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## SPIC AND SPAN CLEANING CENTER DESTROYED IN SUNDAY NIGHT FIRE

Fire early Sunday evening destroyed the Spic & Span Cleaning Center at 3rd and Bower owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tomjack, Nyssa. The building contained the coin-op laundry, a dry cleaning establishment, and a Gold Strike redemption center just recently opened.

A customer in the laundry noticed smoke seeping through the ceiling and turned in the alarm about 6:30 p.m. Nyssa volunteer firemen responded immediately, and fought the fire for over two hours before it was finally mopped up, with one engine and crew standing by for an additional period before all danger of a break-out of the fire was ended.

Assistant fire chief Harold Kassman said firemen were able to contain the fire in the roof and ceiling, but the roof finally collapsed causing damage to the equipment, in addition to extensive water and smoke damage.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomjack said that they intend to re-build the Nyssa store as rapidly as possible, and on the same site.

When completed, the new store will be just as nice and modern as the Econo Cleaning Center in West Park Plaza, Ontario, according to Mrs. Tomjack. In addition to the Ontario store, the Tomjacks own the New Plymouth Cleaning Center, and are constructing the Parma Cleaning Center which they plan to have ready for opening by mid-July.

A temporary dry cleaning pick-up station has been set up at Dale's Shoe Repair Shop, located next door to the Cascade Natural Gas office on Main Street.

Tomjack said that the building and business was insured, and that any clothing left by customers in the store can be replaced. Customers may contact them at the Ontario store, or at their home in Nyssa.

Mrs. Tomjack told the Journal Tuesday evening that they wished to express their gratitude to the Nyssa volunteer firemen for their quick response, and for an excellent and heroic job. She said that the men worked under extreme difficulty, and under rather hazardous conditions.

The building contained a large amount of cleaning solvent, which is flammable under extreme heat. The burning tar and insulation created a very acrid smelling smoke, and firemen could work near the fire only with the aid of gas masks, and then only for short periods.



THE SPIC & SPAN CLEANING CENTER at 3rd Street and Bower Avenue was destroyed by fire Sunday evening, putting the coin-op laundry, dry cleaning and Gold Strike Stamp redemption center owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tomjack out of business until they can be rebuilt.

The fire apparently started by faulty wiring in the ceiling, and firemen confined the fire to the roof and ceiling. Acrid smelling smoke from the burning tar and insulation was overpowering, and the fire was very difficult to extinguish, according to assistant fire chief Harold Kassman.

Damage was confined largely to the roof until it finally collapsed, resulting in damage to equipment below, and much damage from water and smoke.

## NYSSA EAGLES AERIE AND AUXILIARY OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEW YEAR

Nyssa Eagles Aerie No. 2134 and Auxiliary have elected their new officers for the 1973-74 year. Serving as presidents for the year are Larry Gardner of the Aerie and Bernice Seuell of the Auxiliary.

Aerie officers in addition to Gardner are Vern Hancock, junior past president; Larry Rookstool, vice president; Ray Rankin, chaplain; Max Brittingham, conductor; Ray Fox, inside guard; James Kile, outside guard; Robert Church, secretary; Donald Young treasurer; and William Schilling, Harry

Gahan and Noah Bass, trustees. Newly elected Auxiliary officers in addition to president Bernice Seuell are Bonnie Hatch, junior past president; Winona Hopper, vice president; Carol Tracy, chaplain; Elaine Olsen, conductor; Justine Bennett, inside guard; Sharon Boston, outside guard; Ruth Collins, secretary; Thelma Mefford, treasurer; and Thelma White, Frances Laurance and Bonnie Winn, trustees.

The newly installed officers will hold a potluck dinner Saturday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Aerie Hall.

## Summer Recreation Program Starts June 18

A Summer Recreational Program, sponsored by Treasure Valley Community College, will run for seven weeks in Nyssa. Jim Johnson, Adrian High School Band Instructor will be in charge of the program, which starts Monday, June 18 and continues through August 3. Hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The program will start Monday at the tennis courts in South Park and all youngsters

ages 8 through 14 in the Nyssa-Adrian are eligible. TVCC will sponsor similar programs in both Ontario and Vale.

Johnson said that plans now are to start off with tennis for the first three weeks. Then a week of basketball. One or two weeks of softball, and one or two weeks of golf. The plans are flexible, and will be adjusted as the needs arise.

The tennis program starts June 18 and each participant must bring his own tennis racket. The balls will be furnished. Johnson said that each youngster may participate in the program in which he is interested, and he or she does not have to participate in the entire program.

## Oil Well Abandoned

Three months of drilling to find oil and/or natural gas near Parma apparently have been fruitless and Standard Oil is preparing to move to another site.

Officials at the Parma site announced Monday they were completing an operation of two or three days to abandon the well. The hole plunges toward a 12,500 foot goal.

By the end of this week, drillers employed by R.B. Montgomery Drilling of Bakerfield, Calif., under contract to Standard Oil of California, will be working in Oregon.

The new exploratory test well is located about 30 miles northwest of McDermitt, Nev., in Malheur County directly west of Blue Mountain. Officials said they hope drilling will actually begin there by Friday.

| WEATHER |     |     |
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| DATE    | MAX | MIN |
| June 6  | 85  | 48  |
| June 7  | 88  | 56  |
| June 8  | 90  | 52  |
| June 9  | 80  | 57  |
| June 10 | 75  | 51  |
| June 11 | 84  | 46  |
| June 12 | 90  | 48  |
| June 13 |     | 58  |

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
6/13/73 665,750 Acre Feet  
6/13/72 704,590 Acre Feet

## NYSSA NITE RODEO BOOKS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION ONE DAY ONLY, JUNE 20

The books will be opened at 8 a.m., June 20 to receive entries for the 1973 Nyssa Nite Rodeo which will be June 22 and 23. The books will close the same day at 8 p.m. Cowboys are to register for any of the scheduled events at the Farmers Insurance Building in Nyssa. Call Carolyn Cooper at 372-3938. This rodeo is with Idaho Cowboy Association approval. \$8,000 in purses are being offered.

Entry fees will vary with the events which are bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, team roping, calf roping, bull riding, bulldogging and barrel racing. There will also be a Jackpot Jr. barrel race and a wild horse race.

Gate time each night is 8:15 p.m. and the specialty act this year will be Nancy Lee Lange, 19, who is in her fourth year of performing. She is a trick rider and will do several different actions such as the Hippendrone, Straub Layout, Suicide Drag and others. She has appeared in the Deschutes Fair and Rodeo, Lincoln Fair and Rodeo, Tygh Valley All Indian Rodeo and many others.

Crowns will be Derrick Roland and Fred Masterson who will also present a special act with mules.

## Nyssa Girls U of O Grads

A graduating class of 2,309 candidates for baccalaureate and advanced degrees were presented at the University of Oregon's Commencement Exercises on June 10. U.S. Senator William A. Proxmire, D-Wisconsin, gave the commencement address.

Among the 1973 candidates for degrees were Lorraine (Wilson) Maxfield, B.A., English; and Nancy Lee Boock, B.A., German; both of Nyssa.

## Youth Leadership Camp Will Be Held June 20-23

Leadership is a learned skill, not something that "comes naturally." The earlier you learn these skills of leadership the more effectively you can use them.

Youth Leadership Camp, June 20-23, is a great way to learn leadership for ALL eighth grade graduates and older youth (teenagers). Leadership skills are applied to a camp counselor situation at Lake Creek Recreation Area, in Logan Valley out of Seneca, even though THE skills are applicable to any leadership situation.

## KF Publisher Father Of Year

Joe F. Caraher, publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald and News daily newspaper, has been named the 1973 Oregon Father of the Year by the Oregon Beef Industry. This statewide program, now in its 19th consecutive year, coincides with Father's Day each June.

Caraher was picked from more than 100 contestants nominated by the Oregon Cow Belles from throughout the 36 counties of Oregon. He has been with the Klamath Falls paper since 1962, and is president this year of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. He and his wife, Marcella, have three children; a son Pat, who is a staff member of Washington State University, two daughters, Mrs. Joan Kirk of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Jean Monterossi of Klamath Falls.

Mr. Caraher and his family were honored at a beef industry luncheon at the Downtown Portland Rotary Club, Bensen Hotel. He was presented with \$100 worth of Beef Gift Certificates and a special Father of the Year trophy.

## Scott Jefferies On Dean's List

Scott Jefferies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jefferies, Nyssa, was included in the Dean's List of the College of Social Sciences for the Winter Semester, 1973, at Brigham Young University.

This honor is extended to those students whose academic record for the semester places them in the top three percent of all students in the College.

## Family Night At Nyssa Pool

The Nyssa Swimming Pool opened last week, again under the supervision of Gary Jasper. The first family night will start Thursday evening and continue throughout the summer. Hours are 7 to 9 p.m., and youngsters may bring inflatable pool toys.

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## COLLEEN STAPLES RECEIVES DEGREE

Among approximately 2,100 candidates for degrees at the 80th annual commencement at Utah State University on June 9 was Colleen Staples, with a degree in Education. Miss Staples is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruon Staples, Route 2, Nyssa.

Eight Oregon State University students have been initiated into Omicron Nu, national home economics honor society. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership and promise of professional achievement.

## Ruth Ann McGinley Receives OSU Honors

New members include Ruth Ann McGinley, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry McGinley, Nyssa.

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Taking Associate of Science degrees were Everett B. Ballou, Ralph E. Kellogg and Christine Adele Norman, all of Nyssa.

Associate of Arts degrees were awarded to Terrylyn Chamberlain and Ronald L. McCormick, Adrian; and to Richard Lee Cannon, Felipe C. Martinez, and Janet Sue Takami, Nyssa.

## Trail Ride For All Horsemen

The Nyssa Horse Activities, Inc. cordially invite all interested horsemen for a trail ride this weekend. Anyone in the area, whether a member or not is invited to attend both days or just one day whichever is possible. There is no age limit, bring the whole family.

The starting base for the rides will be from Snivley's Hot Springs (an old landmark on the road to the Owyhee Dam), Saturday, June 16. The ride will start at approximately 12 noon.

Sunday, June 17, the ride will start at 10 a.m. Each day the rides will cover a different area. Everyone will be responsible for bringing their own meals and water. Those who wish to participate both days, can stay overnight if so equipped.

For further information, contact Buster Talbot, evening at 372-2469.

## Nyssa Men Sentenced

Two Nyssa residents who had pleaded guilty to criminal activity in drugs in Baker County Circuit Court were sentenced Thursday by Judge Lyle R. Wolff in Baker. Both had asked for a change of venue in their cases before entering a plea.

Brian Hirai, 19, was sentenced to five years and six months in the Oregon State Correctional Institution. Robert Lee (Butch) Wright, 22, was sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary.

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## School Hires New Teachers

The Nyssa School Board authorized remodeling of the boy's locker room in the high school at the regular board meeting Monday evening.

Superintendent W. L. McPartland told the board members that three teachers had been hired for next year, with three vacancies still to be filled. Bill Gilliam will return after a two-year absence to finish his schooling, and will again teach Math at Junior High School. Mrs. Kimi Casad will teach 1st grade, and William Baker will teach 5th grade.

Industrial Arts, Vocal Music and Typing-Math at the high school are positions still to be filled.

## Onion Growers Meet Tuesday

Chairman Lyle Andrew, Parma, has scheduled a meeting of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee and the Idaho-Oregon Onion Promotion Committee for Tuesday, June 19, at the Eastside Cafe, Ontario, at 7:30 p.m.

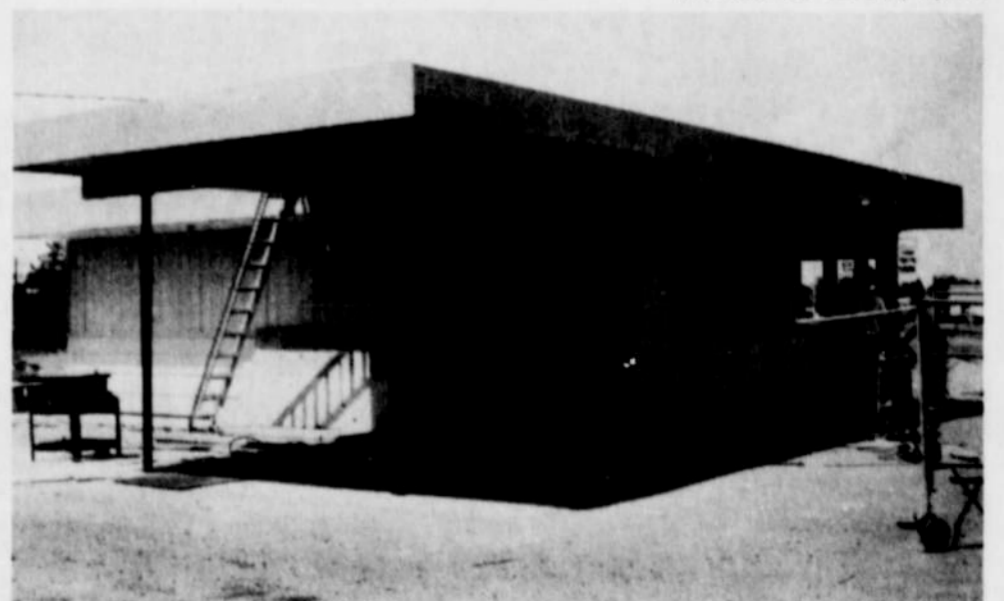
This dinner meeting will be the closing meeting for the Committee of 1972/73 and the organizational meeting for the Committee of 1973/74.

Included on the agenda will be election of officers, adoption of budget, recommend regulations for the 1973/74 shipping season, and a report on promotional activities.



THIS PRETTY LITTLE GAL will be performing her specialty act at the Nyssa Nite Rodeo, June 22 and 23. Nancy Lee Lange, is in her fourth year of professional trick riding. She was Oregon State Pinto

Princess for 1972. Be sure and come see her perform such feats as the Hippendrone, Bud Wick Original Flag Run, Suicide Drag and many others.



A NEW BUSINESS IN NYSSA is expected to open near July 1st, to be known as the Steer Inn Drive Inn, and will be located on North Main Street. The building, formerly Jack's Quick Curb, is being remodeled by Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Sharon) Sutherland and Mr. and Mrs. Duane (Kay) Bellows, who have incorporated under the trade name Steer Inn, Inc.

Drive through service will be provided on the south side of the building, shown in foreground, and walk in service will be provided in the front of the building. There will be no inside seating, but adequate parking will be provided around the building. The new Steer Inn will feature hamburgers, fried chicken, soft drinks and ice cream products.