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**A CORNERSTONE WAS LAID** at the new schools last Thursday, with members of the committee present for the dedication. Shown above are Dorothy Nolen (framed in scaffold), Betty Rieb and Superintendent W. L. McPartland. The fourth member of the committee, Dirick Nedry, was behind the camera.

Behind the granite stone a plastic container was placed in the brick recess containing many items which will be either informative or interesting to those who might have occasion to tear down the building a hundred years or so in the future.

Copies of the the Gate City Journal containing pictures and stories of the fire, the bond issue, and awarding contracts on the three phases of construction were included. Bicentennial coins in 25c, 50c and \$1 denominations, a new \$2 bill, a bicentennial medallion, a small sack of White Satin sugar, a sack of Dessert Seed Company seeds, and other information were also included in the cornerstone memorabilia.

The cornerstone was placed on the auditorium at the entrance to the new auditorium-gymnasium.

## Large Crowd Attends Nyssa Candidate Fair

As in previous meetings, most of the audience interest centered in the Circuit Court race at the third and final Candidates Fair Friday night. Sponsored by the Malheur County Farm Bureau and the American Association of University Women Ontario Branch, the affair drew about 250 persons to hear candidates for county commissioner, assessor, and Nyssa justice of the peace as well as those for circuit court judge.

Questions for the circuit court candidates ranged over several pending cases and included comments on court procedures and the relative experience of the contestants. Frank Yraguen concluded a lengthy interrogation from the audience saying a litigant "no matter who he is does not deserve to have his case made a political case."

Judge Dorroh, in answering a question on his philosophy of law, said he was bound by oath to uphold the law explicitly. He must follow facts and make judgments accordingly.

Otis Smith, incumbent Nyssa justice of the peace said he felt the office is the most important in the county. More people come in contact with it than any other. "They come for advice on civil matters as well as traffic," he said.

Don Engstrom admitted he would need to learn the court procedure in his quest for the office but said his previous teaching and dairyman career had served him well as had his service as city councilman and school board director.

"Juvenile traffic matters should be returned to the adult courts just as with other drivers," he said.

Everett Ballou traced his educational background and listed experience as a peace officer in Canyon County, Idaho, as qualifications for the JP office.

In the assessors race Floyd Holton reiterated his previous promise to use less state assistance if he is elected. "Big government is taking over too much," he said. Payette County (where he is now employed) does not use state aid in appraising as much as some areas and he feels Malheur county could also do without.

Oscar Bratton, the incumbent assessor, said the State of Oregon assesses the industrial property of the county on a fee basis. "We have no qualified industrial appraiser on the staff," he explained. "The state charges Malheur County \$92 per day for the services, one-half of the standard rate."

In the county commissioner race, candidate Lauren King reminded Nyssa residents that their road district had been the first of its kind. He promised to represent all of the people of the county.

Nick Toole, described his career in road building, which began with the Oregon State Highway and included construction of the Nyssa underpass. He said as commissioner he would work for improvement of the Succor Creek Road "at least to the standard of that into Owyhee Dam." He would

## 4-H Leaders To Welcome Agent Voters Defeat TVCC Levy, Elect Directors

Welcoming Malheur County's newest 4-H Extension Agent, Marilyn Mohr, will be one of the highlights of the annual 4-H Leaders Meeting according to Carol Knothe, 4-H agent. The meeting is to be held at Cairo School on Tuesday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m.

All 4-H leaders, friends and supporters of 4-H are invited to attend the meeting. Other business on the agenda will include election of officers, by-law revision, distribution of Spring Fair Books and sharing ideas with other 4-H leaders, states Chuck Farley, Malheur County 4-H Leaders' Association President.

encourage the BLM to develop more recreation sites in the county.

Leon Sheets cited tax statistics saying that seven million dollars in taxes are collected in Malheur County each year. Of that the schools get 72 percent and the county 27 percent. He continued listing some of the inequities of the social security system. "Sufficient capital must be accumulated to cover those benefits already promised," he said.

Joe Hobson, Farm Bureau member, concluded the series giving a review of the four ballot measures also to be voted upon in May Primary.

Malheur County voters turned down the Treasure Valley Community College levy and the Intermediate Education District (IED) levy in the annual school election Tuesday, and elected school directors in all the districts with relatively heavy voting. The TVCC levy was turned down for the second time, with 1908 voting against the levy and 1438 in favor in unofficial returns. Only the three Ontario precincts and Brogan gave the college support at the polls.

Voting by precincts was as follows: Ontario No. 1, 170 yes, 79 no; Ontario No. 2, 234 yes, 171 no; Aikin, 309 yes, 161 no; Pioneer, 37 yes, 128 no; Cairo, 131 yes, 146 no; Borgan, 27 yes, 21 no; Vale, 164 yes, 432 no; Nyssa, 178 yes, 333 no; Annex 35 yes, 44 no; Willow Creek 23 yes, 148 no; Adrian, 63 yes, 107 no; Harper 16 yes, 48 no; and Huntington, 51 yes, 90 no.

The IED levy was defeated with 1615 yes votes and 2148 no votes. Nyssa voters elected Adriana Kunkel to the school board in position No. 5, the only contested vote. She received 251 votes, Tom Moore received 165, and Duane Drydale, 140. Bill Schilling was reelected in position No. 4 with 442; and Gene Stunz was reelected in

position No. 7 with 434 votes. Adrian voters passed the school levy with 116 yes votes and 61 against. Emery Cameron was unopposed in position No. 1 and received 127 votes. In position No. 2, Stanley Mills was elected with 103 to 61 for David Hill. Jake Fischer of Nyssa and Ernie Seuell of Adrian were unopposed for the TVCC board, and both were reelected.



By Pat Savage

If you're looking for a new look in Nyssa, don't miss the new facelift on the Newhouse Chevrolet building. This is an added attraction to our town as it looks so bright and clean. Makes one realize that spring cleaning time is upon us.

I was pleased to see 250 people turn out last Friday night for the "Know Your Candidates" meeting. I was surprised when the chairman announced that out of the three meetings, Nyssa was the only place where the American flag was on display. Felt the salute to the flag was most appropriate. Now that we've met the candidates let's make a special effort to get to the polls and vote.

The City now has the street sweeper and flusher working. You can really notice the difference it makes, especially on Main Street. This is going to make our city much cleaner and neater now, and I know everyone is glad to see the streets being cleaned.

The cornerstone on the new school which commemorates our Bicentennial Year is most appropriate. The completion of these new buildings during this special year will always keep our 200th birthday uppermost in our memories. If you haven't seen the construction sight for awhile, make an effort to go by as the buildings are going up and changes are being made every day. Our new school will be something that everyone can be proud of.

A date to remember will be Sunday, May 2, as Brownies Cafe will have a buffet dinner from 5 p. m. to 9 p. m. and will give the proceeds to the Nyssa band for their Disneyland trip. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Take the whole family out for dinner, and help support these kids.

Don't forget "Anything Goes" starts April 30. Lets back this fun game with our community support. Besides it will be fun to see who the team members are going to be. It's rated fun for the whole family.

## Young Mother Overcomes Cancer To Lead Normal Life

By Pat Savage

Nancy York, a pert, ambitious and ever-smiling young matron is the living proof that cancer need not kill, if it is diagnosed early enough. To look at Nancy, she is the picture of health and one of the things that bring her to your attention is, she has only one arm, a grim reminder of her battle against cancer.

Nancy's story really starts the summer of 1969, following graduation from Adrian Union High School. Apparently she began her ordeal at this time. Later that same fall, when she was attending TVCC, a biopsy of the shoulder joint indicated she had osteogenic sarcoma.

After a series of cobalt treatments at the Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise at St. Luke's Hospital during the winter of 1970 and that spring the tumor was arrested. However surgery was indicated in July and this resulted in the loss of her arm, shoulder blade and collar bone on the left side to combat any spread of the malignancy. Another series of cobalt treatments followed to destroy any malignant cells.

"I thought the worst was over and was trying to put my life back in order so I returned to the fall term at TVCC and continued my studies until the winter of 1971," remembers Nancy.

"At this time I gradually began losing my eyesight and no one can imagine how devastated we all were when an examination revealed a bone tumor of the skull. My

folks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Callahan of Big Bend were always there when I needed them. Sure they broke down once in awhile, but that was their right."

"I honestly don't think I could have made it through any of this ordeal without them. Their love, patience and understanding all helped tremendously, but the thing I remember most was their stubbornness and determination. It all helped keep me going."

Surgery removed the pressure and her eyesight gradually returned. She received another series of cobalt treatments for added insurance against the disease.

Nancy had many things going for her, as numerous prayers and donations were given by friends, neighbors, and the businesses of Big Bend, Adrian and Nyssa. She had the skill, care and concern of numerous doctors, nurses and hospitals. The Cancer Fund and the family insurance helped the family keep their heads above financial disaster. The fact that the Mountain States Tumor Institute was within driving distance was one factor in Nancy's favor.

"My doctors were all very helpful and most kind. I owe a lot to Dr. Ercil R. Bowman, Dr. Ronald C. Kouns and Dr. Al Kuykendall. Dr. Kouns, who is with the Tumor Institute helped me a great deal emotionally. Without him I don't know what I would have done. He is one great man."

Nancy, who was originally left handed and a beginning artist at the time of her

illness, switched her talents to her right hand and paints very beautiful pictures. She does all of her own house-keeping, cooking and all the thousands of things that a young mother of two does.

She is married to a special fellow, Randy York, and they have a son, Shane who is four years old and Sheri, their daughter of one year. Mr. York was top welder for Nelson Sheet Metal and now is employed at Dame Moulding, Inc. They live on a farm on the outskirts of New Plymouth where they hope to have their own welding shop business in the future.

Nancy York is an amazing person, never letting herself dwell on thoughts of self pity or "why did this happen to me" thoughts, she just thanks God for giving her a second chance. She is happy with her family, tends her children (I can't imagine changing and pinning a baby's diaper, or peeling potatoes with one hand) but she does all these things, and never allows herself any excuses.

Her paintings are as beautiful and as creative as she is. I admire this young mother who has taken her life, adjusted the deficits, added up the assets and come out a winner against cancer. She gets her rewards each time one of those youngsters hollers "Hey Mom, I Need You!" She is needed, loved, and wanted, and she can only say to everyone "Please give to the Cancer Fund and help someone else to recover and return home to take their place with their family."

## Nyssa City Budget Receives Approval

The City Budget Committee finalized the Fiscal Year 1976-77 Budget Monday night at its third work session. The initial Budget presented showed a \$405,552 figure outside the 6% limitation imposed by law. At the first meeting the committee approved the recommendation by the City Wages and Benefits Board for a 7 1/2 percent wage increase with no additional benefits.

At their second meeting the committee reviewed each line item, balancing it against need and funds available in order to reduce the \$405,552, outside the limitations, according to City Manager Henry Schneider.

Greater and wider use of Revenue Sharing funds was stressed and an increase in utility transfers were recommended to help close the gap. Numerous cuts were with General Administration cut \$8,018.00; Police Department \$2,245.00; Parks and Cemetery \$3,143.00; Sanitation \$2,240.00; Fire Department \$1,309.00; Library \$3,208.00; and the Swimming Pool \$1,110.00.

The major deletions included the Swim Team Coach position and funds, due to the shortage of money in this

year of fiscal crunches. Also deleted was the trainee position at the Sewage Treatment Plant with the present trainee to continue on CETA funds for their duration.

Street maintenance funds were increased to help compensate for the severe winter damages with \$5,000.00 budgeted in the regular street fund and an additional \$4,000.00 from Revenue Sharing. If Revenue Sharing is continued after December 1976 an additional \$4,347.00 will be added for street repair.

By unanimous vote the Budget Committee, headed by former Mayor Larry Bauman, recommended submission of their budget to City Council for a hearing in June. The final Budget contained a proposed levy of \$161,826.06 and is 92 cents under the six percent limitation.

The total all fund Budget for the City of Nyssa is \$577,381.95 which represents a reduction of \$64,780.48 under last year's budget. This reduction is primarily represented by capital improvements in the water system which have been completed and paid for during the year.

## Circuit Judge Speaks To Chamber

Circuit Judge Jeff Dorroh, was the speaker at the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday noon at the Twilight Cafe.

Law provides that all juvenile traffic cases must go to the Juvenile Court or

traffic cases involving 16 and 17 year olds may go to the adult court, Circuit Judge Jeff Dorroh said.

Traffic matters, an important issue in the local circuit judge race, was discussed by Dorroh at the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon.

### WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
April 14	63	38	
April 15	47	34	.10
April 16	52	33	
April 17	59	32	.08
April 18	56	37	
April 19	58	33	
April 20	69	36	
April 21		35	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
4-21-76 690,356 Acre Feet  
4-21-75 607,250 Acre Feet

A 16 or 17 year old with no prior traffic record can be remanded to the proper justice or municipal court. The bail is set and the matter is handled in the same way an adult would be.

Dorroh said, "Malheur County's Justice and Municipal Courts have received \$20,000 in bail since the Juvenile Court began handling traffic matters in November 1971."

## Auxiliary Names Two For Girls State

The Nyssa American Legion Auxiliary has selected Miss Sally Looney as Girls State Delegate and Miss Beth Calhoun as alternate. Both girls are outstanding juniors and were chosen on the basis of leadership, citizenship and ability. Girls State 1976 session will be held June 13 to 18 at Willamette University in Salem. Girls State is an intensive study of Oregon government and politics with girls competing for city, county and state offices.

she attended summer science sessions in Coos Bay. She is active in the Christian Church Youth Fellowship. Her plans for the future include college, where she will major in medical technology and hospital dietitian courses.

Beth Calhoun is a member of the Nyssa High School student council and is Junior Class president. She is a member of the Science Club, Pep Club and is a junior varsity cheerleader. Beth plays the piano and clarinet.



Sally Looney

Sally is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Looney. She is a member of the Pep Club, Science Club, and Honor Society. Musically inclined she plays the piano, is treasurer for the Junior Class and is the school mascot.

Sally works at the A&W Rootbeer Drive-In. The Nyssa PTA awarded her a scholarship last summer and



Beth Calhoun

She received a PTA scholarship to attend a summer science camp in Coos Bay last year. She works at the Sugar Bowl Bowling Alley.

Beth is planning to attend college and major in broadcasting. She is the daughter of Donna Calhoun and Mel Calhoun. As an alternate, Beth will attend the state meeting if for any reason Miss Looney is unable to go.



NYSSA'S NEW STREET FLUSHER is now in operation, shown above with driver Steve Marez.

The rig was assembled at a total cost of \$2,881 to the city, according to City Manager Henry Schneider, and would cost at least \$12,000 to purchase new.

The 1958 International truck chassis was completely rebuilt, and was obtained from the State Forestry Department at Salem for \$39, which included a full tank of gas, nearly new rubber, and many other extras.

The 1500 gallon dual tanks were purchased

from Ideal Gas for \$850; Nyssa Machine & Welding assembled and fabricated the equipment at a cost of \$1392; and the painting and installation of the pump and motor was by Baumans at a cost of \$600.

Unique features of the flusher, according to Schneider, are adjustable spray bars to control the angle and volume of spray, and auxiliary valves and assembly which permit fire hose attachments so that the rig can function as a fire truck if necessary. The flusher has been used on Main Street and main arterials with a noticeable improvement in cleanliness and dust control already.



MRS. RANDY [NANCY] YORK of New Plymouth is pictured with one of her many beautiful paintings. (This one is unfinished)

Nancy is a one-in-a-million survivor of osteogenic sarcoma. This ambitious young mother instills hope for many other cancer victims.