan Kouns, Joyce Jennings, Harold Christenson, Doug Garner, Marty Somers and David Wilson. Standing are Mike Glenn and Bill Zikmund.