

**NYSSA POLICE SEEK APPLICANTS**

The Nyssa City Police are now accepting applications for one patrolman, according to Police Chief Alvin Allen. Applications may be picked up at the City Clerk's office before March 15, 1971. Applicants must be 21 to 35 years of age, High School graduate or G.E.D. equivalent required, some college preferred. Applicants will be required to pass written examination and extensive background investigation.

**Ullman Asks Railpax To Continue Service**

Congressman Al Ullman urged the new National Railroad Passenger Corporation to continue rail passenger service to eastern Oregon. Ullman said this service was critical to cities and towns in eastern Oregon which are "attempting to improve their economic condition and attract new business and industry to the area. This endeavor will cer-

tainly be hindered by a lack of rail transportation for rapid, dependable service."

In a letter to the new chairman of the Rail Passenger Corporation, David Kendall, Ullman noted that such cities as Nyssa, Ontario, Baker, La Grande and Pendleton now rely heavily on Union Pacific for rail passenger service.

If the Railpax system as proposed by the Administration is instituted, Ullman said, all of eastern Oregon would be without rail passenger service. Ullman urged Kendall to review the situation and "provide adequate rail passenger service to the area."

**Nyssa Students View Paintings**



Over 60 students of the humanities from Nyssa High School were on the College of Idaho campus Monday to view the IBM collection of Nineteenth Century American Painters in Jewett Exhibition Center. Prof. R. Max Peter spoke to the touring group which was headed by Clyde Swisher, chairman of

the NHS English Department. He is shown here discussing a Thomas Cole painting, "Mountain Chocorua," with Martha Heider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Linegar. Special arrangements have been made to keep the exhibit open the final day, Sunday Mar. 7, for public viewing between 1 and 5 p.m.

**THE 56TH LEGISLATURE**

By Robert F. Smith, Speaker of the House and Sen. Anthony Yturri

The millions for the increase in state support for local schools will come from the realignment of priorities in the budget recommended by Gov. Tom McCall.

Action last week by the Ways and Means Committee has underscored the intention of the Legislature to place its first priority on state aid to local education.

The Committee approved an increase of \$24.9 million in state assistance to local education for the coming two years.

If this major boost is approved by both Houses--and strong bipartisan support is expected--the present level of state support will be maintained for the next biennium.

In addition, if fiscal responsibility is followed in the local budgeting process, the need for property tax increases to fund primary and secondary education will be minimized or eliminated.

The Ways and Means committee based its decision upon a growth and inflation factor of 6 percent per year.

Thus, school districts would be able to increase their operating budgets by this amount without seeking additional revenue from property taxes.

The Committee, in its budget notes accompanying the action, encouraged local school districts to exercise economy in their operation to remain within the 6 percent figure.

Specific legislation to encourage school districts to remain within this growth guideline will be discussed in the coming weeks.

When this philosophy was first announced by Republican leadership in the early days of the session, the response from school districts was gratifying.

Many districts immediately adopted resolutions announcing their intention to assist the state in its efforts by voluntarily limiting their budget increases.

These districts realize--as does the Legislature--that a period of economic downturn when many citizens are hard-pressed financially is hardly the time to seek additional taxes to finance the operation of government services.

Basically, this means that the funds will be realized through cuts in budget requests from state agencies and departments.

It must be emphasized that the Legislature will not seriously curtail or emasculate worthwhile state programs. However, great care will be taken in approving new programs, and the Ways and Means Committee will be highly selective in authorizing increases for existing programs.

With the cooperation of local school districts in limiting costs--and we will be discussing specific methods to force compliance--pressure will be taken from the property tax while at the same time providing for the demonstrated needs of primary and secondary education.

This effort to meet the needs of education while minimizing the use of the property tax dollar will also be followed in legislative considerations of the next step up the education ladder--community colleges.

Republicans in the House have already endorsed a 6 percent per year increase in the operating expenses of community colleges plus a 50 percent increase in the Governor's recommendations for capital construction funding.

These increases would be appropriated on a per-student basis, so that rapidly growing community colleges can meet the needs of their expanding enrollments without seeking further funding through property taxes.

We will continue to emphasize that these contributions--as significant as they are--are considered a beginning only. Our attempts to find additional funds for these programs will continue.

And, although these efforts fall far short of the massive financial restructuring needed, they are a step in the right direction and deserve the support of all citizens.

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**Nurses Aide Class To Start**

Ernest King, hospital administrator, announced that applications are being accepted on a class for nurses aides. The class will start March 15 and anyone interested is asked to enroll at the hospital. Complete details were not available at press time Wednesday.

**GROWERS SPONSOR ANTHONY HILDER**

The Malheur County Growers Association will sponsor Anthony Hilder in a talk at Treasure Valley Community College tonight (Thursday) at 8 p.m. His subject will be "Psyco-political Warfare and WINNING."

Mr. Hilder is a noted producer and director of films, and is currently the Public Relations Director of COBRA (Committee Opposing Bigotry and Racism in America).

The public is invited to hear Hilder speak, and the admission is free.

**Set-Aside Acreage To Aid Crop Supply And Demand**

Acreage set-aside provisions of the new farm legislation will serve national needs as well as benefit participants in the farm programs, according to Blaine Girvin, Malheur official for farm programs.

By putting cropland into conservation uses, farmers will help prevent production of farm products beyond domestic use and export market needs while at the same time saving good cropland for future use when needed. So reports Blaine Girvin, Chairman of the Malheur Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee.

He also pointed out that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has eliminated for 1971 the requirement that set-aside acres must have produced a crop for harvest within one of the three preceding years.

This requirement was changed, he said, because many producers have already made their farming plans for 1971 and in some cases have proceeded with land preparation, including fertilization, based on their familiarity with previous operation of farm programs.

Nearly all producers have made credit arrangements, purchases of machinery, and other financial obligations based on prior program regulations regarding land set aside from production. Under these circumstances, enforcement of the new regulations for 1971 would have created an undue hardship on many U.S. producers.

Girvin said that while the set-aside land need not have been in crop production during the last three years, it is required that the acreage have a production potential equal to the average productivity of the farm. ASC county committees, he said, have the responsibility for seeing that this re-

**Gun Safety Program Open For Members**

The 4-H Gun Safety Program is now open for new members. The first meeting will be held Saturday, March 6, at 11 a.m. in the conference room of the library.

Harold Kurtz will be in charge of the meeting and stressed the fact that if anyone interested in the program could not attend March 6th, to call him for different arrangements. He also stated that the program is open to anyone interested but they must be 11 years old by January 1, 1971 to take the course.

The Hunters Safety Program will be taught to these new members so as to provide them with the qualifications needed for the 4-H Gun Safety Program.

Another article on the activities of the present 4-H Gun Club is also in this issue of the paper.

**Barrel Racing Clinic In Vale**

Sammy Thurman, National Champion Barrel Racer, will hold a Barrel Racing Clinic in Vale, Oregon March 22-24 sponsored by the Malheur County Rodeo Board. The clinic will begin at 3 p.m. Monday (March 22) and end at noon Wednesday (March 24) and is to be held in the Shamrock Arena at Vale. Oregon public schools and colleges will be having Spring vacation during these dates and this will allow students to also attend the clinic.

The clinic, which is open to all those interested in becoming better competitors, will feature personal instruction by Miss Thurman, plus films and slide presentations showing proper technique. The final morning a jackpot will be held with only those attending the clinic entered. A saddle blanket will be presented by Miss Thurman to the winner, and a saddle will be given to one of the clinic entries.

**Dog Aware Of Fire Awakens Master**

Charley and Peg Zinn are mighty happy their dog didn't go for the smell of smoke! The dog was asleep in the garage and the Zinns had reclined for the night when the dog became disturbed due to the smoke caused by some malfunction of the furnace in the basement of Zinn's house. The dog scratched on the window of the utility room until he awakened the couple, enabling them to call the Nyssa Volunteer Firemen in time to save their home.

Firemen worked from 12:25 a.m. Sunday until 2:25 a.m. when finally the flames were extinguished leaving extensive damage by smoke throughout the house and with some minor water damage.

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