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Nyssa's Fourteenth Annual Krazy Days Coming This Weekend

VOTERS APPROVE WATER SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION BY 147 TO 22 MARGIN

Voter approval, by a 147 to 22 margin, of a \$425,000 city bond measure on Monday, September 10, helped to launch the September meeting of the Nyssa City Council the following Tuesday evening.

Council members, though regretting the small voter turnout, were obviously pleased by the weight of the "yes" votes. The bond measure was put to the voters last month by the council and asked for funding to construct a supplemental water system for the city.

Mayor Larry Bauman called the Tuesday, September 11, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall. Councilman Marion Tracy was not present for the meeting because of another meeting related to council business. Councilman Bill Keeney was absent.

In an opening action, the council accepted the resignation of Keeney, who wrote that he was being transferred out of the area by his employer. City Manager Fred Koch was instructed to write a letter to Keeney on behalf of the council thanking him for his participation on the council.

Rod George, manager of the Nyssa branch of First National Bank, accepted the council's invitation to fill the seat left vacant by Keeney. George, who will serve the remaining three years and six months of Keeney's term, was sworn in by Steve Fonda, city attorney, and took his seat on the council.

Bill Keeney Transferred



BILL KEENEY

William W. Keeney, general loan officer at First National Bank of Oregon's Nyssa branch, has been promoted to commercial loan officer at the bank's South Sixth Street branch in Klamath Falls.

Keeney started his banking career with First National at the Condon branch in 1952. He received assignments at several branch offices prior to his appointment as assistant operations officer at Lakeview branch in 1961. He was promoted to operations officer the following year, and was named general loan officer at the Merrill branch in 1964. He transferred to the Nyssa branch in a similar capacity in 1967.

Past-president of the Nyssa Lions Club, Keeney was also a member of the Nyssa City Council, City Planning Commission and the Library Board.

Acting on the bond election, the council proceeded to canvass the ballots, which confirmed and certified the original vote totals.

In signing a proclamation on the passage of the bond measure, Mayor Bauman noted, "This is the largest bond issue as Fred pointed out to me today, that the city of Nyssa has undertaken."

Roy Taylor, a representative of the Boise firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes & Merryfield, made a brief presentation to the council on the proposed water system improvements. Taylor's firm was hired by the city last May to assist in construction and planning of the supplemental water system.

After Taylor's presentation, the council voted to authorize his firm to go ahead with the final project plans for the system.

Taylor was asked by the council to "hurry up before prices go up any higher" and he told the members that his firm's schedule calls for plans to be finished and for bids to be let "by December."

In other business Tuesday night, the council:

—Took under study a citizen's request for a change in the speed limit from 25 to 35 miles-per-hour, from Henigson's corner to the highway.

—Accepted a petition from a group of citizens asking the city to place "no truck parking" signs in the area of Idaho and Locust streets to deal with the problem of produce shed trucks blocking their driveways.

The council noted that there was a problem and instructed Koch to "get together with Chief Allen and Simplot, the major firm in that area, to see if something can be worked out to eliminate the problem."

—Mayor Bauman told the council members that the city has started to receive responses to its ads in municipal magazines seeking a replacement for retiring city manager Koch.

Bauman suggested that a special meeting might be held later to go over the various applications and move toward selecting a new city manager.

Lions To Hold Annual Sale

The Nyssa Lions Club will hold their annual Live, Inc. sale along with other Lions Clubs throughout Treasure Valley next week, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, September 19 and 20.

W.L. McPartland is chairman of the sale, in which all of the merchandise is made by the blind, with proceeds from the sale to carry on the Lion's sight conservation program. Brooms, mops, rugs, chimes, light bulbs and door mats will be sold, as in past years.

This annual event has always been supported generously by Nyssa residents, and members of the Lions Club ask the same support this year for a very worthy cause.

Shrine Auction Sunday P.M.

Proceeds from the annual Snake River Valley Shrine Club Auction at the County Fairgrounds in Ontario Sunday at 1:00 p.m. will benefit the Shrine Hospitals in Portland and Salt Lake.

According to Ace Lloyd, a club member and participant for many years in the fall caravan to the Portland Hospital, the club has raised about \$400,000 worth of benefits in cash, food, and supplies for each of the hospitals over the past twenty years.

Donations of produce, new and used items, canned fruits, vegetables, auto supplies, furniture, garden supplies, electrical appliances, cash or gift certificates will be accepted, Lloyd said.

Last year's auction netted \$7500. People to contact in the Nyssa or Adrian areas if you wish to make a donation are: Fred Bennett, C.H. Morrison Sr., Fred Koch, E. E. Crocker, W.W. Webb, Roy Holmes, George Cartwright, Ken Kerby or Dan McGinnis.

School Board Argues About Purchasing Policy

Five mothers of Nyssa area youngsters attended the Monday night, September 10, meeting of the District No. 26 School Board in order to ask board members for help in solving some school-related problems. Before they could address the board, however, they found themselves witnesses to a heated, hour-long discussion between board members.

The board met at 8:00 p.m. in the Administrative area of the primary building for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

BOARD MEMBER Vic Haburchak started things off by asking to have the minutes of last month's meeting corrected by adding the following statement:

"That the school board has a serious case of conflict of interest. In that, this school is doing a lion's share of its business with Stunz Lumber Company and the Stunz family, Gene's family, owns a substantial amount of the business."

IN RESPONSE, Board member Gene Stunz asked Mark Hartley, vice chairman acting in the absence of Chairman Don Engstrom, to change the agenda in order to deal with the question raised by Haburchak.

"I think the time has come for it to be hashed out," said Hartley, in support of Stunz' request. "I personally, for one, would like to see it brought out and be straightened out once and for all and be forgotten."

DURING THE NEXT hour, the board engaged in a wide-ranging and at times heated discussion of the issue.

"If a board member owns less than 5 percent of the shares in a corporation," Stunz told

Police Warn About Con Men

Area law enforcement officials are warning area citizens—particularly elderly persons—that two confidence men apparently are operating here.

Last Friday, two men swindled at least one elderly Nyssa man. They made at least two similar calls in Nyssa and at least one in Weiser.

Investigators said the men, posing as employees of Idaho Power Co., told residents they had to conduct an electrical inspection of their homes.

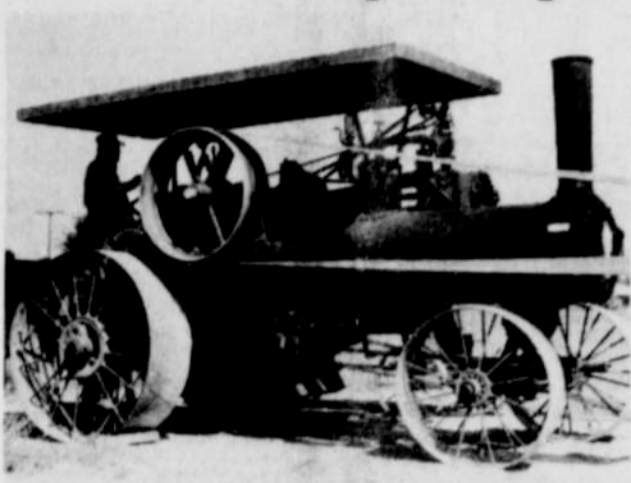
In one of the Nyssa cases, they left with a signed blank check which was later cashed for \$6,148. At Weiser they received a check for \$1,12 which they later changed to \$3,824.12. But a banker refused to accept that check.

Law enforcement officials are urging everyone to avoid business with strangers and to prohibit strangers in their homes.

Officials say it is possible the con men may switch to using any other local utility company for business. They said it is possible these men are still in the area.

TVCC REGISTRATION TO BEGIN MONDAY

Fall quarter registration at Treasure Valley Community College is Monday, September 17, in the Weese Building.



ROD PRICE GIVEN OSU SCHOLARSHIP

The Oregon State University Crop Science Scholarship Committee has awarded a \$400 Hyslop Foundation scholarship for the academic year 1973-74 to Rod Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price, Adrian. Rod is a senior at OSU, majoring in Agronomic Crop Science. He is a 1970 graduate of Adrian High School.



Harry Miner Threshes Oats

AMALGAMATED SUGAR ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN PLANT SUPERINTENDENTS



JACK STEWART

The Amalgamated Sugar Company this week announced the realignment of its management personnel at the sugar factories in Nampa and Nyssa.

Jack Stewart has been named as the new factory superintendent of the Nampa factory, the company's largest processing complex and the third largest sugar factory in the world.

Mr. Stewart has been the Nyssa factory superintendent for the past three years. In moving to Nampa, he is replacing veteran superintendent Maurice Hatch, who is retiring early because of ill health.

A chemist, Mr. Stewart is one of the company's top factory executives, having served as superintendent of the Twin Falls and Nyssa factories before moving to Nampa. He has been with the company since 1946.

He received his B.A. degree in chemistry from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa.



GEORGE HOBBS

George Hobbs has been named as the new factory superintendent of the company's factory at Nyssa.

In earlier positions with the company, Mr. Hobbs was assigned to the Nampa factory working directly under Mr. Hatch as technical assistant. Later, he was the plant engineer at the Nyssa factory. He has been involved in the sugar industry for 15 years, and he holds a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Colorado State University.

In announcing his early retirement, Mr. Hatch brings to a close a highly successful 33 year career with The Amalgamated.

He started his sugar career at the company's factory at Burley, Idaho. He was later selected as one of the original employees to start up the Nampa plant when it opened in 1942.

New Direct Dialing System Starts Friday

Nyssa one and two-party telephone customers will soon be direct dialing their long distance calls without an intercepting operator asking for their number, according to A. R. Davis, Malheur Home Telephone Company manager.

The cutover to the new long distance system is scheduled for September 14, 1973.

"This is the very latest long distance calling equipment," Davis said. "It is technically known as ANI which stands for Automatic-Number-Identification, and will automatically record the customer's number, the called number, the date, time of day, and the length of the call," explained Davis.

The New long distance system and additional central office equipment to meet Nyssa's growing demands for telephone service will cost the telephone company over \$40,000.

The present operator number identification system was installed in 1970, and will continue to serve the Nyssa exchange four-party and rural subscribers.

SALES, CONTESTS, PRIZES FEATURES OF BIG EVENT WITH FUN FOR ALL

Nyssa merchants and business people are again sponsoring their annual KRAZY DAZE, with their fourteenth celebration coming this weekend. Sale dates will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with some of the specials coming on Saturday only. This is the day when store owners, employees and kids all dress as crazy as possible and have lots of fun.

The Merchants Promotion committee has again arranged for the Journal to be distributed throughout the sales area, and all are encouraged to read the ads very carefully, because this annual sales event offers prizes which just can't be beat anywhere.

In addition to the bargains, there will be over one hundred valuable prizes offered. Each business is providing a box where those over 16 may place their names on a slip of paper, and at the end of the day these names will be drawn and prizes awarded. The winners need not be present for the drawing, and they will be notified by the merchants.

The Job's Daughters will sponsor the annual Crazy Days Breakfast, and it will be served Saturday morning from 6 to 8:30 a.m. downstairs in the Masonic Hall. They will serve hot cakes, eggs, milk or coffee, juice and all you can eat for \$1.25. All store employees are urged to attend this breakfast, and they will be judged for their costumes at this time.

Early Saturday afternoon the kids fun gets underway with the big parade, led by members of the Nyssa Junior High School band under the direction of Frank Werner and all dressed in crazy clothes. Adults, kids and pets who wish to dress up

and compete for prizes will be welcome in the parade.

All participants are asked to be at the school grounds at the west end of Main Street by 1:30 p.m. so that the judges may award the prizes and the parade will get underway at 2 p.m. Jim Robinson will be the head judge.

Michael's Pharmacy will give prizes to the three winners in the pet division. The Journal will again award cash to the Craziest dressed kids, with \$5 for the first place, \$3 for second place and \$2 for third place. The contest is limited to kids in the 7th grade and below.

Merchandise prizes are being awarded by Bracken's Dept. Store, \$5 for the craziest dressed male above the 7th grade; Nyssa Firestone Store, \$5 for the craziest dressed female above the 7th grade level; the Nyssa Merc, \$5 for the oldest person wearing goofy garb; and Wilson Bros. Dept. Store, \$5 for the youngest person with a costume entered in the contest.

The Nyssa Merchants Association will again offer prizes for the craziest dressed employees. They are up \$15 for 1st place, \$10 for second and \$5 for third. These will be merchandise certificates redeemable at any Nyssa Store.

This fourteenth Crazy Days promises to be the best ever, and Nyssa Merchants suggest you come for breakfast stay for lunch, see the parade, register for lots of prizes at every store, take advantage of the bargains and fun, and have an enjoyable and profitable day.

Greece Student Nyssa Resident



ALEX DROUGAS

A foreign exchange student from Greece is in Nyssa for the 1973-74 school year, and will live with the Harold Kassman family.

Alex Drougas, 17, is here under auspices of the Youth For Understanding program. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Athan Drougas of Ioannina, Greece, a city of about 50,000. His father is in the poultry business, and he has a brother, Photos, 13 and his grandmother also lives with the family.

Alex will be a senior at Nyssa High School, and plans to study veterinary medicine when he returns to Greece.

He joined the Kassman family August 28 when he arrived in Boise after a flight which included stops at Frankfurt, Germany and Detroit, Michigan. His Nyssa family for the year are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kassman, Beth Ann, a senior, and Dustin, a freshman. Robin has completed two years of college.



JUANITA WALTERS AND BONNIE ROPP are all smiles at the opening of their new store, aptly named Raggedy Ann's Pad, featuring infant, children's and teen's clothing. The new store opened for business at 109 Main Street last weekend.

Winners of the door prizes were Francis M. Acosta, \$10, and Norma Iracheta and Donna Haney, each \$5.

The two extend their thanks to the many who made their grand opening such a success, and to those who sent flowers and good wishes for their opening.



MEMORIALS IN HONOR of Virginia Steffens and Harriet Brumbach are displayed by Mrs. Edith Aman, Nyssa High School librarian.

The Betty Lamp, symbolizing FHA, was presented by the American Association of University Women in memory of Mrs. Steffens; and the plaque in memory of Mrs. Brumbach was provided by friends who gave to a memorial fund. A new stereo system which plays soft music in the library was also provided from the memorial fund.

The plaque and the lamp are located on each side of the main entrance to the library in memory of the two long-time Nyssa teachers who passed away during the past year.