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## Amalgamated President Says Sugar Act Must Be Extended In 1974

The Amalgamated Sugar Company held its annual stockholder's meeting January 24, at the Ramada Inn in Ogdon.

High point of the meeting, was president A. E. Benning's address to the directors, officers and shareowners in attendance.

Benning's initial remarks were about the accomplishments of the company during the past twelve months. He announced that present sugar prices are 22 percent above last year's prices, which are offsetting most of the losses and expenses being incurred by the company because of reduced beet acreage and higher operating costs.

Although this rate of price increase is high, Benning noted that sugar prices during the 12 preceding months held constant while most other commodities realized substantial increases. He added, however, that despite these current high prices, world sugar is still 39 percent higher than U.S. sugar prices.

He stated that these higher sugar prices should persuade local growers to favor beets more during 1974.

Benning then noted that the Sugar Act will expire at the end of 1974. He emphasized the point that the law, which embodies a system of marketing quotas assigned to all domestic and foreign sellers, has provided American consumers with a dependable supply of sugar at reasonable prices over the past 40 years.

He further explained that the law has protected and sustained America's sugar industry, particularly during those periods when world sugar prices were low.

"Without the continuing protection of the Sugar Act, the domestic industry would probably eventually cease to exist and U.S. supplies would be entirely dependent on foreign supplies," he cautioned. He cited the hazards of the current domestic oil crisis as a prime example of what can happen when America becomes highly dependent on imported commodities.

"Extending the Sugar Act in 1974 is essential to protecting the American consumer and maintaining a viable domestic sugar industry," he concluded.



SEVEN KNOWN GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE AREAS are located in Oregon, four of which are located within national resource land areas near Vale, Klamath Falls, Lakeview and in Warner Valley.

BLM Lands and Minerals Operations will conduct a drawing in Portland Friday to establish geothermal lease applications priorities. Sixty-seven sealed applications have been received for exploration of potential geothermal resources within Oregon. The development of geothermal energy on

public lands is new with federal regulations just over a month old.

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton has said the total known and potential resources of geothermal energy "could supply a significant part of the nation's present and predicted energy needs."

Competitive bidding for development of geothermal energy on 1,300 acres within the Known Geothermal Resource Area (KGRA) near Vale is projected for late spring, BLM officials said.

## Don Oldemeyer Elected Chairman SECOG Board

Don Oldemeyer of Nyssa was elected chairman of the Southeast Oregon Council of Governments board Thursday night at the District 14 (Harney and Malheur Counties) annual meeting.



DON OLDEMEYER

Oldemeyer is a member of the Nyssa City Council and Agronomist for the Amalgamated Sugar Company.

Named to the position of vice chairman was William Jennings of Hines (in Harney County).

The board retained all personnel of the SECOG offices in Vale including Ray Cook, executive secretary.

Several A-95 reviews were conducted and passed.

Board members received an updating report on the SECOG manpower planning program learning that the program which has been in existence for two months has experienced the result of placing two persons in jobs.

A south by-pass route for Ontario was designated by the board as the first priority for highway funding in the district. The board anticipates selection of a second priority at the February meeting after recommendations are received from the district's city and county governments.

## Oregon's 1973 Crop Value Up 63 Percent

The value of 1973 Oregon crop production was 650 million dollars, up 63 percent above 1972, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. The aggregate production of 6.4 million tons was only 3 percent above 1972. Tree fruits and nuts, as a group, led the production increase registering a 64 percent gain. Vegetable crop production was up 15 percent from 1972 while seed crops held even. Grain and forage crop production dropped only 1 percent, while the berry crops dipped 27 percent. Price increases registered for the 1973 crops was the major factor in the improved value of return.

The total value followed by vegetable crops with 14 percent of production and 11 percent of the value. Seed crops made up 2 percent of the total tonnage and 10.5 percent of the value; tree fruits and nuts, 5 percent of tonnage and 11.5 of value; and berry crops, 1 percent of tonnage and 4 percent of value.

## Auto Crash Kills Three

Three Ontario residents were killed Sunday afternoon when the car in which they were riding struck a utility pole north of Nyssa.

Ontario State Police at Ontario identified the victims as Joseluis Berries Gallegos, 22, Mary Canales, 19, and Irene Elizabeth Canales, 6 months, all of Ontario. The car, driven by Gallegos, was northbound on Arcadia Road when it left the road and struck the utility pole, officers said. The accident occurred about 3:10 p.m., two miles north of Nyssa.

## Cowbells Seek Princess

A Beef Princess to represent the beef cattle industry for 1974 is being sought by the Malheur County Cowbells according to Mrs. Ray Novotny, Chairwoman of the Beef Princess Contest. Girls living on a cattle ranch or associated with the cattle industry in the 9th through 12th grades are eligible to enter.

The Princess Contest and final selection will take place, according to Mrs. Novotny, at the annual spring meeting of the Malheur County Livestock Association in Jordan Valley, March 2nd. Entry forms have been distributed to all local high schools or may be obtained from Mrs. Novotny in Ontario or Mrs. Bill Ross, President of the Malheur County Cowbells, in Jordan Valley. Deadline for the forms to be returned is February 15th.

An exciting reign is planned for the Princess as she will be recognized at the County Fair and many other significant county events throughout the year, Mrs. Novotny concluded.

## County Receives Highway User Revenue

Distribution of \$6,721,108.07 in highway-user tax funds to the 36 counties of the state was announced today by V. E. Skoog, fiscal officer for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The allocation is based on the statutory 20 percent for the period October 1 through December 31, 1973. The funds come from the following sources: motor vehicle registration and operators' license fees, gasoline tax, use fuel tax, motor carrier fees, and fines and penalties collected for violations of the size and weight statutes where complaints are made by the Highway Division weighmasters.

## Sylvia Roth To Retire After 31 Years Service

A luncheon will be held at the Mountain Bell offices in Payette on February 1 to honor Sylvia Roth, who is retiring following 31 years of service with the company.



MRS. SYLVIA ROTH

Mrs. Roth began work at the Nyssa office on June 1, 1943. She was later transferred to the Nampa, Idaho office where she worked until she was transferred back to the Nyssa plant. When the office at Nyssa was converted to dial, the operators were transferred to the Ontario office. She worked at that plant several years and then was transferred to the Payette location.

Mrs. Roth has made her home in Nyssa since 1937. She and her husband, Carl, have two children, a son, Ronald in Woodbridge, Virginia, and a daughter, Rosemary, who resides in Detroit, Michigan.

## Oregon Legislature Repeals Land Act

The Oregon Legislature repealed the controversial Land Development Consumer Protection Act passed by the 1973 Legislature in a special session on Thursday, January 24, Sen. Robert F. Smith, R - Burns, and Rep. Denny Jones, R - Ontario announced.

In place of the repealed act the legislature reenacted the old subdivision control law that was replaced when the new law took effect on January 1.

House and Senate committees with advisory citizen members will be formed to study issues of land development regulation and consumer protection in land development interest and will report back by February 15 to the special session.

## EOSC Honor Roll Students

A total of 216 students, eight of them at graduate level, were named to the dean's list for fall term at Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande with averages above B plus, according to Dr. James R. Hathorn, dean of students.

Of that number, two graduate and 53 undergraduate students attained straight A. Students from this area include:

Ontario - undergraduate with straight A - Mary Alcoser.

Nyssa - undergraduate with straight A - David Phelps.

Vale - undergraduate with better than 3.5 - Robert Standage.

ative date and allow it to be studied. In the end, the Senate initiated the action and worked with the Republicans in both the Senate and House to arrive at a decision, Smith said.

The legislators said the Land Development and Consumer Protection Act had virtually shut down home building, real estate sales and financial lending for homes around the state. It was because of this that the governor decided to call the special session at such an early date.

The legislature avoided work on the governor's vetoes from the 1973 legislative session and confirming appointments made by the governor by recessing rather than adjourning. The legislature will return on February 11, the date previously chosen for a special session to consider several issues including the energy crisis and budgets for certain state agencies.

## Yturri To Help

Anthony Yturri, Ontario attorney, has been named Malheur county chairman of the Committee to Re-elect Justice William McAllister to the Oregon supreme court.

Justice McAllister was appointed to the supreme court in 1956 and was chief justice from 1959 to 1967. Prior to his court appointment he practiced law in Medford and served in the house and senate of the Oregon legislature.

Howell Appling, Jr., former Oregon secretary of state, and Gladys M. Everett, Portland attorney, are state co-chairmen of the McAllister committee.

## Daylight Saving Time Starts Sunday

Malheur County residents will join Idaho, Western Oregon and the rest of the nation in the observance of Daylight Savings Time, starting Sunday. Which means that when we go to bed Saturday night we must set our clocks ahead one hour.

Gov. Cecil D. Andrus of Idaho received exemption from DST from the National Transportation Commission earlier, with the stipulation that the Idaho Legislature must act by February 3. In action this week the Idaho Legislature voted against a bill which would

exempt the state. Malheur County has consistently agreed that we must stay on Idaho time because of our close ties with border communities, but as of press time Wednesday, County Judge Roy Hiral had not heard officially from Governor Tom McCall.

Superintendent W. L. McPartland told the Journal Wednesday that the Nyssa school board has taken no action to change school hours, and that no schools in the county have made that decision to his knowledge.

Don't forget - turn your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night!

## TVCC Sets Budget Hearing For Feb. 18

Treasure Valley Community College board of trustees have set February 18 for a public hearing on the 1974-75 budget, and March 27 has been set as the election date for the budget.

The budget board approved the budget January 21, with the total budget set at \$2,865,569. The total general fund budget is \$1,891,986, up about six percent from the current budget of \$1,784,620. General fund resources total \$1,245,650 with the amount of

\$646,336 in local taxes needed for the current year.

The total amount to be levied is \$718,151, requiring a tax rate of \$2.54 per \$1,000 true cash value. This includes \$71,815 which must be levied in anticipation of taxes which can't be collected during the year.

President Emory Skinner said that "the proposed budget reflects an effort to maintain an adequate level of support for existing programs, provide some capital improvement and modest salary increases."

The budget is based on an estimated full-time enrollment of 1,060 students compared to 1,040 in the current year.

## First Candidate Files In County

Scott Gillette, rural Ontario, has filed for the position of county commissioner, number one, the position currently held by Emil Maag.

Robert Morcom, county clerk, reports that the positions of county clerk, county engineer, commissioner, position number one, and Ontario justice of the peace, all expire this year.

Petitions for filing for office must be returned to the county clerk's office in Vale by 5 p.m. March 19. Voter registration deadline is 30 days prior to the May 28 primary election.

## Sen. Church To Visit Payette

Senator Frank Church will be at the Courthouse in Payette on Monday, February 11, to meet with all Payette County residents who want to see him, his office has announced.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m., and again at 1:30 p.m., on the 11th, the Senator will be on hand at the Courthouse for his citizen conferences, which he holds throughout the State in order to offer personal service to the people of Idaho.

In addition to the conferences, Church will also be on hand for a nonpartisan reception on the 11th, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Payette Junior High School. The public is invited to come and meet the Senator in an informal setting, ask him questions, and have refreshments. Children are welcome.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC.
Jan. 23	50	29	
Jan. 24	52	29	
Jan. 25	45	31	
Jan. 26	41	32	
Jan. 27	51	33	.11
Jan. 28	48	33	
Jan. 29	48	33	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
1/29/74 507,200 Acre Feet  
1/29/73 563,290 Acre Feet



THE SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASS taught by Mrs. Lucile Cary has completed an interesting project, with each of the students making "Winnie The Pooh" books, complete with their own drawings. Some of the books went to the Elementary Library where

they have been enjoyed by children from other classes.

Seated, from left, is Roberto Rodriguez, Eddie Lascano and Colleen Fenstermaker. Rear row, from left, Mattie Saito, Ruben Costello, Nora Melindez and Eva Herrera.