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Thunderegg Capital

Ten Cents

COUNTY AUCTION BRINGS DOUBLE THE APPRAISED PRICE ON PUBLIC LANDS

The land tract which Malheur County sold earlier this year to a former county official for \$3,342 brought more than treble that amount Friday in a public land sale at Vale, and all other lands listed sold for more than their appraisal values.

About 75 people attended the sale, conducted at the county courthouse, with Kenneth Johnson of Flying Realty paying \$10,000 for the 557-acre tract in southern Malheur County. The land had originally sold to Henry Espin, a former county commissioner.

Espin returned the land to the county when the public criticized the sale of the property which had not been advertised since 1948. The district attorney had ruled that the sale was legal but a question as to the morality of it remained.

At the time he returned the land to the county, Espin said it was being done "in order to remove any stigma that may have arisen regarding the transaction and in order to be completely fair to the taxpayers of the county and to others who had stated an interest in purchasing the land."

Friday, the land sold at \$19 per acre. When Espin bought it, the acre price was \$6.

The total amount the county received at the land sale was \$19,310 more than twice the appraisal of \$9,200.

Two pieces of land were withdrawn from the sale when the owners paid delinquent taxes and four other parcels were withheld from sale because there were no appraisals.

BLM Picks Up Old Car Bodies

Many old car bodies, as well as a lingering hint of the past, were removed from the large McDermitt, Burns Junction and Crowley areas last week by Bureau of Land Management employees working in conjunction with the Oregon State Highway Department.

In a three-day operation instigated by BLM, some 30 very old abandoned cars were picked up by a Highway Department bridge truck and hauled to the nearest of three collection sites—Burns Junction, Basque Station and the McDermitt Dump. The ancient car bodies, including a nostalgic Model T, bore marks of burning, wreckage, vandalism or just plain abandonment. It was estimated some of them had been left by their owners or drivers, as long as 40 years ago. More recently abandoned models, those on the highway rights-of-way and not behind fence, had been picked up by the Highway Department previously. Approximately 125 car bodies at the combined three sites, will be crushed and carried away in the near future.

BLM employees Carl McFarland and Les Brooks with Jim Duncan, of the State Highway Department, completed the operation.

Land north of Ontario, appraised at \$1,370 with a house, sold for \$1,420, to Harry Erlebach of Ontario. A house on the property was destroyed by fire last week.

Land appraised at \$190 in Juntura was sold to School District 12 for \$770 and Richard Springman purchased 19 acres near Rome for \$840. It had been appraised at \$120.

In the Annex area, two blocks appraised at \$1,000 sold for \$1,600 and 10 acres near Ironside went for \$400 after being appraised at \$120.

Nearly doubling their value were two other tracts. A one-acre plot west of Owyhee Junction had been appraised at \$750 and brought \$1,400 when sold, and the other, north of Ontario, had been listed at \$320 but brought \$610. It was slightly more than a half acre.

The land which was withheld from sale Friday will probably be sold at auction in the future, but that will have to be determined by the county court. County Judge Roy Hiral and other court members said they were "pleased with the amount of money the properties brought for the county."

Steve Kerby Given Award

Steven G. Kerby, Ashland agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., was cited July 23 for outstanding life insurance sales among the company's more than 3,000 agents coast-to-coast during the 1972-73 agents' honor year.

He is associated with The Harding Company general agency, Portland, and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. K. E. Kerby, Nyssa.

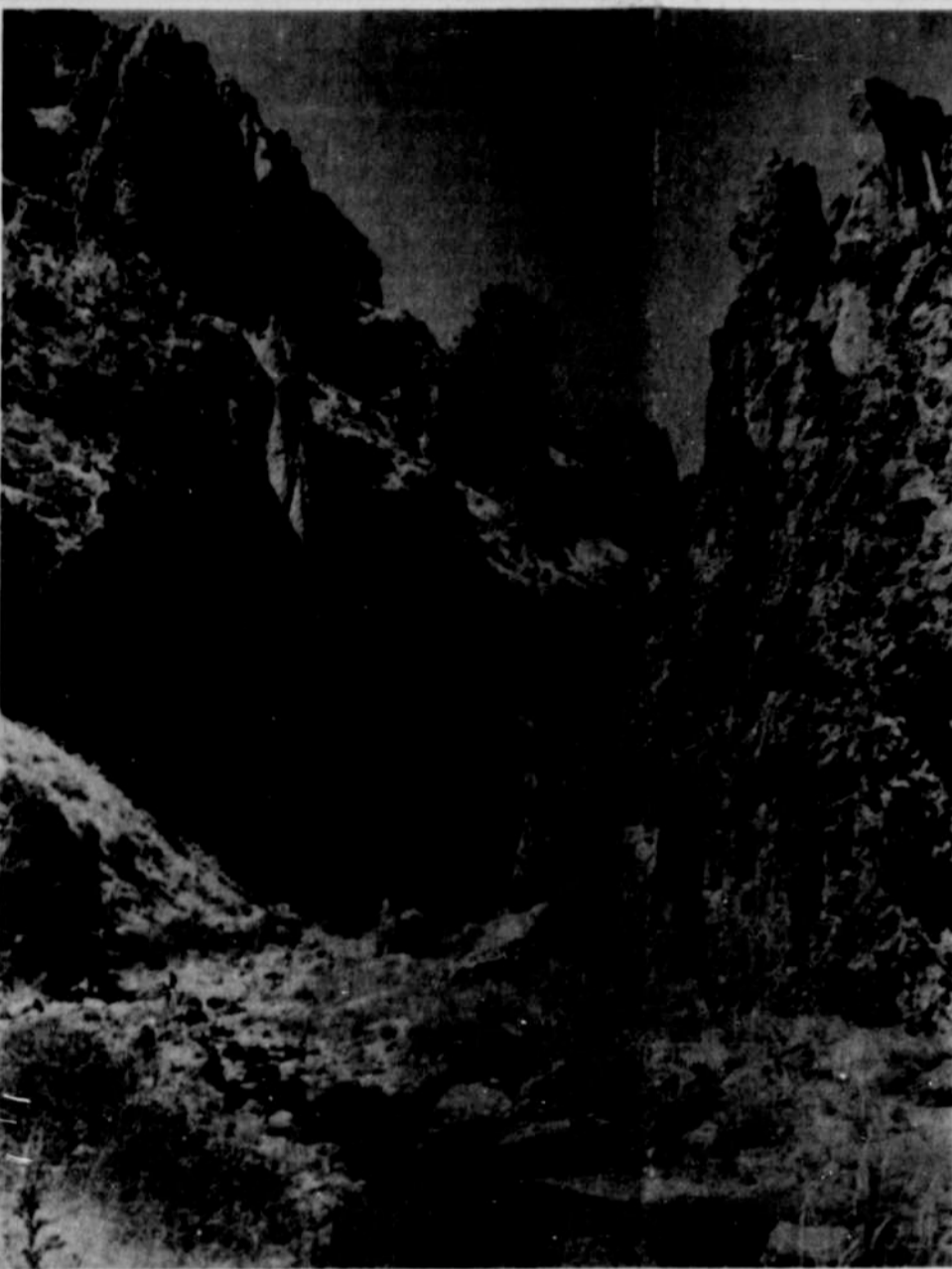
Kerby is a winner of the Silver section award, which is presented to an NML agent who has previously received a bronze award - the first for which he can qualify in his initial years with the company - and has increased his sales over the past year's volume.

Honor presentations were made at the 93rd annual meeting of the Association of Agents of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., at the company's home office, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 23-25. Award winners will be cited for record sales in the agents' honor year, ending May 31.

DAVID MANLEY EARNS NNC HONOR

David L. Manley, son of the Rev. Robert W. Manley, has been named to the honors list at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, for third term, 1972-73. Students cited for honors must earn a grade point average of 3.40 - 4.00.

Manley is a sophomore and is majoring in business administration. He is attending college on a U. S. Bank Work/College Honor Scholarship.



SUCCOR CREEK CANYON

Ceramics Demo Oregon Will Soon Issue At TVCC Friday Reflectorized Plates

Dale Donovan will conduct a ceramics wheel throwing demonstration at the Treasure Valley Community College Art Building, Friday, July 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00, in conjunction with the one week art workshop.

Donovan currently resides in Corvallis, Oregon, where he has his own ceramics studio with a large clientele. He also sells widely on the Oregon Coast and throughout the Willamette Valley.

Burns Chamber Says Gas Available

The Harney County Chamber of Commerce advises that the traveling public should now have no real difficulty obtaining gasoline in the Burns-Hines area.

Chamber President Larry Shelton reports that the independent stations have arranged to be open on weekends when the company stations may be closed.

There are some stations open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. One small station in Hines is open until 10 or 11 p.m. The traveler will find some stations closed but not all of them. Some of the company allotments have been increased for this month which indicates relief for the rest of the tourist season.

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All plates will have the same gold and blue color combination except prorate plates issued to commercial vehicles registered in more than one state and permanent identification plates issued to mobile homes.

New custom license plates, which allow the owner to select his own "tag line," also will be changed to the gold background. Currently they are lemon-yellow.

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Reservations Coming In

Nyssa To Host Rockhounds During Thunderegg Days

Preparations for Nyssa's Eighth Annual Thunderegg Days are going into their final stages as the Wednesday, August 1, deadline gets closer.

"We've already had several people," said Bernard Eastman, acting chairman for the event, "who have written in for space reservations at South City Park."

"I just had a call from a lady in New York City; she wanted to know if we had transportation from town out to the various areas."

Schedule

WEDNESDAY, August 1 - 9:00 a.m. Registration and assignment to trailer parking spaces at South City Park on South 5th St., Nyssa.

THURSDAY, August 2 - 7:00 a.m. Tour to Succor Creek Thunderegg beds. Leaving from South Park.

Tour to Wood Area. Leaving from South Park.

Tour to Agate Field with Sagenite and plume. Leaving from South Park.

7:00 p.m. Barbecue, sponsored by the Nyssa Lions Club, and musical entertainment.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, August 3 & 4 - 7:00 a.m. Tour to Succor Creek Thunderegg beds. Leaving from South Park.

Tour to Wood Area. Leaving from South Park.

Tour to Agate Field with Sagenite and Plume. Leaving from South Park.

10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Rock and Hobby exhibit in Nyssa old Gym, under the direction of the Treasure Valley Rock & Gem Club.

SUNDAY, August 5 - 10:00 a.m. Exhibit of Rocks and Hobbies in the Nyssa Old School Gym.

Equitable Reports Increased Earnings

Equitable Savings today reported six months net earnings of \$2,241,380, a 34% increase over earnings of \$1,671,308 for the same period last year, according to William E. Love, president and chief executive officer. Earnings per share outstanding increased to \$1.23 from .92 per share for the same period in 1972 on 1,824,000 shares, allowing for the 2 for 1 stock split in March of 1973. The earnings include a contribution of \$367,772 from Sherwood & Roberts, Inc., Seattle based Equitable subsidiary, compared with reported earnings of \$291,770 for the same period in 1972.

For the second quarter, Equitable and subsidiaries earned \$1,354,069 (\$1,118,187 in 1972), the equivalent of \$.74 per share (\$.61 in 1972).

Total income for the six-month period, excluding subsidiaries, was \$20,617,286 compared with \$16,934,926 a year ago. Equitable's business volume for the second quarter totaled \$10,739,755 (\$8,958,581 in 1972).

"I told her," said Eastman, "that she could probably get acquainted with some of the rockhounds and ride with them."

GUIDES WILL BE provided, according to Eastman, to lead caravans out to the areas, but otherwise people will be on their own.

People who register for parking spaces at South City Park, on South 5th Street, will receive a stake to mark their space and still have their parking space.

"The only thing we'll furnish at the park is the running water and the restrooms, which are already there," Eastman said.

The Nyssa Lions Club will sponsor a beef barbecue Thursday evening at 7:00 in the park. The price will be \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. The menu will include corn-on-the-cob, baked potatoes, ice cream and drinks.

ENTERTAINMENT after the barbecue will be different this year from past events, according to W. L. McPartland, entertainment chairman.

"This year," said McPartland, "we'll just have a musical program along toward the end of the supper, say about three or four groups, which will last about an hour."

"There will be no slides and no group sing this year," said McPartland. "We had to wait until it got dark to show the slides and we usually lost a lot of our crowd before we started."

"My purpose," said McPartland, "was simply to arrange an opportunity for the community to mingle and get acquainted with the rockhounds."

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, the Treasure Valley Rock & Gem Club will direct a rock show in the old gym next to the Nyssa grade school. Out front, in the parking lot, there will be a "tailgate area" where visitors may purchase rocks and hobby items from sellers operating out of their cars. Rental fees for space at the shows will be: \$2.00 a foot inside the gym and a flat \$5.00 for a spot in the parking lot.

In the past, according to Eastman, people from all over the United States and Canada have come to Nyssa for the Thunderegg Days.

"The Nyssa Chamber of Commerce underwrites it," said Eastman, "but I don't think in the last few years they've had to pay a penny."

"It seems to grow a little each year."

Malheur County Plans For Solid Waste Disposal

The Malheur County Solid Waste Committee has recommended that the Malheur County Court adopt an ordinance for countywide control of solid waste collection and disposal.

The committee further recommended that transfer system be implemented in some parts of the county. Where such a system is too expensive, modified landfills with a "roving cat" should be used. In view of federal and state regulations the county must adopt one or the other of these two methods.

TRANSFER SYSTEM

The transfer system proposed would utilize the abilities of private industries. A franchise would be given which would allow a private firm to use a regular compactor truck that would pick up several drop boxes containing refuse at designated locations in rural areas. This system would utilize one central disposal site between Nyssa, Ontario, and Vale.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
July 18	99	70	
July 19	89	66	
July 20	87	61	.21
July 21	--	--	--
July 22	--	--	--
July 23	89	53	
July 24	90	54	
July 25	--	--	--

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
7-25-73 546,760 Acre Feet
7-25-72 604,070 Acre Feet

Nyssa High School

CLASS OF 1934

Back row- Left to Right
Art Chapman, Vernon Parker, Jack Walters, Sydney Boren, Owen Price (coach)
Robert Holmes, John Young (coach), Ray Ashcraft.

Front row- Left to right:
Pauline (Hatch) McGinnis, Daisy (Whipple) Smith, Annie (Holmes) Goodson, Stella (Fishburn) Young (faculty)

CLASS OF 1935

Back row- Left to right:
Everett Huffman, Byrd Walters, Howard Boor, John Young (coach), Oather Lankford, Fred Spencer, Owen Price (coach)

Front row- Left to right:
Faye (Betts) Felton, Lois (Enos) Hershberger, Peggy (Schweizer) Woods, Stella (Fishburn) Young (faculty)

CLASS OF 1936

Back row- Left to Right:
Owen Price (coach), Robert Johannsen, Curtis Foster, Arthur Cook, Ross Johnston, John Young (coach), Bill Peutz, Raymond Holly.

Front row- Left to right:
Vera (Benton) McCrady, Florence (Boren) Fenwick, Mabel (Herron) Heringshaw, Jake Groot, Stella (Fishburn) Young (faculty), Evelyn (McConnell) Collins.

CLASS OF 1937

Back Row-Left to Right:
Jack Farmer, Paul Johnston, John Young (coach), Lloyd Wilson, Donald Boren, Lawrence Findley, Gerritt Timmerman, Dean Byron, Robert Wilson, Owen Price (coach) M. Jones.

Front row-Left to Right:
Georgia (Toombs) Parber, Flora Mae (Wimp) Black, Virginia (Miller) Timmerman, Stella (Fishburn) Young (faculty), Evelyn (Haworth) Jones, Nellie Jean (Schweizer) Van Scoy.



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