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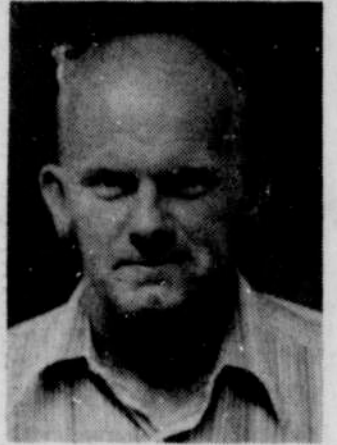
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CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF OWYHEE STATE PARKS ASSURED BY SUPERVISOR

The Oregon State Parks Department is not only going to maintain the state parks on Owyhee Lake in good condition, but will continue to upgrade and improve the parks in the next few years, according to Darald L. Walker, District 5 Parks Supervisor from LaGrande.

Walker visited Nyssa last Friday in response to a letter written by three families to The Gate City Journal critical of the early maintenance of the parks. While here Walker visited with the Journal editor, and with Don Young, Nyssa Chamber of Commerce president.



DARALD WALKER

The Parks Supervisor agreed that earlier in the spring conditions were not conducive to good maintenance, and he said that the crew was spread very thin while building a bridge at Succor Creek and repairing damaged water supply facilities at Owyhee.

The greatest problem, Walker said, is the long distances that the employees must travel to and from the locations there, and the long distance to an authorized garbage disposal area. All garbage now must be taken to the County Dump on Lytle Boulevard. The other greatest problem, of course, is the greater numbers of people who use the park facilities every year.

Two new seasonal employees have been hired, and they will

live right at the park in a shop building which has bachelor quarters. This will insure regular maintenance and garbage control.

Walker said that much work has been done in the past year at Owyhee, including new curbing, roadway paving, paved trails and a new courtesy boat dock. Plans are underway in the next two year period for construction of a boat ramp, additional overnight camping and parking facilities, and other improvements. He agreed that a fish cleaning station would be a good addition to the park, and would relieve a pretty smelly garbage condition.

District 5 Parks Division extends from Arlington east to the Oregon border and South to the Painted Hills area near Mitchell. Leroy Lesmeister, park manager at Farewell Bend, is the immediate supervisor of the Owyhee Parks, Succor Creek and Unity Lake Park. John Fisher, Ontario, is the park manager immediately in charge of Owyhee, Succor Creek and the Ontario State Park.

Walker said that the biggest problem is hiring seasonal people before the colleges are out, and he has had very few applications from the Nyssa area. The period from March to June finds his crews spread very thin, and this plus the distances involved make early maintenance very difficult. He said that everyone from Dave Talbot, State Parks Superintendent, on down the line are going to see that our state parks will receive the same attention as those throughout other parts of Oregon.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET PASSES

Nyssa school district voters passed the school budget by a good margin Friday after narrowly defeating the budget at the first election May 15. The vote was 362 YES, 290 NO, with 652 voters going to the polls compared to 457 on the first ballot.

Nyssa Couple Drowns In Irrigation Canal Accident

A well-known Nyssa couple met tragic death last Wednesday evening, June 7, when the pick-up truck in which they were riding plunged into the fast-moving waters of the Kingman Lateral Canal about seven miles west of Adrian.

Glenn E. McGinnis, 61, and his wife Faye, 53, apparently met instant death when they were trapped inside the pick-up which came to rest upside down in four feet of water in a strong current.

McGinnis and North Board of Control manager, Adam Focht, had left Nyssa about 7 p.m. Wednesday to check the ditches after heavy rains had fallen in the area. They were in separate vehicles, and Mrs. McGinnis had gone along with her husband to keep him company. They were in this particular area because the ditch rider had

reported that the ditches were overflowing.

According to Focht, he and McGinnis were in radio contact with each other for a considerable period. They had each stopped to talk with farmers and check ditches, and later Focht could not contact McGinnis so went out to search for him. He discovered the pick-up in the canal about 9 p.m.

Glenn McGinnis had worked for the North Board of Control for 24 years. He was water-master for most of that time, and has been assistant manager for the last seven years. Faye McGinnis had worked for the Nyssa Coast to Coast Store for almost 20 years.

They are survived by five sons, all graduates of Nyssa High School. They are Terry of Caldwell, Tex.; New York City; Mike, Jordan Valley; and Jim and Dan of Portland.

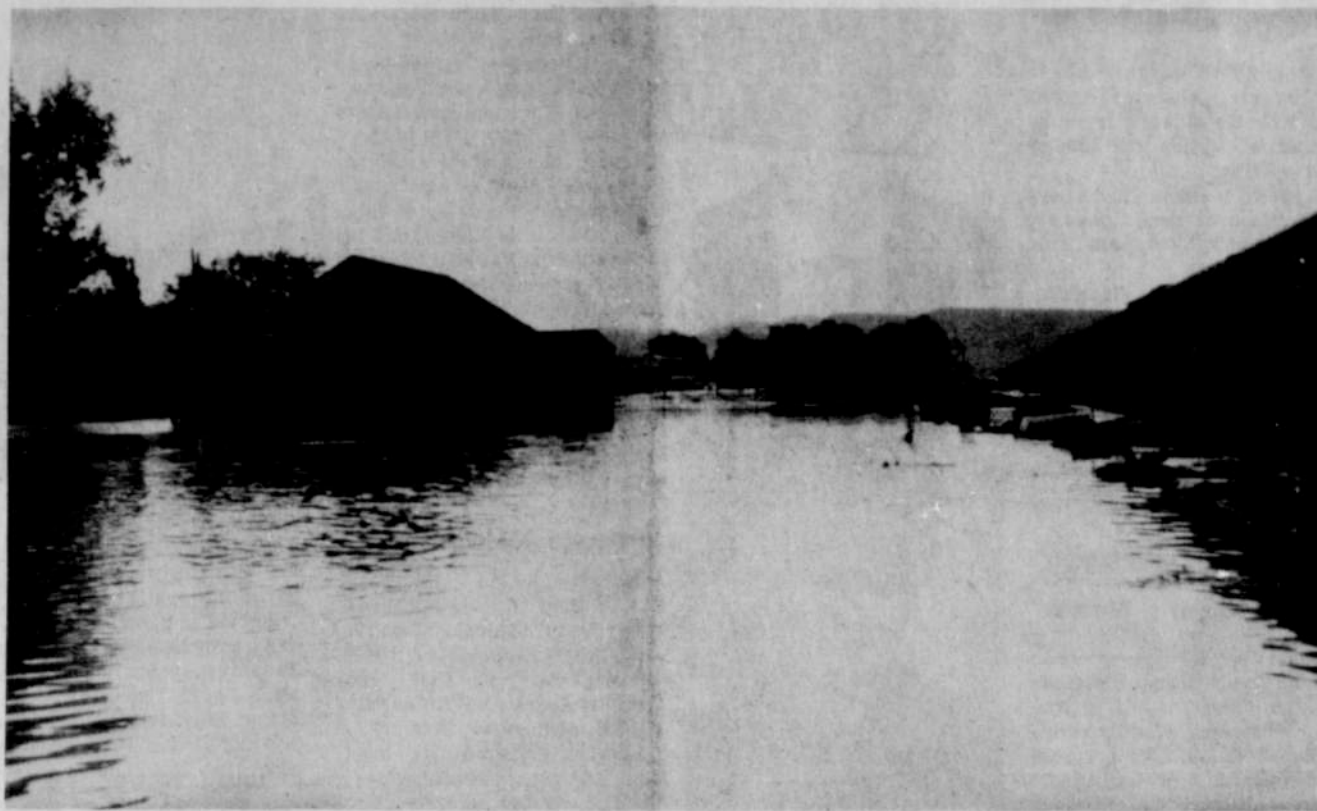
Stout Appliance Paves Parking Lot



Ontario Asphalt Company employees are shown paving the parking lot on the west side of the Stout Appliance building, on the corner of 3rd and Main.

Bill Stout, owner, has remodeled the building and his appliance firm will occupy the part of the building showing the large display window and entrance from the parking lot. The front of the building on Main Street

has been leased to Nolan Field-Waldo Insurance and Bob Thompson Realty, and they will move in about July 1. They were forced to move when First National Bank purchased the Peterson Furniture Building. This large, paved parking lot is another fine addition to the business district, and provides added customer convenience for Nyssa shoppers.



Water is subsiding at Harper after a cloudburst caused extensive damage to the small community. Rail cars on the siding were unable to move until the track was repaired and volunteers are still cleaning mud from the Harper school basement. (Ontario Argus photo).

BLM Advisory Board Tours Vale District

Advisory board members from Prineville, Lakeview, Burns, Baker and Vale BLM districts completed a tour of the Vale District recently, according to George R. Gurr, manager.

Gurr said the tour was made through the Mahogany, Cow Creek, and Soldier Creek administrative units to look at the progress of the largest rangeland rehabilitation project known.

Interest was centered on intensive range management practices, range improvement projects and recreation and wildlife programs. Emphasis was placed on discussing new problems encountered in multiple use management of the resources on public lands.

Discussing the various projects and areas of interest were Dean Stepanek, area manager, Al Logosz, range conservationist, and Robert Kindschy, wildlife biologist.

Four members spent one night in Jordan Valley where they were guests at a Basque dinner at St. Bernard's Hall. Floyd Acarregui and Robert Skinner were speakers at this affair.

Also attending the two-day event were Bill Matthews and Archie Craft, BLM State Directors from Idaho and Oregon, and Howard DeLano, range officer from the BLM's Oregon State Office, Portland.

IDEAL GAS NAMES BARNES MANAGER

Ideal Gas of Nyssa, announced the recent appointment of Mr. James L. Barnes to the position of Assistant Manager of Northwest Gas Equipment Company of Nyssa.

Mr. Barnes shall be responsible for the wholesale sales and distribution for the company in the Pacific Northwest.

Ideal Gas, a wholesale and retail distributor of LP (propane) gas, is headquartered in Nyssa.

Cloudburst Causes Heavy Flooding At Harper

Residents dug themselves out of the mud last Saturday after flash flooding and hail struck the Eastern Oregon community of Harper, Oregon, late Friday.

Crews from the Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, Malheur County Road Department, Vale and Warm Springs Irrigation districts assisted Saturday morning around the small town, pumping out water-filled basements and clearing away flood debris.

The flood, which was caused by thunder- and hailstorms in the Westfall area Friday, dumped an estimated 2,500-2,600 feet per second of water into the Malheur River, inundating Harper and surrounding farmland, and washing out the Vale irrigation canal on its way to the river.

Onion Groups Plan Meeting

Chairman Lyle Andrew, Parma, Idaho has scheduled a meeting of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee and the Idaho-Oregon Onion Promotion Committee for Wednesday, June 21, at the East Side Cafe in Ontario at 7:00 p.m. This will be a dinner meeting.

This will be the closing meeting for the Committee of 1971-72 and the organizational meeting for the Committee of 1972-73.

The following items of business will be included on the agenda of this meeting:

1. Election of Officers.
2. Adoption of Budget and Assessment Rate -- 1972/73.
3. Recommend Regulations (Grade Size, Special Purpose Shipments, etc.) for the 1972/73 Shipping Season.
4. Report on Promotion activities by the Idaho-Oregon Onion Promotion Committee.

Interested Onion Industry people are invited to attend the business meeting.

Abundant Foods Regulations Changed

Effective June 1, eligibility standards for non-assistance households receiving Abundant Foods have been revised according to a release from the Public Welfare Division. The changes generally are effective for households with more than one or two persons. There are also some revisions in allowable cash reserves. The new regulations were effective beginning June 1. Any questions concerning these present requirements will be answered by the Certification Clerks, on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 - 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Commercial Building, Malheur County Fairgrounds, or by calling 889-8954 during those hours.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
June 7	90	63	
June 8	80	62	.25
June 9	78	62	.12
June 10	62	55	.48
June 11	67	42	.10
June 12	76	42	
June 13		49	
Owyhee Reservoir Storage	6/14/72	705,350	Acres Feet
	6/14/71	711,940	Acres Feet

Court Reviews Dog Kennels

A review of its contract with Atherton Kennels of Ontario was completed last Wednesday by the Malheur County Court. Appearing before the court members to explain the kennel's practices in caring for dogs which are impounded there by the cities in the county and by the county dog control department were Wilbur and James Atherton, operators.

County Judge Ellis A. White said the county has entered into a tentative contract with the kennels and will re-evaluate the conditions of the contract and the kennel program this fall. The district attorney has been instructed by the court to draft a three-year contract.

White said the contract will call for a cooperative venture among the cities of Nyssa, Vale and Ontario and the county court for care of impounded dogs and when necessary, placement of dogs which are not claimed.

White said the kennel operators told the court that, since last fall, they have placed over 400 "strays" with people who want dogs. Many have been sent out of town and even out of state, they said. Placement of seemingly unwanted dogs is a part of the kennel's business in addition to the boarding of dogs for private individuals.

Ray Huff, county sanitarian, took water samples from wells in the town and surrounding area, and a Malheur County water truck brought chlorinated water to supply Harper residents with drinking water until wells could be tested and sterilized.

The worst-hit area in the town appeared to be the basement of Harper School. Classrooms, lunchroom, and the entire library appeared ruined by about six feet of water.

Area Students

BYU Graduates

Four Nyssa students were among the 3,687 who received diplomas at Brigham Young University, Provo, at commencement exercises on May 26 in the new 23,000 seat Marriott Center. The graduating class was the largest in the school's history.

Those from Nyssa were Rodney Blaylock, Kal Farr, Karma Kesler and Greg Nelson.

Ontario graduates were Katherine Holladay, Bruce Hunter, Leonard Langer, Karen Nelson, Lynn Rowe and Mark Wettstein.

Those from Vale who graduated were Jo Ann Belnap, Carolyn Condie, Marie Hansen and Trudy Nelson.

U of O Graduates Three From Nyssa

Three Nyssa students were among the more than 4,300 graduates from the University of Oregon during the 1971-72 academic year. Commencement was held Sunday, June 11.

Graduates are Carol Jane Greig, B.S. in Physical Education; Janet Nedry Hartwig, B.S. in Recreation and Park Management; and Rolf Alfred Usenko, B.I. in Architecture.

RODEO WORK PARTY TONIGHT, JUNE 15

Tonight, Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. there will be a work night at the Rodeo Grounds in Nyssa in preparation for the rodeo coming up July 7 and 8. The more help the better, bring rakes, hoes, shovels, etc. Story may be found elsewhere in the paper about the events planned for the rodeo.

SILVEIRA APPOINTED HEAD OF NEW MIGRANT CENTER PROJECT IN NYSSA

Jacob Tanzer, director of the Department of Human Resources, today announced in Salem the appointment of Larry Silveira as manager of the "nation's first integrated social service center." Silveira, 49, is presently a community development specialist for the State Economic Opportunity Office. He will begin his new role Monday, June 12.

The Center, located in Nyssa, will provide an integrated approach of all social, economic, educational, and rehabilitative services available through the Department of Human Resources, Tanzer said.

According to the DHR's director, the Center will be open sometime in July. "Although the Center will fill the needs of the general public in the Nyssa area, it will give special emphasis to the problems facing the hundreds of migrant families who have settled out in the Treasure Valley area, Malheur County."

Born in San Leandro, California, Silveira acquired his high school diploma in Livermore High School, Livermore, California. He served three years in the U.S. Army in the South Pacific from 1943 to 46 as infantryman and as an intelligence and reconnaissance squad leader.

After the war, he moved to Oregon, where he managed a 50,000 acre farm. In 1960, he became secretary/manager of the Eagle Point Irrigation District and in 1965 moved to the same job in Medford.

In 1968, he became involved with Office of Economic Opportunity programs, first as assistant director of the Jackson County Community Action Council. One year later, he moved to the state office to his present position where he is responsible for developing and implementing federal programs on the local level.

TVCC TO HOLD SCIENCE CLASSES

The Treasure Valley Community College Office of Continuing Education and Science Department are again cooperating in offering Summer Science Activities for area students entering the 4th, 5th and 6th grades next school year.

Three, two week sessions have been scheduled, each to meet Monday through Thursday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00. Session A runs June 26 - July 6 and is exclusively for students who did not participate in last year's program. Session B is July 10 - 20, and session C is July 24 - August 3. These are for either new students or those who were enrolled last summer. All classes meet in room C-7 of the TVCC Administration Building.

Students will have daily science craft projects such as constructing telegraph keys, electric motors, sun and star dials. One field trip to a planetarium is planned. Mr. Johnson, instructor, said students repeating the program from last year would have new projects to work on.

Interested children should call 889-6493 ext. 56 to sign up. There are no fees involved.

Five New Houses In Nyssa

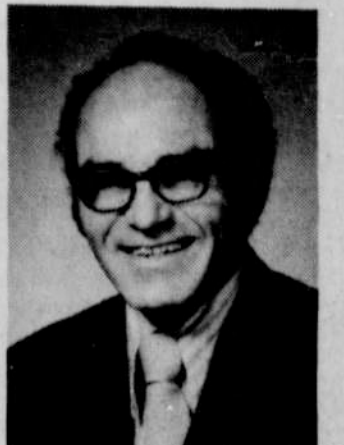


Five new homes are being constructed on Thompson Avenue by the NAN Construction Company, represented by Flying Realty of Ontario.

Three of the houses can be seen in the picture, with the driveway of another in the

foreground, and the garage of the fifth in the background.

These are but a few of the many new homes being constructed in Nyssa this spring, with more to follow.



LARRY SILVEIRA

"Last November, I announced that the Department was beginning to develop three pilot centers in Ontario/Nyssa, Corvallis, and Portland. The Centers will provide an integrated delivery system of social services so that a person can receive all help necessary from one place rather than having to shop from agency to agency." Agencies in the Center will include Welfare, Children's Services, Health, Mental Health, Employment, Corrections, Rehabilitation, as well as other federal, local and private social services.

According to Tanzer, the three centers will be operating within the next year.

MEXICAN FIESTA

Don't forget the Mexican Fiesta in Nyssa this coming Saturday, June 17 at St. Bridget's Church and Hall at 5th and Locust Avenue. It begins at 4 a.m. and continues until 11 p.m.

Booths will serve both Mexican and American food. There will be booths of skill and snacks, with music during the day and an outside dance from 9 until closing.

Nyssa's Chamber of Commerce will again handle the finances. Everyone is welcome for the entire evening, or any part of it.

Illegal Aliens Rounded Up

A combined effort of U.S. Immigration Department, Malheur County Sheriff, Nyssa and Ontario Police Departments and the Oregon State Police has resulted in the arrest of 68 illegal aliens in the last seven days.

They were taken into custody and turned over to the U.S. Immigration Department for deportation to Mexico.

Over 100 aliens have been taken into custody in two raids within the last month with a concentrated effort of the area law enforcement agencies.