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GOVERNOR APPOINTS TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE NUCLEAR POWER SITES

Governor McCall has announced establishment of a Nuclear Siting Task Force manned by 10 heads of key state agencies. The new body will operate as a sub-committee of the Governor's Nuclear Development Coordinating Committee.

Created for the purpose of evaluating proposed locations for nuclear power plants within Oregon, the task force will receive and investigate sites which will—at intervals—be submitted by utilities systems. "Paramount in the duties of this task force," McCall said, "is to make certain that any such building site would not in any way jeopardize our prime concern: the protection of Oregon's incomparable environmental quality."

Listed as probing concerns for the group are such considerations as the prevention of pollution in all forms and the absolute protection of the state's people, water, air, land resources, wildlife, fisheries, and aquatic life.

Evaluation procedures will involve the calling of public hearings about the site in question and the enlistment of aid from any or all of Oregon's central agencies. The task force also expects to work closely with officials of local government as a means of assuring all-Oregon cooperation in this new field.

Findings in all investigations will be reported directly to Governor McCall and to the parent group—the Nuclear Development Coordinating Committee.

L. E. Wilkenson, state nuclear coordinator, will serve as chairman. The rest of the panel will comprise the heads, or designated representatives from, the Agriculture Department, the Environmental Quality Commission, the Fish Commission, the Game Commission, the Public Utility Commission, State Board of Health, State Engineer, State Department of Geology and Mineral Studies, and the Water Resources Board.



Officers of the bank shown around the table in the new conference room are, left to right, Wally Beckett, vice-president and Eastern Oregon regional manager; Joe Martin, operations officer; Donald Young, manager; Earl Dressler, executive vice-president; Harold Zadow, assistant vice-president; and Ray Baugh, press relations officer.

GAME COMMISSION MAKES CHANGES FOR FISHING, BIRD HUNTING

Two changes to the Snake River angling regulations will go into effect January 1, 1970. A "fishing for fun" regulation for the Sturgeon was recently adopted by the Oregon State Game Commission. The new regulation states that all sturgeon caught must be immediately released unharmed back into the river. Many anglers have been requesting this rule. Population studies have shown that the number of legal size sturgeon have been declining even though good numbers of smaller and larger sturgeon were found. The Idaho Fish and Game department had adopted this same "fishing for fun" regulation.

The second regulation change will reduce the trout limit on the Snake River from 15 to 10 fish per day. This move makes the daily and possession limit for trout the same as on other eastern Oregon streams.

CHUKAR SEASON ENDS
Upland game bird hunters are reminded by the Game Commission that the chukar, Hungarian partridge, valley and mountain quail season ends December 31. This is a change in the regulation from previous years when the seasons extended into January. Game biologists in the northeastern part of the state believed the earlier closure desirable to protect the bird population from over harvest. In times of deep snow many chukar and quail would concentrate around cattle feedlots. At these times the birds were subjected to heavy and constant pressure.

The waterfowl season extends into the new year in Malheur and the other Columbia Basin counties. The duck season closes January 18. The seasons on goose, merganser and coot end January 11, 1970.

H. J. HEINZ CO. UPS DIVIDENDS

The Board of Directors of H. J. Heinz Co. today voted to increase the quarterly dividend on the company's common shares from 21 to 23 cents, payable January 10, 1970 to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 22, 1969. Today's dividend increase was the fifth in the past 29 months.

The company also announced that it is filing today with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement covering 1,675,000 shares of its common stock, of which 1,500,000 shares will be offered by the company and 175,000 shares will be offered by the Howard Heinz Endowment, a charitable trust. The shares will be offered to the public by a nationwide group of underwriters managed by Morgan Stanley & Co.

SANTA RETURNS

Santa will make his final appearance for 1969 in Nyssa on Saturday, December 20. He will be at the Library Meeting Room from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. with treats for the children and will listen to their Christmas wishes.

The Jolly Old Gent will make brief appearances in the main street stores following his interviews at the library.

MANAGER REPORTS VANDALISM ON OUTDOOR LIGHTING

City Manager Fred Koch said that there had been a rash of vandalism on outdoor Christmas decorations. The hoodlums have been stealing light bulbs and breaking them.

If caught they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, according to Municipal Judge A. C. Sallee.

There is no excuse for this senseless vandalism, Koch said, and anyone noting this malicious destruction of property could help stop it by calling the police immediately.

LARGE CROWDS HELP TO OPEN NEW NYSSA BRANCH OF U. S. NATIONAL BANK

Over two thousand visitors passed through the new U. S. National Bank of Oregon Monday as the bank opened its doors for business.

Malheur County Treasurer Jean "Pat" Bond cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony, then spoke a few words. She noted that this is the second new bank to open in Malheur County in 1969, an indication of the area's economic growth.

Other dignitaries who spoke at the brief ceremony were Nyssa Mayor Cecil Morrison; Earl Dressler, U.S. National's executive vice-president; Bob Franklin, master of ceremonies and the bank's public relations representative; and Don Young, manager of the new Nyssa branch.

After the dedication the doors were opened to the public, and a constant flow of people passed through the bank until closing at 8 p.m.

Of interest was the Treasure Chest, with each visitor given a key to unlock it. Ninety-two lucky keyholders unlocked the chest, and they won a total of \$740.

Manager Don Young said that he was most gratified with the response of Nyssa area residents. He said that four new U.S. National Bank branches were opened in Oregon this month, and the Nyssa opening was the largest. Bank employees from La Grande, Baker, The Dalles, Halfway, Ontario and Vale assisted in the opening. In addition to the home office personnel from Portland.

Manager Young said that he particularly wanted to thank the several Nyssa High School seniors for their help. They blew up the balloons, served refreshments, and were of great assistance throughout the long day.



Shown cutting the ribbon in the dedication ceremony is Pat Bond, Malheur County Treasurer. Looking on are Earl Dressler, U.S. National executive vice-president; Nyssa Mayor Cecil Morrison; and Donald Young, bank manager.

Blood Drawing Nears Quota, Nets 139 Pints

A good turn-out for the blood drawing last Thursday resulted in 139 pints of blood being given to the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Eight persons were rejected, and the drawing fell a little short of the 150 pint quota set by the committee.

Ruth Allen, chairman of the blood drawing committee, and representing the Jay-C-Ettes, wishes to thank all donors and all committee members who made the good showing possible.

and particularly those members of the Malheur Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She also wishes to thank Stephen Fonda for his article in the Journal on the need for blood by several area youngsters.

Amalgamated Sugar Company employees had the largest turnout of any group, and won the travelling trophy. Art Cartwright was awarded a 5-gallon pin; Ethel Lawrence the 4-gallon pin; and Harold Kasmann and Harold Alexander were each given the 1-gallon pin.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND CHORUS WILL PERFORM TONIGHT

The Nyssa High School Band and Chorus is presenting their annual Christmas Concert tonight at 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Primary Building. Admission is free, and parents and friends are invited to attend.

The young musicians will sing and play a program of sacred and secular Christmas music. The symphonic band will climax the program with Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" and a medley of Christmas Carols from all over the world.

The band is under the direction of Craig Northrup, and the choir is directed by Gary Condon.

Budget Board Will Observe Class Routine

The Budget Board Members plan to meet each Thursday for lunch at the cafeteria. Following lunch they will break up into small groups to spend some time visiting classrooms, the resource center, shops and all phases of the curriculum.

The Board will become acquainted with the teachers and various school programs. This will aid them in making budget decisions concerning the Nyssa school system.

The School Board authorized the opening of the high school gym week-ends starting January 9 and 10. Mr. Charles Chapman will be in charge of the gym. Saturdays the gym will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

EOC SPONSORS COLLEGE COURSES

Three courses, sponsored by Eastern Oregon College, will be offered in Ontario at the Weese Building at Treasure Valley Community College this winter term, starting on or after Monday, Jan. 5, according to Dr. Floyd C. Hill, director of continuing education at the college.

Three-hour courses in Reading in High School and Contemporary American Literature will be offered if professors are available. Information may be obtained by telephoning Leroy Paulsen, 437-3138. Howard Anderson, EOC associate professor of education will teach Principles and Practices of Guidance Services Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m., Saturdays from 9 to 12 noon for five weekends beginning Jan. 9.

Students may register during the first two meetings of any class.

WORK PROGRESSES ON ORE-IDA PLANT

Dale McLane, Public Relations director for Ore-Ida Food, said that work is progressing on schedule in rebuilding the burnt out section of the plant, and the target date for completion is still February 1, 1970.

McLane said that most of the roof supporting columns are now up and the freezing tunnel walls have been completed. Part of the roof is in place, and construction is to the point where the interior layout and size of the building can be easily seen. He said that within a relatively short time after the roof is on the walls will be placed, and as they are made of prestressed concrete, they will go up very rapidly.

The raw potatoes in storage are keeping well and barring any extraordinary problem, they should be processed according to plans.

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



CHRISTMAS SEALS FIGHT EMPHYSEMA TUBERCULOSIS AND AIR POLLUTION



ALIENS MUST FILE ADDRESS REPORTS NOW

C.W. Johnson, District Director, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised today that the annual alien address report program is again under way.

According to Mr. Johnson, 24,012 aliens reported their addresses last year in the State of Oregon. The number this year is expected to be slightly larger.

The Immigration official pointed out that the address reports are required by law and willful failure to comply with these requirements may lead to serious consequences. Forms with which to make the reports are available at all Post Offices and Immigration and Naturalization Service Offices. It is an easy matter to fill out one of the cards and return it to the same office.

Mr. Johnson added that trained personnel will be on hand in all offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to answer any questions the reporting aliens may have regarding Immigration and Naturalization matters. Sufficient trained personnel are not available to furnish this assistance in all Post Offices.

Early Journal Next Two Weeks

The Journal will be printed and mailed on Tuesdays each of the following two weeks for the December 25 and January 1 issues. This will enable all of our readers to receive their papers before the holidays.

Please bring in your news and ad copy by Monday noon each week in order to meet the deadline on these issues.

LOONEY RETIRES FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE

Clifford Looney, Malheur County District Attorney, announced today that he is retiring from this office effective January 1, 1970.

Looney said that he will remain in the area, but is not at liberty to announce his plans until after the first of the year.

TVCC Starts Art Class For Children

An art class for children ages 9-12 will be offered at Treasure Valley Community College winter term. The class will meet Thursdays and Fridays 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in the Art Building and will be taught by Julie Remmerde. Learning experiences will include painting, drawing, ceramics, stitching, printmaking, tie-dyeing and weaving. During the holidays, pre-registration for this class will be taken by Mrs. Goin, secretary of Continuing Education at Treasure Valley Community College. An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, January 8 at 4:00 p.m. in the Art Building on campus.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
Dec. 10	31	22	
Dec. 11	45	40	.14
Dec. 12	46	37	.16
Dec. 13	46	38	.22
Dec. 14	49	33	
Dec. 15	46	30	
Dec. 16	40	33	
Dec. 17			.02

OWYHEE RESERVOIR STORAGE	12/15/69	456,240	Acres Feet
	12/15/68	161,350	Acres Feet.

Thunderegg Sculpture



Shown above is the metal sculpture mounted on the west wall of the U. S. National Bank. Created by John Richen, it tells the story of the "Thunder Egg". The sculpture is 14 feet wide by 7 feet tall.

The lower circles represent the core of the earth, where millions of years ago fiery avalanches of molten rock poured out and flowed over the land. The large angular bodies on both sides of the large circle represent the erupting force that formed Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson.

The Indian legend tells us that Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson

would often fight by hurling rocks at each other. They believed that the Mountain Gods had robbed the nests of the Thunderbirds to have their fearful, thunderous battles; hence the legend and the name of Thunder eggs evolved. The large, uncut stones represent the nests of the Thundereggs, and the stones which bridge between them represent their fight.

The Thunderegg is officially the state rock of Oregon, and Nyssa is the Thunderegg Capital of Oregon. Now that we understand it, the sculpture seems quite appropriate.

NFO DELEGATES RETURN FROM NATIONAL CONVENTION

Robert Deboard and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Peterson, Canyon County NFO delegates and members, returned home from Louisville, Kentucky, this week following the largest and most successful national convention in the history of the National Farmers Organization.

A record 14,000 voting delegates attended two days of meetings, which charted the future of agriculture and strengthened the position of the family type farm in Rural America. It was the largest farm convention in American history. Delegates heard fact-backed reports from various commodity department heads, calling attention to price increases being received by NFO members for their products through the NFO collective bargaining program.

Growth of the organization also was reflected by the reports of many new commodities added to the bargaining program.

"For the first time in the history of agriculture, a coordinated bargaining program in all 48 states of the continental United States is operating or has the capability of operation, which makes the NFO structure a total collective bargaining structure", President Oren Lee Staley told members in his State of Affairs message.

Delegates were warned that the first two years of the 70's will decide whether the family type farms or corporate ventures will supply the nation's foods.

The NFO announced a "gigantic" organizational drive this winter, designed to contact every farmer who is not a member of the NFO and ask him to join.

Staley pointed out that rural business men also have a large stake in the battle for Rural America survival. "In corporate agriculture structure, small business men will go down the drain along with the farmer."

Delegates were told that stepped-up bargaining efforts will be designed to secure more contracts and to improve the contracts the NFO already has in operation, and to secure added block bargaining.

The NFO still regards its holding actions of various farm commodities as a major factor in winning goals. Spot holding actions will be used as needed and now are in use on such products as grain sorghum, durum wheat and some other feed grains in various areas.

Staley, of Rea, Missouri, was re-elected national president and Erhard Pfingsten, Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, was re-named vice-president.

ONION SHIPMENTS TOP LAST YEAR

The onion situation for Western Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon remains about steady with the demand being slow for Jumbo Yellow Sweet Spanish onions, reports Warren Henninger, Malheur County, Oregon Extension Agent. The market is slightly stronger for yellow mediums with good demand. Yellow Sweet Spanish U.S. #1 50# sacks 3 inch and larger are 2.50 - 2.65 with most being 2.60 with the 2 - 3 inch size being 1.80-2.00. Whites 3 inch and larger are 3.75-4.00 with the 1 3/4-3 inch being 3.90-4.00.

As of December 1, 1969 onion shipments are 114 carlots ahead of a year ago with 4,102 carlots of onions remaining in storage. This compares to 4,615 carlots remaining in storage for December 1, 1968. Onion shrink is ranging from 18 - 30%, reports Henninger.

USE CHRISTMAS SEALS



The Nyssa High School varsity wrestling team, left to right front row, is Richard Beck, Mark Hartley, Joe Bernal, Gary Sadamori, Kirk Cleaver and Kyle Lassiter. Back row, Dan Haney, Curtis Reece, Ken Church, Mark Peterson, assistant coach Henry Mendazosa, and head coach Mel Calhoun.