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## MALHEUR COUNTY WATER SUPPLY IN GREAT SHAPE FOR COMING SEASON

"War Eagle Mountain snow marker is a tough one to locate," said Adam Focht, Nyssa, manager of Owyhee North Board of control. "It's supposed to be right down there in a little opening in the timber."

After making a tight turn over a timbered ridge, Casey Jones of Ontario Flight Service, brought the Cessna 180 back over the marker. "There it is! One, two, two and a half boards above the snow," said Focht. "That's what I count, too," said Town. That figured close to 65 inches of snow. Jones then put the Cessna into a steep downward slant toward the Silver City, Idaho marker which is much easier to locate; it had 31 inches of snow.

For 4 1/2 hours the flight continued with 23 aerial snow markers being observed. These are located in a horseshoe shape down the east side of Malheur county to Nevada, then west to Harney county going over Trout Creek Mts., then north across the Pueblo Mts., over Steens Mountain to Strawberry Mountain in Grant County, then south and east to Upper Bully Creek, then to Cottonwood-Indian Creek marker and then back to Ontario.

From these aerial observations and others, and from snow course measurements all over Oregon the following picture is painted.

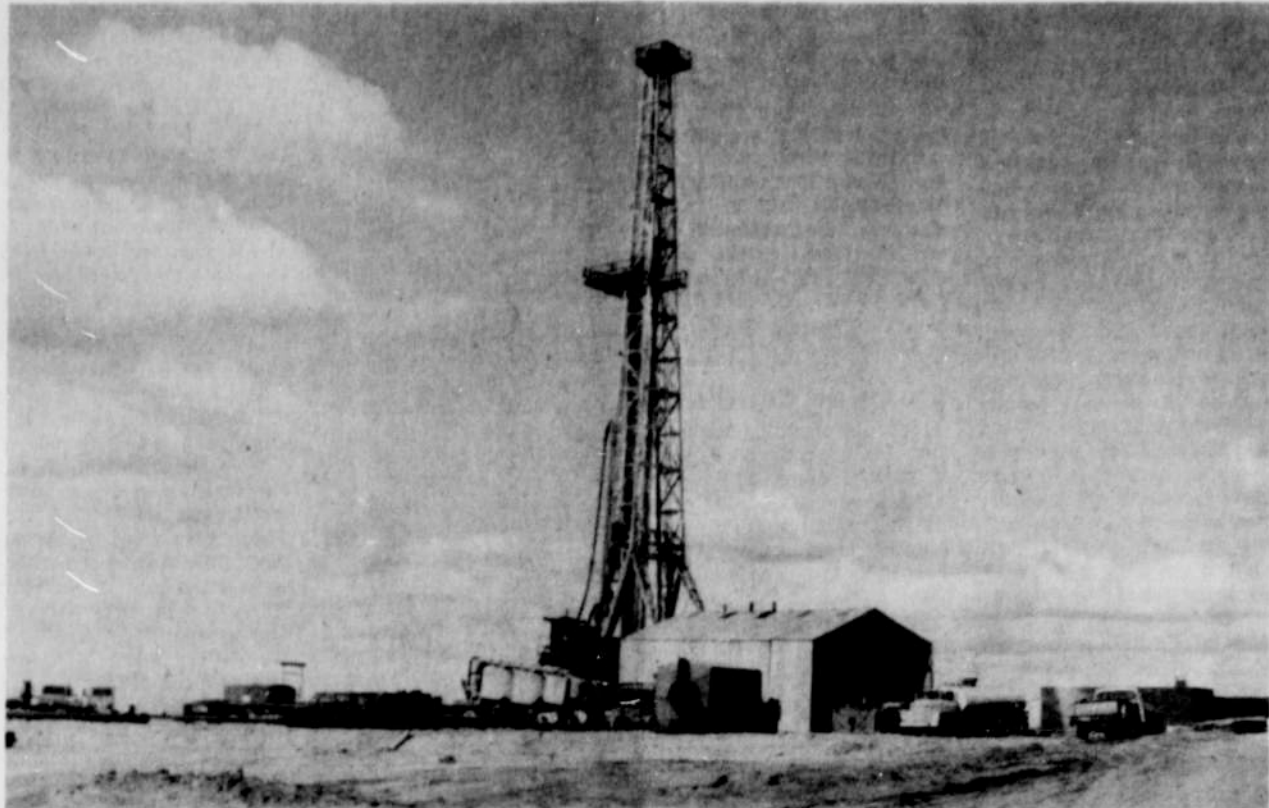
"Malheur County still remains the bright spot in Oregon. Water supplies will be excellent to average for users with stored water," said Bud Town, District Conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at Vale. The water supply outlook for next summer for most Oregon water users ranges from much below average up to average. Most reservoirs will not fill.

Some late-season shortages may occur where water users depend on direct diversion from streams in the north end of the county. Snow cover varies from 104 percent of average on the upper Owyhee to 76 percent on the Jordan Creek drainage.

February was very dry with precipitation only 38 percent of the average. The November through February total is 101 percent of average. Soil moisture is near average.

The April-September streamflow forecasts range from 91 percent of average on the Owyhee to 69 percent on the Malheur near Beulah.

Reservoir storage was 137 percent of average, however, if present conditions continue Antelope and Bully Creek reservoirs will not fill. The Owyhee net inflow was only 54 percent of average during February. Compared to the rest of Oregon, Malheur County is in great shape for water supplies.



THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA is drilling a wildcat or exploratory oil well on property owned by Highland Livestock and Land Company about five miles east of Nyssa on the Idaho side. The well is near the microwave relay tower east of Highway 95.

Jack Bird of Artesia, Calif., drilling foreman for Standard Oil, is shown at right standing near some 13-3/8" casing. R.P. Thompson is the other company foreman on the job, and Art Calanchini is foreman for the R.B. Montgomery Drillers of Bakersfield, Calif., under contract to Standard Oil. Four drilling crews are working around the clock, with 28 men on the job.

The well was down about 1,000 feet Tuesday with 20" casing. The smaller 13-3/8" casing will be used at about 3,000 feet, and later a 9-7/8" casing will be used as the well nears the ultimate 12,000 foot depth expected.

Bird said that exploration crews decide on the locations for the wells, looking for basic formations in the earth likely to have oil.

The crews expect to be at this Idaho location for about three months, and then will move their rigs to southern Malheur County to drill another test well.



## Warren Henninger Resigns County Position

Warren Henninger, County Extension Agent has resigned from the Malheur County Staff to accept a position with the J. R. Simplot Company according to Ray Novotny, County Staff Chairman.

Henninger will work in a research capacity in row potato production with the J. R. Simplot Company, Novotny stated. It was emphasized that this specialist during the past four years has made a very significant contribution to the potato and onion industry of not

only Malheur County but all of Oregon, Idaho and all areas over the country.

Henninger worked with the local commodity groups and served as an advisor to the National Potato Council, Idaho-Oregon Union Promotion Committee, Co-chairman of the Pesticide Committee for the Idaho-Oregon Fruit and Vegetable Association; member of Extension's representation to the Potato Association of America and area information representative for the National Potato Promotion Board.

This specialist received his higher education from the Pennsylvania State University and advanced degree from Oregon State University.

Novotny stated no replacement has been selected but that Extension Administration was moving as rapidly as possible to fill the position in view of the forthcoming farming season.

## Adrian High School To Stage Oklahoma

The Rogers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma" will be presented by the music department of Adrian High School, March 15 and 16 at 8 p.m.

The story of "Oklahoma" takes place while Oklahoma is still a territory, but is looking forward to becoming a state.

The story centers around the conflict of the farmers and cowmen while learning to adjust to one another.

Lead characters are Laurie Williams - Connie Campbell; Curly McClain - Mike Condra; Aunt Eller - Vickie Lane; Will Parker - Laren Robinson; Ado Annie - Cindy Sutton; Andrew Carnes - Larry Price; Jud Fry - Russel Grau; Ali Hakim - Forrest Griggs.

The musical is being directed by Richard Anderson, music director, Jim Johnson and choreographer, Sally Seiler.



KANDY KANE GIFT SHOP is Nyssa's newest business, owned and managed by Frances Focht, left and Betty Rieb. They are located at 610 Main Street next door to Rieb's Clover Farm Market.

The two women opened the shop for a trial run just before Christmas, and were so successful in selling their hand-made articles of all descriptions that they have turned their hobby into a profitable and successful business venture.

They feature handknitted items, handmade candles of different design and scent, doll clothes, handmade jewelry, ceramics, potted plants, fresh and plastic flower arrange-

## HENIGSON ELECTED TO PHI BETA KAPPA

Stuart Henigson, in his senior year at Whitman College, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest scholastic honorary.

Henigson's selection was announced at the school's 11th annual academic recognition banquet held recently at the college.

An economics major, Mr. Henigson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Henigson, Nyssa.

## Voters Defeat TVCC Budget

The proposed operating budget for 1973-74 for Treasure Valley Community College was defeated Monday by 45 votes.

Complete but unofficial count of the votes was 1,112 yes votes to 1,157 no for a total of 2,269 votes cast, the smallest turnout of voters since 1968.

Only the two Ontario precincts and Huntington tallied a majority of yes votes with Ontario 1 voting 568 yes, 166 no for 734 total and 168 yes, 53 no, for 222 total in Ontario 2. Huntington had 33 yes, 31 no, 64 total.

Other precincts show Pioneer, 23 yes, 93 no, 116 total; Calro, 69 yes, 87 no, 156 total; Nyssa 70 yes, 231 no, 301 total; Vale, 121 yes, 257 no, 378 total; Adrian 31 yes, 99 no, 130 total; Willowcreek, 10 yes, 74 no, 84 total; Harper, 7 yes, 47 no, 54 total; and Annex, 12 yes, 19 no, 31 total.

The budget as proposed would have raised \$659,291 through a tax levy for the operating budget of the college, \$37,319 greater than that portion of the operating budget financed by local taxes for the previous year.

Last year 2,848 voters turned out for the budget election and the final turnout in 1971 had 4,302 voting.

## Seven Rivers District Starts Boy Scout Drive

March is the official finance campaign month for the Boy Scout Drive. Francis McLean, finance chairman for the Seven Rivers District of the Ore-Ida Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said that this year's goal for the district is \$15,500.

A business district campaign will be held in all cities of the district except Parma where scouting will receive an estimated \$1,650 from the United Fund Drive. Funds will also be obtained from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and other institutions sponsoring troops with a sustaining Membership Enrollment of parents and friends of scouting.

The Seven-Rivers District is the largest district in the council with 47,000 square miles. It covers the cities and area around Ontario, Nyssa, Vale, Adrian, Burns in Oregon, and Payette, Parma, New Plymouth, Fruitland, Weiser, Cambridge, Council, McCall, and Cascade in Idaho.

George Gurr, chairman for the Seven Rivers District, said that presently there are 1,194 boys served in the district by 73 units.

## 17 Arrested on Drug Violation

A concentrated effort of all area law enforcement agencies' officers last Thursday night resulted in the arrest of eight adults and nine juveniles on charges of criminal activity in drugs.

The adults were lodged in the Malheur County Jail, with bail set at \$1,500 to \$2,500 depending on the circumstances.

Adults arrested were Donny Ray Hatfield, 18, Brian Hirai, 19, and Nick Apodaca, 18, all Nyssa; and Duane Schmitt, 18, Mike Johnson, 18, Raul Gonzales, Jr., 25, Dennis Nielson, 18, and Brady Adams, 18, all of Ontario. Juveniles were remanded to the custody of their parents, and names were not released.

A detective involved in the case said there are several more arrests to be made in the near future, and indicated that the roundup last week was the result of almost eight months of investigation and accumulation of evidence.

## DEQ Grant To Malheur County

The Department of Environmental Quality has made a \$4,000 grant offer to Malheur County for regional solid waste planning.

This \$4,000 state grant is to supplement the county's federal grant awarded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State monies are to be utilized in the preliminary portion of the solid waste project and will also serve as a portion of the matching funds needed for Malheur County to receive a total EPA grant of \$39,778.

The DEQ planning grant is part of a DEQ program designed to assist local governments in developing and adopting action plans to implement the Department's goals of recycling 25% of what we now throw away by 1975 and 90% by 1982.

As he issued the grant offer, DEQ Director Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain said he's looking forward to some fine planning efforts in the area and that DEQ stands ready to assist local people in any way.

The DEQ has a total of \$1,129,630 available for the development of a statewide solid waste management plan.

## Deadline Nears For Filing On Unzoned Farm Land

Oscar Bratton, Malheur County Assessor, said that County ranchers, farmers and green belt property owners who have not already filed have until April 1 to file for the special assessment of unzoned farm land.

Much work is being done to zone Malheur County but it appears that it will not be completed soon enough to benefit property owners this year for Farm Use assessment, Bratton said.

To qualify, the land must be in agriculture use and have had a gross farm income of \$500 for at least three of the five calendar years immediately preceding the assessment day of the tax year for which Farm Use is claimed by the owner.

When Farm Use is used for assessment criteria, the land is assessed on the basis of return of income to the land owner on a rental or absentee owner concept, rather than being as-

sessed on the basis of what it would sell for on the market.

At this date, since farm land is unzoned, the deferral aspect will still be in effect. Once you have filed you need not refile except in the case of change of ownership, (must refile within 60 days of the sale or transfer), or in the case of the death of the owner (new owner must apply within 120 days of the transfer). Since April 1 falls on Sunday the next business day will be acceptable for filing, (April 2.)

Bratton said in the case of last years appraisal area, applications will be extended 20 days after the mailing date of the increase notices.

## SUGAR GROWERS REACH AGREEMENT

In a joint announcement made today by the Idaho, Oregon, and Utah Sugarbeet Growers Associations and The Amalgamated Sugar Company, agreement was reached for the 1973 growing of sugarbeets.

The announcement came at the close of a day-long session between the growers and company officials at the Holiday Inn at Boise. The meeting was the third session between the two groups.

Nyssa fieldmen are now signing contracts, and growers should contact them to make arrangements for their seed, according to Ray Larson, district manager.

## COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POSITIONS EXPIRE SOON, FILING DEADLINE NEARS

The deadline for filing for school board posts in Malheur County is April 6, according to Leroy Paulsen, IED Superintendent. Petitions for school board positions may be obtained at the IED office in the county courthouse at Vale or from local school district clerks.

Petitions for school boards must be signed by three percent of the residents who voted in the last school director election and in no case less than 10 signatures, Paulsen said.

Schools and board members whose terms expire on June 30, 1973, are as follows:

Brogan - Mrs. Janice Hevner  
Rockville - Mrs. Janet Burrill  
Jordan Valley Elementary - Mr. Felix Jaca  
Ontario - Mr. Connie Shimojima  
Juntura - Mr. Julian Arrien  
Vale Elementary - Mr. Dorance Standaug  
Nyssa - Mr. Ray Larson  
Annex - Mr. Mamaro Wakasugi  
Willowcreek - Mr. Kenneth Romans  
McDermitt - Mrs. Opal Esterday  
Adrian - Mr. Lorin Munn  
Harper - Mr. Calvin Haueter  
Arock - Mr. Rufus Lequerica  
Jordan Valley Union High - Mr. Clyde Nichols  
Vale Union High - Mr. W. B. Schlupe

## BENEFIT GAME FEATURES FACULTY

Thursday (tonight), March 15 at 8 p.m. the KFSD No-Stars will challenge the Nyssa School Super Faculty in tilt competition.

Nyssa teachers scheduled to play include Russ Aman, Tom Edwards, Steve Glauner, Melvin Munn, Duane Buchtel, Dennis Savage, Max Brittingham, Adrian Wegner, Dan Martin, Jerry Sloan, Don Neufeld, Gary Condon, and Gerald Talbot.

Featured cheerleaders for the evening will be the Nyssa women faculty members. Mrs. Carol Hoff, Jan Neufeld, Lynette Allen, Nadine Luther, and Beth Leggett will all be cheering the Nyssa faculty.

KFXD will furnish their own lady referees. Half-time entertainment will be featured with proceeds from the event going to TAP (Teen Action Program) of the National Foundation of the March of Dimes.

The following directors' terms expire on the IED board: George Pressley, Vale, Director-at-Large; Dr. Lester Scott, Ontario, Zone 1 (Ontario School District); and Roy J. Holmes, Nyssa, Zone 2 (Nyssa School District).

Terms for school board members are for four years. Elections for county school board members will take place at the annual school elections Monday, May 7, 1973.

## City Council Receives Bids

City Manager Fred Koch said that the city council received six bids for a new tractor and two bids for a new pick-up truck at the regular meeting of the council Tuesday evening.

Bids were taken under advisement, and council members will award the contracts to the successful bidders at an adjourned meeting Friday noon.

## Jones Opposes County School Reorganization

"Unbearable" is the way Representative Denny Jones, R-Ontario, described the situation that would come to pass if the legislature passed legislation creating consolidated school districts in District 60.

Speaking in rebuttal to testimony supporting House Bills 2129 and 2130 before the House Education Committee last Tuesday, Jones said, "it would be almost unbearable for District 60 to get along with county-wide school districts. In Harney County alone there are two union high school districts, one in Burns and the other in Crane; a distance of 35 miles. And if you're talking about a county-wide district," argued the Malheur County rancher, "you're talking about a school district that stretches for over 150 miles. Under no stretch of the imagination could you get kids to school."

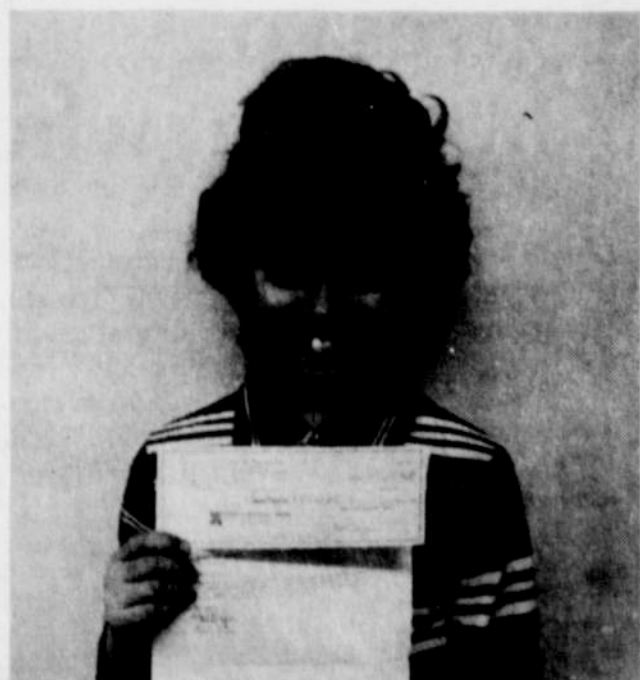
House Bill 2129 would merge certain elementary school districts and union high school districts into unified districts. The boundaries of the new district would become those of the existing high school districts.

"I suppose the purpose of that is to save money," said Jones, "but you'd have to prove that to me." "The problem is," he emphasized, "that you're trying to measure equality of schools in terms of money. Shucks, if it costs twice as much to educate a child in Juntura than somewhere else in the county, that's our business."

The freshman legislator for southeastern Oregon is also opposed to HB 2130 which would require that certain elementary districts not included in unified districts by January 1, 1974 to merge with unified districts by July of that year. Jones claims he might be able to live with unified high school districts, but not unified elementary school districts.

Another fear, said the representative, was that unifying school districts meant "centralized government." Said Jones, "personally I'm opposed to centralizing government, and this seems to be another step in that direction. Districts should be allowed to consolidate on their own." Jones is concerned that with one county-wide school district, the populated areas would control the school board and force kids in the rural areas to commute up to 50 miles to school. "That might not be too bad for high school students," Jones emphasized, "but you can't expect us to do that with five-year old children."

Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Hermiston, introduced the bills, contending that consolidation would avoid costly duplication and would result in more extensive use of school buildings. A companion measure, HB 2150, also sponsored by Hansell would abolish all intermediate education districts and require merger of school districts into county units.



TARA MADRID, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Madrid of Rt. 1, Nyssa, proudly displays the \$50 check and letter presented to her by Radio Station KSRV. Tara was the local winner in the Spring Fling contest sponsored by the Oregon Dairy Association and KSRV, and won the right to compete for the main prize of a seven-day trip to Palm Springs, won by a woman from Bend.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
March 7	58	26	
March 8	59	32	
March 9	55	32	
March 10	54	33	
March 11	50	29	.17
March 12	54	30	
March 13	50	31	
March 14	32		

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
3/14/73 644,960 Acre Feet  
3/14/72 695,380 Acre Feet

**Girl Scout WEEK**  
MARCH 11-17