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## MALHEUR COUNTY BAR OPPOSES RECALL EFFORTS AGAINST JUDGE DORROH

The Malheur County Bar Association Tuesday passed a resolution advising residents not to sign a petition to recall Judge Jeff D. Dorroh Jr., circuit judge of the Ninth Judicial District in Oregon.

Petitions for Judge Dorroh's recall for "indiscriminate use of his judicial powers in matters of budget and judicial administration" are being circulated by a "Citizens Committee to Recall Judge Dorroh." Mike Singleton is chairman of the committee.

The committee cited two actions of the judge which they object to. One relates to a salary increase sought by the judge for his secretary and the other concerns the judge setting aside the verdict of guilt rendered by the jury against James Brandon who had been found guilty of five charges of negligent homicide.

H. Clifford Looney, president of the bar association reported late Tuesday that the association had agreed that the budgetary matter involving the salary of the secretary is now pending in court and a matter of judicial determination. They reported that Judge Dorroh will not hear the case and the decision will be made by the courts.

They also said similar suits are now pending in other judicial districts in Oregon and a final resolution will be made by the appropriate courts.

They said that the decision of Judge Dorroh that there was insufficient evidence in the criminal case to justify a finding of guilty is a judicial determination. "For this to be a basis of recall petition strikes at the very foundation of our judicial system," the association said.

"Our judicial system and Constitution provide for separation of powers and the administration of justice should not be the subject of popular vote or recall. If the judicial decision of a judge is made the basis of a recall petition, the judicial system would be fettered and lose its independence.

"It is essential to judicial administration that the courts be free and unencumbered except through the appellate procedures provided by law."

The bar association is opposed to a recall election based upon judicial decisions made by a judge, Looney reported. "Every judge should have a right to conscientiously make his decision without the threat of a recall petition being filed by those who disagree with him.

"The legislature has provided adequate means to appeal the decisions made by a judge to the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon where his decisions are reviewable for errors."

## Homeowner's Tax Relief

Are you eligible for Homeowner's Property Tax Relief? The Sheriff's Tax Office and the Assessor's Office believe that some taxpayers are not taking advantage of this new law, according to County Assessor Oscar Bratton.

This is the law that replaced the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption law and went into effect January 1, 1972. The criteria for qualifying is ownership of your home and the relation of your income to the real property taxes that you pay. Whether your homestead is in the country or city makes no difference. Also if you are taking the Farm Use Deferral you may still qualify for tax relief under this law.

It has been estimated that one out of three homeowners may be eligible for property tax relief up to \$400. This relief is not automatic, though, and requires application to the State Department of Revenue prior to April 16. (This is the yellow form that was mailed with your tax statement last fall.) Some \$21,000,000 has been set aside for this relief over a two year period. Each situation is unique and just because your neighbor does not qualify does not mean that you will not. Usually if you are making \$8,000 to \$10,000 net income you will not get much or any relief. The best thing is to check it out! Call 473-3165 (Tax Office) or 473-3192 (Assessor's Office). April 16 is the last day to file.

## Land Use Plan Hearing Set

Malheur's Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be reviewed at a public hearing - February 28, 7:30 p.m., Vale City Hall, according to Dr. John Easley, County Planning Commission Chairman.

Chairman Easley went on to say this hearing does not involve use, but primarily to establish broad land use policy guidelines for final ordinance preparation. Hearing dates relating to the proposed land use ordinance will be announced soon, Easley stated. Six community area meetings have been held and community leaders are preparing their recommendations to present to the planning commission, Easley concluded.

## PARENT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Preregistrations are still being accepted for a series of meetings, "Parent to Child About Sex," which will be held in Ontario February 27, 28 and March 1.

Robert Frasier Anderson, Oregon State University Extension Family Life Specialist, will conduct the series. The meetings are planned to help parents in their job of providing their children with adequate knowledge to make decisions in the area of their developing sexuality. Meetings will be held from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Administration Building at TVCC.



OREGON DAIRY PRODUCTS Commission Secretary Ray Kozak receives a toast from two beauties, Oregon Dairy Princess Janice Waibel of Hillsboro, left, and Terrilyn Chamberlain, Malheur County Dairy Princess from Adrian. The toast was made with milk, of course, at the dinner held Monday evening at the Starlight Cafe in Vale. Mrs. Klaas Iman, Nyssa, is president of the Malheur County Dairy Wives,

hostesses for the dinner. Miss Waibel is 19 years old, 5 ft. 8 inches tall, and a student at Mt. Hood Community College. She graduated from Hillsboro High School, and grew up with three brothers and two sisters on her parents' 110-acre dairy farm.

Monday was the first of a five-day trip by the dairy princesses, covering all parts of the State of Oregon



CHILDREN OF FRENCH GLEN 4-H CLUB, all students of French Glen School, toured the Amalgamated Sugar Company factory Tuesday afternoon in Nyssa, with District Manager Ray Larson conducting the tour. They had seen the Oregon Produce onion processing plant in Ontario earlier in the day, and were to tour the J.R. Simplot Company potato processing plant, and the Co-operative Creamery in Caldwell before returning home. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Groah, teachers, and Mrs. Catherine

Fine, Mrs. Judy Barnes, Fred Witzel and Red Dunbar, 4-H leaders accompanied the group.

Warren Henninger, County Agent; Ray Novotney, County Extension Agent; and Ron Mobley, 4-H Agent arranged the tour and accompanied the youngsters through the various valley plants.

Larson told the group that the factory will close sometime Sunday afternoon after processing over two million 100-pound bags of sugar.

## BLM Employee Receives Award

An award for special achievement for his superior work in completing a complex assignment while employed by the Vale BLM district this past summer was presented to Roger W. Corrigal at a recent staff meeting. District Manager George R. Gurr made the presentation in behalf of Oregon State Director Archie Craft.

Corrigal was cited for his work as lead man on a two-man team conducting a Phase I Watershed Erosion Study in the Southern Resource Area. This study involved running transects in various vegetative subtypes and digging soil pits to identify the different soils at each transect site. By the end of the work season, 947,000 acres were inventoried by the team who lived in remote cow camps and a converted bus during the period. Corrigal also answered fire call and assisted with several fires during the summer as well as keeping his regular assignment ahead of schedule. Information gained from the study was valuable in writing the watershed portion of the Antelope, Star Valley, and "45" Unit Resource Analysis.

Gurr said an award of this type has rarely been made to a temporary employee. Corrigal is a 1971 graduate of Oregon State University with a B.S. in Range Management. He has worked for the Vale district for the past four summers in a temporary capacity as range aid or technician. He is well versed in the livestock business, having grown up on a ranch in the Westfall area.

## Nyssa High School Science Students To Report Studies

Twenty-nine students from nine Oregon high schools will present research papers February 24 at Oregon State University during the 31st annual meeting of the Oregon Academy of Science.

Results of their individual research projects will be reported in the Junior Academy of Science section, headed by Lewis H. Schaad, science teacher at Western View Junior High School, Corvallis.

Sixty papers will be presented during the day by senior

scientists in anthropology, biology, chemistry, geography, geology and mathematics-physics.

The 29 junior scientist papers represent a wide range of topics, including computer analysis, fuel cell performance, concentrations of six major ions in seawater, fresh water ecosystems, soil micro-organisms water quality, pollution problems, and an analysis of saliva with emphasis on its healing properties.

Students selected to present papers at the scientific conference from Nyssa are:

Susan Davis, Rod Lewis, Manuel Perez, Sonia Saito, Max Elguezabal Jr., Laura Stunz, Debbie Alexander, Curtis M. Lords, and Roberta Morrow.

## Onion Growers Name Officers

The Malheur County Onion Growers Association Directors met in Ontario February 14 and elected a slate of officers for 1973 in addition to conducting several items of business.

Officers for 1973 re-elected to their posts were Kay Teramura of Ontario as president, Roy Hasebe of Ontario as vice-president, and Harry Fukiage of Ontario as secretary-treasurer.

Ten Malheur County onion growers serve as directors for the Malheur County Onion Growers Association. The 1973 directors are Kay Teramura and Roy Hasebe for the Ontario District; Larry Saito and Noble Morinaka for the Nyssa District; and George Hironaka and Mas Yano for the Oregon-Slope District; Kaz Yamaguchi for the Vale District and Directors-at-large, Manaro Wakasugi of Oregon - Slope, Harry Fukiage of Ontario and Joe Saito of Ontario. New members to the board of directors are Mas Yano and Noble Morinaka.

The Board reviewed the outcome of the joint onion growers meeting held on Feb. 8 and discussed some preliminary plans for the 1973 meeting. Research programs to be conducted by the University of Idaho and Oregon State University were examined. Warren Henninger, Malheur Extension Agent, reviewed onion extension programs he plans to conduct in 1973. These programs include insect control, water management and curing practices.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
Feb. 14	44	31
Feb. 15	43	32
Feb. 16	45	25
Feb. 17	44	24
Feb. 18	48	28
Feb. 19	49	23
Feb. 20	48	24
Feb. 21		24

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
2/21/73 589,200 Acre Feet  
2/21/74 583,860 Acre Feet

## New Officer Joins Police

Carl Zellars, 22, is the newest member to join the Nyssa Police Department, joining the force February 1. He is a former resident of Athena, Oregon and a graduate of McEwen High School in Athena.



CARL ZELLARS He was a ranch foreman before entering police work. Zellars has one more quarter at TVCC to get his degree in law enforcement. He and his wife Connie, are living at Fischer's Trailer Court, west of town.

## City Receives Sewage Money

City Manager Fred Koch reported that the City of Nyssa recently received \$48,924 from the State of Oregon for sewage treatment facilities.

Koch said that this is a grant from the state out of the state bond issue for sewage treatment. The money will go into the fund for bond repayment.

## Water Supply Forecast Good

"Near average spring and summer water supplies are forecast for Malheur County water uses depending on direct diversion. Those users with access to stored water will leave excellent supplies", said S. Duane Town, District Conservationist for USDA Soil Conservation Service at Vale. The mountain snow pack varies from 85 percent on Jordan Creek to 115 percent on the Owyhee. Winter precipitation for the November through January period is 14 percent above normal. "Soil moisture is near average which will enhance spring runoff", Town said.

Eldorado Pass had 11.4 inches of snow with 2.4 inches of water. This is one inch less than average. Stinking Water had 8 inches of snow with 1.9 inches of water. The average water is 2.6 inches. Reservoir storage is 50 percent above average in the area. The Owyhee inflow was 140 percent of average during January.

## CITY OF NYSSA CALLS FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

The City of Nyssa has called for a public hearing Tuesday, March 6 to discuss a proposed Supplemental Budget, with expenditures totaling \$62,274.00 in Federal Revenue Sharing funds.

Mayor Larry Bauman and City Manager Fred Koch explained that these extra funds, received by the city in two installments and now in time deposits earning interest, must be expended in this fashion and cannot by law be used to offset property taxes.

The Revenue Sharing Act was passed by Congress in 1972 and is funded for a five-year period. The city officials estimate that Nyssa will receive somewhat over \$320,000 in these five years. Three factors determine the amount of money to be received, and they are based on population, the local tax effort, and relative income factor. Under the formula, local taxes including special levies such as the special street levy and the dog control levy, must be maintained.

The supplemental budget is published elsewhere in this issue of the Journal, and is the result of much discussion with groups in the community, Mayor

Bauman said. The city council and budget board feels that they have budgeted the money to purchase needed equipment and expenditures which have been put off in the past because of the tight budget of the last several years.

The major proposed expenditure in the budget will be \$21,000 for the water department. This includes a new well on the Idaho side, in addition to the two wells already in operation there. This will give Nyssa the added water needed to alleviate a water shortage problem each summer. Improvements will also be made on the site, including fencing around the three wells.

The balance of the water revenues will go for land, survey, and preliminary engineering for a proposed new three million gallon water storage tank. This has been under study for many years, and after studies have been completed, the city will ask the voters of Nyssa to approve the project. Preliminary cost figures are in the area of \$375,000 and the council would like to use approximately \$200,000 of future revenue sharing funds to help retire this debt.

Mayor Bauman said that this storage would increase pressure, and would give added assurance that Nyssa will have adequate water to meet the needs in the foreseeable future. It would also provide a much improved fire protection situation, with a possibility of re-evaluation of fire insurance rates.

Future revenue sharing plans call for replacement of a backhoe and street sweeper, both of which are getting old.

The mayor said that the city council will again ask the voters of Nyssa to approve the special levy of \$13,000 per year for street improvements. This levy has been approved twice in the past ten years, each for a five year period. He said that it is important that this levy be continued to maintain the tax effort necessary so that revenue sharing is not cut in the future.

City Manager Koch added that several other areas in the city will be improved by expenditures from the proposed supplemental budget. \$19,000 is proposed for parks and cemetery, including adequate mowing equipment to take care of all the parks.

## JC President To Be In Nyssa

Tom Brown, Oregon State President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be in Nyssa next Wednesday, February 28 to help reorganize the Nyssa Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Brown will be accompanied by members of the Ontario JC's, and they will meet with prospective members at 7:30 p.m. in the Eagles Hall basement. All young men between the ages of 21 and 35 are asked to attend.

## Seed Growers Elect Officers

Directors of the Malheur County Alfalfa Seed Growers Association met in Adrian, February 13 and elected officers for the coming year. They also summarized pollinator research projects needed to insure continued high alfalfa seed yields.

Officers elected for 1973 include Wm. (Bud) Panike, president; David Hill, vice-president; and Ted Avery, secretary. The new treasurer for the organization is John Fahrenbruch.

Directors pin pointed the principle alfalfa seed growing problem to be the decline of leafcutter bee numbers. These little bees are the chief pollinators of the areas alfalfa seed crop. For some undetermined reason an unusually high mortality rate of the larval state of the bee has occurred during the past several years.

A request for research on the problem will be presented at a meeting of the Deans of the Schools of Agriculture from the states of Oregon, Idaho, Washington and Nevada, at Boise on February 16.

## SUGAR CAMPAIGN CLOSES SUNDAY

The Amalgamated Sugar Factory's 1972-73 campaign will come to a close Sunday afternoon, February 25 after a 139-day campaign. This compares to a 116-day run last year.

In a conversation with Ray Larson, Tuesday, he reported that approximately 830,000 tons of beets were sliced with approximately 2,150,000 - 100 - pound bags of sugar processed during the campaign.

There was some loss this year of stored beets and the sugar content was down somewhat from last year.



A COLOR TV SET AND 10-SPEED BIKE will be given as door prizes at the Jim Robinson Benefit Sunday afternoon at the high school cafeteria.

Pictured are Mike Anderson, left and Dr. Jon Heitzman, two of the committee who have worked hard to make the program a success. Proceeds will go to Jim Robinson to help with expenses incurred in two critical operations recently. Robinson re-

turned home last weekend after almost two months in Portland hospitals.

The TV set was donated by Parma Furniture, and the bicycle was given by the Nyssa Merc and the Nyssa Lions Club. Dr. Heitzman, Anderson and other members of the committee ask all citizens to join in helping this family who has suffered financial distress through prolonged illness.