

## SUNSET VALLEY ACTIVITIES

BY MARTHA LORENSEN - PHONE 372 - 2186

**SUNSET VALLEY** - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lorensen, Harriet and Gloria Lorensen, attended the no host dinner Dec. 28, honoring Judge Ellis White. The girls presented song numbers in his honor.

Word was recently received of the death of Mrs. Homer Whitman of Madras Oregon. Mrs. Whitman is a former resident of this area having been early residents under the new Owyhee Irrigation Project. They owned their home on land which is now operated by Mark Hartley. Mr. Whitman passed on several years ago, at Madras where they located after leaving here. Anna visited in this area. Surviving sons are Homer Whitman now living at Nampa and Willard Whitman of Yakima, Washington. We extend our sympathy to the families of Mrs. Whitman.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lorensen, Harriet and Gloria spent December 26 at Mt. Vernon, Oregon where they were guests for a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Abbe.

Mrs. Harriet Turner of Owyhee Junction and Lester Headen of Ontario spent December 25 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lorensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lorensen attended the Argus Observer banquet at the Eastside, December 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lorensen Gloria and Harriet were among the guests at the wedding of Douglas Tolmon and Frances Hitchison, which was solemnized at the Lutheran Church in Ontario December 23. Douglas is the son of Mrs. Doris Tolmon of Ontario (a cousin of the Lorensens).

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood, Adah Louise and Gomo Martinez returned January 4 from a 13 day vacation trip. The first stop was at Farmington, New Mexico. They visited Mr.

and Mrs. Tom Hogue (Gomo's sister). At Prewith they visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Martinez, Gomo's parents. Gomo remained with his parents for ten days until the Woods return and he met them at Winnemucca for the return trip. Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Adah Louise visited the Zoo at San Diego, Calif., were visitors for three days in the Los Angeles area staying at the home of Mr. Wood's brother, Wayne. They saw the horse races at Santa Anita. Returning northward they visited the zoo at San Francisco, at Reno Nevada, they stopped at Mrs. Wood's brother, Bud Schweizers and while there visited friends, Luis Iacomeths, Ed Lawsons, Allen Capurri and Dr. Toy Schmootz. These friends are frequent visitors, in this area where they enjoy the pheasant hunting seasons.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Ekanger were January 1 evening dinner guests at the Elver Nielsen home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robb and son of Moses Lake, Washington visitors in this area Friday thru Sunday. They are former Sunset Valley residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Astoreca, Audrie and Carmen spent the New Years weekend at Eugene where they visited their son and wife, the Eddie Lowtrips.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Derrick and Terry stayed at the Jack Woods home while Mr. and Mrs. Wood were on vacation. Mrs. Derrick recently underwent major surgery and has been recuperating at the Wood's home. The Derricks hosted a New Years dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Don Haworth and Mrs. Adah Schweizer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cleaver of Pocatello and Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Ekanger.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gordon and family of Payette spent New Years day at the Magnus Ekanger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schweizer and Mrs. Lois Glenn spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glenn. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alexander and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McMillen and family of Ontario and Mr. and Mrs. Lebleu of Boise spent Christmas day at the Jean Hurley home in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Alexander and family spent New Years with the Dan Martin family at Nyssa.

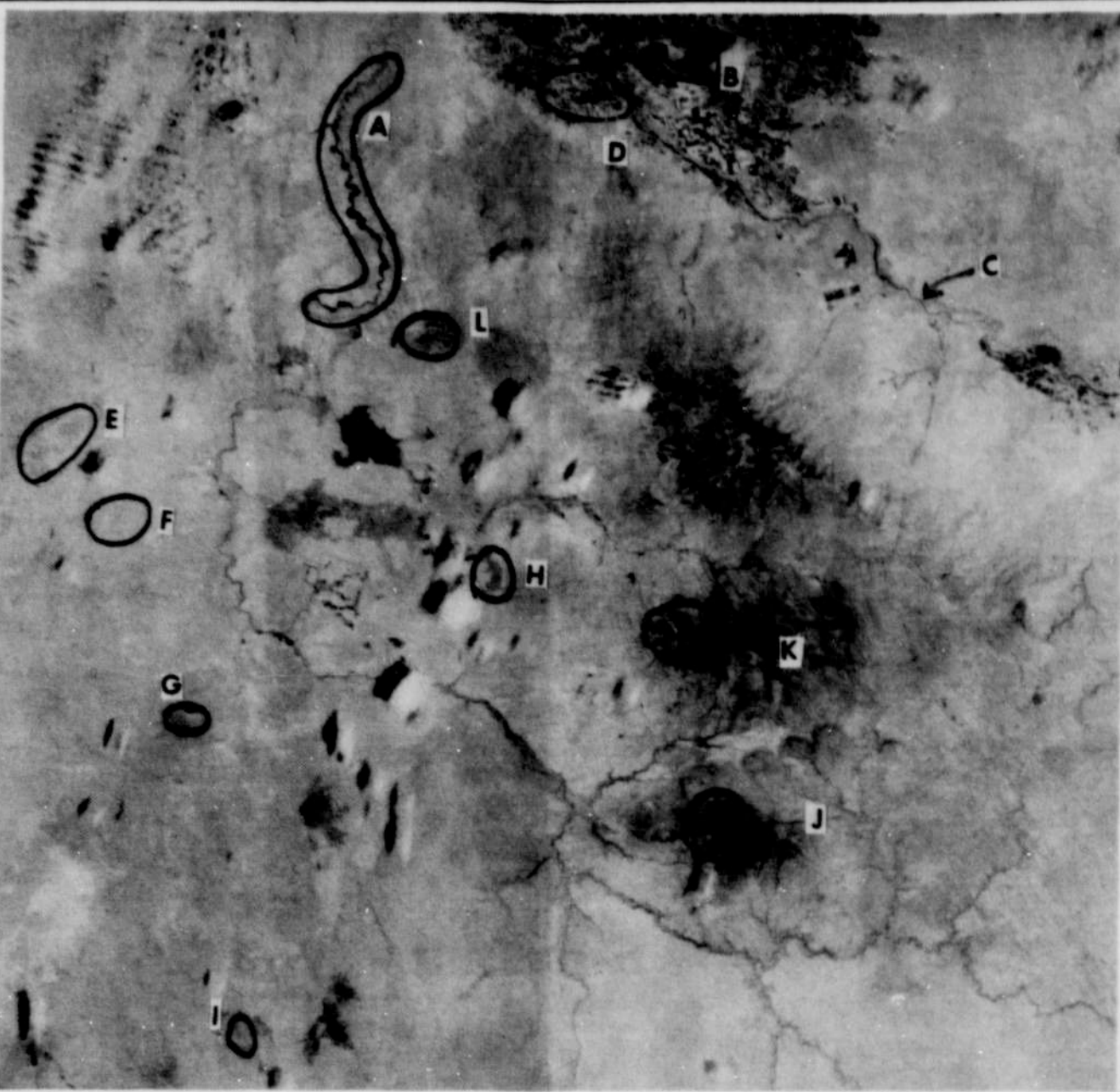
The families of Melvin Wilson, Darrell Wilson, Tim Holly, Bill Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Vanderwall, and George Wilson were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wilson on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Wilson of Bend are in the process of locating at the Owyhee Junction. They will occupy the former residence of Byrd Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore and children Bill, Mike and Sonia of Nyssa were Sunday guests at the Ora Newgen home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pohl and son Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pohl and Cindy, Mrs. Jeanette Watkins of Alliquippa, Penn. were guests at the Ora Newgen home Sunday evening. Mrs. Watkins spent the holidays at the Newgen home while visiting friends in the area.

Charles Chapin spent the holidays at his home after spending some time at the Veterans Hospital recuperating from knee surgery which he underwent in late November. He expects to return for more surgery at a later date.



THE EARTH RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY SATELLITE, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED LAST July 23, took this photograph as it passed over the Vale District of BLM. These photos from the satellite are expected to be of value in evaluating and monitoring range conditions and other resource values in the area. Employees are learning to read the photographs, and as the satellite passes over the same area every 18 days throughout the year, the effects of grazing, the spread of diseased vegetation, snow depth and storage, etc., can all be monitored on a frequent basis. Corroboration will be made by ground checks.

Since the satellite went into position many exciting geo-

logical observations never before known to exist, have been observed from the photos. George Gurr, BLM district manager, said the entire project is definitely experimental at this state, but the possibilities are exceptional. He said that almost unlimited study possibilities in many fields, including urban development and expansion, exist besides range studies.

The aerial photo shows (A) Owyhee Reservoir; (B) Lake Lowell; (C) Snake River; (D) Marsing; (E) Turnbull (Dry) Lake; (F) Saddle Butte; (G) Burns Junction; (H) Antelope Reservoir; (I) Blue Mountain; (J) Juniper Mountain; (K) South Mountain and (L) Mahogany Mountain.

## OREGON TODAY

By Don Willner

Almost half the property in Oregon is exempt from taxation. In 1971, \$18.5 billion of property was exempt while \$20.3 billion of property was subject to tax. Of the exempt property almost half was owned by federal, state and local governments. When we turn to privately-owned property, the legislature should take a long, hard look at the big four that could meaningfully be taxed on the same basis as other property. They are: automobiles, literary and religious organizations, farm lands upon which taxes are deferred and reproduction (small) timber.

When Oregonians pay only \$10 annual license fee for an automobile there is an undervaluation of \$1.5 billion a year. In neighboring states automobiles are taxed approximately in accordance with their actual value. Of course, it would take a constitutional amendment in Oregon to use the automobile license fee for general purposes or to relieve property taxes.

Literary and religious organizations do not pay \$537, million a year in taxes. Even if taxation of some of them such as churches was limited to the payment for the services that they receive from government this could still bring in a tremendous amount of money.

\$580. million a year is lost from farm lands being taxed for farm use rather than the way other property is assessed, though a portion of this money comes back if the farm land under the deferral tax program is sold.

Reproduction timber in western Oregon, that is timber which is under 12 inches in diameter breast high, is completely exempt from annual taxation and this costs \$106, million a year of taxes.

There are a mighty host of other exemptions for property taxes. A successful argument was made for each exemption when it was first put on the statute books, but often the

reason is now long forgotten while the exemption remains. At the national level Congressman Ullman recommends that every exemption from the federal income tax be reviewed over the next four years to see if they are still valid.

I urge the Oregon legislature over the next four years to review each and every one of the \$10 billion a year of exemptions from property taxation so that it stands on its own merits under today's conditions. The legislature should make a specific finding of the importance and necessity of any tax exemptions that it votes to continue. If only a few billion dollars a year were added to the property tax rolls, the rest of us who are now paying property taxes would pay far less.

### CATTLE FEEDERS BEWARE "WET FEED"

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association today warned Northwest cattle feeders and producers of wet feed grains being shipped into the Northwest from the Midwest, so stated Donald Ostensoe Executive Vice-President of the OCA. Ostensoe went on to say that wet corn from the Midwest is a danger and potential menace to Pacific Northwest livestock feeders and producers and their herds.

The Cattlemen's executive officer said that moist feed grain poses a 3-way problem to farmers:

-It ferments at a rapid rate and has a high combustible factor, especially in concrete silos.

-It has limited storage capacity, with a high spoilage rate.

-When fungus develops it is low in palatability to livestock and can endanger their health.

There is nothing illegal in the sale of this corn, Al Plummer, head of Oregon's grain division, said as long as it is not labeled US Department of Agriculture inspected. USDA grades down corn when the moisture content exceeds 14 percent. The label will explain the reason for the poor marks, Plummer said. One Willamette Valley farmer had to go to the expense of drying out the corn after buying an unsuspected truckload.

Eastern Oregon and Washington livestock men may be using corn for the first time in their operation this winter. The high price of wheat (bid \$2.60 Tuesday Chicago) has acted on barley, a favorite feed, driving the price up. Looking for a cheaper substitute, the ranchers are turning to grain corn.

Willamette Valley farmers are more accustomed to feed corn and are usually wary of the water content. Uninspected feed grain with heavy moisture can be detected by the dampness and by the odor, Plummer said.

The dangerous feed grain is caused by two factors in the Midwest. Farmers, especially in Iowa, had their harvests delayed weeks by wet weather. When they did reap their fields, they faced a fuel shortage and there was little fuel oil or liquid propane gas to dry the corn.

Local brokers are said to be aware of the corn problem and are being careful of their sales.

## KAO STARTS FOURTH ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

"Your Gift Means Life" is the theme for the fourth annual statewide fund-raising drive recently launched by the Kidney Association of Oregon to obtain \$200,000. The money will be used during 1973 to continue the life-saving program for 23 KAO patients throughout the state now on artificial kidney machines and to expand the program to add new patients this year.

The theme, "Your Gift Means Life," tells dramatically the vital need for money by the Kidney Association to continue to save the lives of its present patients and to have enough money on hand to be able to admit as many new patients as possible during the year who develop kidney failure.

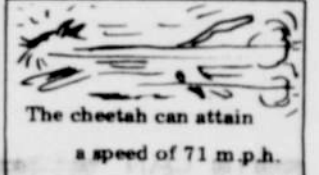
Chuck Foster, executive director of the Kidney Association, declared that, "Most people faced with death because of kidney failure, cannot afford the extremely high costs of kidney machines, training, treatment on the machine in their homes and the cost of necessary medical supplies."

Foster pointed out that the cost of training, equipment and home supplies for each new KAO patient is about \$10,000. After this period, the cost per day of maintaining the life of each patient on an artificial kidney machine is \$12 or an average of approximately \$4,000 per year.

The function of the Kidney Association of Oregon is to raise funds in order that patients may continue treatment, which will allow them to work, raise families and be useful people.

Foster emphasized that, "We have the medical know-how to save the lives of kidney failure victims and to rehabilitate them. There are enough kidney machines manufactured. The only shortage we have," he said, "is money!"

Contributions should be sent to the Kidney Association of Oregon, P. O. Box 151, Ontario.



The cheetah can attain a speed of 71 m.p.h.

## Herb Sez ...

"This preparation may cause drowsiness. Do not drive or operate machinery while taking this preparation," is a statement printed on most of the cold and hayfever preparations. For several years I have written about this in this column. As far as I can tell, it has been to but little effect. I have called this statement to the attention of hundreds of people. The usual response is that it may affect other people but for some reason or other it doesn't very often pertain to the person who is about to take the preparation for his sinus trouble.

I was taking a compound for hay fever. It had never caused any trouble with my driving. One day while driving through Long Valley I was rudely awakened by the sound of gravel rattling under my right front fender.

I opened my eyes just in time to avoid going into the barrow pit at about 90 miles an hour.

If you want a good night's rest, take a dose of some of these antihistamines before going to bed. The greatest difference between some of them and a sleeping capsule is the label on the bottle. You wouldn't consider taking a sleeping capsule prior to driving your car so you had better be careful about trying to break up your cold and driving at the same time.

I am positive that many wrecks that are unaccountable could be placed at the door of antihistamines, yet I can't remember of ever hearing of a wreck caused by them. I believe that it may be a little easier to sweep the wreck out of the way by attributing it to drunken driving. If the medication doesn't have the above statement on the package it probably doesn't have any antihistamines in it and it probably won't dry up your nasal drip as fast either. The point is, if the caution is on the package PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO IT.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The twentieth annual meeting of the Nyssa Co-op Supply will be held Wednesday January 17, 1973 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oregon Trail Hall.

Regular business of the association will be in order, as well as the election of one director (John Stam's term expires), annual audit report, and any other business that may properly come before the members.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

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## Rep. Ullman To Abolish Electoral College

U.S. Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., called today's joint session of Congress to count electoral votes a "charade," and said he is introducing legislation to abolish the whole electoral college system.

"It's time we remodeled the entire process," Ullman said. "We should abolish the electoral college and allow the direct popular election of the president."

He said that under the present system, a presidential candidate who gained only 40 percent of the popular vote could still be elected president merely by winning the 12 largest states.

Even today, according to Ullman, the 538 electors do not have to vote for the candidate who received the most votes in their state in the November election.

He noted that in 1969 the House approved a constitutional amendment abolishing the electoral college, but that the Senate failed to act on the measure.

"We must try again," the Oregon congressman said. "The people must truly be made the source of electoral power."

As part of a comprehensive package of election reforms, Ullman said he is also proposing a national presidential primary to take the place of state presidential primary elections and national party conventions.

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