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by Pat Savage

I am pleased that February 15-21 has been declared "Teacher's Appreciation Week." I feel that it is indeed an advantage to know my children's teachers by name and know that they know my youngsters as individuals and not a number, as in many large schools. Our schools offer many advantages not found in larger cities and good rapport between a student, teacher and parents is not only an advantage, but indeed necessary.

Why not encourage your child to let his or her teacher know how much they appreciate their efforts either by a note, phone call, or by word of mouth. There are so many negative thoughts about everyone these days, couldn't we try a little positive thinking? Let's encourage, not discourage.

You know interest can move mountains, and some very interested parents and others are in the process of running a wrestling tournament that will include about 300 young wrestlers. The amazing thing to me (and I think this is really great) is each one of these boys will wrestle, there are no bench warmers.

Alvin Allen, Dennis Savage, Joe Joyce, Richard Mejia, Brad Holcomb, Manuel Perez, Elvin Bailou and the Sports Boosters and Lions Club, who will be selling concessions, are all involved in this program. (See sports page) The proceeds help send some of these boys to the Junior Olympics in Portland in March.

To everyone helping in any way, I say thanks for developing our young people who want to learn to wrestle by giving them their chance through experience, competitiveness and sportsmanship by giving of your time and efforts.

The Hunters Safety Class starts at the high school, February 16. This is a necessary class for all youngsters wishing to hunt under 18 years of age. This course carries a state accreditation certificate that must be carried by all young hunters. Harold Kurtz has been instructor for this class for quite some time and really does a mighty fine job. If your child wishes to hunt, don't miss this first class.

I have often wondered how many flags would fly if we had to pay for the privilege, or how many would sneak around to fly their flag if they were forbidden to do so. This privilege as it now stands, entitles neither of the above, so my flag is flying today on Lincoln's Birthday, is yours?

Conant Awaits Sentencing

Claude Leon Conant, 39, Nyssa, who was found guilty of first degree manslaughter in the death of his wife, Peggy Ann, will be sentenced February 17 by Malheur County Circuit Judge Jeff Dorroh Jr.



THE INDUSTRIAL MECHANICS ADVANCED CLASS under the direction of Bob Belnap is involved in many projects, including engine overhauls, rebuilding transmissions, brake jobs, routine maintenance and tune-ups.

Shown above are members of the class. Standing, from left, are Ken Landreth, Terry Baker, Stuart Stephens, Dave Cleaver, Fred Stelling, Curt Chamberlain and Mr. Belnap. On the tractor are Mike Kurtz, Bruce Coggill, Cal Cleaver, Lynn Kesler and Merle Saunders.

The tractor is a John Deere Model 70, owned by Lester Cleaver, and was completely overhauled by his son David (right), and nephew Cal. The engine was overhauled, including new pistons and rings, the valves ground, the head was repaired, they worked over the PTO, and the tractor was cleaned and painted at a total cost of approximately \$680 in parts.

Ray Wahlert Joins Father In Seed Business

Bill Wahlert announces that his son Ray Wahlert has joined him in his seed firm, Bill Wahlert Seeds, Inc.

Ray grew up in Nyssa, attended Nyssa schools through his sophomore year, and graduated from Bishop Kelly High School in 1967.

Bill Wahlert said that Ray is learning the seed business from the ground up, and will concentrate on the business end.



He served in the U. S. Army in Vietnam and Germany in 1967-70, then attended Portland Community College in 1971-72, Portland State University 1973-74, and did his graduate work at Portland State towards a Masters in Economics.

Ray married Lynn Waisanen of Minnesota in 1974, and the couple now resides in

Nyssa. She was a Medical Records Consultant for the State of Oregon in Portland, and is a graduate of Oregon State University in Home Economics. She did graduate work at Seattle University in Medical Records Administration.

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Town Hall Meeting Draws Few Participants

Fourteen citizens turned out to express an interest in participating in Committee ventures during the Nyssa Planning Commission Meeting on February 6, at the Multi-Purpose Room of the Primary School.

Mayor Oldemeyer reviewed Senate Bill 100 pertaining to the need for Land Use Planning throughout the State. He pointed out that the Senate Bill provided the authority for the formation of a Land Conservation Development Commission and a mandate for local planning bodies.

He introduced the Nyssa Planning Commissioners who would be responsible for Citizen's Involvement.

Chairman Carl Burningham outlined the 14 Goals established by the State LCDC requiring citizen involvement.

Commissioners Dorothy



Wheat Growers To Meet Next Monday

A proposed freight rate reduction on wheat shipped from Malheur County to the coast, the program of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, wheat variety performance, weed control and an O.S.U. study on effect of seed size on wheat yield will all be covered at a wheat

growers meeting planned for Monday, February 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Boulevard Grange Hall.

Oris Rudd, Malheur County Extension Agent says that all wheat growers and handlers are invited to the meeting.

The freight rate issue will be discussed by Cecil Brennan, manager of Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products Association. As currently being proposed the rate reduction could mean substantial savings to area wheat growers. Brennan says.

Allen Pinkerton, president and Wesley Grilley, executive vice-president of Oregon Wheat League will be on hand to review the activities of O.W.G.L. and see if there is interest in organizing a local growers group to work with the League.

Highlights of the League's program year are the spring and fall workshops where county representatives meet in committee work sessions to review the wheat situation and formulate policies, plans and action programs for the benefit of the industry. Grilley reports.

Researchers Neil Hoffman and Charles Stanger will bring an update on latest variety recommendations, weed control and other cultural practices. Of more than passing interest will be a report of work being done by Dr. Don Grabe at O.S.U. which shows that by simply separating the largest kernels for seed, significant yield increases can be had.

The meeting will be of timely interest to producers of wheat and all are invited, Rudd concludes.

Hunter Safety Class Set

A Hunter Safety Class is scheduled to start Monday, February 16, at 7 p.m. at the Nyssa High School.

A Certificate of Competency Card will be issued upon completion, which is required by the State of Oregon for anyone to hunt under 18 years of age.

This course is sponsored by the Nyssa 4-H Junior Rifle Club. For more information contact Harold Kurtz, instructor, phone 372-2476.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
Feb. 4	26	18
Feb. 5	22	9
Feb. 6	20	3
Feb. 7	25	2
Feb. 8	27	5
Feb. 9	40	13
Feb. 10	34	17
Feb. 11		16

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
2-11-76 631,910 Acre Feet
2-11-75 442,050 Acre Feet



TIME FOR LUNCH: The lambing season is in full swing at the Fine Sheep Company on Imperial Avenue, north of Nyssa, and that is a sure sign of spring.

Bill Stringer, a partner in the company, reports the lambing season is about one-third

complete with 150 percent lamb crop of which one-half are twin lambs. He said they are in cross breed lambing at the present time and will start white face lambing for replacement purpose in about ten days. Weather has been good for lambing and at present time they are working five teams of horses steady.

Nyssa School Board Opens Bids On Phase III Construction

Apparent low bidder on Phase III of the Nyssa Schools construction was the R. W. Luekenga Construction Company of Nampa. Bids were opened Tuesday evening by the school board, with six companies submitting bids.

The base bid of Luekenga was \$1,138,000. Other bids were The Timber Company of Hermiston, \$1,333,000; Walter Opp Construction Company, Nampa, \$1,176,516; Ray E. Kenney Construction, Ontario, \$1,158,689; and R. A. Chambers & Associates of Eugene, \$1,172,000. The latter firm has the contract for Phase II, which includes the gymnasium and auditorium.

Bidders submitted an overall base bid, and also bid on the individual buildings, which included the vocational building, the elementary multi-purpose building, and the cafeteria. Included also in the Phase III bidding were alternates for blacktopping the parking lots, junior high heating, dressing room lockers, kitchen equipment and refacing the existing junior high building, which includes stairs and ramp.

An estimated \$1,114,000 was available for this phase of construction, according to Superintendent W. L. McPartland, and an additional \$122,000 was still available for bleachers and other options deferred in Phase II.

School board, budget board and building committee members now have the task of fitting the base bids and options into the overall building program, and awarding final contracts.

They will meet Thursday evening after Superintendent McPartland and Architects

Bob Smith and Martin Hasegawa have had an opportunity to study the bids and make recommendations, and will meet again on Monday evening, with the possibility of awarding contracts at that time.

Board members also have the option of awarding individual contracts on each of the buildings bid, and all bids were in three sections. On the Vocational building Luekenga was low with a base bid of \$118,486, followed by Chambers' bid of \$129,400.

Chambers was low bidder on the Multi-purpose building with a base bid of \$582,900, followed closely by Luekenga with a bid of \$591,900. Ray Kenney was low on the base Cafeteria bid at \$436,194, again followed closely by Luekenga with a bid of \$436,868.

Board members pointed out that the final awarding of a contract will depend on the construction decided upon, and the options selected.

Council Studies Services

The Nyssa City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10. A request to support the Misdemeanor Corrections & Rehabilitation Services was presented by Orin Culbertson, Bob Michelle, Judge Nita Bellows and District Attorney Frank Yraguen. After a discussion with the Council and Chief of Police Alvin A. Allen, along with Municipal Judge Fred A. Robinson. The Council advised the group they would give further study to the program with regard to funds available.

Bill Johnson, a representative of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, Hill made a presentation to the Council for possible future water supply to the City, particularly during the summer irrigation months. Several alternatives were discussed, and the Council decided to continue the studies, with the City forces taking an active part in corrective action.

The L.C.D.C. Policy Approval was granted by the Council in accordance with the guidelines as set up by the State of Oregon.

A request for annexation of property by Sparks and Baker was referred to the Nyssa City Planning Commission.

Council accepted a bid of \$410.00 from Dirk DeBoer for a 4-yard, 1955 Ford Dump truck considered surplus to its needs.

Contest Develops For Justice of Peace

With more than a month remaining for candidates to file for office in Malheur County, several contests already are apparent.

Bob Morcom, county clerk, reports that battles are looming for the justice of peace offices in Vale, Nyssa and Jordan Valley.

Three candidates, including incumbent E. Otis Smith, have filed for the office in Nyssa. Others are Don R. Engstrom and Everett Ballou.

Filing for the office in Jordan Valley are Mal Palmer, incumbent, and Harold L. Jackson.

Filing for office in Vale are Frank Ceniga and Everett McMillin. Mary Graham, incumbent, has indicated she also will file.

Also filing for re-election is Sheriff Bob Ingram.

Other officers whose terms expire this year are Circuit Court Judge Jeff Dorroh, District Attorney Frank Yraguen, Treasurer Pat Bond, Assessor Oscar Bratton and County Commissioner Sam Hartley.

Deadline for filing is March 16 for the May 25 primary.

Onion Growers Elect Officers For Year

At the recently held meeting of the Southwest Idaho and Malheur County Onion Growers Associations, some 260 growers were told that white rot could cause severe damage to the onion industry if it ever gets started in the area.

Both organizations elected officers for the coming year, and for Oregon they were: Mamaro Wakasugi, director

at large; Harry Fukiage, director at large; George Hironaka, Oregon Slope; Bob Ure, Nyssa; and Jim Matthews, Ontario. The Idaho directors elected were: Virgil Story, director at large; Howard Albano Weiser; Tad Inouye, Payette-Fruitland; Ray Obendorf, Wilder; Ken Nelson, Parma-Roswell; George Tamura, Caldwell-Nampa.



THE FIRST BEEFALO CALF (right) was born on the Glen Brown ranch last weekend, born to a Charolais cow and a buffalo bull. Part of the buffalo herd is shown above, including the first buffalo calf (left) which was born last August, and is already almost as big as his elders.

Brown said that this calf was the largest that he or Dr. Derby, the veterinarian, had ever seen and was taken from the mother by Caesarean operation.

Buffalo, and beefalo, mature more quickly than regular cattle, and produce very edible meat, according to Brown. They take less feed, and gain faster than regular cattle. A buffalo weighs about 500 pounds at six months, and will weigh about 1,000 pounds when a year old.

