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## GOVERNOR McCALL ISSUES DECLARATION OF ENERGY EMERGENCY

I have on this date issued a statement describing the energy emergency that faces Oregon, and the other States of the Northwest. The statement is hereby made a part of this Order.

That statement is a call for conservation of electricity, diesel fuel, gasoline—all the kinds of energy that we exploit and that are no longer in abundant supply.

I intend to request that the people of Oregon respond affirmatively and voluntarily to this crisis. But State government—in calling for energy conservation—must act first. Therefore I am by this Order directing the State Department of General Services to launch immediately an energy conservation program. Further I request the State Board of Higher Education, which is autonomous, to adopt similar guidelines for the institutions of higher education.

THE FOLLOWING IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED as initial steps to be taken by the State Department of General Services:

1. Air conditioning will be discontinued in all state buildings, except where it is essential for health, or technical reasons.
2. Advise all agency administrators to allow and encourage the wear of lightweight summer clothing.
3. Exterior lighting of State buildings will be discontinued except to the extent that lighting is required for security or safety.
4. Lighting will be reduced in all State government offices, where practical. Hallways, lobbies, reception rooms and work areas where less lighting would

not be disadvantageous are obvious opportunities. I direct that you find opportunities to remove incandescent, fluorescent or other kinds of lighting from service, and to reduce wattage in other areas, where practical.

5. Determine together with my office and the Department of Transportation the number of lights that may be turned off along State highways, particularly on Interstate 5. Keep in mind that highway lighting must be reduced commensurate with safety, but in my view a 50 per cent reduction is feasible.

6. Revise the work schedules of maintenance workers so that custodial duties are accomplished during daylight hours, where practical. This order will be reproduced for all State agencies for posting, and through this I ask the understanding and cooperation of all State employees.

7. Except for required situations, fully close all State buildings by 6 p.m. The Director of the Department of General Services is hereby empowered to make the determination as to what buildings, or sections of them, will be open after that hour. Appeals, if any, from the Director's decisions, will be decided by the Governor. State employees wishing to return to their desks in the evening will be given priority, since we have no wish to stifle initiative. Administrators of the agencies, however, must make known to the Director exceptional problems that may be faced.

8. Turn off all motors that cool water fountains in state buildings. Eliminate lawn watering, operation of fountains or other uses in which electrical energy is required.

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NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS of Gabriel Astoreca, who passed away July 27, spent Sunday harvesting the potato crop for his widow Freida. Part of the approximately 50 people who gathered to help are shown in the picture, and the equipment used consisted of 12 trucks and three potato harvesters. They all participated in a pot-luck dinner in the true old-time tradition of neighborly help and friendliness.

The day after Mr. Astoreca passed away the neighbors harvested his grain crop. The following week they baled and stacked the hay. Then Sunday Don Brewer got the neighbors together and harvested the ten acres of potatoes. Don is shown with Mrs. Astoreca in the photo at right.

## Farm Business Course To Be Offered At TVCC

Treasure Valley Community College is planning an Adult Farm Business Management, a program the College feels is an important service to the agricultural community of this area.

This is a program which requires students to be actively engaged in farming or ranching to be eligible to enroll for the three years duration. Students will have access to the services of a Farm Business Management Specialist as well as to computer record keeping and analysis.

The Adult Farm Business Management program is your opportunity to:

- develop the records system best for you,
- analyze your records for management information,
- plan for greater profits, and
- develop a plan for sound growth or expansion.

This three year program consists of:

- class meetings once a month,
- farm visits by an instructor once a month,
- keeping basic farm records,
- annual computer analysis of your operation, and
- cost of production summary.

Individual records and records summaries are, of course, confidential.

Enrollment in the class will be limited to 20 students at the beginning of the program. Each prospective student will submit an application to the Agriculture Department at Treasure Valley Community College. About the first of October these applications will be reviewed by an Advisory Committee and by the college staff. Those accepted will be notified. The program will start November 1, 1973.

## New Prices For School Lunches

The Nyssa School Board met in a special session Wednesday immediately after the teacher's dinner sponsored by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce.

Superintendent McPartland told the board members that the district will not receive reimbursement from the state for milk served in the cafeteria, and commodities such as meat and other staples are being cut down drastically.

Based on this information, the board set a new fee schedule for the coming school year, as follows:

Extra milk for elementary students, 8¢; for junior high and high school students, 10¢.

School lunches for elementary students, 30¢; junior high and high school students, 35¢; and 40¢ for adults.

## HORSE ACTIVITIES

### TRAIL RIDE

Horse Activities, Inc. will have a trail ride, September 2. They will start from State Park at Succor Creek at 10 a.m. Bring your own water and sack lunch. Anyone interested in riding is invited to attend.

They are also planning a playday on September 16 at the Nyssa Rodeo grounds.



## BLM Sets Restrictions on Public Lands

Public use of more than 13 million acres of national resource lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management east of the summit of the Cascade Range are now restricted because of high fire danger, it was announced by Arthur W. Zimmerman, acting BLM state director today in Portland. The restrictions went into effect Saturday, August 25.

## Four Bicycles Stolen Sunday

Police Chief Alvin Allen said that four more bicycles were stolen Sunday, making a total of ten bikes stolen in the last two weeks.

Two bikes were taken from the yard of Jim Tomjack, and two from the yard of the John Davis family. Three were previously stolen from the swimming pool area, and others parked on the street.

Allen said that the rash of stolen bicycles is taking on the appearance of an organized effort, with the bikes possibly being picked up and taken off in a van. He urges that bikes be kept in the garage at home, or chained to something solid.

Allen also cautioned parents to check on their children's riding habits. Riders are observed going against the traffic flow, violating stop signs, riding on sidewalks, and parking their bikes in the middle of the sidewalk. The chief said that many youngsters are riding their 10-speed bikes so fast that they can't keep them under control.

Bikes are registered by serial number, but this only helps if the bike is recovered. The serial number of the bike is also registered with the state in a computerized missing bicycle file.

"We have had several intersection accidents with bikes lately," the chief said, "and we are going to have some serious accidents if the laws aren't obeyed by our young riders."

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
Aug 22	89	59
Aug 23	83	55
Aug 24	74	51
Aug 25	75	51
Aug 26	80	51
Aug 27	85	55
Aug 28	81	48
Aug 29		46

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
8/29/73 444,920 acre feet  
8/29/72 503,080 acre feet

## COUNCILMEN DISCUSS PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO NYSSA WATER SYSTEM

According to members of the Nyssa City Council, the people of Nyssa aren't saying much, one way or the other, about the proposed water system improvements which they will be asked to vote finances for at a special election Monday, September 10.

"I think the people are pretty much in favor of it," said Nyssa Mayor Larry Bauman.

"Anything that deals with the human body, like water or sewer or this type of thing, people are pretty responsive as far as realizing that the need is there."

Asked to comment on the lack of public discussion, Bauman said, "It has me bothered in a sense, but in a sense it's good."

"I'd like to see much more active participation in city government," said Bauman "and for this reason I'd like to see more discussion, both for and against, of something as important as this."

Bauman told The Journal that as far as he is concerned there are three factors he considers important in his support for the proposed water system improvements:

- 1) Is the safety factor involved in case of a major fire or a power outage.
- 2) Is the improvement in the water pressure. Because the

## Three Nyssa Grads At BYU

Three Nyssa students were among the 2,143 who received diplomas at Brigham Young University at summer commencement exercises on August 17. These graduates, combined with the 3,513 who received degrees in the spring commencement, bring the total graduates for the year to 5,656, an all-time high at BYU.

Brenda Joyce Buringham and Cherylee Chamberlain received the Bachelor of Arts degrees, and Karma Kesler was awarded a Masters degree.

## SHRINERS TO HOLD ANNUAL AUCTION

The Treasure Valley Shrine Club will hold its annual auction for the benefit of children in the Shriners Hospital on Sunday, September 16 at the Malheur County Fairgrounds.

Anyone who has articles to donate to the auction may leave them at Morrison Electric. Local shriners who will accept articles, or who will pick them up, are Cecil Morrison Sr., Fred Koch, Bill Webb, Earl Crocker, Roy Holmes, Dr. K. E. Kerby, Fred Bennett, George Cartwright or Dan McGinnis.

council is seeking not only construction of a water tank, but also a booster pumping station.

3) Is the fire insurance rating.

"If we can get a good water storage system," said Bauman "I think we can probably get a new rating and we'd all see a reduction in our fire insurance rates."

Bauman and other councilmen contacted by The Journal said they favor using a combination of a rate increase and a tax increase to pay off the 20-year \$425,000 bond issue. In addition, the council has obligated \$225,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing funds to be received in the future toward repayment of the bonds.

If the bond election produces a "go ahead" from the voters, the council will meet Tuesday, September 11, and decide upon the exact details of paying off the bonds.

Marion Tracy, a recent addition to the council, said that he has heard "very little" comment on the scheduled bond election and as far as opposition, "none whatsoever."

Asked if he thought this might be a bad time to seek voter approval of a bond issue, Tracy said, "Maybe, as far as the individual and their own thinking it might not be the best, because of the disorder and uncertainty of the economy."

"But, I think as a whole with inflation on materials and labor and things like this it's a good time. I don't think we'll get it done any cheaper," said Tracy.

"Most of the few who have talked with me," said Councilman George Coffman "have just asked me if we need it."

"When I tell them I think we do, if only to have the storage, they say that's all they wanted to know."

Coffman said he had heard of no opposition to the proposed system improvements, but added that "maybe those guys aren't saying anything."

"It surprises me," said Councilman Jack Pittz, "because I figured we'd have more comments."

"If this is any sign, I think it will pass."

"I hope it does," said Pittz. Councilman Don Oldmeyer was unavailable for comment this week.

Voters, both the quiet ones and the vocal ones, will get a chance to tell the Nyssa City Council exactly what's on their minds when they enter the election booths in the City Library on Monday, September 10.

"You never really know about elections," noted Mayor Bauman. "All you can do is wait until the ballots are counted."



NEW TEACHERS AT NYSSA HIGH (left to right) Bob Belnap, Jeff Sandberg, Ron Oakes (Junior High), Cathy Montgomery, Joanne Dahl, Ralph Werner and Bill Gillam.



NEW TEACHERS AT NYSSA ELEMENTARY (left to right) Scott McCormick, Kimi Casad, Sandra Kim and Don Baker.



NEW TEACHERS AT ADRIAN (left to right) Raymond Maynard, Math 7-8; Priscilla Young, Math; Dorothy Phelps, Language Arts; Dan Wilson, Science-Social Studies, and Nora Akers, Commercial.



THE END OF THE TRAIL came Sunday for Sally O'Connor of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and her two sons Brian, 14, and David, 11. They made it to Oregon after leaving their home in Maryland on May 13, a trip which had been dreamed of and planned for over two years.

They followed the Oregon Trail as closely as possible all the way, and kept to the side roads as much as possible. They had intended to go all the way to the Oregon coast, but the boys have to get back to school. Mrs. O'Connor said they decided to make Nyssa their destination when time ran short, as this was where the pioneers forded the Snake River after leaving Fort Boise.

One horse, BeeGee, pictured in the center, made the entire 2800 mile trip, which is considered quite a feat for a 15-year old horse. One horse gave out in Nebraska and another in Wyoming, and in each case a kind person lent the family a replacement horse to finish the trip. The O'Connors will drop off the borrowed horses and

pick up their own on their way home.

They have kept a daily log of their experiences and Sally plans to write a book when she returns home. She will also write articles for the Maryland Horse Breeders Association publication.

While in Nyssa the police department made arrangements for them to tie up their horses at the rodeo grounds, and arrange for feed and water. They stayed at the Lynn Snodgrass home Monday night, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Holmes of the Owyhee Riding Club provided cake and ice cream.

Bernie Peters of Ogallala, Nebraska, advertising manager of the Western Outlook Magazine, arranged for a horse trailer and will drive the family back to Maryland. They left Tuesday afternoon, with all three expressing their gratitude for the kindness shown them while in Nyssa. Sally said that they met with kindness and hospitality throughout their entire trip, and people went far out of their way to help them. She is a native of England, and her husband John designs deep sea submarines.