

# Jeanine Saito Garners Valedictorian Honors

With a 3.95 GPA Jeanine Saito has been named NHS's 1971 valedictorian. Both Nancy Wilson and Mary Haburchak with a 3.87 grade point average will act as co-salutatorians.

Jeanine is very active at NHS as an associated student body treasurer, managing editor of the BULLDOG and a member of German Club and FHA. Recently she received a \$25 award for being selected as Elks Most Valuable Student Award. Jeanine also works part-time at the Nyssa Public Library.

After graduating, Jeanine plans to attend University of Oregon and major in journalism.



JEANINE SAITO

Mary Haburchak plans to attend Oregon State University and major in Home Economics.



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# Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

The 1971 Legislature, which will adjourn before the end of the month, has faced-up to the monumental task of meeting the legitimate needs of government without resorting to a large tax increase.

When the lawmakers convened in January, everyone recognized that Oregon was in the midst of a grave fiscal crisis.

One veteran legislative correspondent correctly assessed the situation in December, when he wrote that solons would be facing "the worst money problem in years, and perhaps in history."

Taxpayers held their breath as spending requests for state agencies and departments were nearly double the amount of revenues available.

Pressures mounted on all sides for a massive tax increase. Educators asked for large infusions of new taxes, County governments asked for more taxes. City governments asked for more taxes.

Some legislators joined the bandwagon by proposing a whopping \$140 million increase in income taxes.

It seemed as if everyone was demanding a tax increase. Everyone, that is, but the taxpayers.

And those of us in the Legislature who recognized our responsibility to the taxpayer by opposing large tax increases were soundly criticized for failing to live up to our "responsibility."

Ironically, those who have screamed the loudest about the need for tax increases have, in the past, consistently nipped to death every tax proposal considered by the Legislature.

They beat their chests about the need for major tax overhaul and reform, but solid proposals in the past have always met with their highly negative reaction.

They can always find something in any proposal upon which to base their opposition. They don't like the distribution formula. Or they don't like the method used. Or they don't like the political party which possesses the courage to propose, rather than oppose. One way or another, they find an excuse.

These critics will realize one day that the "no new taxes" position was really determined by the overwhelming majority of Oregonians who communicated a hold-the-line message to their legislators.

And, the Legislature is supposed to serve the people, not the other way around.

The message from Oregonians clearly meant that any type of tax referral would be doomed to certain defeat. And to place a doomed measure on the ballot could hardly be construed as meeting responsibility.

Legislators who stood firm to this position in the face of heavy pressures said that a period of economic distress for our citizens must be a time of government belt-tightening.

They said that it would not be responsible to add to the financial difficulties of the taxpayers by increasing their burden by a large amount.

They said that demonstrated government needs could be met -- and that top priorities could be realized -- without dipping ever deeper into the pockets of the taxpayers.

And they were right. With the job nearly completed, we find that no worthwhile state government programs have been emasculated or eliminated.

We find that careful surgery on state budgets resulted in the largest dollar contribution to primary and secondary education in the history of the state basic assistance program.

We find a progressive property tax relief program designed to provide substantial tax relief to Oregon's senior citizens and low income homeowners.

We find one of the finest consumer protection measures anywhere in the nation, and we see passage of a comprehensive package of legislation designed to protect our cherished environment.

## Elementary Slates

### Talent Assembly

Nyssa's elementary school presented a talent show May 11 before numerous parents and invited guests.

Elementary students were responsible for setting up the entire program as well as carrying out the final schedule of events. Tami Holcomb served as coordinator as well as master of ceremonies for the end of the year assembly.

Competition was arranged into the following categories: singing, dancing, skits and instrumental.

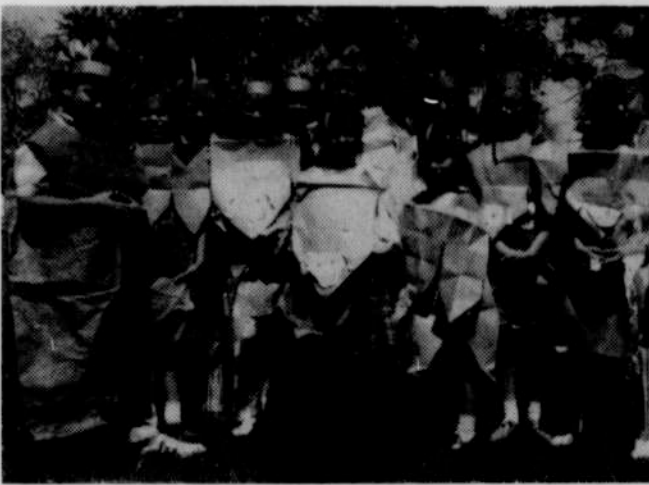
After the talent competition, Mr. Mel Munn, elementary principal, introduced the student leaders who had drafted a constitution for the school.



Winners in the Nyssa Elementary School talent show in the singing division included (kneeling) Michael Gooch, first; (middle row) Kristi Gomez and Ronda Miller, second; (back row) Megan Jackson, Brenda Bowers and Lori Berrenburg.



Gaining top sports in the dancing category are (l to r) Sara Lee Bunn, LaDawn Bair, Linda Church and Rhonda Fehlman



Winning the skit competition were Jorge Ordonez, Terri Ulrey, Shawn Young, Linda Durfee, Patricia Yragas, Larry Church, Jose Alonzo, Cheryl Adams, Susie Page, Robin Froerer, Kerrick Bauman.



Other skit medalists were David Voeller, Dustin Kassman, Bret Macklay, Vernon Davis (front row) and Brent Cowgill, Preston Schulthies, Ron Jensen, Bill Ulrey and Greg Moffis.



Gaining top honors in the instrumental division were Billy Moore, third; Leah Condon, second; Barbie Bowers, first place.



Top Honors Award for the talent show was presented to Michael Gooch for his vocal selection by Tami Holcomb, program coordinator.

## NEWS FROM BIG BEND

BY GOLDIE ROBERTS

**BIG BEND** - Mrs. Lester Campbell, Mrs. Varner Hopkins and Mrs. Boyce Van De Water attended Mission Circle Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lola Burkee in Boise.

Mrs. Bob Chetum and children of Ontario called on Mrs. Dick Bennett and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Horace Chaney and Mrs. Bill Van De Water worked Friday at the rummage sale for the Canyon County Association for the Retarded in Caldwell.

Mrs. Ernest Seuell, Mary Auker, Edythe Prosser, Verli Bishop, John Packwood, Ben Witly and Darrell English attended Women's Association at the Kingman Memorial Church in Adrian Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Prosser and Mrs. Bishop were hostesses. Mrs. Harper Anderson of Boise spoke of her recent work in a hospital in Korea. The Roswell Women's group were guests.

Mrs. Don Case, Mrs. Darrell English, Mrs. Dyre Roberts and Mrs. Dallas Chaney met with Mrs. Horace Chaney Thursday evening to plan a bridal shower for Jean Ocamica, which will be held May 25 at 2:30 p.m. at the Big Bend Grange Hall. Everyone is invited.

Mrs. Carl Fogleman and Llene of Nampa called on Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van De Water Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Erroll Jensen and children of Nampa were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Avery accompanied their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Avery on an outing to Hell's Canyon for the weekend. They camped at the Brownlee Court and at the Big Bar Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seuell attended the wedding reception held Friday evening in Adrian, for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gobler (Evelyn Tallman) of Portland. Later they called on Mr. and Mrs. Jake Borge of Coos Bay

## Nyssa To Lose Seven Teachers

May 27 will mark the last teaching day for all the teachers at the Nyssa school system. Among those, seven will not return next year. Mrs. Mary Hatt, Mrs. Nelda Schenk, Mrs. Madge Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Irl Nolen, Mrs. Mildred Elliott and Mr. Lloyd Dibble comprise the list.

Nelda Schenk is now completing her twenty-third year teaching. She is presently instructing the fifth grade. Mr. and Mrs. Schenk plan to go to Denver, Colorado this summer. Madge Thompson now instructing a fourth grade class plans to stay home this summer. Out of the 29 years of teaching experience, Mrs. Thompson has served Nyssa for 17 years. Before coming to Nyssa she taught 12 years in Kansas.

Nyssa will also lose Mrs. Mary Hatt, sixth grade, Mr. Lloyd Dibble, special education, and Mrs. Mildred Elliott of the second grade. Mr. and Mrs. Irl Nolen, long time Nyssa residents, will also say good-bye to the Nyssa classrooms this month.

Mr. Nolen has instructed at Nyssa Junior High for 12 years. During this time he established the AAC (All American Club) and has worked with the Mexican PTA. Mrs. Dorothy Nolen commented that the last AAC and Mexican PTA will present their last scholarship this year. Mrs. Nolen also was the president of the local and county association.

## Postmasters Elect New Officers

Postmasters of the Boise Sectional Center held their bi-monthly meeting and dinner at McGarvin's Smorquet at Caldwell last week, with James Lyke, Caldwell Postmaster as host. Stanley Jensen was introduced as the new Sectional Center Postal Service Officer replacing Ed. Komp, who was transferred to Portland on a new assignment.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, election of officers was held. Outgoing officers were President John Rost, Boise; Vice President, Wayne Guyer, Weiser. Officers elected were Wayne Guyer, Weiser, president; Lee Dail, Nyssa, vice president; Dale Kenyon was elected as secretary-treasurer to serve another term.

The postmasters have no summer meetings, but the next meeting will be held September 10. The host postmaster will be the Postmaster of Bruneau, Idaho who is preparing an outdoor barbecue at her residence.

in the Marie Moore home in Newell Heights.

Mrs. Varner Hopkins and Mrs. Boyce Van De Water were guests at the Mother and Daughter Tea given by the J.A.Y. group Tuesday evening at the Baptist church. Mrs. Phil Clucas and Mrs. Bill Van De Water assisted.

Mrs. Mary Auker, Mrs. Verli Bishop and Mrs. John Packwood attended Presbyterian at the Caldwell Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Witly, Carl Rosalie Shirk and Joseph McCracken attended church services at the Friends Church in Ontario Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van De Water were recent luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fogleman in Nampa.

Mrs. Edythe Prosser entertained with a family dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reid and family of Halfway, Mr. and Mrs. Al Kiester of Hometown, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maurer and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Maurer and family of Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swiger and children of Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Delno Brock of Ontario.

Becky and Susan Carroll of Ridgeview visited Judy Lovitt Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Verli Bishop attended a Program Planners meeting Wednesday at the home of Miss Holly Johnson in Ontario where they met for a luncheon.

Mrs. Edythe Prosser entertained the Happy Dozen Card Club Friday afternoon at her home. Mrs. Elsie Divin of Nyssa was a guest player. Prizes were won by Mrs. Sue Ashcraft, Mrs. Dale Ashcraft, Mrs. Don Fox and Mrs. Mabel Piercy.

Mrs. Dyre Roberts visited in Caldwell Wednesday evening with Mrs. Agnes McClure and Mrs. Earl Winn and Tenley.

Mr. and Mrs. Erroll Jensen and family of Nampa called on Mr. and Mrs. Pete Graham and family Thursday evening.

Mrs. Charles Witly called on Mrs. Bill Spears in Vale Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Conklin and Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Conklin picnicked Sunday in Succor Creek Canyon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCracken and Veda LaBaron of Ontario were Saturday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Witly.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van De Water were Saturday luncheon guests of Mrs. Leona Anderson in Payette. In the afternoon they watched the Boomerang celebration and parade. Mrs. Leroy Bennett entertained the Adrian Garden Club Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Verli Bishop was a guest. Mrs. Boyce Van De Water presented an interesting program on "New Ideas in Gardening."

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