



"SPOT," AN INJURED GOLDEN EAGLE, befriended by Morlan Nelson, Idaho's world-renowned authority on eagles and birds of prey, is being reoriented with his home territory

in Idaho's Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area, south of Boise.

Idaho Division of Tourism



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

With Oregon unemployment hovering at nine per cent and Gov. Bob Straub beating the drum for more jobs, at least one segment of the state's workforce faces an uncertain future.

Involved are minors less than 18 years old, some of whom already have been denied seasonal harvest work opportunities—mainly in the berry fields—and high school age youngsters seeking temporary and part time work. Many observers believe recent and federal and state

minimum age requirements may price 15 to 17-year olds out of the job market.

Teenagers already seeking summer employment are particularly concerned.

Concerned also are educators involved in various programs conducted cooperatively between school and businesses to provide students with practical work-experience education.

A myriad of issues is involved, ranging from equal pay for equal work concepts and age discrimination in

employment to the necessity for youth job training and whether teens should be earning pocket money on jobs older unemployed persons might need to help sustain themselves or their families.

Mary Rasmussen, director of instructional support in Portland public schools, has expressed the opinion that management, labor and educators should get together and find a solution that's "best for kids."

His thesis finds much support throughout the educational community dedicated to preparing students for the world of work. It also is supported by many unions and members of the business community.

A forum before which such a solution could be forged exists in the state's Wage & Hour Commission—a three-member body that rules on matters pertaining to pay and working conditions.

The current controversy concerning student workers rises in large part from action by that commission that raised the minimum wage for minors less than 18 from \$1.75 most of last year to \$2.30 an hour effective last January 1. It is complicated by the fact the present federal minimum wage for many adults is \$2.20 an hour—particularly in jobs with large firms involved in

interstate commerce, hospitals, retail and service businesses. And it is in these areas that much of the public school cooperative work experience program is conducted.

Cooperative work experience involves classroom instruction, on the job work experience with cooperating businesses and extra-curricular student activities and business-oriented projects.

"Remove any one of those three elements from the program and you cripple the effort," commented Dave Thompson, work experience coordinator for Salem's McNary High School.

Coordinators at three of the capital city's four high schools reported dwindling job opportunities for students since the minimum wage for minors was increased. Similar reports have been voiced by coordinators in communities ranging from Oregon City to Cottage Grove. Others say businessmen grumbled about paying the higher wages at first but have continued to hire their students.

Many employers however, particularly those in service and health-care facilities, have halted hiring minors and are seeking more mature help at the same wage rates. Some, scraping to maintain profitability in the face of inflation, find they can increase their scant margins by hiring adults at the lower federal minimum wage.

No accurate tally reveals the precise impact of the new wage scale and the federal-state differential will disappear next year when they will conform under existing law.

Meanwhile, the Wage & Hour Commission has before it several suggestions to resolve the immediate problem. A learner certificate proposal has been made that would permit minor students in recognized work experience programs to be employed at wage rates less than the current minimum. Another proposal would enable all minors to work during a 120-day probationary period for 85 percent of the \$2.30 minimum wage—\$1.95 an hour—following which they would ascend to the \$2.30 level.

Depending on the size of a high school's enrollment, anywhere from 25 to more than 100 students might be involved in a cooperative work experience program. They earn one or two credits a year toward graduation, depending on the number of hours they spend on approved part time jobs. Coordinators do their best to place such students in jobs related to individual career interests and it is not an exception when part time job-holders obtain full time summer employment or even permanent jobs with the same business upon graduation.

Many high school coordinators also assist any student

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ANNEXATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Nyssa has fixed May 13, 1976, at 8:00 p.m. at the council chambers at City Hall, 14 South 3rd Street, Nyssa, Oregon, as the date, time and place for a public hearing at which all registered voters of the City of Nyssa may appear and be heard on the question of the annexation by said City of the following described lands lying contiguous thereto:

In the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 29, Twp. 19 S., R. 47 E., W.M., more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the SW corner of said NW 1/4 SW 1/4; Thence S89° 48' 12" E along the South Boundary of said NW 1/4 SW 1/4 a distance of 265.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Thence N0° 04' 58" W parallel to the West Boundary of said NW 1/4 SW 1/4 a distance of 400.00 feet;

Thence S89° 48' 12" E parallel to the South Boundary of said NW 1/4 SW 1/4 a distance of 1046.70 feet to a point on the East Boundary of said NW 1/4 SW 1/4;

Thence S0° 02' 57" W a distance of 400.00 feet to the SE corner of said NW 1/4 SW 1/4;

Thence N89° 48' 12" W a distance of 1045.78 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Dated at Nyssa, Oregon this 27th day of April 1976. /s/ Henry Schneider City Recorder

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

An Invitation to bid is extended by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NYSSA SCHOOL DISTRICT 26, MALHEUR COUNTY, NYSSA, OREGON, for (1) thirty-two folding cafeteria tables and (2) 300 student desks.

Sealed bids will be received until Monday, May 10, 1976 at 8:00 P.M., MDST at the SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, Nyssa, Oregon.

Tables bid other than specifications must be approved by the Superintendent of Schools, Nyssa, Oregon, at least five days prior to bid opening.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid that represents the best interests of the School District.

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Homemaker's Day Saturday At Ontario

A La Grande couple will take Malheur County homemakers on a trip down the Oregon Trail on Saturday, May 1. This will be a part of the program at the annual Extension Homemaker's Day which will be held at the Fairgrounds in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rennells of La Grande have made a photographic record of the epic journey from Missouri to The Dalles along the Oregon Trail. It is an absorbing slide presentation with well chosen music. The show which has already been viewed by nearly 12,000 people takes those attending into the past and to a better understanding of what a courageous migration it was along the Oregon Trail.

Mr. and Mrs. Rennells are members of the American Photographic Society and have themselves traveled and hiked over the Oregon Trail five times in five years to obtain pictures for their presentation.

The day's activities are open to anyone interested. Tickets which cost \$1.00 will be available at the door.

Homemade ice cream and cookies will be served from 1 to 2 p.m.

The program begins at 2 p.m. In addition to the slide presentation there will also be musical entertainment and installation of County Advisory Committee officers.

In keeping with the Bicentennial theme of the day's activities, Fred Denable, Boise will give an inspirational presentation on "Our Heritage."

Branch Shows Gains For Quarter

First National Bank of Oregon reported a decline in earnings for the first quarter ending March 31, 1976. Strong deposit growth and a small increase in loans were reported compared with a year ago, announced Robert F. Wallace, bank chairman.

Total deposits were \$2,274,913,000 on March 31, compared with \$2,124,027,000, representing a 7.1 percent increase over the first quarter 1975. Total loans at First National offices were \$1,384,397,000, a gain of 0.2 percent from the \$1,381,611,000 listed on the same date in 1975. Total resources were \$2,924,985,000, up from \$2,602,316,000 on March 31 last year.

Income before securities transactions for the first quarter amounted to \$4,566,000, or 86 cents per share, down 12.6 percent from \$5,227,000, or 98 cents per share recorded during the first quarter of 1975. Net income, after securities transactions was \$4,506,000, or 85 cents per share. This compares to \$5,240,000 or 99 cents per share last year.

The Nyssa branch reported deposits of \$9,452,000 and loans of \$9,452,000 as of March 31. Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$15,435,000 in deposits and \$6,577,000 in loans.

Parma Wool Pool Sells To Minnesota Association

The Parma Wool Pool sold last week to the North Central Marketing Association of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The high bid offered by the Minnesota firm for approximately 15,000 fleeces consigned to the pool was 64.24c per pound. The Utah Wool Marketing Company of Salt Lake City, Utah submitted the second highest bid of 63.63c per pound. Other bids received ranged down to a low of 55.20c per pound.

John A. Riddle, Caldwell, President of the Parma Wool Pool said the fleeces were consigned by some 300 farm flock operators located from Mountain Home to Weiser in Idaho and producers in Malheur and Harney Counties in Oregon. Riddle said the consignments offered last year was slightly larger and sold for \$42.63c per pound. The 1974 price was 56c, sharply down from the price of \$1.16 paid for the same pool in 1973.

Riddle said the price is for first quality wool properly bagged. Inferior, excessively dirty or poorly prepared wool will be subjected to standard deductions in line with the

quality delivered. He urged sheepmen to take every precaution they can in shearing and packaging their wool to receive the highest price. Local directors and the County Extension Office will have information and suggestions to help new or inexperienced producers.

The local directors for the pool are Leroy Sprague of Nyssa, Jim Wilcox of Vale and Allen Solterbeck of Payette. The wool, when it is prepared for shipment, can be delivered to the J. C. Watson Company in Parma, Monday through Friday, May 7th. No Saturday deliveries will be accepted.

The Old Timer



"Anybody who imagines a bulge is a curve can believe anything."



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HOMEOWNERS IN OREGON who enjoy the song, color and antics of birds can learn how to attract the feathered creatures to their homes by reading "Invite Birds to Your Home, Conservation Plantings for the Northwest."

The publication, recently published by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service (SCS), explains the major consideration involved in attracting a variety and number of birds to homes.

More than 100 different kinds of birds are common in the Northwest, according to the author of the publication, SCS biologist L. Dean Marriage. "Some of the factors involved in

attracting birds are consideration of the birds' needs, such as a place for them to feed, sing, court, rest, hide and nest," Marriage said.

In the publication, Marriage discusses other important considerations in planning and planting for birds, such as inventorying the basic soil and water resources, choosing plants for wildlife value, and creating a landscape design.

The twenty-page, full-color publication is available free. Interested homeowners can obtain a copy by writing BACKYARD BIRDS Soil Conservation Service, 16th Fl., 1220 S. W. Third Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204.



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Our store is giving a Living Color Portrait to each family as an expression of appreciation for their patronage. Yes, adults and children will be photographed free during this event. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Each family will receive one individual or group portrait compliments of our store.



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