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Burning Permits Required In County

With the arrival of hot, dry weather and the fire season, a reminder that permits for burning anywhere in Malheur County are required, was issued this week from the Malheur County Court and the Bureau of Land Management.

Malheur County Judge Roy Hirai said burning permits for various areas may be obtained from the County Court or from deputy fire wardens at Mack's Grocery in Oregon Slope, the Ontario and Nyssa Fire Departments, Deputy Sheriff Jerry Lossee in Jordan Valley, J. M. Wolverton Store in Juntura, Willowcreek Store in Willowcreek, Texaco Station in McDermitt Frontier Market in Brogan and Bully Creek Market in Bully Creek.

George R. Gurr, manager of the Vale BLM District, pointed out that no burning is allowed on federal lands. The BLM does take action on all fires on or threatening federal lands. Gurr said the highly variable pattern of land ownership, private or federal, often makes determination of responsibility difficult. Because of the high cost of fire investigation and control, and to prevent the unnecessary expenditure of taxpayers' dollars, all holders of burning permits are urged to notify the BLM immediately prior to burning. Both Judge Hirai and Gurr emphasized that burning

permits do not release individuals from financial and legal liability if a fire becomes uncontrolled and destroys property or resources of other ownership. To minimize this liability, all proper precautions must be taken prior to and during burning operations. These include burning at proper times; construction of adequate firebreaks; having sufficient manpower and equipment available during burning operations to insure control; assuring that fire is out after burns are completed; and not leaving hot spots that may "blow up" and become uncontrolled.

To reduce the hazard of uncontrolled fires and ensuing damage, the County Court, in a cooperative effort, will obtain and consider information on burning conditions from the BLM before allowing burning. During the fire season, information on fire weather, burning conditions and fire hazard are received at the Vale BLM Fire Control Office several times each day.

Notification of burning plans can be telephoned to the Fire Control headquarters at Vale 473-3221 or 473-3222; Juntura Fire Control headquarters 277-2463 and Jordan Valley Guard Station, 586-2222.

The Malheur County Sheriff will investigate and take action on unauthorized burning on State and private lands.



ALBERTSON'S NEW FEED LOT four miles west of Nyssa, was dedicated Saturday as one of the feature attractions of the Top Op Tour. Over 500 persons participated in the tour. Argus Photo.

Top Op Tour Attracts Over 500 Participants

Over 500 persons attended the second annual Top Op tour Saturday and officially "dedicated" the modern all-new feedlot recently built by Joe and Katherine Albertson.

The hundreds of tourists saw this gigantic cattle feeding operation which can handle 30,000 head of feeders at a time. They toured the feedlots, saw the sewage lagoon system and the feed mixing plant and heard Francis Hight, manager explain the operation.

The feedlot manager told of the economics of the operation noting that at this time, only 8,500 animals were on feed. He also explained how a nutritionist visits the plant once a month to check feed mixes and adapt it as necessary to benefit from feed price changes and to better finish the beef.

The auxiliary Owyhee pumping plant was the second stop and here the visitors viewed the large motors and pumps which help provide water for thousands of thirsty agriculture producing acres in the Nyssa-Ontario area.

Adam Focht, manager of the Owyhee north board of control, traced the history of irrigation from the waters of the Owyhee and told how the pumping plant fits into the over-all picture of irrigation in the district. He noted it can cost \$80,000 a year just to operate the pumping

plant. "But it is very important to have plenty of water," Focht said. He also explained the changes in amount of water needed as crops raised have changed.

Workings of a modern dairy farm were explained during the stop at the Klaas Laan-Dennis Martin Dairy farm near Adrian. There the 62 Holstein cows are milked in an all-new double 4 herringbone milking parlor with Laan and his wife Mary taking care of that chore and their son-in-law Dennis Martin managing the feed production for the animals.

Noon break for a steak barbecue was at the Adrian School campus where over 550 persons were served lunch. Chambers of Commerce at Nyssa, Vale, and Ontario provided cooks while the Malheur County Cow Belles and the Malheur Chapter Society of Range Management served. A number of farm oriented businesses.

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TVCC Offers French Class

The Treasure Valley Community College Office of Continuing Education will offer an evening section of Conversational French during the summer quarter. The instructor will be Michelle Morgan, a graduate of the University of Oregon with graduate studies at the University of Aix-Marseille and the Middlebury College Ecole Francaise D'Ete. The class will meet Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-8:30 p.m. Interested persons are requested to call the college at 889-6493, ext. 37, to have their names put on the list.

Highway Job In County

Bids will be received by the Oregon Transportation Commission on Thursday, June 20 in Salem on 14 projects estimated to cost \$13,195,000.

One project in Malheur County involves a safety project on the North Ontario Interchange-Idaho State Line Section of the Old Oregon Trail Highway in and near Ontario. Plans for the 3.48-mile project call for grading, paving, guardrail, signing and illumination. An asphalt concrete overlay is planned for the four 12-foot lanes. Completion time is 275 calendar workdays.

Human Resource Deputy To Tour Malheur County

MR. CORNELIUS BATESON, Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Human Resources will tour Harney and Malheur Counties and other Central Oregon Counties the week of June 10 through June 14, 1974. He will be in Malheur County June 11 and 12.

On the afternoon of June 11, he will tour the Ontario offices of the different

divisions of the Department, such as the Employment Service, Vocational Rehabilitation, Corrections, Health and Mental Health, to become acquainted with their day to day operations. The morning of the 12th he will visit the Nyssa Service Center. He will answer questions, meet the employees, and explain new procedures planned to make the Departments services more responsive to the needs of local citizens.

Tuesday evening, June 11 at 7:30, Mr. Bateson will conduct an informal public discussion at the Malheur County Library in Ontario. He will be available to respond to questions from the community on the Department and its operating divisions.

Mr. Bateson served as Marion County's Representative to the State Legislature from 1961 to 1967. In 1967 he was elected State Senator from Marion County and served until 1969. In 1969 he was appointed State Insurance Commissioner until 1972 when he was appointed Administrator of the State Health Division. In 1973 he was appointed Deputy Director of the State Department of Human Resources. From 1954 to 1969 he owned and successfully operated a pole bean and broiler farm in Marion County.

Adrian High Honor Roll

A total of 45 Adrian High School students were on the honor roll the second semester. Those earning straight A's were:

SENIORS--Frank Asumendi, Dennis Beebe, Julie Ishida, Toni Shenk, Jay Smith and Gayle Williams. JUNIORS--Tonya Bennett, Angela Conant and Kathleen Deffer.

SOPHOMORES--Robin Shenk

Earning a B average were: SENIORS--Steve Bishop, Kevin Cain, Margo Case, Neal Evans, Sandi Lane, Diana Mackey, Terri Morinaka, Carolyn Pratt, Jon Stam and Stuart Ward. JUNIORS--Marla Case, Elaire Mackenzie, Karen Olsen and Beulah Teter.

SOPHOMORES--Debbie Bowers, Deanna Chaney, Terry Daugherty, Sachio Hori, Harriet Lorenson, Debra Peutz, Beth Zueger, Tom Okai, Cherrise Phelps and Chuck Sykes.

FRESHMEN--Sandra Atagi, Mary Carroll, Clara Fuji-kawa, Joey Ishida, Dan McClure, Libby Miller, David Pratt, Regina Sillonis, Susan Stam, Shawn Webb and Lynne Witty.

Lions To Install

The Nyssa Lions Club will hold their annual installation of new officers with a barbecue in South City Park Tuesday evening, June 11 at 7 p.m.

John Worrall will be installed as the new president, with Jack Ogami of Weiser the installing officer. Ladies and guests are invited.

Three Long Time School Employes Retire

Nyssa schools lost three long-time members of their staff when Mrs. Eulah McConnell, Mrs. Sadie Butcher and Del Maggard retired at the close of the school year. They were honored at a luncheon Saturday sponsored by the Nyssa Education Association.

Her husband, Dick Butcher retired from the schools several years previously.

Both are avid bowling enthusiasts, and spend most of each summer traveling in their camper visiting friends and relatives throughout the northwest. They reside at 510 N. 4th Street.

Del Maggard was head custodian at the Nyssa school, first for a two-year stretch in 1955-56; and then returned in 1961 until his present retirement. They have one daughter, Doris, now Mrs. Don Sherwood, and they live in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Maggard have moved back to Wilder, where they own their home, and will retire in that community.

Mrs. Eulah McConnel taught in the Primary School, where she was head teacher for many years. Her teaching career began in Kansas, where she taught for seven years before coming to Oregon. She was at Kingman Kolony from 1937-39; Arcadia 1939-41; Owyhee and Nyssa, 1944-46; and then returned to full-time teaching in the Nyssa schools from 1954 to the present. She was picked as Nyssa teacher of the year in 1971-72.

She and her husband Ben live on a farm north of Nyssa, and they have two children, both Nyssa graduates. Eileen

Students Earn
Straight "A's"

Nyssa students earning a straight "A" GPA last semester are as follows:

SENIORS--Debra Alexander, Loralee Bates and Beth Ann Kassman.

JUNIORS--Connie Barnes, Kathy Shell, Jennie Shimoaeda and Wilma Staples. SOPHOMORES--Tammi Fredericksen, Dion Garner, Kathy Kunkel, Neal Oldemeyer and John Strickland.

FRESHMAN--Sally Looney and Bill Tensen.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
May 29	70	52	
May 30	68	44	
May 31	76	41	
June 1	82	45	
June 2	88	47	
June 3	82	61	
June 4	65	58	
June 5	54		.16

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
6/5/74 684,350 Acre Feet
6/5/73 685,480 Acre Feet

City To Spray Next Week

Nyssa city crews will spray the city for mosquitoes next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 11, 12, and 13, according to City Manager Henry Schneider.

The chemical will be applied with the city's new fogger, a 400D Dynafog machine with remote control, so the machine can be operated by one man from a pickup truck.

The fogging will start about 2:30 a.m. each morning weather permitting, and Schneider recommends that people with allergies keep their windows closed on those dates. The chemical is not dangerous to animals or humans.

Meeting Place Changed

The regular meeting of the Adrian City Council will meet Thursday, June 6, at 8 p.m., in the homemaking room in the high school instead of at the Adrian Fire House.

Science Club On Field Trip

The Nyssa High School Science Club left Monday, June 3 on a field trip to Victoria, B.C. Included in the agenda are visits to the Hanford Atomic Energy Complex in Richland, Washington, a tour of Mt. Rainer National Park, Olympic National Park, Victoria, B.C., Vancouver, B.C., the Science Pavilion at Seattle, Washington, and EXPO 74 at Spokane, Washington.

SRV Firefighters Program Planned

The tenth annual Snake River Valley Firefighter Training Program will be held on Sisters Creek near Unity, Oregon, June 12 and 13. The program is a cooperative venture of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, and State agencies from Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

The SRV crews are primarily of Spanish-American descent and reside in the lower Snake River Valley. The program is a minority hiring program that returns nearly one million dollars in payroll to the area annually.

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of this highly successful program, the governors of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, plus legislators from those states, have been invited to attend June 12. They will arrive at the campground about 11:30 a.m. where they will have dinner with the trainees.

Summer Band Begins June 17

The Summer Band Workshop begins on June 17 and continues on until July 12. The course offerings will include Beginning Band, Intermediate Band and Private Lessons. The Workshop is for Elementary, Junior and Senior High School students. The Band Workshop will be held at the Nyssa High School Band Room under the direction of Ralph Werner.

Cost of participating in the Workshop will be \$12.00. Registration forms are available at the Bandroom or register by phone by calling Ralph Werner at 372-2977 before June 11, the registration deadline.

Class Schedule: Beginning Band, 8:15-9:30 a.m. Intermediate Band, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Monday thru Friday.



THE NYSSA SWIMMING POOL, quiet in the Tuesday rain, will be a bee-hive of activity next week as the pool opens for the season at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Ralph Lowe is sweeping the bottom, and city crews will do other necessary preparations for the opening.

The pool will be under the management of Vernon Lords, and Lorinda Baker will again

coach the swimming team and serve as assistant pool manager. Life guards and instructors will be David Simantel, Lora Bair and Julie Anderson.

The pool will open at 1 p.m. daily, and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Family night will again be every Thursday, and the mornings will be devoted to swimming classes and swim team practice.

The bottom photo shows the chlorinator building and the four pump houses, all on the Idaho side of the river. They will connect to the pumping station on the south side of the bridge, the water will be pumped to the reservoir, and will then flow by gravity to city residents. When finished, the new facility will provide Nyssa with excellent storage and pressure.

