

# Nyssa Gate City Journal

69th Year, 7th Issue

The Sugar City

Nyssa, Oregon Thursday, February 13, 1975

Thunderegg Capital

15¢ Per Copy

## Onion Growers Elect Officers For 1975

The Malheur County-Southwest Idaho Onion Growers Association elected 1975 officers Monday at its 15th annual meeting in Ontario. Named to the Malheur County board of directors were Kay Teramura, director at large; Mas Yano, Oregon Slope; Noble Morinaka, Nyssa; Dick Harada, Vale, and Roy Hasebe, Ontario. Southwestern Idaho directors include Mas Kido, director at large; Dan Smith, Weiser; George Hirai, Payette-Fruitland; Frank Yamamoto, Homedale-Marsing; Lyle Andrews, Wilder, and Mel Nielsen, Parma-Roswell.

Eastern Oregon Onion Committee were Evern Youngberg and George Matsuura, Idaho District 1; Paul Saito and Darrell Hart, Oregon District 2; Joel Mitchell and Harold Dail, Oregon District 4, and Leo Hart and Frank Yamamoto, Idaho District 6. Jim Burr, Malheur County extension agent, reported there were 9,900 acres of onions in the Idaho-Oregon area this past season, compared to 10,500 in 1973-74, 9,200 in 1972-73 and 9,100 in 1971-72. Onion production was (in 1,000 hundredweight) 4,554 this past season, 5,331 in 1973-74, 4,809 in 1972-73 and 4,281 in 1971-72.

## Golden Age Passports Available At BLM Office

Golden Age Passports are now available at the Vale district office of the Bureau of Land Management. These passports are free of charge and are for citizens 62 years of age or older. The passports, which are good for the lifetime of the permittee, must be applied for in person and proof of age must be furnished or an affidavit attesting to the person's age must be signed in the presence of the issuing officer.

National Park Service and Forest Service areas. Since BLM is not allowed by law to charge entrance fees, BLM cannot give discounts to Golden Eagle Passport holders. Golden Age Passports will also be available at designated fee sites.

## Post Office Closed Monday

The Nyssa Post Office will be closed for business on Monday, February 17, in observance of George Washington's birthday. There will be no window service or city or rural route deliveries. Outgoing mail deposited in the collection box on alley behind the Nyssa Post Office will be collected by a Star Route carrier at 2 p.m. and taken to Boise for processing.

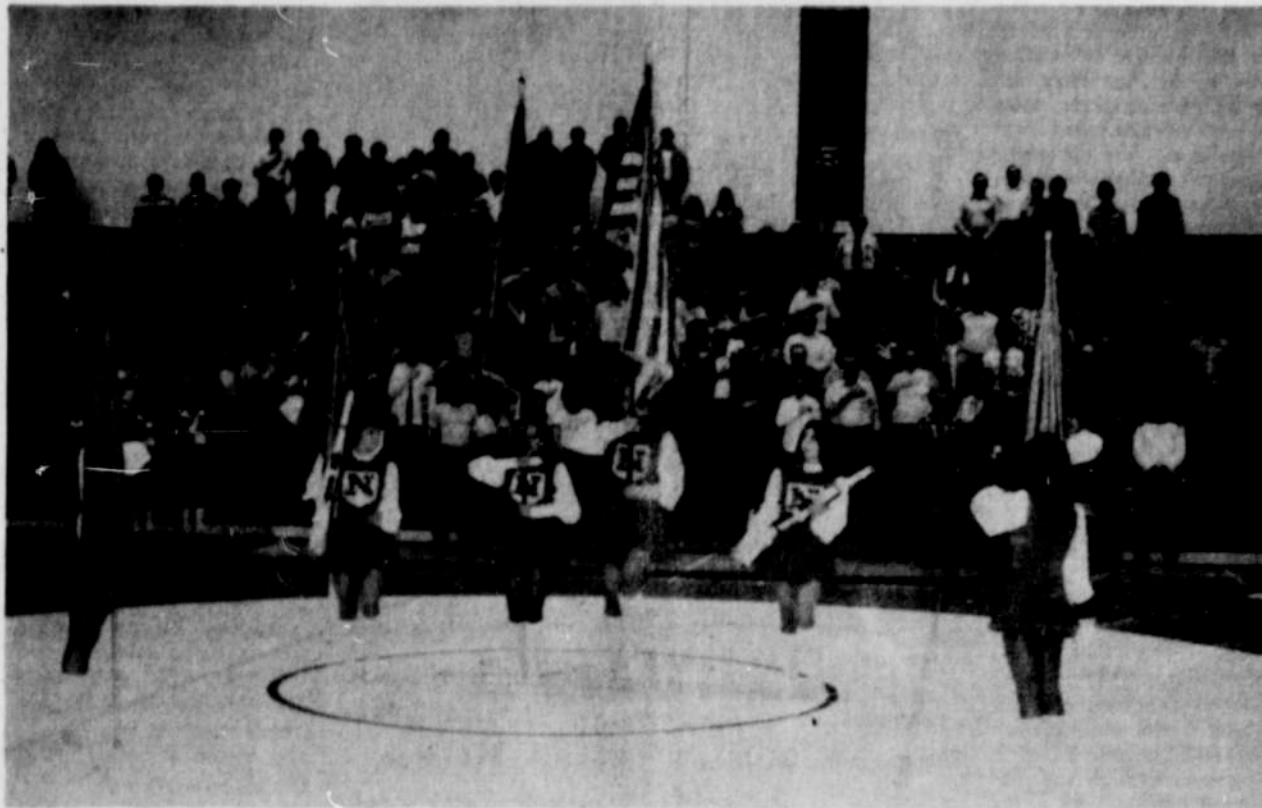
## Review Board Meets Feb. 19

Malheur County Assessor, Oscar Bratton, said today that a meeting of the Board of Review will be held at the County Courthouse, February 19, at 8 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Bratton said that each year the Board meets with the Assessor to go over the Farm Use program and advise him as to the proper data he should use. Board of Review members are Tom Nishihara, Russell Hurst, Joe Hobson, Bert Hawkins and Lorin Munn (of Nyssa).

## Nyssa High Students Gain Honor Roll

Forty-four Nyssa High School students received a grade point average of 3.6 or higher for the second nine weeks grading period of the school year. Students earning a perfect 4.0 average were: Seniors - Barbara Bosselman, Kathy Shell, Bruce Corn, Patty Seuell, Marlene Widmer, Juli Peterson, Anna Dority. Juniors - John Strickland, Dion Garner, Neal Oldemeyer. Freshman - Donna Oldemeyer.

Students earning a 3.9 GPA were: Seniors - Sara Vielma, Kathy Ward. Junior - Terry Baker. Sophomore - Bill Tensen. Earning a GPA of 3.8 were Seniors - Cora Lee Meyer, Melodi Ferrenburg, Dene Piercy. Junior - Merle Saunders. A GPA of 3.7 was earned by: Seniors - Lori Lewis, Tammy Russell, Lori Saito, Merlene Lewis, Willma Staples, Connie Barnes.



NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD presents the colors before every game in an attractive ceremony. Here they troop onto the mat prior to the Nyssa-Vale wrestling matches

last Thursday evening at TVCC. Girls, from left are Barbara Holmes, Joyce Haney, Stella Loera, Kathy Shell, Julie Garner, Connie Montoya, Becky Mathews and Kathy Kunkel.

## Water Supply Outlook Good

The outlook continues good for Malheur County water users, according to USDA Soil Conservation Service's forecast. The water supply varies from near average in the Malheur Watershed to excellent in the Owyhee. The snowpack is much above normal in the upper portions of the Owyhee and near average throughout the rest of the basin. Precipitation for the winter period, November through January, was only 75% of normal and as a result, the soil moisture is much below average. Reservoir storage is above average and streamflow forecasts vary from below average on the Malheur, to above average on the Owyhee. Soils are still dry and will absorb some of the snow melt which normally would contribute to runoff.

## Stunz Attends National Education Meet In Capital

Representative Al Ullman last week discussed strengthening the federal role in education with Nyssa board of education member Gene Stunz, one of nearly 300 school board members from 42 states who met in Washington, D. C. to discuss education legislation with their U. S. Senators and Representatives. The school officials are members of the Federal Relations Network of the National School Boards Association, the nationwide representative of school districts. Each Network member represents local boards of education in his or her congressional district to inform members of Congress of the policies of the nation's schools. The 1975 Washington conference of the NSBA Network was held January 26-29.

## OSU Names Head of Basin Center

Steve Lund, a Rutgers University agronomist, has been named superintendent of Oregon State University's Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center with headquarters in Pendleton. The center, which includes stations at Pendleton, Hermiston and Moro, works cooperatively with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Lund will succeed Charles R. Rohde, acting superintendent of the center, and will begin his new duties May 15. Lund is chairman of Rutgers' Department of Soils and Crops. Born in Exland, Wisconsin, he grew up on a wheat farm in Kansas and a dairy farm in Wisconsin. He received his masters and doctors degrees from the University of Wisconsin after earning a bachelor's degree, also in agronomy, from Clemson University. He was an Extension agronomist in South Carolina before joining the faculty of Rutgers in 1954.

## OSU Names Head of Basin Center



Steve Lund

Steve Lund, a Rutgers University agronomist, has been named superintendent of Oregon State University's Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center with headquarters in Pendleton.

## Historical Society To Meet Tonight

The Malheur Country Historical Society will meet this evening, Thursday, February 13 in Room 10 of the Weese Memorial Building on the TVCC campus. There will be a business meeting at 7:30 p.m. and the program will start at 8 p.m. Bob Kindschy will give a talk slide presentation on "Things In Malheur County."

## Federal Land Bank Stockholders Hold Meeting

Some 250 stockholders and guests attending the Annual Stockholder's meeting of the Federal Land Bank Association of Ontario enjoyed a talk given by Mrs. Betty Derig of Weiser. Mrs. Derig talked about the Declaration of Independence and the effect of that action on the later lives of those who signed it. Dan Roberts, Manager of the Association, reported that the Association had \$20,000,000 in loans outstanding to 725 farmers and ranchers, an all-time high.

R. H. Howland of Cambridge and Riggins, President of the Association Board, was chairman of the meeting. Mr. Al Haslebacher, Assistant Vice-President of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, reported on the operations of that Bank during 1974. Elected to three-year terms on the Association's Board of Directors were R. H. Howland of Riggins, and Thomas A. Burns of Ontario. Hold-over Directors are Veril Holbrook of New Plymouth, Vernon Lolley of Weiser, and Bob White of Vale.

## Reed Ray Files For TV Board

Fillings have been completed for two positions on the Treasure Valley Community College board according to County Clerk Bob Morcom. Max Barlow of Vale and O'Neil Holloway of Ontario have filed for position Number 5, and Reed Ray, Nyssa and Aranka Trenkle, Ontario, have filed for position Number 7. Mrs. Trenkle is an incumbent, and Sherman Turner, Willow Creek, did not choose to run again for position Number 5.

## School Board To Sell Bonds

Nyssa School Board members met with Attorney John O'Kief Monday evening, and decided to advertise for the sale of \$2.34 million bonds to finance rebuilding of the schools. Bid opening date will be March 10. Moody Investment of New York will rate the district prior to the bond sale. The board passed a resolution to participate with the County IED in several programs, including Speech Therapy, Instructional Materials Center, Trainable Mental Retarded, Testing Program, Audiovisual Repair, Teacher of Deaf and Hearing Impaired, and Teacher of the Blind.

## Bruce Corn Wins Speaking Contest

Bruce Corn was the first place winner in the annual Nyssa FFA Chapter Public Speaking Contest hosted by the Oregon Trail Grange January 30. His speech was on the World Food Crisis. Other speakers were Mike Parker speaking also on the World Food Crisis, Raymond Wiley on Farm cooperative, and David Blaylock on the Fertilizer Shortage. Judges for the contest were Jim Kile, Larry Bauman, Fred Schilling and Harold Kurtz. A potluck dinner preceded the Speaking Contest.

## Heart and Cancer Benefit

The Oregon Trail Grange will host a Heart and Cancer Benefit at the Oregon Trail Grange Hall, Wednesday, February 19 at 8 p.m. Prizes will be given and refreshments served. Pinochle will be played. They very cordially extend an invitation to everyone to attend and help make this benefit for both the Heart and Cancer Associations a most successful effort.

## Personal Property Must Be Reported By March 3

Malheur County Assessor, Oscar Bratton, said today that taxpayers must report all assessable personal property owned by them or in their control at 1 a.m., January 1, 1975 no later than March 3rd or be subject to late filing penalties. Bratton said that assessable personal property is stock in trade of the taxpayer held for sale in the ordinary course of his business, office equipment, machinery used for profit and in the case of farm or ranch operation all livestock, farm machinery and equipment. Bratton said, "Your own

personal hobby tools, household furnishings and goods are not a taxable item in Oregon." New taxpayers, Bratton emphasized, who are not presently on our mailing list are required to furnish a list of taxable property. (ORS 308.285) A call to the office at Vale will result in a personal property return form sent to you by return mail. Bratton said that inventory and personal property qualifying under the inventory phase-out law will receive a 50% reduction of assessed value this year, according to ORS 310.608.

## Willma Staples Named Betty Crocker Winner

Willma Staples has been named Nyssa High School 1974-75 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow. Willma won the honor by competing with other seniors in the written knowledge and attitude examination on December 3. She is now eligible for state and national honors and will receive a specially designed award from General Mills, Inc., sponsor of the annual educational scholarship program. State Family Leaders of Tomorrow receive a \$1,500 college scholarship while state second-place winners receive a grant of \$500. The state winner also earns for his or her school, a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America", from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation. In the spring, state winners and their faculty advisors will be the guests of General Mills on an expense-paid educational tour which will include Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg, VA.



Willma Staples

General Mills on an expense-paid educational tour which will include Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg, VA. Morrison Electric Has Name Change

Morrison Electric will be operating under the firm name of Nyssa Electric, Inc. in the future. Cecil Morrison Jr. said that there is no change in personnel or ownership, but the name change was necessary because of incorporation. He said that a firm in Portland operates under the name of Morrison Electric.

## Young Farmers Meet Tonight

The Malheur County Young Farmers will hold one of their regular meetings tonight, February 13. The meeting will be held at the conference room of the TVCC Administration Bldg., and will start at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be Jim Bentz, TVCC Student. Jim has been involved in a behavior study of various animals, and has a talk and slide presentation that shows some of the different ways that animals respond to different stimuli. All young farmers of Malheur County are encouraged to come and become acquainted with the program and meet new friends.

A special event of the tour is the announcement of the All-American Family Leader of Tomorrow, whose scholarship will be increased to \$5,000. Second, third and fourth place winners will receive scholarship increases to \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively. A \$1,000 Nutrition Scholarship is also available again this year from General Mills. The winner of this grant is a participant in the Betty Crocker Search who is planning a college major in nutrition or a related field, ranks among the highest in his or her state on the overall examination and scores highest on the included nutrition questions. Ten girls from Nyssa High senior class competed in the examination given December 3, 1974. Besides questions on cooking and sewing, questions on electric currents, bookkeeping and other areas were covered on the exam. Willma's older sister, Colleen, was also a Betty Crocker Search winner from Nyssa.

Union Pacific Railroad has filed an application with the Interstate Commerce Commission asking for permission to abandon the little-used Brogan branch line which runs from Vale to Jamieson, a distance of 17.6 miles. Traffic has declined continually over the years according to U.P. President John C. Kenefick, and traffic on the Brogan branch during the past year consisted entirely of sugar beets being moved to the sugar factory at Nyssa.

U.P. Files To Close Branch Line



NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS achieving a 3.5 or higher grade point average for the first semester are, front row (l to r) Kathy Kurtz, Barb Bosselman, Juli Peterson, Anna Dority. Second row: Marlene Widmer, Dena Piercy, Sara Vielma, Lori Saito, Bruce Corn.

Third row: Ruth Stephen, Kathy Ward, Kathy Bass, Patty Seuell, Merlene Lewis, David Blaylock. Back row: Kathy Shell, Willma Staples, Terry Fife, Matt Stringer, Terry Baker and Bill Tensen.

## WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
Feb. 5	34	20	
Feb. 6	36	23	
Feb. 7	36	26	.07
Feb. 8	38	28	
Feb. 9	42	31	.14
Feb. 10	52	24	.05
Feb. 11	50	35	
Feb. 12	50	34	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage 2-10-75 440,620 Acre Feet  
2-10-74 519,650 Acre Feet