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## MONDAY PROCLAIMED "4-H DAY" IN OREGON BY GOVERNOR McCALL

More than 500 4-H club members in Malheur County and their 65 leaders are among those recognized by Oregon Governor Tom McCall who has proclaimed Monday, January 29, as "4-H Day" in Oregon. In proclaiming "4-H Day," McCall said the expansion of 4-H activities and the involvement of more young people from all backgrounds will provide rewards for all the young people and the society they live in, said Carol Knothe, Malheur County Extension Agent. McCall noted that the state's 4-H program now includes 43,000 4-H members and 7,000 leaders. The statewide day marking 4-H contributions to young people coincides with the 38th Oregon 4-H leaders conference in Salem, Mrs. Knothe said. Five

leaders and three members from Malheur County are attending.

McCall cited project work and club activities that develop responsible citizens, improve the environment, and build nutrition and health. He noted they also engage in community development, strengthen family life, promote education, chart careers, and help spread the 4-H "learn-by-doing" idea around the world.

4-H and other youth programs conducted by Oregon State University's Extension Service in Malheur County include educational experiences and leadership opportunities, Mrs. Knothe pointed out. She said the county's 4-H activities that are particularly popular now include - livestock, home economics and outdoorsman.

## POTATO GROWERS ELECT OFFICERS

Malheur Potato Growers Association met for their annual meeting last week before the Oregon Potato Conference and elected the following directors: Oregon-Slope, Bud Panike, Nyssa-Adrian, Farrell Peterson, Vale, Max Barlow, Harper, Robert Sanders, and Ontario, Sam Uchida. Association officers will be elected at an Association directors meeting to be held in the near future.

## Lions Learn About Students

Elementary principal Melvin Munn presented a program on the Elementary Library to Nyssa Lions Club members Tuesday noon at the Twilight Cafe. Among those enjoying the program were three members of the Fruitland Lions Club on a visitation.

Munn was accompanied by Mrs. Vera Tolman, librarian, Gary Jasper, 6th grade teacher, and David Dail and Nick Lopez, 5th grade students. Each of them helped to show how the Elementary Library works with all teachers and students in making the Nyssa Elementary School a better learning facility.

## Cattle Growers Will Meet January 30 - 31

Cattle operators will have an opportunity to hear experts in their field discuss important factors in the cattle business, January 30 and 31. This meeting will be held in room W-10 of the Weese Building on the T.V.C.C. campus beginning at 1:00 p.m. and lasting until 4:00 p.m. according to George W. Bain, Malheur County Extension Agent.

Topics discussed will include "Merchandizing Your Cattle" and determining market value of your cattle. Also on the program will be a discussion of Priority in Performance and "What's Ahead in Beef Cattle Breeding."

The three-day leader conference in Salem begins Sunday, January 28, when the program includes tours of Oregon's unique 720-acre 4-H Education Center in rolling hills west of Salem. The schedule also includes a dinner with legislators and government officials and leader-teacher training workshops intended to develop and use leader talents.

## Tax Booklets At Post Office

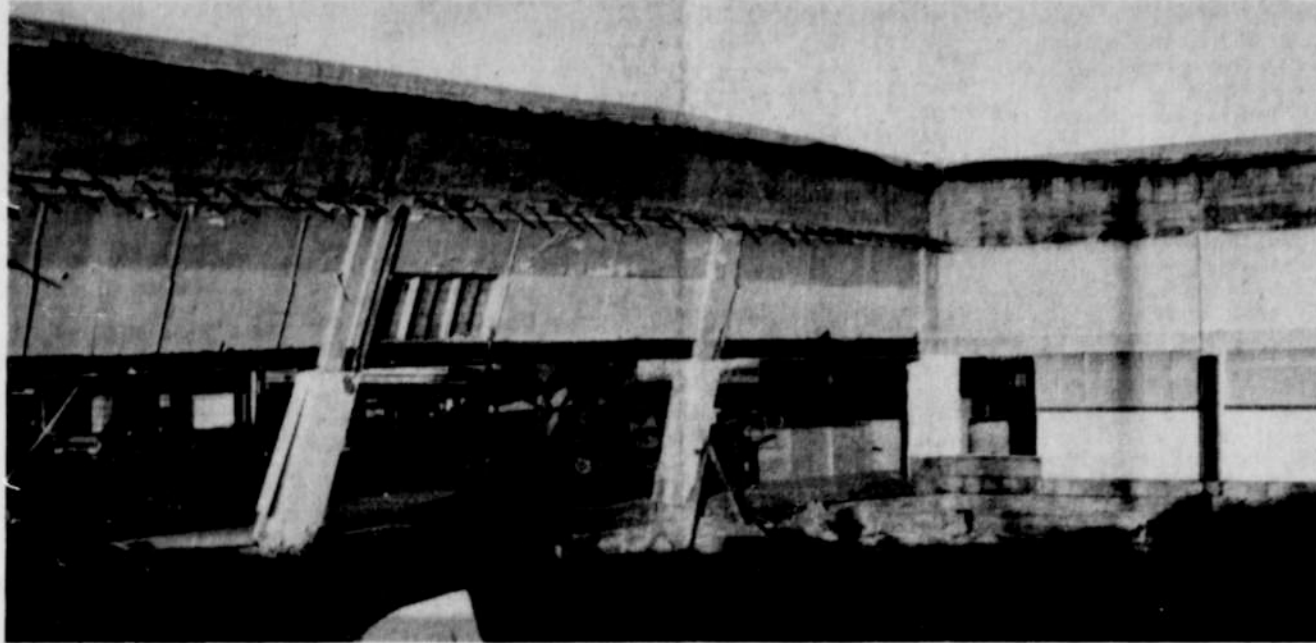
Two U.S. Internal Revenue Service booklets are again being offered to the public at post offices, Postmaster Lee Dail said today.

The 75-cent publications are "Your Federal Income Tax" and "Tax Guide for Small Businesses."

"The books give both the individual and the businessman invaluable guidelines on preparing their federal income tax," Mr. Dail said.

"Your Federal Income Tax" is being sold in first-, second-, and third-class post offices.

The "Tax Guide for Small Businesses" will be sold in all larger post offices throughout the country as soon as received. In-office advertising of the booklets is being posted, to alert U.S. Postal Service customers of their availability.



THE FRONT WALL OF THE PETERSON BUILDING can be seen toppling to the ground as workmen clean up the lot in preparation for construction of the new First National Bank of Oregon branch in Nyssa.

In the picture at right the east wall of the building can be seen on its way down as tractors on either end push it over.

The bottom picture at right shows workmen pushing down interior partitions in the former Sarazin clinic as this building is rapidly being demolished.

First National Bank authorities have not as yet announced plans for actual construction of their new facility, but it is expected that these will be forthcoming soon.

## Local Students Earn BSC Honors

785 Boise State College students have been named to the Dean's List for fall semester, according to Dr. David S. Taylor, Vice-President for Student Affairs.

Melissa Nishitani received Highest Honors with a 4.00 Grade Point Average. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nishitani, Nyssa, and a Music Major.

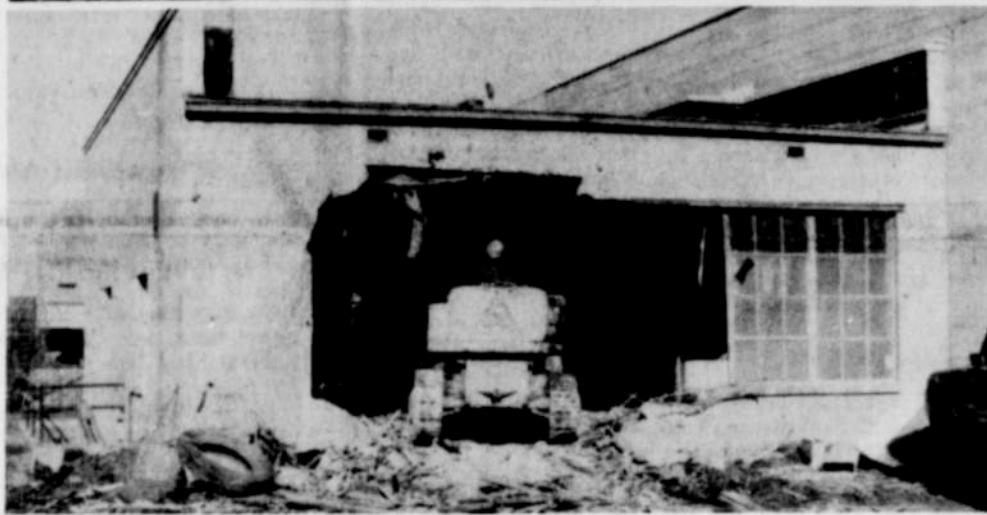
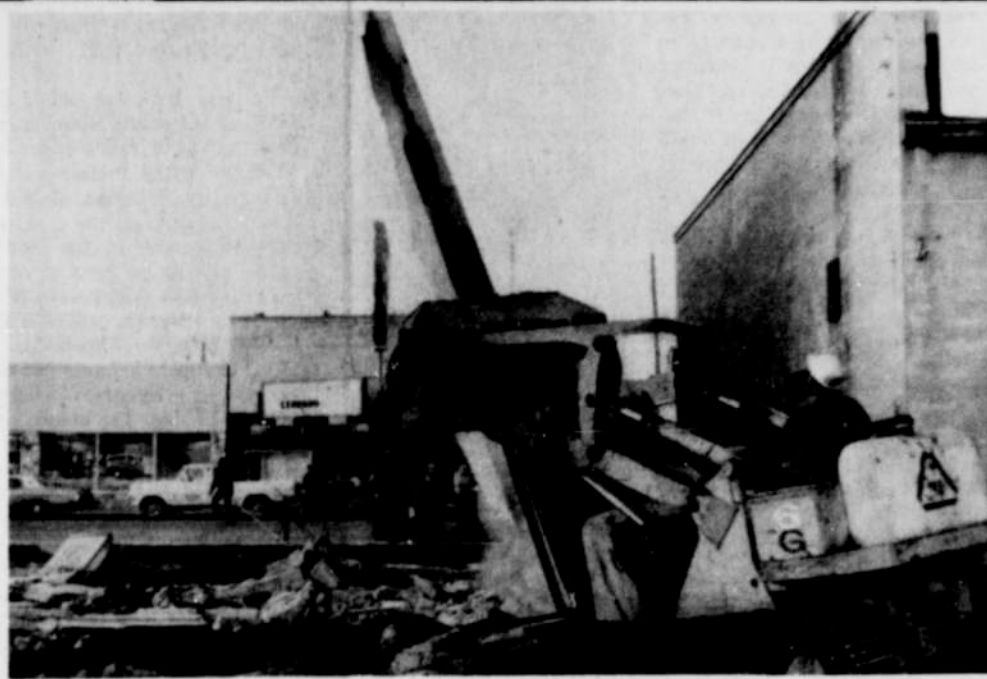
Receiving High Honors with a 3.75 GPA was Sheila Pratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pratt, Adrian. Miss Pratt is majoring in Elementary Education.

## Milk Prices Increased

An increase of thirty cents per hundredweight in the cost of Grade "A" milk from the Dairy Farmers was recently announced by Frank W. Krone, general manager of Dairyman's Creamery Association, Incorporated, headquartered in Caldwell, Idaho.

The price hike reflects the continuing increases of production costs which have been imposed on the Dairy Farmers of the area, Krone stated. He cited spiraling feed costs, which have risen from 25% to an all-time high, as well as other escalated costs which have previously been absorbed by the Dairy Farmer and not passed on to the market.

The market, Krone concluded, could probably anticipate an increase at the retail level of from four to six cents per gallon.



## Water Storage Again Excellent In County

"Good" and "excellent" are again words of music to the ears of irrigators and other water users in Malheur County.

"We found only 5 inches of snow on Eldorado Pass with 1.3 inches of water, but this is still .1 inch better than average," said S. Duane Town, District Conservationist for USDA Soil Conservation Service at the Vale field office. "We have been spoiled by the last two years of far better than average water supplies," Town said.

Owyhee and Malheur drainages are the only "bright spots" in Oregon. Snowpack is only 60 percent of average over most of the state, while Owyhee is 140 percent and Malheur 100 percent.

Snow cover on the west side of the Cascades varies from 20 percent to 50 percent of average. The east side of the Cascades has from 50 to 70 percent snow cover. The Blue Mountains have 40 to 80 percent snow cover at the medium and higher elevations. Snow cover in the southern part of the state generally ranges from 25 to 50 percent of average.

Soil moisture is near average and soils should absorb average amounts of snowmelt and winter rainfall.

Streamflow has varied throughout the state being best on the Owyhee which was 21 percent above average during December.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Jan. 17	44	30	.19
Jan. 18	43	32	.07
Jan. 19	39	29	.08
Jan. 20	38	24	
Jan. 21	40	17	
Jan. 22	40	16	
Jan. 23	38	20	
Jan. 24	29		

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
1/23/73 556,810 Acre Feet  
1/23/72 597,020 Acre Feet



THE HISTORIC WASHINGTON HOTEL in Weiser is only a shell after a fire gutted the old building Friday night. This picture taken Saturday morning shows weary crews still pouring water onto the roof of the building.

Two residents of the hotel died in the fire, Mrs. Lou Shellhaas, 83, by smoke

inhalation; and Harley Benfer, 91, reportedly suffered a heart attack. All of the other residents and guests were evacuated safely, with several of the older residents treated at the Weiser Hospital.

Built in 1910, the hotel was a popular meeting place for people from all over the Treasure Valley for the past 62 years.

## HELLS CANYON NATIONAL FOREST PARKLANDS IS PROPOSED IN CONGRESS

Joined by three other members of Oregon's congressional delegation, U.S. Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., today formally introduced his comprehensive proposal to establish a vast wild and scenic national reserve surrounding the rugged Hells Canyon and Snake River along the Oregon-Idaho border. Co-sponsoring the legislation with Ullman in the House were Reps. Edith Green, D-Ore., and Wendell Wyatt, R-Ore., while Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., indicated he would introduce the bill in the Senate.

Involving an area slightly smaller than Rhode Island, the proposed reserve is to be called Hells Canyon National Forest Parklands. Administration of the area would fall to the U.S. Forest Service.

Ullman said the bill seeks to end the long, unresolved debate over the construction of more hydroelectric dams in Hells Canyon by specifically prohibiting any dams on the Snake River within the wild and scenic area.

Water rights elsewhere on the river, according to Ullman, would remain essentially unaffected.

## Four Receive Science Awards

Winners in the Nyssa High School Science Symposium held January 20, were Rod Lewis, Manuel Perez, Sonia Saito and Laurie Stunz. Each received a ten dollar cash award from the Science Club.

Others who participated include: Debbie Alexander, Jim Bass, Bob Meadows, Curt Lords, Susan Davis, Brad Ropp, Gail Hirai and Roberta Morrow.

Other students who have worked on projects during the year had reports and equipment on display. Special guests attending the symposium were Mrs. J. Draper, Mrs. Paul Kunkel and Mr. Dale Bishop who served as judges and Dr. H.K. Fritchman and Mrs. Donna Parsons, featured speakers.

All interested science students who have prepared projects will be invited to enter the Junior Academy of Science Symposium to be held February 24 at Oregon State University. Miss Mary Omberg and Mr. Gary Thompson, Science Club advisors, wish to thank those who attended. The success of this event has stimulated student interest in future symposia and it is hoped this will become an annual event.

## Oregon Livestock Tax Values Up 20% In 1973

The Oregon livestock tax assessors meeting with representatives of the Oregon Cattleman's Association in Prineville recently, reached an agreement and approved the 1973 livestock tax appraisal figures. OCA President Charley Otley, appointed Jerry Brees, Prineville, Chairman of the OCA Livestock Tax Appraisal Committee. The make-up of this committee consisted of more than twenty Oregon cattlemen, representing every segment of the Oregon beef cattle industry.

Oscar Bratton, Malheur County Assessor, said the following are the approved assessor's true cash values on Oregon livestock for 1973 (for comparison 1972 figures are identified by \*).

Calves, under 6 months, \$70.00 - \*\$51.00  
Steer Calves 6 months to 1 year, \$160.00 - \*\$125.00  
Heifer calves, 6 months to 1 year, \$125.00 - \*\$100.00  
Steers, 1 year and over, \$205.00 - \*\$165.00  
Heifers, 1 year to 2 years, \$180.00 - \*\$141.00  
Cows, 2 years and over \$200.00 - \*\$169.00  
Bulls, 1 year and over, \$375.00 - \*\$317.00

The 1973 livestock tax values are approximately 20% higher than the previous year.

## Veterans Loans Exceed Past Year By \$5 Million

The Department of Veterans Affairs granted 7,927 loans last year in the amount of \$144,480,202, H. C. Saalfeld, director, reported today. This was a new record for dollar volume, exceeding the previous record set in 1971 by more than \$5 million.

The bill also attempts to protect Hells Canyon and the Snake River as far north as the Washington state border by setting adjacent land aside for study as potential wilderness areas.

Broader than any proposal so far put forth, the plan designates 270,000 acres as roadless backcountry while setting aside nearly 466,000 additional acres on both sides of the canyon for a comprehensive land-use management study.

Under the study, which is to be completed over a three-year period with public participation, the bulk of the land area could be designated for a variety of uses, including wilderness, backcountry or intensive recreation.

In addition, Ullman said provision has been made for a carefully designed and controlled scenic road along the Oregon side of the canyon rim-accessible from both Willowa and Baker Counties.

"The plan is designed to highlight recreation," Ullman said, "but the sheer size of the area requires establishing multiple-use as a basic management tool."

He said no single designation of land use could ever encompass the wide variety of country contained in the proposed parklands. Of the total acreage, about one-quarter - 172,800 acres - lies on the Idaho side of the canyon.

Reiterating a statement he made last month, Ullman said: "Hells Canyon has a combination of great scenic beauty, primitive wilderness and natural resources. An intelligent approach will allow us to use all of this potential simultaneously."

He said that it is why he has proposed a flexible plan providing for public participation.

## Nyssa Vies For Miss TVCC

The Miss TVCC Pageant, scheduled for tonight at 8 p.m., features a girl from Nyssa among the seven contestants entered in the contest to date. She is Chris Norman, 20-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dell Norman, who is rehearsing a skit in the talent presentation.

Other contestants are Jaclyn Evans, Weiser, a dancer; Billie Jo Marler, Fossil, who will present a skit; Valerie Jean Blackburn, Parma, who will sing; Judy Coombs, Unity, also a singer; Sharlee Lopez, Hawaii, who will present a Tahitian Dance; and Deborah Nielson, Ontario, will play the flute.

## David Robbins First In FFA

David Robbins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norville Robbins, scored 199 out of a possible 200 in the Snake River District State Farmer record book contest, held in Ontario January 20, to take first place.

The State Farmer degree is the highest degree a Future Farmer of America (FFA) member can receive. Only two percent of the members enrolled in Oregon can receive this degree.

Earlier this year, Greg Duff, State FFA vice-president from Pendleton, conducted an on the farm interview.

Other participants from Nyssa included: Dwayne Ulrey, who placed third, Kent Cleaver, fifth; Dennis Chamberlain and Scott Goodell.

February 7, these young men will be interviewed by the State officers who will then select the State farmers from the score of their project, ability to keep records, knowledge of the FFA, leadership and their record books.

## Union Growers Slate Election

The election of Union Grower Committee Members for the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Union Committee is to be held Thursday, February 8, 11:30 a.m., at the LaPaloma Restaurant in Ontario. The election will be a part of the program of the Joint Annual Meeting of the Malheur Union Grower's Association and the Southwest Idaho Union Grower's Association.

The Grower Committee members, whose term of office will be expiring May 31 are as follows:

- Dist. No. 2 - Paul Saito, Rt. 3, Weiser.
- Mas Yano, Route 3, Weiser.
- Dist. No. 4 - Joel Mitchell, Route 2, Box 616, Nyssa.
- Harold E. Dail, Route 1, Box 628, Nyssa.
- Dist. No. 6 - George Kubosumi, Route 1, Homedale.
- Frank Yamamoto, Route 1, Homedale.

## WELDING CLASSES OFFERED AT NYSSA

Basic arc and oxy-acetylene welding will be offered in Nyssa this term, through the Treasure Valley Community College Office of Continuing Education. Deryl Leggett, instructor, said it would meet two times a week for 40 hours of class, in a period of ten weeks. He said both beginners and those wishing to improve their skill could benefit. Total cost for tuition and materials will be \$25.00 for the 2-credit class.

An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, January 30, in the Nyssa High School Vocational-Agriculture shop building at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting, it will be decided what times and evenings would be scheduled. Further information may be had from Mr. Leggett at 372-3415.