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City Switching To New Water Storage

The City of Nyssa is still in the transition of switching to the new water system, which is creating adverse water conditions, according to City Manager Henry Schneider. The new 3-million gallon tank must be calibrated through automatic controls before the system can be accepted. This calibration is being done under contract, thus work scheduling is highly unpredictable.

When water from the new system is put into the existing lines, sedimentation and built-up particles which have been in the old line, shake loose and discolor the water.

The only means the City has toward combating this is to flush water hydrants to draw off the dark water.

With the advent of the 3-million gallon water tank, it is estimated that the Ranney Collector, which draws water from the river, will only be used four months out of the

year, which should greatly reduce suspended solids in the water. The public will be notified whenever hydrants are to be flushed except under emergency conditions, Schneider said.

Housewives Note

Ralph Lowe, Water Superintendent, announced that City crews will flush water hydrants on Friday, June 13. He recommends that clothes washing and other sensitive water use be suspended or curtailed until flushing has been completed. "We're having the new tank calibrated so it can be utilized in the present system. This agitates the water which loosens old sedimentation coating the old pipes," Lowe said. "We hope to get the water cleared soon and ask our people to bear with us during this transition period. I hope to start flushing the hydrants at 6:00 a.m. and we should be finished by noon Friday."

Council Names Two On Planning Commission

The Nyssa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 1975 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

Along with regular routine business, a letter from the Hammond Development Corporation concerning their proposed Senior Citizen's Housing Project was considered. Inasmuch as Thompson Avenue does not have an immediate bearing on their construction the Council took no action to vacate this Avenue at this time.

Carl Burningham and "Chuck" Landreth were reappointed to four year terms to the Nyssa City Planning Commission.

The employees contract for the fiscal year 1975-1976 was signed by Mayor Don Oldemeyer.

The City Manager was given authority to install a flag pole at City Hall which could be seen from further away, and to negotiate in the buying of a street flusher truck chassis.

12th Annual TVCC Graduation Friday

Friday, June 13, marks the twelfth annual graduation ceremony for Treasure Valley Community College. Featured speaker will be Debbie Crosby of Ontario, a leader in student affairs and a member of the graduating class. Eighty-seven candidates have applied for degrees and twenty-five practical nurses who have passed the State exams will receive diplomas. Festivities are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Special music will be

presented by the Treasure Valley Chorus accompanied by J. Sherwin Wilson of Payette, who will also play the Processional and Recessional.

Two underclassmen, Robin Nelson and Mike Goul will act as student marshalls, representing the honorary society, Phi Theta Kappa.

A highlight of the occasion will be the presentation of special honors to an outstanding male and female student by the local Kiwanis clubs.

Annual Weed Review Friday

On Friday, June 13, between the hours of 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. and 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., the Malheur Branch will hold their annual weed trial review. This is the time of year when growers and interested persons in the area have an opportunity to view the weed research work going on at the Experiment Station and see how some of the information could be

applied to their farm. Neil Hoffman, Station Superintendent and Chuck Stanger, Agriculture Researcher will be on hand to discuss the plots with you.

They have weed work on alfalfa, mint, onion, potato and sugar beets. It is hoped that the time and date is in accord with your schedule, so you will be able to attend.

Fire Telephone Set For The Summer

The U. S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will operate a 24-hour telephone to provide the latest information about forest and range fires on national resource lands in Oregon and adjoining states. The number in Portland is 503-234-2324.

Persons calling this number will get a recorded message about the current fire situation, areas closed to recreational use, predicted fire weather conditions and the fire danger in BLM managed areas.

The message will be updated several times daily, and hourly during severe conditions, to provide the latest information. It will be available 24 hours a day, from June 9 until the end of the 1975 fire season next fall.

In addition to getting information, the caller may leave a recorded message asking for specific details about an area or a fire. These questions will be answered by BLM personnel as soon as possible.

Last year BLM initiated the fire number in Oregon. It was used by both the news media and the general public. The special fire number let BLM fire control and information people handle a large number of calls more efficiently. It also reduced the use of regular telephone lines being used to dispatch firefighters, order supplies and other fire control activities.

The number to call is Portland, Oregon, Area Code 503-234-2324.



OREGON BICENTENNIAL DISPLAY Commission is making the display available in the lobby of the First National Bank of Oregon for the remainder of the week. The Oregon State Bicentennial

Oregon Wildlife Federation Holds Semi-Annual Meeting

Local sportsmen were complimented by Oregon Wildlife Federation officials following that organization's three-day semi-annual meeting held at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, during the weekend. According to OWF President George Moorhead, of Salem, the convention was one of the best ever to be held. Echoing praise was given by Phil Schneider, regional executive of the National Wildlife Federation.

Schneider pointed out two areas of growing concern for persons interested in resource matters that were underscored by the meeting's speakers. According to Schneider, a talk and slide presentation dealing with the recreational management of the wild and scenic Owyhee River, given by Bill Hosford, Oregon Wildlife Commission district fisheries biologist, of Burns. Schneider complimented Hosford for raising the question of increased recreational pressure as an issue of increasing concern to sportsmen throughout the state organization.

According to Eastern Oregon Outdoorsmen President Jim Atherton, the EOO may introduce a resolution at the winter meeting of the OWF at Oregon State University, dealing with recommendations for handling ever increasing recreational pressure in highly congested areas. "As the expression goes," states one convention visitor, "some areas are likely to be loved to death."

Later during the Saturday evening banquet, Dave Luman, BLM Wildlife representative, made a surprise announcement commending the eighty some collective years of dedicated service to the state and sportsmen's organizations by John McKean and Bob Holloway of the Oregon Wildlife Commission's Portland office.

A total of seven resolutions were adopted at the Sunday morning business meeting dealing with wildlife and resource matters. In addition, convention delegates approved a resolution supporting the state of Idaho's entry as a full-voting member into

the Columbia River Compact, thus joining the neighboring states of Oregon and Washington.

Another resolution adopted by the OWF concerned support for granting the BLM with an Organic Act, which would aid that agency in the management of national resource lands, according to the BLM official.

Additional highlights of the three-day semi-annual meeting of the Oregon Wildlife Federation will be summarized at the July 7 meeting, according to a club spokesman.

June 15-21 To Mark Contest

The 13th Annual Oldtime Fiddler's Contest will be held in Weiser June 15-21. This year's championship should be "the best one yet," according to General Chairman Rod Herriott.

The purpose of the contest is to preserve oldtime fiddling. Since there are no professionals in the oldtime fiddling field, the contest is open to anyone.

The contest is separated into five divisions: Junior-Junior (13 years of age and under); Junior (under 18); Ladies (over 18); Senior (over 65); and Nationals (men and women over 18).

Fiddlers in all divisions must play a waltz, a hoedown and a number of their choice. Only winners of other certified fiddling contests may participate in the Certified Winners' Contest. Contestants for this division will play trick and fancy fiddling numbers. Special judges will choose the Best Fiddler, Fanciest Fiddler, and Fanciest Dressed Fiddler from this group of experts.

Cash prizes totaling \$3,500 and trophies will be awarded to winners this year.

A parade, a public barbecue, booths downtown, as well as several Bicentennial events are planned for the week of the contest. As part of the Bicentennial celebration, national radio and television, in the form of NBC's "Today Show," have been allowed to tape the festivities for future broadcast.

Tickets for all contest divisions may be obtained from the Weiser Chamber of Commerce.

\$150,000 Under Architects' Estimate

Caldwell Firm Low Bidder On School Construction

Nyssa school board members opened bids for construction of the high school and heating plant Tuesday evening, and awarded the contract to the Arvy Construction Company of Caldwell in the amount of \$1,318,117. Seven bids were received, with the low bidder approximately \$150,000 under the architects estimate.

The basic construction bid for buildings was \$1,248,500. Alternate bids accepted included \$9,717 for lockers; \$21,100 for library furniture and equipment; \$37,300 for laboratory equipment; and \$1,500 for formica doors; for the total of \$1,318,117. The mechanical contractor will be Vandegrift Plumbing & Heating of Boise, and Quality Electric of Boise is the electrical contractor.

Tex flooring in the restrooms, which would have cost an additional \$1,075 was turned down in favor of ceramic tile, which they considered a more proven product.

The building committee also recommended to the board that golden buff bricks be used on all the new buildings. They had previously toured several new buildings in the Boise area before making the selection.

Arvy Construction was the contractor for the new First National Bank of Oregon building in Nyssa, and had previously built the new addition on the Malheur Memorial Hospital Nursing Home.

Ron Van Auker, president of Arvy Construction, said that his men will be on the job immediately after signing of the contract, which calls for completion of the construction in 365 calendar days. Van Auker commented that the closeness of the bidding "indicated good architectural planning on the part of Smith & Hasegawa, architects."

County Budget Hearing June 23

The Malheur County Court will hold a Public Hearing on the 1975-76 budget on Wednesday, June 25, at 10 a.m. in the county courtroom in Vale.

The proposed budget is \$839,441. It is within the 6 percent limitation and will not require a vote of the people. The current budget is 1791,926.

Veterans Service Officer Schedule

The Malheur County Veterans Service Officer, Frank K. Wilson, has announced his schedule where veterans can contact him for help in any veteran related problem.

He will be in Vale every Monday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the County Clerk's office, 473-3151.

Tuesday he will be at the Nyssa City Hall from 1 to 4 p.m., 372-2264.

Wilson will be in Ontario every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 4 p.m. at 2032 S. W. 4th Avenue, Phone 889-6649.

Veterans may also contact Wilson at his home, 889-9065

Bellon Receives Grant

Dr. Jerry Bellon, head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has received a Fulbright-Hays grant for educational research in Germany during June and July. He is the son of Mrs. Mae Bellon of Nyssa and the late Joe Bellon.



Dr. Jerry Bellon



COMPLETING 25 YEARS OF SERVICE with First National Bank of Oregon, branch manager George Craig was presented with a diamond tie tac by Sylvia Grasmick from the Nyssa staff. Former associates of the Ontario branch were also present for the reception last Thursday, and gave George a golf sweater. George Craig started his career with First National at the Hood River Branch June 5, 1950 as a bookkeeper. He took military leave

to serve with the U. S. Navy from 1951 to 1955, and then returned to Hood River. He went to the Condon branch in 1958, Cottage Grove in 1960, Stayton in 1964, John Day in 1968, and then was assistant manager at the Ontario branch until April 1, 1974 when he assumed the managership of the Nyssa Branch.

George and his wife, Mary Ann, have three children, Tom 22, Pam 18, and Ron 6.