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IRRIGATION DITCH BREAK NEAR HARPER THREATENS 400 MALHEUR FARMS

A break in the main feeder canal of the Vale, Oregon Irrigation District did extensive damage to the Bill Winnaford farm east of Harper early Tuesday and some 400 farms are out of water until repairs can be made.

Discovered about 1:30 a.m. by Clayton Shira, son-in-law of the Winnafords, who rents the farm, the water was still rushing through the huge gash in the canal bank at 8:30 a.m. Water had been turned off at the diversion dam but had not drained enough for crews to begin work repairing the hole.

Water first ran across a pasture carrying debris and some large boulders. Then it began to cut a channel which is several hundred feet wide and from 20 to 50 feet deep. The rushing water undercut the banks which then would fall into the stream and the water would begin to cut away more of the bank.

Below the pasture was a field just ready to be planted to potatoes. This was covered with mud and water over a large area with several smaller channels cut through it and a corn field below the spuds was completely ruined. Then water spread across brush and pasture land.

The county was making extensive improvements to the county road in that area and water was spread out across the road for one-half to three-quarters of a mile and had cut through the road bed in at least one place.

Union Pacific Railroad officials said they were trying to get a crew into the area and had heard that about a mile of track is under water.

The present break is about four miles upstream from the site of a large break last year which was repaired then and cemented this spring. Structure of the soil and the hill where the canal is built is such that it lends itself to sliding when it gets wet. The soil is on top of shale rock. Ditch company officials thought perhaps a badger or rock chuck burrow had caused a leak in the canal which then washed out into a huge ditch.

Shira reported the break to Joe Coleman, ditch rider in the area, when he heard the water rushing by shortly after 1 a.m. Water was then turned off but it takes about eight hours for the canal to drain.

Irrigation company officials said that it is doubtful crops will suffer too much damage this early in the season as weather is still fairly cool. It is hoped that repairs can be completed in a week to 10 days.

Damage to the farm is considerable and it will take some time to make repairs there. Filling and leveling would require so much time that it will not be possible to plant and harvest crops where the gully washed and where the mud and debris has spread over the fields.

The ditch company said it did not know how much of the damage would be covered by insurance.



This gully was carved by water from a Vale, Oregon Irrigation district canal which broke near Harper early Tuesday morning. The canal break caused considerable damage before the water could be shut off. The water covered

the Union Pacific railroad and a county road, then dumped its mud and debris into the Malheur River. 400 farms are without water until the break can be repaired, which could be from a week to 10 days.

RODEO BOARD ORGANIZED BY NYSSA SERVICE CLUBS TO STAGE FUTURE SHOWS

Representatives of five service organizations met at the Nyssa Library meeting room last Friday evening, and as a result of this meeting a Rodeo Board was created to insure the continuance of the Nyssa Nite Rodeo.

Lynn Snodgrass was elected the board's first president. Snodgrass has had many years of rodeo experience, and has helped the Owyhee Riding Club put on successful rodeos for many years. Elected vice president was Ray Rankin of the Nyssa Lions Club, and Bill Stults, representing the Chamber of Commerce, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Board members elected were Larry Larson, Nyssa Jaycees; Melvin Munn, Nyssa Chamber of Commerce; Bill Keeney, Nyssa Lions; Don Bowers and Bud Sappe, Owyhee Riding Club; and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou, representing the Oregon Trail Grange.

The meeting was called by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, with Dirck Nedry presiding. Jake Fischer, chamber secretary, served as temporary secretary of the meeting. Also present were Don Somers, master of the Oregon Trail Grange, and Doug Patterson, president of the Nyssa Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Nyssa Nite Rodeo was sponsored by the Owyhee Riding Club for many years, and in recent years has been put on by the Nyssa Jaycees. It has become too much of a task for just one organization to handle, and after several meetings with concerned individuals it became clear that a rodeo board with help from all of the organizations was needed for the continued success of the rodeo.

Scheduled dates for the rodeo are July 9-10, and President Lynn Snodgrass is in contact with a carnival and a rodeo stock producer who have agreed to appear on those dates. The rodeo board will announce definite plans at a later date.

A contest to select a rodeo queen and princesses will be held during the PeeWee Rodeo May 28 and 29, and a call will be made for all girls to participate in the contest. Further details will be made available, and in the meantime interested girls are requested to contact Don Bowers, chairman of the PeeWee Rodeo.

Last year's rodeo played to sell-out crowds both evenings, and the new board feels that rodeos in the future can be just as successful with members of the whole community behind their efforts.

Rep. Smith Asks Governor For Local Migrant Sponsor

Oregon House Speaker Robert F. Smith has asked Gov. Tom McCall to designate a local sponsor for migrant workers involved in the Malheur County OEO program.

Smith, who represents Malheur and Harney Counties, asked McCall's assistance "to guarantee that irresponsible and blatantly militant individuals do not dominate the OEO program" in Malheur County.

He noted that Malheur County "faces serious problems regarding sponsorship for the migrant workers" and said his recommendation was made "in the hopes that a peaceful and intelligent settlement of this question can be realized."

Smith wrote: "I would strongly recommend the designation of responsible local sponsorship for the migrant workers involved in the OEO program, and I respectfully solicit your assistance in seeking this designation."

Smith told the Governor that the Malheur County Court had been suggested as a possible local sponsor, and he said "this designation would meet with the approval of those who are involved."

Lions Tour Sewage Plant

Members of the Nyssa Lions Club were given a tour of the recently completed Sewage Plant by City Manager Fred Koch.

Koch told the Lions that over 90% of the pollutants are removed before the effluent is discharged into the river, and the plant is designed to provide adequate sewage treatment for a population of 5,000 persons.

The legislator said the Malheur County sponsorship "would provide the opportunity for local people to deal effectively and responsibly with local problems, a worthwhile goal of both the McCall administration and the Nixon administration in Washington."

Smith said the question of sponsorship has involved Treasure Valley Community College as well as many concerned citizens in Malheur County.

Playoffs for the championship of District 7A2 will be held Friday and Saturday at the NHS baseball field, with the Nyssa Bulldogs playing Madras.

Originally scheduled for last Friday, the games will be played for sure this week, according to Athletic Director Mel Calhoun. The second game will start at noon Saturday, with the third game to be played immediately after if necessary.

FORMER NYSSA TEACHER DIES

Word was received Tuesday by Mrs. Mary Hatt that Vale Hagey, who taught in the 3rd grade of the Nyssa Elementary School for 14 years, passed away in a Goldendale, Wash., hospital Monday, May 16, after a long illness.

Mrs. Hagey is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Joy DePew, and a granddaughter, Bobbi, in Goldendale; her mother in Union, Oregon; two brothers and two sisters. Interment will be in Union. No further information was known at press time.

SKINNER HONORED FOR 49 YEARS ON SCHOOL BOARDS

A man who has served his county's schools for 49 consecutive years was honored Tuesday night at a dinner at the Eastside Cafe. S.I. Skinner, better known as Kirt to his many friends, has served on several school boards over the years and if these were added up, would total 62 years. He is a Jordan Valley rancher who has lived all of his nearly 80 years in Malheur County.

A group of friends who had served with Skinner on the present Intermediate Education Board, staff members and several family members were all guests at the surprise dinner.



He has served on as many as three boards at one time and when time came to file for reelection to the IED board this year, he declined to run. IED Supt. Leroy J. Paulson commented that Skinner's sacrifice over the years was tremendous when one considers evenings spent on the road, hours in meetings and miles traveled. And he spoke of Mrs. Skinner's assistance which was necessary for the man to be able to make his contribution to education.

Also honored during the evening was K.I. Peterson of Adrian who had served with Skinner on the board for the years between 1948 and 1966. Both men were presented with folders listing their fellow board members through the years.

NHS Baccalaureate - Commencement Exercises Slated At 8:15 Sunday

* Processional - "Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar
Nyssa High School Band

* National Anthem - "Star Spangled Banner" Francis Scott Key
Nyssa High School Band

* Invocation The Reverend Eridene Johnson
First Christian Church

Saxophone Royale David Bennett
Nancy Wilson - Alto Saxophone

Student Speech Mary Haburchak
Co-Salutatorian, Class of 1971

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Scripture Reading The Reverend Robert Manley
Pastor, Church of the Nazarene

Student Speech Jeanine Saito
Valedictorian, Class of 1971

Shades of Gray Paul Simeone
Nancy Bale, Tony Rigney, Bill Winn, Mark Hirai, Gary Condon

Presentation of Scholarships Duane Buchtel
Guidance Counselor and Coordinator

Presentation of Class Gene L. Chester
Principal, Nyssa High School

Presentation of Diplomas W. L. McPartland
Superintendent of Schools
. Victor R. Haburchak
Chairman, Board of Directors, District 26

* Alma Mater - "Blue and White" Audience

* Benediction The Reverend David Martinez
Pastor, Latin Assembly of God Church

* Recessional - "Grand March from Aida" G. Verdi
Nyssa High School Band

* Audience Stands

COLLEGE OFFICIAL TALKS TO CHAMBER

Ed Haynes, dean of faculty at Treasure Valley Community College, was the speaker at the regular meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday at Brownie's Cafe.

Haynes told of the effect the budget losses had on faculty and students at the college, and discussed enrollment, accreditation and problems faced by the college. He thanked the Nyssa community for the support given in the past, and hoped that more of the citizens would accept and support the college in the future.

Oregon Dairy Princesses will be the feature attraction at the next regular meeting on June 2.

Pee Wee Rodeo May 28 - 29

The Nyssa 4-H Comancheros are again sponsoring the PEE WEE RODEO with five events being featured. They are bucking ponies, bucking calves, barrel races, pole bending and goat tying.

Application blanks are now at the Home Extension office in Ontario, at Tack and Togs in Ontario, and at the home of Mrs. Ruby Osborn who is Rodeo Secretary. She may be called at 372-2738 for information regarding the rodeo or applications. The Rodeo Board would like to have all applications in by Thursday evening at 8 p.m.

Any child from age one up to 14 years of age may participate in the rodeo and are urged to do so.

An added feature this year is a Pee Wee Rodeo Queen. There will be a ceremony for the Queen and her presentation will be at the Friday Evening Show.

Bob Smith and Sons Carnival will be on the grounds. Dates for the rodeo are May 28 and 29, with evening shows starting at 7:30. Don Bowers is chairman of the event.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
May 12	81	50	
May 13	69	55	
May 14	72	39	
May 15	80	41	
May 16	57	40	.03
May 17	60	37	
May 18		35	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
5/19/71 715,000 Acre Feet
5/19/70 715,000 Acre Feet

Blood Donors Give 122 Pints

The Blood Drawing held May 12th at the Eagles Hall in Nyssa came close to their quota of 150 pints. There were 122 donors and 10 were rejected, it was reported by Mrs. Alvin Allen, chairman for the Jay-C-ettes.

Those receiving two-gallon pins were LeRoy McLay, Mrs. Katura Dickson, Mrs. Mary Lann and Mrs. Florence Lewis; receiving four-gallon pins were W.L. McPartland, William (Bill) Wilt and Dick G. Tensen.

Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence, chairman for the Malheur Memorial Hospital, report that the Nyssa Blood Procurement Committee wishes to thank all the people who gave blood, and an equal thanks to those who came but were rejected. Also a "thank you" to Dr. David Sarazin, all the volunteer help and the First Baptist Church women for being hostess group. A "thank you" to Hal Henigson for printing reminder cards, and last but by no means least, a special thank you" to the Gate City Journal for their always more than generous publicity, without which we would never get our needs known to the public.

Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions for helping set up and take down equipment, and to Barbara Bosselman and Jean Jefferies for baby-sitting.

REMEMBER THE VET BUY A POPPY SAT.

Poppies will go on sale Saturday May 22, it was announced by Mrs. Herman Towne, chairman for this year's Poppy Day.

Assisting the American Legion Auxiliary women will be volunteers Lori Lane, Janet and Carolyn Lassiter, Rosie Estrada, Ann Dority, Barbara Bosselman, Lori Cleaver, and Linda Singletary. They will be selling poppies on Main Street and door to door in residential areas.

Throughout the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy program, more than \$300,000 is paid annually to needy and disabled service men and women who make the memorial flowers. All contributions received from Poppy Day go directly to aide disabled war veterans and members of their families.

School Budget Turned Down

The Nyssa school budget for 1970-71 was turned down by patrons of the school district Monday at the budget election by 40 votes. 552 cast the ballots, with 296 voting No and 256 Yes votes.

School district directors have not made a decision as to a second vote as of this date.

Honor Students of Nyssa High School



Chosen as the top eleven students of NHS are: (seated) Ruth Carol, Jeanine Saito, Marv Haburchak, (standing) Keith Oldemeyer, Martha Heider, Mardi Tensen, Ron Sarazin, Nancy Wilson, Cindy Shy, Dallas Frederikson, and Lurelle Robbins.

Elementary Teachers Honored



Four teachers with 78 combined years of service to the Nyssa Elementary School were honored Tuesday afternoon with a party in honor of their retirement. Shown, from the left, are Mildred Elliott with 21 years; Madge Thomson, 17 years; Nelda Schenk, 23 years; and Mary Hatt with 17 years. Their fellow elementary school teachers presented each with a rose, and refreshments were served.