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Hospital Employees Honored For Service

The medical staff, employees, directors and auxiliary members of Malheur Memorial Hospital attended an awards banquet last Tuesday evening at the Eagles Hall. Dr. Thomas J. Fuson was master of ceremonies, and awards were given by James Mattes hospital administrator.

Twenty-year pins were awarded to three employees, Beth Ellis, Lillian Wagner and Margaret Wood.

Five employees were given their 15-year pins, and they were Dolores Carson, Margaret Bennett, Teresa Bingham, Janice Church and Lois Luther.

Ten-year pins were awarded to Royce Cole, Celia Lancaster, Delroy Matthews, Hazel Sewright and Helen Prater.

Town Crier

By Pat Savage

Nice warm days make the ending of school in a few weeks more of a reality. The graduating class of 1976 will make their grand entrance and exit all in one evening on May 20. Wonder how many of them are marking the days left on their calendars?

Mrs. Emil Stunz enthusiastically reports the grand sum of \$1159.29 was turned in to the Cancer Fund just from the residential section of town. The totals from the business district and the country haven't been totaled yet. This is a fantastic indication of how our community rallies when they see a need. The cancer foundation and Mrs. Stunz appreciate the contributions and the time and efforts of the workers.

If you missed either night of "Almost Anything Goes" last weekend, you missed a real evening of good enjoyment. It was funny to see the teams participate. The Senior class team walked off as champions with the first place trophy. Their team members were: John Kouns, Randy Savage, Danny Simantel, Kent Blanch, John Wahlert, Dalene Schilling, Rosie Estrada, Tami Bybee, Mary Lou Soliz, Eartha Carter and Paula Saito. You made a great team and it was good to see all the teamwork it took to win. The Freshmen were second and the Sophomores third. Steve Howe and his helpers did a great job and deserve a pat on the back. Best of all they contributed \$380 to the band for their Disney Land trip.

Speaking of community help and effort, Nyssa really set a shining example of its spirit when \$1000 was raised through the efforts of Mel and Reba Fisher, who donated the funds from a buffet Sunday to the band. This is a fantastic contribution and one the Fishers and the whole town can well be proud of. Thanks Fishers your help is much appreciated.

Don't let the Bicentennial windows look nice? The kids did a very nice job and we at last look like we've joined in the celebration of our nation's birthday.

Our Nyssa tennis team goes into sub district play at Pendleton this weekend. Good luck and I hope to see some of you going on to District.

Neal Oldemeyer, a Nyssa baseball player, underwent knee surgery Tuesday. Understand he is doing well and hopes to be home by this weekend. Hurry and get well Neal.

Don't forget Sunday, May 9 is Mother's Day. Let your Mom or someone else's Mom or your Grandmother know how much you love 'em. This is the only reward necessary to make this their own special day.

Five-year pins were received by Ruby Barber, Janice Breshears, Virginia Cleaver, Fae Gee, Beverly Hansen, Una Harris, Opal Holmes, Donna Johnson, Edith Maerz, Ellen Mills, Nadine Moore, Meredith Needs, Ethel Price, Marcella Robinson, Eugene Stephen, Eva Strobel and Mary Torell.

Service by the members of the board of directors was acknowledged, with Chairman Everett C. Heldt having served the longest at 15 years. Paul C. Kunkel, five years; James D. Robinson, five years; and Marvin Jeffries, three years.

Dr. Kenneth E. Kerby was honored for his 28 years of service. Dr. Kenneth A. Danford with 24, Dr. David W. Sarazin has 18 years, and Dr. Thomas J. Fuson has two years. Gene Stunz has served the hospital for 16 years as attorney.

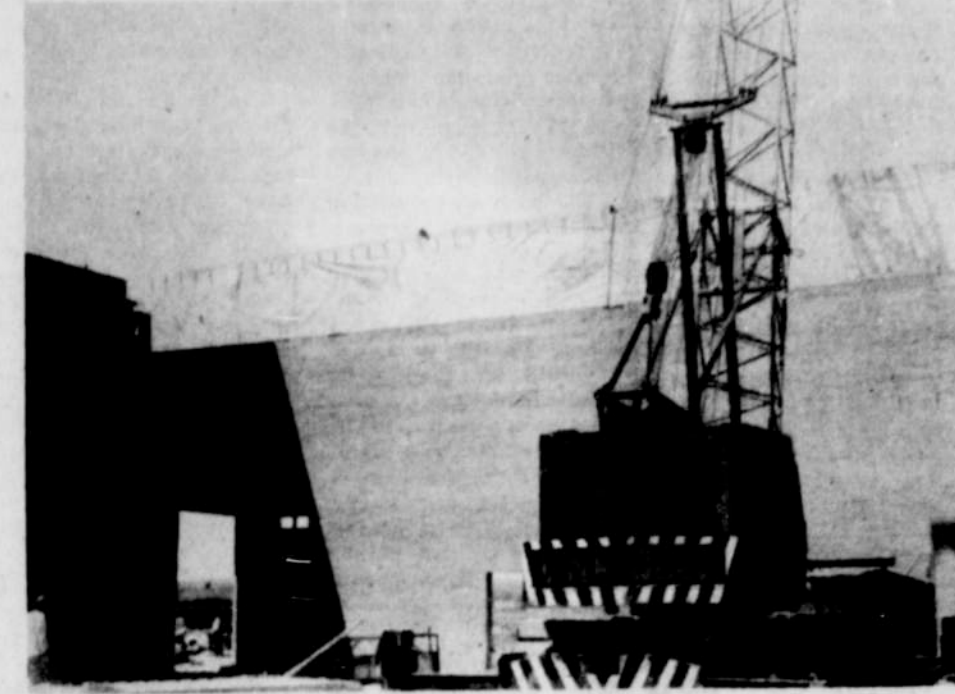
The no-host dinner was prepared and served by members of the Eagles Lodge.

Mattes said that the hospital has received recognition from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) for its participation in the process of voluntary accreditation as an expression of a professionally motivated commitment to deliver a high quality of patient care.

Parma Bicentennial To Present Historical Play

A play, based on research into events that occurred in this area before the advent of towns, will be presented at the Parma High School gymnasium Friday and Saturday nights, May 7 and 8 by the Parma Bicentennial Committee. It is called "PROLOGUE TO PARMA," written by Lucile Peterson and deals with happenings at Old Fort Boise, at Keeney's Ferry, and at St. Paul, the camp that housed workers constructing railroad bridges at Nyssa.

A cast of 25 portrays villainy, kindness, romance and riotous humor. Edson Pederson, pastor of the Community Church, interprets the part of the villain whose evil deeds tie together the three periods in history. All actions ascribed to him actually happened but were perpetrated by several unknown persons. Mrs. James Mitchell, Nyssa teacher,



HEAVY BEAMS WERE INSTALLED in three buildings of the new high school complex this week as the buildings are rapidly taking shape.

The photo above shows a laminated wood beam being placed in the gymnasium. This beam is 100 feet long, 12 inches wide, 6 feet deep, and weighs 9 tons.

The upper right photo, a pre-stressed concrete and steel beam has been placed on concrete pillars in the auditorium, which will form the

stage opening. This beam measures 2 feet by 3 feet by 54 feet, and weighs 30 tons.

The beam in the lower photo is being lowered in place in the new cafeteria. This laminated beam is 75 feet long, 11 inches wide, 42 inches deep, and weighs four tons.

Engineers are testing the heating and cooling system in the new high school classroom building this week, and after the carpeting is installed the building will be virtually completed.

Nyssa Public Library Hours

Sunday Closed
Monday 12 - 6 p.m.
Tuesday 12 - 6 p.m.
Wednesday 12 - 6 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday 12 - 6 p.m.
Saturday 12 - 6 p.m.
Phone: 372-2978

Telephone Directories Distributed This Week

Nyssa, Ontario and Vale telephone subscribers will get new phone directories starting Tuesday, May 4, according to A. R. Davis, Malheur Home Telephone Company manager.

From coast-to-coast the Bell System is observing the nation's 200th birthday—as well as the telephone's 100th birthday—with a special "happy Birthday, America" cover on its telephone books.

This new cover will appear on the 1976 area telephone directory which will be delivered starting Tuesday, May 4 through Friday, May 7, Davis advised.

More than 30,000 copies of the new telephone book will be delivered over the four day period to exchanges in both Oregon, and Idaho. This is an increase of approximately 2,500 directories over last year's distribution, Davis said. The Idaho exchanges to receive the new "Birthday" directory are Cambridge, Council, Fruitland, Indian Valley, Midvale, New Plymouth, Payette, and Weiser.

Depicted on the cover are 32 characters—figures from American history and mythic personalities—all talking on the telephone across time, space, and the two covers of the phone book. Everyone is using a different phone developed by the Bell System in the last 100 years.

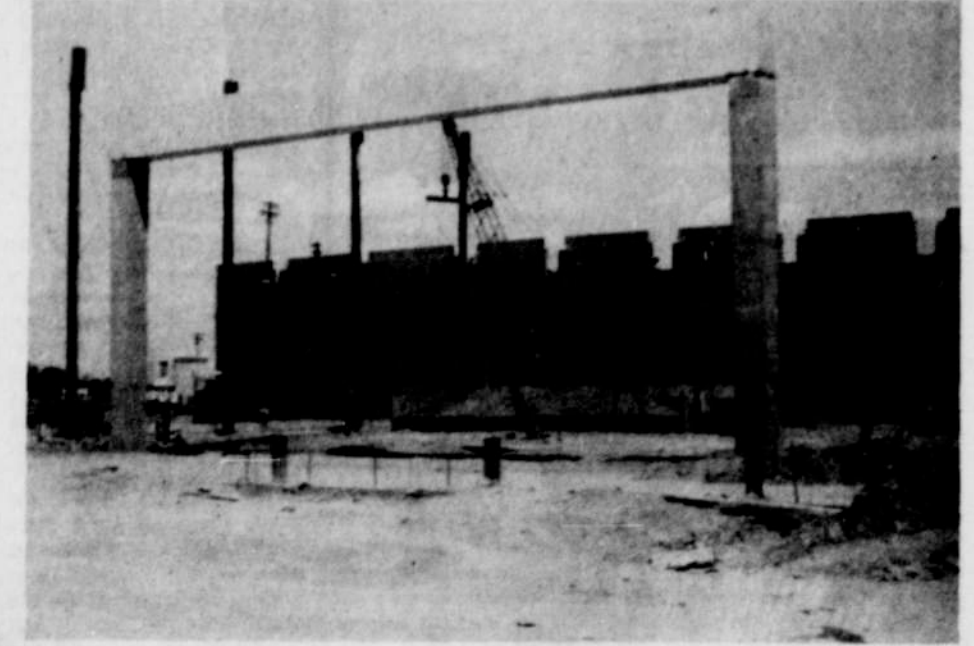
Identification of the characters and a description of the phones they use appears on the inside back cover.

This year a fourth column of listings has been added to each of the white pages through a photomodification process. This process will reduce the number of white pages in each directory by an additional 20 to 25 percent. Because of excessive photo distortion this process cannot be used with the Yellow Pages, Davis explained.

SRV Firefighting Crews Are Now Signing Up

Sign-ups for Snake River Valley firefighting crews are continuing at the fire headquarters in the Vale District, Bureau of Land Management. Acting District Manager Bob Papworth today urged anyone interested in working as a Snake River Valley firefighter to apply at the fireyard as soon as possible. Sign-ups will conclude on June 11.

All applicants are required to have physical examinations before applications will be accepted. Forms to be



Judges Attend Malheur County Spelling Contest Finals May 20

Municipal Judge Fred Robertson and Nyssa Justice of the Peace E. Otis Smith left Wednesday for Eugene to attend the 24th annual Traffic Court Conference.

District Judges, Justices of the Peace and Municipal Judges will attend this important conference to learn more about the new Oregon Traffic Code.

According to Bob Harrod, Supervisor of the Malheur County IED, the competition will be conducted by the use of tapes, which are provided by the Oregon Language Arts Association. Each word is pronounced, used correctly in a complete sentence, and then pronounced again. Students are then given ten (10) seconds to write the word on their pre-numbered paper.

There will be three scorers filled out for fire physicals are available at Community Health Clinics in Parma, Homedale, Nampa and the Idaho Migrant Council Clinic at Caldwell.

Papworth said all identification cards and photographs will be new this year. People signing up for firefighting must bring proof of citizenship or proof of intent to become a citizen before applications will be accepted. The BLM will cooperate fully again this year with the U.S. Immigration Service in citizenship matters, he said.

Ballot Measure No. 3 Will Help Senior Citizens

Oregon's senior citizens will be particularly interested in Ballot Measure #3 on the May primary ballot. If it passes, the measure will create up to 15,000 units of multi-family housing for elderly households at rents within reason.

The measure looks like a tax measure, but it is planned not to cost the taxpayers anything. Ballot Measure #3, part of Governor Bob Straub's recovery plan, will allow the state to issue bonds to raise money for low-cost builders' loans. The program would pay for itself entirely, like the Veterans' Housing

Loans. The money will be repaid out of rents. The savings of low interest loans will be passed on to elderly families as reduced rents.

The new or rehabilitated apartments around the state will be available to "elderly households"—those whose household head is 62 or older. Priority will be given to seniors with lower incomes.

The program has another benefit: creating those new rentals means jobs for Oregon's workers in a time of high unemployment. Over 15,000 direct and indirect jobs would be created in the building program.

OSU Journalists Look For Historic Interest

A summer term class at Oregon State University will attempt to find and capture in words and pictures some of the little known historic aspects of Oregon communities.

Anyone having suggestions for the project is asked to forward these ideas to either the (newspaper) or to T. H. Carlson, Department of Journalism, OSU, Corvallis, Oregon 97331.



THE BUILDING TRADES CLASS, taught by George Fanning, left, has been busy adding a Bicentennial decoration to the triangle at the north city limits. They have constructed wood lettering with "1776" and

stars filled with gravel which will be sprayed with white paint.

Boys participating, from left, are Richard Mosqueda, Angel Martinez, Roger Campbell Felipe Brito, and Girardo Grimaldo.



THE CITY OF NYSSA is assembling data to complete the Land Conservation Development Commission (LCDC) required by the State of Oregon. The chief data assembler is Beronica Elguezabel, shown here with City Manager Henry Schneider.

Beronica is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Elguezabel and a 1974 Nyssa High School graduate. She has attended Oregon Institute of Technology at Klamath Falls for one and one-half years, and will be on this job for at least two months paid for out of CETA funds, according to Schneider.