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Thunderegg Capital



MALHEUR COUNTY ROYALTY included these Nyssa girls, from left, Nancy Ross, Shan Moss and Miriam Kunkle.

Miss Ross is ending her year as Miss Malheur County, and will represent the county at the Miss Oregon Pageant at Seaside next week.

Miss Moss is the new Miss Malheur County and will go to Seaside as an observer in preparation for 1976.

Miss Kunkle was first runner-up in the Miss Malheur Pageant at Ontario last Tuesday.

Shan Moss Crowned Miss Malheur County

Nyssa girls again dominated the Miss Malheur Pageant as Shan Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Moss, was crowned Miss Malheur County Thursday evening in ceremonies in the Ontario High School auditorium.

She received her crown from another Nyssa girl, Nancy Ross, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Ross, who will represent the county next week in the 1975 Miss Oregon pageant at Seaside.

First runner-up was also a Nyssa girl, Miriam Kunkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunkle. She did a ballet number for her talent.

Also appearing from Nyssa was Patricia Seuell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Seuell. Other contestants were Alyson Goodfellow and Dana Anderson of Ontario.

Ontario Jaycees planned and staged the event under the direction of Kerri Iseri, and the theme of the pageant was "Everything is Beautiful" after the song of that name that was sung by the contestants to open the show.

Shan, who was Miss Malheur County in 1974, will go to the Miss Oregon pageant as an observer in preparation for her own appearance in 1976.

The current Miss Malheur County, Nancy Ross, acted as mistress of ceremonies and played her flute solo which she will play at Seaside. Also entertaining was Miss Payette County, Lori Jo Hopper with a modern dance number; and Miss TVCC, Patti Davis, who sang a modern version of "The Lord's Prayer."

BLM Hires Crews In Special Program

Thirteen persons have been employed to date for the job opportunity program in the Vale BLM District, and an additional 25 are expected to be hired by Monday. Job Opportunity Coordinator Dale Anderson said today.

The crews are currently working out of Vale where they are constructing fences, building fence panels for wild horse traps and constructing picnic tables.

As soon as tools, tents,

kitchen items and other materials arrive, the crews will be moving to tent camps throughout the county for ten-day shifts.

The crews will be comprised of laborers and will be hired to work in forest and recreation maintenance and to build range management facilities, Anderson said.

The \$123,800 received by the Vale District for the program must be expended by December 31, Anderson concluded.

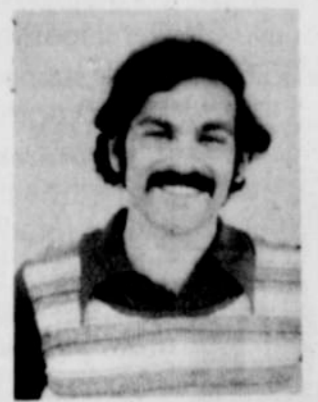
Medical Student Observes Life of Family Physician

By Dirk Nedry
Parry Teeny, a sophomore at the University of Oregon Medical School, observed first hand what the life of a family physician is like in a rural farm community. And he liked what he saw!

Teeny spent last week with Dr. David Sarazin and family through the auspices of the Preceptorship Program of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

"I thought rural medicine would be backward," Teeny said, "and I couldn't have been more wrong." "I am impressed not only with Dr. Sarazin, but with Drs. Kerby, Danford and Fuson as well, and the high level of competence of the staff at Malheur Memorial Hospital."

Teeny said he enjoyed every minute of his stay in Nyssa, and all members of the medical family in Nyssa were kind and helpful to him. He said that medical students don't know what it's like in the small towns, and most of



them lack the money, incentive and time to come and find out.

While in Nyssa, Teeny had the opportunity to observe several surgeries, some of them emergencies and some relatively complicated. He observed office practice, and found out what rural medicine is like. He found out, he said, that physicians and surgeons in Nyssa have the same medical backgrounds, the same skills, and go back for refresher courses just like their big city counter-parts.

Tractor Takes Life of Taghon

Ralph Taghon, 31, was crushed June 18, when safety devices on a tractor were circumvented as repairs were being made. The tractor started up and driverless, crushed a wall and injured Taghon. He died of injuries Tuesday, July 8.

Taghon was employed at Palmer Equipment Co. on the Idaho side of the Snake River. He had worked for the company for more than 10 years, had been parts man and, more recently, was moved to the sales department.

Christensen Resigns As Hospital Administrator

Gale Christensen, administrator of Malheur Memorial Hospital since November, 1972, has resigned to accept a similar position at the hospital at Coquille, Oregon. His resignation will be effective August 1.

Everett Heldt, board chairman, called a special meeting Tuesday noon to discuss procedures to obtain a new manager, and the board will meet again Friday noon with the medical staff to further discuss the manager position.

Christensen, who is currently president of the Oregon Hospital Association, came to Nyssa from Stayton with the specific job of helping with a financial crisis the hospital was experiencing. Heldt said that he has succeeded in reducing the operating indebtedness from

Nyssa Officer Accepted For Police School

Nyssa Police Officer Frank Pittz has been notified by the Board of Police Standards and Training that he has been accepted to attend the Oregon Police Academy beginning October 26 and lasting through December 19, 1975.

The seven-week course is mandatory for Oregon Police Officers during their first years of employment. The BPST furnishes room, board, ammunition, and all necessary training materials for each officer at no cost to the department, Chief Alvin Allen said, and will reimburse the City of Nyssa \$50 per week while the officer is at the school.

All officers on the Nyssa force have attended the school, Allen said, with the exception of Pittz, and he has had police training in Calif.

Hartley Again Is Chairman

In a reorganizational meeting Monday night of the Nyssa School Board, during which officers for the 1975-1976 year were chosen, Don Bullard was sworn in as a new board member. Bullard replaces Don Engstrom, outgoing member.

Mark Hartley was appointed to another term as chairman of the board, with Bill Schilling as the newly-appointed vice-chairman. Leota Kriehg was reappointed to the post of deputy clerk.

The board also designated the U. S. National Bank, Nyssa Branch, as the official depository for the next fiscal year.

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\$185,000 when he came to approximately \$60,000 at the present time.

Christensen said in his letter of resignation that he and his wife, Joyce, "have enjoyed Nyssa very much, and the people have welcomed us into the community and made us a part of this area."

BLM Crews Fight Fires

Lightning started two fires in the Vale District BLM this week.

Two pumper crews held a sagebrush blaze to 350 acres Saturday and Sunday about five miles southwest of Burns Junction. Erratic winds as high as 30 miles per hour spread the fire into a half-mile front before being contained at 1 a.m. Sunday.

A Malheur National Forest lookout reported a small fire to the Vale BLM Fire Center just after midnight Tuesday. Located ten miles west of Castle Rock, the blaze was inaccessible to pumps. A Helitack crew was flown out from Vale at daybreak, and contained the fire by mid-day according to BLM officials.

Two SRV fire crews led by Nyssa men, Amador Lopez and John Lara, were dispatched to Boise BLM to assist with lightning fires, which have been severe in the last few days. Phil Sallek and Bob Eddy were assigned as liaison officers, and two pumper crews were also dispatched.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
July 1	88	55
July 2	91	56
July 3	95	59
July 4	100	63
July 5	99	69
July 6	100	74
July 7	100	67
July 8	100	67
July 9		69

Owyhee Reservoir
7-9-75 701,430 Acre Feet
7-9-74 592,350 Acre Feet



THE NEW FLAG POLE at City Hall was dedicated Friday in appropriate ceremonies, which included raising of the Bicentennial flag. Shown are Mayor Don Oldemeyer, Chamber of Commerce President and Bicentennial chairman Jake Fischer, and Sgt. Pancho Rios of the Nyssa Police Department.

Mayor Oldemeyer gave the welcoming address, followed by the invocation by Rev. John Worrall, and a short address by Chairman Fischer. He said that "In raising these flags we are embarking on our Bicentennial Year during which time our Education, Ethnic Groups, Performing Arts, Student Activities, Senior Citizens, and Religious Activities will commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the founding of our country."

Fischer ended by saying that "I urge all citizens of our community to wholeheartedly engage and support our local projects, and to do their utmost in striving for world peace in the national scene. May 1975-76 Bicentennial Year be a great one!"

Nyssa received certification as a Bicentennial Community on June 19.

Meetings Scheduled On Brucellosis Infestation

The threat of Brucellosis re-infestation in Oregon will be the topic of discussion at two meetings to be held in Malheur County, July 9 and 11 and one in Baker County on July 10, according to George W. Bain, Malheur County Extension Agent.

Dr. Glen Rea, State Veterinarian from the Oregon Department of Agriculture will discuss the threat presented by some serious outbreaks in Idaho, and how Oregon is reacting to prevent infestation of our herds in Oregon.

These three meetings will be held in Ontario at the

Weese Building, TVCC campus, July 9 at 8 p.m., in Jordan Valley High School, July 11, at 8 p.m. and at the Baker Hotel, July 10 at 8 p.m.

It will be necessary to control the free movement of cattle across the state boundary says Rea. The mechanics of this program will be explained in detail at each of the meetings.

All stockmen and dairymen are invited and urged to attend, Bain says, to learn about this newly imposed regulation so vital to their business.

NFO Convention at New Plymouth Saturday

Payette County will host the Idaho District I National Farmers Organization Seventh Annual Convention. This all day event will be held Saturday, July 12 at the New Plymouth Grade School multi-purpose room.

Guest speaker will be Alan Ackon, director of Area Office Management in the National Office of NFO in Corning, Iowa. He operates a 1,600 acre grain and livestock farm in South Dakota and has been an NFO member for 11 years. He has served as County president and District vice president.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10 a.m. Dinner will be included with the registration fee and will be served at noon by the New Plymouth Band Boosters. The program will include commodity reports from the Marketing Area Offices in Idaho, Utah and Oregon. Also the election of officers for the coming year.

Entertainment will be a family dance for all NFO members and friends in the evening, at the Sand Hollow Community Hall, with a country and western dance

band beginning at 9 p.m. Commodity Personnel will be attending from Nyssa Collection Point, Oregon; Pasco, Washington; Logan, Utah; and Boise Marketing Area Offices. All NFO members throughout Idaho, Utah and Oregon are invited.

Child Day Care Centers Open

Rita Swyers, Executive Director of Indian-Migrant Coalition at Hood River, called the Journal Tuesday to say that funds for Indian Migrant Program Division and State Children's Services Division have been received.

Because of the receipt of these funds, funding for child day care centers in Nyssa and Ontario is assured, Mrs. Swyers said.

Expanded Foods Program Moves To New Location

A change of location for the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education program has been announced by Helen Conner, Extension Home Economist for Malheur County.

The program has moved its headquarters from 801 Ehrgood to 12 East First in Nyssa, the former site of the El Tejano Cafe. Phone number for the program remains the same, 372-3774, Mrs. Conner said.

Oregon State University Extension Service conducts the Nutrition Program whose primary goal is to teach families to improve their diets.

Nutrition program aides contact individual families and enroll them in the Nutrition Activities, which include working visits in the

home, group meetings and youth projects.

Aides currently working part time are Eva Castellanoz of Nyssa, Janie Rosales, Nyssa and Joyce Swanson, Ontario. Guadalupe Grimaldo, Nyssa, serves as supervisor of the county wide program.

While the program is designed for families who have a low income, the office in Nyssa has a supply of many of the regular Extension Home Economics bulletins. All local residents are encouraged to stop by the office and pick up bulletins of interest.

Nutrition aides will also help conduct day camps for youth in Vale, Nyssa, Ontario and Adrian during late July and August.

Starting Blocks Stir Pride in Team

The Nyssa Swim Team began practice last Wednesday on five new starting blocks and coach Judy Boyd thinks the blocks will make a difference on the impression the team has on other teams.

Miss Boyd said that, because of the blocks, an effect of conscientiousness will be evident of the swimmers when met here by other teams.

Construction of the blocks began in the spring, when materials were donated by the Nyssa Sports Boosters Club, by the Building Trades class at Nyssa High School, under the supervision of

George Fanning. According to Joe Rodriguez, president of the Nyssa Swim Team Association, the blocks were not finished by the end of the school term, so he completed them himself last week.

Rodriguez said that George Fanning designed the blocks after speculation and rejection, by the Association, of a purchase of ready-built blocks, which were more expensive.

The Swim Team Association consists of parents of team swimmers.

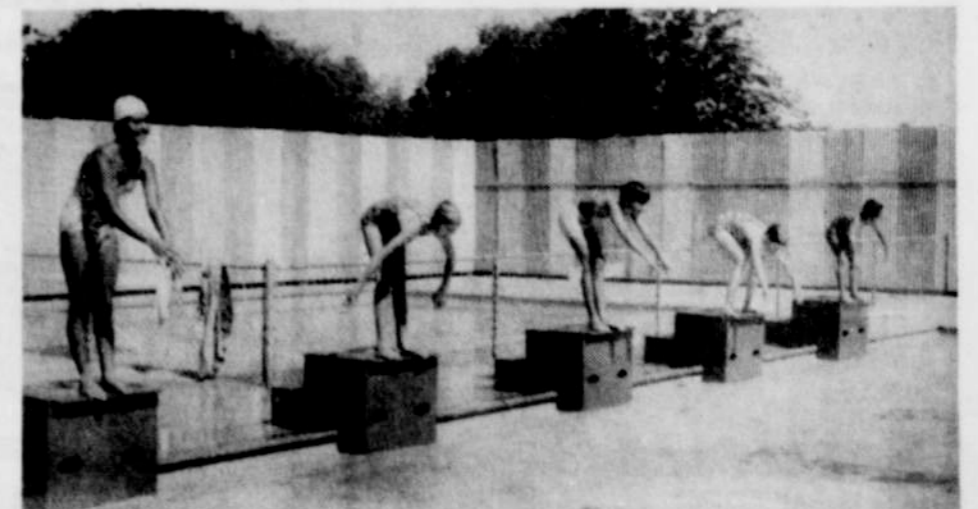
The starting blocks are made of three-quarter-inch plywood, covered with a

primary coat of fiberglass to insure waterproofness, then covered with epoxy paint for durability. Finally, the blocks were painted blue.

An important factor of the blocks is efficiency, Rodriguez noted, saying, "They are designed to fit the pool edge perfectly."

This is the first time the team has had starting blocks and the members are proud of them. "You can get more distance in your dive," said swimmer Cyd Morrison.

The Swim Team wishes to thank the Sports Boosters, George Fanning and the students who helped create the blocks.



NYSSA SWIM TEAM MEMBERS [L-R] Marina Mejia, Leslie Lane, Jim Looney, Lisa Sarazin and Jimmi Rodriguez try out new

starting blocks, which the team has never before had.