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## 'LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY' SUPPORTED BY GOVERNOR TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS

Governor Tom McCall today appealed to Oregon motorists to join state government and four major utilities in a program to reduce traffic accidents.

McCall said, "I am appalled by the rising tragic toll of accidents, injuries and deaths on our highways. We must do everything we possibly can to prevent this lamentable loss of property and lives."

Through July, 422 persons have died in Oregon traffic accidents, an increase of 60 over the first seven months of 1971.

McCall said state employees and the employees of Pacific Northwest Bell, Pacific Power and Light, Portland General Electric and Northwest Natural Gas will drive with "Lights on for Safety" during the entire month of September. Auto headlights will be on during both daylight and evening hours in state and company cars.

McCall said, "It also will be strongly urged that the employees and members of their

families operate their own private vehicles with lights on at all times in September.

Impetus for the "Lights on for Safety" program came from the utilities, the governor said.

Similar programs have been conducted by other private companies, the governor said. The Greyhound Co., for instance, reported an 11 per cent reduction in accidents through a lights-on campaign over a period of five years, he said.

Vehicles are more visible in daylight hours when driven with the lights on, McCall said. In addition, he said, the program should create a greater state-wide awareness of the need to drive carefully.

The governor will participate in a "Lights on for Safety" caravan and conduct a press conference at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Thunderbird Jantzen in Portland to outline the program more fully.

## Highway User Funds Received

The semi-annual apportionment of the State Highway Fund to the incorporated cities of Oregon was made today by the State Highway Commission.

Funds to be released by the Commission total \$7,129,518.65 which will be distributed to 230 incorporated cities in Oregon whose combined population now totals 1,219,301. The allocation is based on the statutory 12 percent for the period January 1 through June 30, 1972.

The fund comes from the following sources: motor vehicle registration and operators' license fees, gasoline tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier fees, and fines and penalties collected for violations of the size and weight statutes where complaints were made by the Highway Division weighmasters.

Population figures are as of June 30, 1972. The city of Nyssa will receive \$15,222.54 based on a population of 2,650.

## Republican Central Committee To Meet

The Malheur County Republican Central Committee will hold their regular meeting September 5 in the East West Lounge of the Administration Building at Treasure Valley Community College.

Harriett Flanagan, Vice-Chairman, stated that the meeting which will begin at 8 p.m. is of especially importance to all committeemen and committeewomen as well as other interested individuals. The group will be organizing their work campaign for all Republican candidates and voting on revision of the bylaws. She stated that a report will be given by Mrs. Bud Hammack of Jamieson on the Oregon Platform Convention held recently in Portland.

Mrs. Flanagan stated that Senator Mark Hatfield will be the guest speaker at the Farm Bureau Dinner to be held the 7th of September at the East Side beginning at 8 p.m. She noted that this dinner is open to the public. She encouraged all interested individuals to attend the dinner and visit with Senator Hatfield about any questions they may have. Tickets are available at the Farm Bureau Office, Phone 889-6664.



SCHOOL BUSES ARE RUNNING AGAIN and area drivers are reminded to be very careful when approaching the big yellow vehicles, as youngsters are nearby. State law requires that all vehicles must come to a complete stop when the red light is blinking on the bus.

Nyssa drivers are from left, Meridean Robbins, bus supervisor, Mrs. Loris Lords, Bob Martin, Mrs. Frances Orr, Dale Hayford, Mrs. Marcella Lowe and John Price. Drivers not pictured are Don Bowers, Ralph Lawrence and Mrs. Clara Glascock.

## NEW ADMINISTRATOR NAMED FOR MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Gale M. Christensen, 50, of Stayton, Oregon has been hired as Administrator of Malheur Memorial Hospital, according to Everett Heldt, board chairman. Christensen will replace Ernest M. King, who resigned effective September 11.

Christensen is married and has two adult sons. He has been Administrator of Santiam Memorial Hospital in Stayton since 1961, and will assume his duties here by November 1. He is presently Secretary-Treasurer of the Oregon Association of Hospitals, and has

been a member of the board of directors of the association.

Effective September 11 Margaret Bennett, R.N., will assume duties as acting administrator of the hospital until the arrival of Christensen. Ernest King will continue his duties as anesthetist for an indefinite time.

Heldt said that the board has received and interviewed applicants since King's resignation, and feel most fortunate to fill the position with a man of Christensen's background and experience.

## Leslie Gulch Road Construction To Start

Road surface construction on approximately 9.5 miles of the Leslie Gulch road will begin soon. The construction will require the Leslie Gulch road to be temporarily closed to public use, except on Sunday, George B. Gurr, manager of the Vale BLM district, announced this week.

Gurr said the road will be reconditioned and surfaced with crushed rock. Water and heavy equipment will be used to hold the surface rock in place. Material for the road surface project will come from a community pit located near the Leslie Gulch road. This pit has been designed and will be developed so that it will not be noticeable from the road and can be used by county and state agencies in the future.

Gurr continued by saying that the original design of the Leslie Gulch road is to disturb as little area as possible. "We want to do the same when the road surface work begins." Detours off the road are not advised.

visable during construction because of the high resource values and environmental concerns of the area. This new surface will improve safety and protect visitors against vehicle tire damage that has been experienced by people traveling on the Leslie Gulch road in the past two years. In addition, surfacing of the road is essential for reducing soil erosion from the road, thus protecting the environment and reducing yearly maintenance costs.

The contract for improvement of the Leslie Gulch road was awarded August 18 to Hendrix Construction of Sparks, Nevada for \$164,833. The contractor has 120 calendar days to complete the surface work. This contract will complete the original construction that began over two years ago.

Actual construction dates the road will be closed to public use will be announced in the near future as a public service, Gurr advised.

## School Enrollment Under Previous Year

Nyssa schools got underway Monday with an enrollment of 33 pupils under the opening date a year ago, according to Superintendent W.L. McPartland. There were 1167 registered the first day of school compared to 1200 last year. Surprisingly, the decrease in students came in the elementary grades, McPartland said. High school students numbered 343, the same as last year, and junior

high students were 214 compared to 210 last year.

The biggest drop came in the second grade, with only 74 registering compared to 113 last year. Most other classes are about the same, with the elementary school down 37 students.

Many older students are working in the cannery and sheds this week, McPartland said, and indications are that another 100 students will register after the Labor Day weekend if the trend follows that of previous years. However, the lower enrollment also indicates that there are not as many migrant families in the area as in past years, and this shows up in the elementary grades.

## Petition Filed In Circuit Court

Filed in Circuit Court in Vale this week was a petition for an alternate writ of mandamus asking that the Malheur County Court either pay Mrs. Donna Calhoun a salary of \$500 a month or show cause why they aren't.

In the action, Mrs. Calhoun's attorneys seek the increase in salary from the date ordered, attorney's fees and the costs of the action. Mrs. Calhoun is the secretary to Circuit Judge Jeff Forroh, Jr. and in June he ordered that her salary be raised to the above figure. The Malheur County Court, saying it was contrary to the pay scale for the county, refused to up the salary. The county budget board set Mrs. Calhoun's salary at \$415.

## TVCC Accepts Nyssa Students

The following students from Nyssa have been accepted for the Fall Term, 1972-73, at Treasure Valley Community College.

Richard Scott Cooper will major in Law Enforcement. Kay Griffin will major in Music.

Chris G. Moore will major in General Education.

Henry Serrano will major in Law Enforcement.

## Cancer Crusade Congratulated

Movie and television star, Joan Crawford, National Crusade Chairman for the American Cancer Society, sent a telegram to Worth Caldwell, Oregon Crusade Chairman, congratulating him on his successful Crusade. The Oregon Division just exceeded their total raised last year but the Crusade does not close officially until August 31st, end of the society's fiscal year.

The telegram read, "May I extend my congratulations and best wishes to the volunteers of the Oregon Division for exceeding last year's final report on funds raised."

Caldwell remarked over the phone when he was notified of the wire, "I would like to pass this 'thank you' on to the over twenty thousand volunteers in Oregon who worked so hard to put our state over the top. Total raised to date is \$577,301 compared to the total last year of \$572,625. Gratitude should also be expressed to the many firms and individuals who contributed memorials and other gifts to the division. I am very pleased to report that legacies have also exceeded the total left to the society last year. Total legacies to date are \$182,320."

Chairman for Malheur County, Mrs. Deannie Smalley, reported their total to date to be \$6,706.

## OLD THRESHER IN ACTION SUNDAY

Harry Miner will thresh oats again this Sunday, when he steams up his old Case steamer threshing machine. He will be at the Nyssa Rodeo Grounds from 2:30 p.m. until the threshing is completed.

He invites all who are interested in seeing an old steam threshing machine in action, or who would like to take some pictures, to come out and watch Sunday.

## Record Number of Deaths Expected Over Labor Day

A record number of people may die over Labor Day weekend if drivers repeat their performance of the July 4th holiday.

Some 760 persons were killed in traffic accidents over the four-day July holiday, according to the Consumers Insurance Information Bureau and the Oregon Association of Insurance Agents.

"This disgraceful holiday toll has been exceeded only once in memory and that was the Thanksgiving weekend of 1968 when 764 people died," Frank G. Sauer, president of the agents association said.

"Over the Labor Day weekend of 1971, 616 were killed and 328 were injured over Labor Day a year ago," he continued.

## IDEAL GAS OPENS IN LA GRANDE

Ideal Gas Incorporated announced a new office opened in La Grande this past weekend. A grand opening was sponsored Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 24-27.

Ideal Gas will be distributing gas to Union and Wallowa counties. The office will have full facilities with propane gas appliances included. Wayne Terregobe will be the district manager for the new office.

## VETERANS HAVE TOLL FREE SERVICE

Senator Mark Hatfield said today that toll-free telephone numbers which veterans may use to reach the Veterans Administration office in Portland will be placed in service September 6.

He said that the WATS (wide area telephone service) number 1-800-452-7276 may be dialed from any Oregon community. Hatfield said that trained VA personnel will respond during business hours.

"This free service will be a major step in eliminating red tape and will be of great aid to veterans of past conflicts, but will be particularly valuable to veterans of Vietnam service who have an entirely new set of problems," Hatfield said.

"Latest estimate is that there are some 326,000 veterans now in Oregon, with approximately 67,000 of them of the Vietnam war era," Hatfield said.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
Aug. 24	82	52
Aug. 25	87	56
Aug. 26	93	52
Aug. 27	96	53
Aug. 28	98	54
Aug. 29	90	57
Aug. 30		57

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
8/30/72 500,380 Acre Feet  
8/30/71 525,480 Acre Feet

## Pioneer Picnic Well Attended

Over 300 people attended the annual Pioneer picnic which was held at the Vale Park Saturday. The picnic originated as an annual reunion of the early-day pioneers and their descendants have carried on the tradition. A program was presented in the afternoon which included a picture-window of one's life and the major events occurring during a lifetime. Mike Hanley, Jordan Valley, was the featured speaker. A dance was held at the Grange hall that evening.

The 1973 officers for the Pioneer Association are Mrs. Don Wood, president; Miss Mary Graham, vice-president; Glenn High, treasurer and Mrs. Benny Maag, secretary. Mrs. Wood said the picnic was very well attended and expressed her appreciation of the community help that went into making it a success.

## BLOOD DRAWING NETS 94 PINTS

At the August 23, 1972 Blood Drawing, one gallon pins were awarded to Donald Gee and Earl Boston both of Parma. A two gallon pin went to Mrs. Edna Mills, Nyssa.

There were 94 pints of blood donated making the fall drawing far short of its quota of 150 pints.

The Blood Procurement Committee would like to thank the Lutheran Women for donating the refreshments and their services at the hospitality table; Doctors Vanetti and Sarazin for donating their time; also all the volunteer workers, Lion's Club, Eagles and Gate City Journal not forgetting a "THANK YOU" to the 94 supporters of our program that took time out of their busy schedules to donate a pint of precious blood to aid their fellow man.

On Saturday, groups of young people from Boise will come to Nyssa to join with young people from all the churches of Nyssa. This group of young people will knock on every door in Nyssa inviting the people to attend the festival on Saturday night at the park which will begin at 7:30 p.m. After they have knocked on every door they will parade up mainstreet in a "Demonstration For God" inviting folks to attend.

The speaker for "Two Nights In The Park" will be Sonny Arguinzi, who appeared in the movies, The Cross & The Switchblade and Twelve Angels From Hell. He became a Christian on the streets of New York City after hearing David Wilkerson, the author of these two books, speak. Sonny is the author of "God's Junkie" which is his life story. He is now the pastor of The Addicts Church in Los Angeles.



COOKS IN THE NYSSA SCHOOL CAFETERIA are grouped around some of the new equipment recently purchased for the kitchen. They are, from left, Peg Brown, Myrtle Capper, Sadie Butcher, supervisor, Alice Bergam and Leah Meisinger. Mis-

sing for the picture was Rose Patten. New equipment, 75% reimbursable by federal funds, is a tilting steam kettle, double deck electric oven, and portable hot food cabinet. Still to come are 22 new tables and seats for use in the cafeteria.



O'Neal came to Vale in July 1969. He began his career with the government in January 1965 as labor foreman for the Job Corps at Tillamook. In July of that year he was made maintenance technician in charge of the Job Corps maintenance program, also instructing in carpentry, electrical and plumbing repairs and maintenance. He was presented with a superior performance award in 1967 for his work.

O'Neal, his wife Jeanne and four daughters live in Vale. He has a special hobby in locksmithing and also likes to fish, hunt and bowl in his spare time.



NEW TEACHERS IN THE ADRIAN SCHOOLS are, from left, Virginia Baker, 1st grade, Larry Cain, Social Studies and head football coach, Betty Kalmbach, 2nd

grade; Ruth Steinhaus, Home Economics; Elaine Undorf, Commercial; and Ruth Frandenburgh, 1st grade.