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## COUNTY COURT ACCEDES TO COMMAND TO PAY COURT REPORTER

The following statement was released Friday by members of the County Court, and signed by Judge Roy Hirai and Commissioners Sam Hartley and Emil Maag. The Statement reads as follows:

The Malheur County Court has under protest been forced to bow to the command of Judge Jeff D. Dorroh regarding the payment of a \$500.00 per month salary for fiscal year 1972-73 to his secretary, Mrs. Donna Calhoun. We would feel constrained on principle to pursue our legal defense against this arbitrary command were it not for the financial drain that would eventually be foisted off on the taxpayers of Malheur County by our pursuance of the matter in the Courts. It has been communicated to us through Judge Val D. Sloper of Marion County, the Circuit Judge sitting on the Calhoun case, that no matter what the facts are, ORS 8.330 which says that "Each circuit judge may appoint a private secretary and fix his compensation, which compensation shall be paid by the county of the residence of the judge, as county salaries are paid," gives any Circuit Judge the power to set the salary, and that even if there were no statute, the Court has "inherent power" to set the salary.

The fact that Mrs. Calhoun is paid not only by Malheur County, but also by Harney County as well as receiving payment for typing transcripts, much of which is done on county time, according to Judge Sloper evidently has no bearing on the issue. ORS 3.280 which states that the compensation of all Circuit Court personnel is "subject to the local Budget Law" and the "local Budget Law" itself was not even acknowledged by Judge Sloper as having any bearing on the issue.

We question the idea that the Judiciary may not only set and command a salary but may then review and force compliance with the command without any other branch of Government having anything to say about how tax dollars are to be spent.

We abhor the idea advanced that the Judiciary in the Calhoun case, which has also been advanced in Coos and Baker County cases, that the Judiciary can issue commands even in the absence of statutory authority under the fuzzy concept of "inherent power". We have been publicly attacked by Judge Dorroh for not following the Constitution "separation of powers" concept, but we clearly note that what Judge Dorroh is talking about is Judicial authority unaffected by that traditional "check and balance" system that has worked so effectively for nearly two hundred years.

At this time in our history it is becoming increasingly apparent that all levels and all parts of Government require constant supervision and control by the People. We think this naturally includes the Judiciary, and therefore appeal to the Oregon legislature to clarify this issue, particularly this headless power called "inherent power." Our hope lies in the Legislature, and until the Legislature acts, we appear to have no alternative but to pay according to the commands of Judge Jeff D. Dorroh. But have no doubt that we are paying under protest.

## City Council Approves Plans For Water System

The Nyssa City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening, with a new policy of starting at 7:30 p.m., instead of 8 p.m., as in the past. Persons wishing an audience with the council will be given time from 8 to 8:15 on the agenda, and they may then leave if they do not wish to sit through the rest of the meeting.

Engineers from the firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merrifield, Boise, presented to the council their preliminary report of the study of the hydraulics of the Nyssa water system. They confirmed the cost estimates for the proposed storage tank and booster station. Plans call for a 3,000,000 storage tank located on airport hill, and a booster pump station to bring the water from the wells to the tank. This will bring about a uniform water pressure of 65 pounds per square inch, as compared to the present pressure of 48 pounds, according to the engineers.

The council plans to submit the proposition to the voters of Nyssa to authorize sale of bonds in the amount of \$425,000.

## Local Students EOC Graduates

Among the graduates of Eastern Oregon College at La-Grande are several students from the Nyssa-Adrian area. Graduating with Bachelor of Science degrees are Joan Timmerman, Adrian, and Marie Kouns, Jeff Wieneke and Cheryl Wilson, Nyssa.

Those earning Bachelor of Arts degrees are Angelica Serrano, Nyssa, and Carolyn Ward, Adrian.



THE OLD NYSSA THEATER is a thing of the past as Guy Sparks announced this week that work is underway on a large addition to the Twilight Cafe, plus two business locations in front to house a beauty shop and office.

Included in the restaurant space will be a banquet room to feed up to 180 persons in one setting, newly remodeled bar, and private dining room to accommodate groups up to 50 or 60 persons. The kitchen will be expanded, and the entire 5,600 square foot area will also accommodate a dance floor, office, new restrooms, a serving area, and other facilities to make it one of the finer restaurants in the valley.

Sparks said the theater property was purchased from Rex Voeller. The theater has been cleared of seats and projector room. The construction is expected to be completed by mid-September, and the estimated cost is in excess of \$125,000. Included in the construction will be a marquee across the entire front, and new facing to tie in the new building with the existing cafe.

## Nyssa Alumni Plan Reunion

Plans for the first reunion of Nyssa High School classes 1934-37 to be held July 20, 21 and 22 in Nyssa are nearing completion. Registration will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the high school.

The reunion is not restricted to graduates only, but is for anyone who attended classes during this period. Attendance forms will be mailed to those requesting them.

Persons not contacted include Venice Brown, Martha and Betty Schlaphohl, Maxine Moss, James Llewellyn, Grover and Elsie White, Fred Spencer, Bruce Farney, Roy Clements, Ovey Brown, Melba Parkinson, Millie Herron, Kathryn Gilmore, Glenn Huffstetter, Frank Pearson and Mary Corn Osborn.

Committee members are 1934 Ethel Graham Lawrence, Nyssa 1935, Lois Enos Hershberger, Woodburn, Oregon; 1936, Vera McConnell Collins, Boise; and 1937, Paul Johnston, Ontario.

## YTURRI NAMED TO COMMISSION

Former Sen. Anthony Yturri, R-Ontario, has been named by Gov. Tom McCall as the public member of the new Oregon Transportation Commission.

Yturri and the other four members of the commission were to be sworn in today by McCall just prior to the first meeting of the new commission.

## Mail Delivery Changes Told By Postmaster

Postmaster Lee Dall announced this week that some changes have been made in the delivery of mail in the Business as well as Residential area. Our City Carriers have been equipped with New 1973 Vega Panels and have begun to serve their routes using a "LOOP" system of delivery. As a way of explanation, the carrier drives to an area to serve having all the mail including parcels with him to be delivered in that particular area. He begins to serve the area by first delivering all the parcels in that area, which cannot be car-

## Parma Summer Band Program

The Parma Community School invites people of all ages to participate in the summer band program which started Tuesday, July 10. Anyone who has ever played an instrument is urged to join the fun at the Parma High School band room each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7 until 9 p.m. during July.

Music will be light and popular and easy enough for those of us who have not played for many years. There are some instruments available for loan at the school.

The program will end with a public concert and old-fashioned ice cream social in the city park, sponsored by the Community School Advisory Council.

## ASSESSOR AGREES ON ADJUSTMENTS

Malheur County Assessor, Oscar Bratton, said today, "I am pleased with the decisions made by the Board of Equalization this year and agree in nearly every instance with their adjustments."

This year 102 accounts by 60 property owners were filed with the Board of Equalization. Adjustments were made on 24 accounts and were for the most part small. Of the 72 accounts filed on Farm Use Assessment only 2 accounts of one owner received land classification changes resulting in lower Farm Use value.

Board of Equalization members were Emil Maag, Bert Hawkins and Dyer Bennett.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
July 3	98	53
July 4	99	60
July 5	91	63
July 6	83	64
July 7	89	53
July 8	95	55
July 9	99	65
July 10	104	59
July 11		44

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
7-11-73 588,270 Acre Feet  
7-11-72 645,810 Acre Feet

## SCHOOL BOARD PURCHASES BAND UNIFORMS, ELECTS ENGSTROM CHAIRMAN

For a few moments it looked as if Nyssa High School band members would have to wait for a while for their new band uniforms. But a special meeting of the District 26 School Board was held Tuesday, July 10, and the board members voted to authorize the \$10,236.60 to purchase the uniforms.

The subject of the new uniforms came up at the board's monthly meeting on Monday, July 9, held at 8:00 p.m. in the superintendent's office. Board members were asked at that meeting to approve the purchase of new uniforms by Superintendent W.L. McPartland.

Board members, however, had not seen the uniform being ordered and had questions about how it was selected.

"I'd like to see what we're spending \$10,000 for," said Mark Hartley, voicing the board's objection.

McPartland told the board that the sample uniform had already been returned to its manufacturer and that no picture was available.

"It would have been a good deal," said Don Engstrom,

Chairman of the Board, "if the board could have looked at it."

In response to a suggestion from Vic Haburchak to start the selection process over again, Engstrom said, "I don't think we can delay and still have them on time."

The board members agreed with Engstrom and voted to table the matter and schedule a special meeting of the board Tuesday evening to reconsider. McPartland was asked to arrange to have the individuals involved in the original selection present at the special meeting.

Tuesday evening, Don Neufeld, Nyssa High's former band director, and a group of mothers of band members attended the special 8:00 p.m. meeting. Board members questioned Neufeld, spoke with the mothers, looked at sketches of the selected uniform and then voted to authorize the expenditure. The special meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Other matters acted on at the Monday night meeting included:

--Chairman Don Engstrom administered the oath of office to the board's newest member, Gerald Simantel.

--The board voted to retain Engstrom as chairman for the coming term and Hartley was elected vice chairman.

--U.S. National Bank of Nyssa was named as the district's depository for the coming year.

--Approved a borrowing resolution for \$362,716.00, which authorizes the district to borrow funds for operation until tax money becomes available.

--Passed a resolution, suggested by Gene Stunz, which will let freshmen and sophomore students decide--subject to parental approval--to take PE on either a graded or pass/ fail basis.

Board members present at the regular Monday meeting and the special meeting Tuesday included: Chairman Don Engstrom, Mark Hartley, Gene Stunz, Vic Haburchak, Van Ure and Gerald Simantel. Superintendent McPartland also attended both meetings.

## BLM Transfers Robert Currier

Robert E. Currier has been selected to fill the vacancy of area manager of the Pinedale Resource Area in the Pinedale, Wyoming BLM District Office, George R. Gurr, manager of the Vale BLM District, said this week. Currier's promotion and transfer will be effective July 22.

Currier came to the Vale District in December 1967 as a range conservationist assigned to the Northern Resource Area. In 1970 he went into a staff position as the district Information Coordinator, plus other assigned duties. Currier also worked in the Las Vegas, Nevada BLM District for three years before transferring to Vale.

The Currier family will be honored at a farewell party July 14. They plan to leave for their new home about July 20.

## New Band Uniforms Expected For Fall Use



MEASURING UP for a new band uniform. A member of next year's Nyssa High School Band, Mary Ann Chadwick, stands still so Mrs. Jan Neufeld can get the numbers right.

Don Neufeld, last year's Nyssa High School band director, is leaving Nyssa, but he believes band members and area residents will enjoy the new uniforms ordered for the coming year.

In selecting the uniform, Neufeld worked with a committee of mothers of band members which included: Mrs. Sam Smit, Mrs. Dick Tensen, Mrs. Howard Myrick, Mrs. Bill Stringer, Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Mrs. Don Bowers and Mrs. Cecil Bair. Neufeld and the committee members decided on the style and design for the uniform after meeting with representatives of uniform manufacturers and looking through catalogs. Last week the final choice was made from two submitted sample uniforms.

The selected uniform will be blue with white trim. It comes with a white overlay for marching, white gloves and spats and will have a white hat. Also, on the back will be a large bulldog head and the name Nyssa will be written diagonally across the front.

District 26 school board members met Tuesday evening with Neufeld and some of the committee members to iron out a problem that had come up over the purchase. After a short meeting, however, the board authorized the purchase of 90 selected uniforms at a cost of \$113.74 each.

Band members were measured for the uniforms on Tuesday, July 10, and the uniforms are expected to arrive in time for fall use, according to Neufeld.

## Grand Opening For Gambles

Nyssa's newest store, Gambles, will open its doors this Thursday at 9:15 a.m., after appropriate ribbon-cutting ceremonies at its location, 204 Main Street.

Nyssa's Mayor, Larry Bauman will cut the ribbon at 9:15 a.m. officially signifying the start of Grand Opening festivities. On hand will be many local officials and representatives of Gamble-Skogmo, Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Gambles brings to Nyssa a wide variety of merchandise, greater shopping convenience and lower prices," says owner Ralph Buker. On display in the modern new store will be automotive supplies, television sets and radios, tools hardware, appliances, housewares and much more. Famous brands include G. E. Toastmaster, Remington, Eureka, Crest, Home-guard, West Bend, Coronado and others.

"Our high-quality merchandise can be priced so reasonably," Buker said "because of huge buying power of the Gamble-Skogmo chain of branch and locally owned dealer stores like this one. There are over 1,500 Gamble dealer stores alone."

Ralph Buker and family say they are looking forward to meeting many new friends in the Nyssa area.

## Mobile Home Park Ready

Guy Sparks and Roger Baker announce that their new mobile home park will be ready for occupancy by July 15. The park is located on the north side of Locust Avenue in the 900 block.

The new mobile home park will include all city utilities, buried underground. The two men said that there are 15 lots ready to start, with an additional 40 acres planned and available for expansion as the need arises.

The lots are 56' by 110', and will accommodate double wide homes. A 40' road will surround the park, and plans are to landscape the park and make it into a very desirable residential area.

## DAIRYMEN INVITED TO PICNIC

Malheur County Dairymen are urged to attend the annual Dairy Herd Improvement Association picnic at the Vale park on Monday, July 16 at 12 noon, according to Scotty Payne, association president. Payne went on to say all dairymen and anyone interested are invited to the potluck and he encouraged all dairymen to attend, become better acquainted with each other, discuss (DHA) and just have a good get-together. Families should bring their own service. Payne concluded in saying the dairy industry is facing challenging times and unity of effort by all producers is a must if any of the major problems are to be solved.



PAM SKEEN



NANCY JACKSON



DEBBI NIELSEN

Three Malheur County girls, two of them from Nyssa, are in Seaside all this week participating in the Miss Oregon pageant. Miss Oregon will be crowned Saturday evening in the concluding ceremonies at Seaside's new Convention Center.

The three are Pam Skeen, Miss Malheur County, Deborah Nielson, Miss TVCC; and Nancy Jackson, Miss Rogue Valley. Miss Skeen, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen, Nyssa. She graduated from Nyssa High School in 1970, has attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho where she has majored in Elementary Education, and is taking courses at TVCC this summer. Pam has reigned as Miss

Malheur County for the past year, and will turn over her crown to Shan Moss, also Nyssa, after the pageant. Pam will sing a medley from the musical "Roar of the Greasepaint," as her talent in the contest.

Miss Moss will attend the pageant as an observer in preparation for her participation next year.

Miss Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson, Nyssa, and is a graduate of Nyssa High School in 1971. She has just completed her second year at Southern Oregon College at Ashland, and was crowned Miss Rogue Valley of 1973 in ceremonies on April 14 of this year. She is a student in business administration, and is

minoring in public relations. Very active in high school, Nancy was a varsity cheerleader, homecoming queen, class officer, and was active in the Girl Scouts for eleven years. Her talent at the Miss Oregon pageant will be a soliloquy of Katrina from Shakespeare's "Taming Of The Shrew."

Miss Nielsen, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Nielson, Ontario. She is a 1971 graduate of Ontario High School and a sophomore at Treasure Valley Community College. Her major is Home Economics, and she plans to continue her studies at Brigham Young University.

Debi will perform a flute solo as her talent at Seaside.