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DISTRICT WRESTLING TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN NYSSA SATURDAY

Saturday, February 21 will be a busy day in the Nyssa High School gym. Wrestlers from eight high schools in Eastern Oregon will start hostilities at 9 a.m. as Nyssa hosts the District Wrestling Tournament.

There will be approximately 104 matches in the first round. Then at 2 p.m. the second round matches will get underway with another 104 matches on the three mats.

The evening session starts at 7:30 p.m., with the first four places to be settled. First and second place winners will be eligible to enter the Oregon State Wrestling Tournament at Corvallis in March.

Last year the Nyssa grapplers, under the guidance of Coach Mel Calhoun, won the district championship at Watonka, and took second place in the state tourney. From this championship team Mark Hartley, who took 2nd place in the district last year, will wrestle in the 106 pound class.

Dan Haney also claimed a 2nd place finish last year at 141 pounds, and Curtis Reece, who took a first in the 141 pound division, will lead the Nyssa group in their quest for their 3rd district title in the last 3 years.

Other outstanding Nyssa grapplers include Jim Beck at 98 pounds, Gary Sadimori at 123 pounds, Kirk Cleaver at 130 pounds, and Kyle Lassiter at 136 pounds.

The other teams in the tournament will come from Burns, John Day, Madras, Enterprise, Sherman County, Watonka and Vale. Each team is allowed to enter two boys in each of the 13 weight divisions. Each match consists of three 2-minute rounds unless a pin ends the match.

The afternoon session starting at 2 p.m. pits the winners of the morning matches against each other, while the losers wrestle for consolation positions.

The evening matches involve the winners of the consolation bracket at 7:30 p.m., who will be wrestling for 3rd and 4th places. The championship matches starting immediately afterwards at about 8:15.

All in all some 250 matches take place in one day; twenty six boys will emerge eligible for the state tournament; and thirteen happy lads will be crowned district champs.

It's a great spectacle and one that only comes this way once in a long time.

Nyssa High School Wrestlers



Above - Richard Beck, 98 pounds; Kirk Cleaver, 130 pounds; and Gary Sadamori, 123 pounds.



Above, right - Ken Cannon, 141 pounds, Mark Hartley, 106 pounds; and Curtis Reece, 148 pounds.



Right - Dan Haney, 141 pounds and Kyle Lassiter, 136 pounds.

MALHEUR COUNTY WATER STORAGE ABOVE NORMAL

Malheur County water users can expect excellent water supplies this summer.

S. Duane Town, District Conservator for the USDA Soil Conservation Service, Vale, Oregon, said today that above normal temperatures and a January rainfall that was 267 per cent of average caused heavy runoff at intermediate and lower elevations. Inflow to Owyhee reservoir was 3 1/2 times the average amount. The snowpack as of the first of Feb. is 70 per cent of average.

Mountain soils are saturated except on the upper Owyhee in Nevada where they contain 75 per cent of normal moisture. Reservoirs are storing excellent amounts of water for this time of year and most will be nearing their capacity by April 1.

The Middle Fork of Malheur near Drewsey is forecast to run 180 thousand acre feet for the Feb.-July period or 162 per cent of its 111 thousand acre feet average. As of Feb. 16, Warm Springs Reservoir has 143,165 acre feet with water being drawn out at from 350 to 430 cubic feet per second. According to Ed Bates, manager of the Warm Springs Irrigation District, January's precip. was 3.02 inches.

The North Fork of Malheur at Beulah is forecast at 116 thousand acre feet for the Feb.-July period or 153 per cent of the 76 thousand acre feet

average. As of Feb. 16, Beulah Reservoir has 39,425 acre feet.

Owyhee Reservoir net inflow is forecast to be 600 thousand acre feet for the Feb.-July period or 137 per cent of its 438 thousand acre feet average inflow. As of Feb. 17, the Owyhee is storing 649,460 acre feet of water.

Snow cover at Eldorado Pass was 12 inches deep with 5.4 inches of water. Soil moisture in the Malheur River Basin is 100 per cent of average and 92 per cent of last year's. Eldorado Pass had good soil moisture down to 10 inches.

For the state the stored water supplies are better than for several years. Twenty-six reservoirs are holding 2,016,000 acre feet. This is 118 per cent of average.

The warm temperatures and rainfall during the month of Jan. depleted much of the low elevation snow. The higher elevation snowpack absorbed much of the rain, however, and is above average. The high country snowpack ranges from 100 to 160 per cent of normal.

Fashion Show to Aid Heart & Cancer Fund

Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. the Heart Fund and Cancer Fund will receive profits from a Bee-line Fashion Show and Orthovent Shoes. Mr. Jim Leslie, County Heart Chairman, and Mr. Bob Humphries, County Cancer Chairman, will speak.

The public is invited and tickets are 25¢ from the local hostesses, or will be available at the door. Local residents will model fashions. The benefit show will be held at the Boulevard Grange.

Smith Files For JP Office

E. Otis Smith, Nyssa, filed today to succeed himself as Justice of the Peace, Nyssa District. Smith has served since May, 1964 when he was appointed to fill out the term of Don Graham. He was then elected to a full term in 1966.

Oregon Events Off The Press

For the person looking for something to do in Oregon during 1970, the first printing of Oregon Events 1970 offers almost 450 activities, it was announced today by Forrest Cooper, state highway engineer.

This annual schedule which is published by the State Highway Division offers a vast variety of events ranging from circuses to county fairs, from community theater to the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, and from science show to horse racing. Whatever your delight, it is there.

The schedule is compiled by the Highway Division's Travel Information Department with the cooperation of the various chambers of commerce and other organizations throughout the state. It is revised several times throughout the year so it can be constantly updated and of service to all involved. Copies of the schedule may be obtained by writing to the Travel Information Department, Room 101, State Highway Building, Salem 97310, or by asking at the local chambers of commerce.

Van Ure Named Top Operator

The Adrian Soil and Water Conservation District held its annual meeting at the East Side Cafe in Ontario on Monday, February 16 and named its outstanding operator of the year for 1969. He is Ira (Van) Ure, Jr. who farms in the Nyssa area. Ure was cited by district officials for carrying out outstanding conservation practices such as the installation of concrete ditches, land leveling and alkali reclamation, in developing his farm for maximum crop production.

Other action saw the election of three district supervisors to fill vacancies created by the expiration of terms of office. Hans Salomon and Harold Wright were re-elected while David Bunch of Oregon Slope was elected to represent the north end of the district.

Mark Pratt of the Adrian High School was given a plaque for winning the county and area Soil and Water Conservation District speech contest. He presented his speech to the group.

Malheur Soil And Water District Meets

The Malheur Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its annual meeting in Vale on Feb. 23 according to Ray Belnap, chairman of the district's Board of Supervisors. The meeting will start with a no-host dinner at the Golden Slipper at 7:30 p.m.

Reports of the district's activity for the past year, a treasurer's report and the election of 3 supervisors will be on the agenda of the meeting. Ray Belnap will report on district activities in 1969. The treasurer's report will be given by John Smit. An election will be held to fill the expired terms of district supervisors, Ray Belnap, Lewis Johnson and John Smit.

Entertainment for the session will be furnished by Burrell Lovell. He will show slides covering his trip to Italy last year.

Master of Ceremonies for the meeting will be Lewis Johnson. Belnap says that all persons interested in soil conservation are invited to attend the meeting.

ADRIAN PTA HOLDS SMORGASBORD

The Adrian PTA Smorgasbord will be held Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Grade School Cafeteria. Serving time will begin at 5:00-8:30 p.m. Darlene Thomas of Ridgeview is chairman of the smorgasbord. Kay Scott, Redgview; Jinny Hill, Newell Heights; Jean Duncan, Adrian; Helen Osborn, Kingman Colony; Edna Lee Stam, Owyhee; Barbara Asumendi, Sunset Valley; and Thelma Miller, Big Bend are all chairmen of their community.

Marjory Cameron is ticket salesman. Tickets will be sold by grade school students 6,7 and 8 grades and by the High School Chorus. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. \$1.50 Adults .75 Children under 12 \$6.00 Family The menu is as follows: Turkey and Dressing, Swedish meat balls, baked salmon, baked ham, fried rice, vegetables, salad, pie, cake, ice cream, and drink.

Library Shows Paintings Of Margaret Sage

Featured for viewing enjoyment at the Nyssa Public Library during the month of February is art work done by Mrs. Margaret Sage.

Titles of paintings on display are "Sunset", "Tetons and Jackson Lake", "Pheasant", "Lizard Butte" and "Oregon Coast."

Born in Meridian, Idaho, Mrs. Sage lived in Owyhee County until the age of 14. She graduated from Nampa High School and now resides in Nyssa.

Mrs. Sage started drawing when she was a little girl, but didn't begin painting until 1964. She has studied under artist Kim Kimmerring of Boise and Kenneth O'Connell of Ontario.

Regular viewing hours at the library are Tuesday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 o'clock to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 12 o'clock to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 12 o'clock to 6 p.m.

Sen. Hatfield Co-sponsors Timber Act

Senator Mark Hatfield said today that "Administration support of the National Timber Supply Act now before Congress should be welcomed by all Oregonians."

"As a co-sponsor of the Senate version, I believe that the Act will not only protect wilderness and recreational area, it will help provide stability for the lumber-based industries which are so important to the economic health of Oregon."

"I have repeatedly said that the nation needs pure wilderness areas where man can be free of all encroachments of man. We also need easily accessible recreation areas so that a majority of the population can get into the forests and enjoy their pleasures."

MALHEUR POTATO GROWERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Malheur County Potato Growers Association Directors met last evening and elected new officers for the coming year. The new president is Joel Mitchell of Nyssa replacing Ray Russell of Nyssa; the new vice-president is Fred Deffer of Nyssa replacing Joel Mitchell; and the new treasurer is Sam Uchida of Ontario replacing Isao Kameshige of Ontario. Warren Henniger, county extension agent, was reappointed secretary of the association.

The directors recently elected to the Association for two year terms are: Jim Nakano, Ontario District replacing Isao Kameshige; Fred Deffer, Director-at-large replacing Sam Hartley; Wesley Roberts, Oregon Slope District, re-elected; Joel Mitchell, Nyssa-Adrian District, re-elected. Those serving their second year are: William Panke, Oregon Slope District; Ray Russell, Nyssa-Adrian District; Sam Uchida, Ontario District; Max Barlow, Vale District; Chauncey Steele, Harper District; Roy Hirai, Nyssa Director-at-large.

TAX BASE INITIATIVE WILL BRING STABILITY TO SCHOOL FINANCING

Built-in benefits to taxpayers and guaranteed basic programs for all Oregon school children are features of a Constitutional amendment welcomed as "the first essential wave of reform in financing schools" by Dale Parnell, state school superintendent, in a talk in Tizard last week.

A citizens support group for the initiative petition to establish new tax bases for all school districts was launched at Oregon Education Association headquarters as The Committee for Stable School Finance.

The measure, sponsored by the OEA, Oregon Association of School Administrators and Oregon School Boards Association, amounts to a "fair tax limitation," Parnell told the citizens group.

New tax bases are no panacea or cure-all but would provide a major breakthrough in bringing some stability to school finance, he said.

Since some two-thirds of Oregon's 356 school districts now have no tax base and annually must go to the voters for money to operate, and since other districts have a tax base originating in 1916, the provision for establishing new tax bases is long overdue.

(In 1916 Oregon voters through an initiative measure locked the six percent limitation into their Constitution. This requires any taxing unit, such as a school district, to hold an election for approval of a tax levy that would exceed its new tax base established by adding six percent to any base used in the previous three years. Computation of the tax base also is specified in the Constitution. Many school districts do not at present have tax bases because of reorganization involving new districts since 1916 or because of the loss of tax bases for other reasons.)

Parnell reminded his listeners that in 1969-70 only 19 school districts were able to operate within their existing tax bases, and 495 school budget elections were required last year before voter approval was given to all budgets involved. Not only are repeated budget elections costly in money, time, and torn communities, but instability and unpredictability of school financing leads to poor management, he said. The inability of administrators to do long-range planning contributes to inefficient use of resources.

The initiative petition would keep the six percent limitation in the Constitution but it would establish updated tax bases for every school district. These would be computed from a tax base that will approximate the total current operating budget, thus assuring funds for a basic educational program in every district. Elections to exceed the tax base would be prohibited and elections to establish new tax bases in the future would be limited to two a year with specific dates set by law. (Last year some districts had four or five elections.)

The measure also gives the Legislature Constitutional Authority to provide for additional growth in tax bases to reflect increased enrollment, and to limit the amount of increase to less than six per cent so the economy of the state is indicated.

Besides a realistic tax base to provide adequate operating revenue for a basic program, and besides limits on increased levies and on repeated elections the measure will benefit local taxpayers by providing that state Basic School Support Fund money will serve to offset the tax base. This means that instead of adding BSSF money to locally-raised money, all future money appropriated by the Legislature for school support will be distributed as property relief tax, Parnell said.

He urged all citizens concerned about the quandry of school finance and the quality of education in Oregon to work for passage of the initiative measure.

LOCAL STUDENTS MAKE HONOR ROLL AT OREGON STATE

Names of local students who made the scholastic honor roll fall term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 182 OSU students made the straight-A honor listing and another 1062 qualified for the B plus or better honor roll.

Local students included are: Ralph J. Carter, Engineering; George F. Heider, Engineering; Lois J. Seuell, Home Economics; Barbara Tensen, Education; and Robert V. Ure, Agriculture.

Community Concert Star

Shari Anderson, soprano, is one of three gifted young American artists who comprise the COLUMBIA OPERATIC TRIO. The others are Tenor, Melvin Brown and Bass-baritone, Jack Davison.

They will be heard Tuesday evening, February 24 at 8:15 p.m. in the Ontario High School Auditorium in another fine attraction of the Community Concert series.

Providing delightful entertainment consisting of operatic excerpts, semi-classical numbers, and Broadway show tunes, they have all performed in a variety of media in major musical centers with enormous success. Each member of the trio has been chosen for his past and present achievements as well as for his future potential.

Youth, talent, attractiveness and spirit make this one of the most delightful ensembles to be heard today. Next Tuesday's concert should provide for a delightful evening.

Malheur Labor Sponsors Elect Directors For Two Year Terms

The Malheur Labor Sponsors Association held their annual meeting last Friday at the East Side Cafe in Ontario. Thirty-five grower members and interested individuals attended this meeting and enjoyed a luncheon, courtesy of the Association, reports Warren Henninger, County Extension Agent and secretary to the group.

Everett Heldt, secretarial manager for the Amalgamated Sugar Company, reported on the operations and finances of the Labor Sponsors Association for 1969. He reported that 2,613 laborers were registered at the four labor camps in Malheur County. This compares to 2,605 for 1968.

The Labor Sponsors Association agreed to go on record as supporting the Murphy Bill which would put farm labor under a separate agency as opposed to the Williams Bill which would put farm labor under the National Labor Relations Act.

It is becoming quite apparent that with increased costs of operation, the improvement and upkeep of labor camps to meet more stringent regulations, there is a need to increase the amount invested by the growers and users of camp housed labor, reported Everett Heldt after presenting the Association's financial report. After much discussion, the Association agreed to increase the dues collected from growers of sugar beets, potatoes and onions to operate the Association from the present level of \$1.00/acre to \$1.25 acre.

Jackson Heads Girl Scout Drive



Wilton Jackson will chairman an independent drive for funds for the Girl Scouts of Nyssa, starting February 23 and lasting throughout next week. This drive is to help support the Silver Sage Girl Scout Council, and all funds received will be used entirely in this area.

In the past few years the United Fund drive in this country contributed to the Girl Scouts, but this past year there was no United Fund, so each town must raise their own money.

A group of Girl Scout's fathers will visit businesses in Nyssa during the week to ask for contributions to this organization, and the girl's mothers will contact Girl Scout parents for their support.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Feb. 11	49	28	
Feb. 12	49	31	.01
Feb. 13		37	.22
Feb. 14			
Feb. 15	47		
Feb. 16	58	32	
Feb. 17	53	39	.02
Feb. 18		32	

	OWYHEE RESERVOIR STORAGE
2-18-70	652,140 Acre Feet
2-18-69	341,650 Acre Feet