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School Board Hires Former Nyssa Girl

The Nyssa School Board hired a former Nyssa girl to teach and coach girls' athletics and physical education as part of their regular meeting Monday evening.

Sharmon Sadamori, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sadamori, was approved to teach Elementary P.E. mornings, and Junior High P.E. afternoons, and she will also coach tennis and girls' gymnastics. Sharmon is a graduate of Nyssa High, Eastern Oregon State College, and is presently teaching at North Bend. She is a former Idaho champion in girls tennis.

In other business of the long meeting the board

awarded bids for 32 cafeteria tables to Learning World, Inc. of Seattle at \$324.60 each.

Heard Frank Leonard, Emmett school bus supervisor, tell of the advantages of diesel buses over gasoline buses, with savings in fuel and maintenance over the life of the bus.

Authorized the contractors to proceed with installation of sliding doors in the auditorium to divide the two lecture rooms of 100 students each, and also authorized the contractors to order gymnasium seating to accommodate approximately 2,000 spectators. Both items were deferred when bids were originally let until finances were more assured.

The board rejected plans for sound systems in the gym and auditorium, and asked that new plans be submitted.

Approved the request by Don Baker to attend a reading clinic in Cardston, Canada, and authorized payment of mileage.

Finally, the board authorized advertisement for bids on a new roof at the Arcadia School and classroom section of the Primary Building.

Town Crier

By Pat Savage

I hope that many from this community took advantage of "Old Fort Boise Days" in Parma. My mom and I thoroughly enjoyed the Friday evening performance of "Prologue To Parma." All of the performers portrayed their historical characters with much talent and feeling for the parts. I didn't know everyone, but was much amused by the part portrayed by Mrs. James (Marge) Mitchell, who is a Nyssa school teacher. Marge and all the cast did a tremendous job, and I know that many hours of preparation went into making this dramatic effort such a big success.

It would be an exciting challenge to the city of Nyssa if we could undertake a similar Bicentennial venture for our townspeople. I for one would like to participate, and I am sure there are many others who would be interested too.

Wednesday was "Miss Omberg Day" at Nyssa High School honoring Mary Omberg who teaches biology and science. Miss Omberg has been recognized as Outstanding Biology Teacher of the State of Oregon for 1976. The high school student body all attired in "best clothes" for the day attended a special assembly where Miss Omberg received an award and lots of best wishes and congratulations. May we at the Nyssa Gate City Journal extend our best wishes to a fantastic teacher whose ambition and long hours of work have proved most fruitful, not only by winning an award, but by earning the admiration and respect of her students. She has helped develop a very fine Science Department.

Good luck to our Nyssa tracksters as both boys and girls compete in District Track at Mac High this weekend. Best of luck to you and your coaches. Aim for State!

I was surprised to learn that our valley is in the middle of a venereal disease epidemic. Upon checking, found there were only a few cases in our schools, but a few can lead to many if responsibilities are shirked. Today's kids are smart enough to know 'if you play, you must pay'! Individuals must accept their responsibilities and be checked at a clinic if they think they may have contracted VD. This is the only way to stop this, as it is for real.

Many parents and athletes enjoyed the Athletic Banquet Tuesday evening honoring Nyssa athletes. The food was delicious and the program was entertaining. Many thanks to the Lions Club for sponsoring this event, which has become a part of tradition and to the Oregon Trail Grange for the use of their hall and to all who helped serve and cook the food.

The Baseball for Kids banquet scheduled for May 17 has been postponed to a later date. This will be rescheduled soon.



FOUR NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS have received PTSA scholarships to attend OMSI Summer Science Camps. Jim Wilson and Greg Thiel will attend a nine-day Desert Survival camp to be held at Camp Hancock near John Day in June.

Lori Lane and Ann Jimenez will participate in the seven-day Oregon Coast Trail Trek from Seaside to Tillamook in August. They are seated with Merlin Hutchinson, PTSA treasurer, and Lucile Myrick, Scholarship Chairman.

MYSTERY DAYS

Nyssa merchants will hold their annual Mystery Value Days next week, May 20 - 22.

As in past years, the Journal will be circulated free throughout the Nyssa trade area. Advertising and news items should be turned in to the office as early as possible for next week's issue.

Adrian To Hold Graduation May 23



Robin Shenk

Top students at Adrian High School for 1976 are Robin Anne Shenk with a 4.0 GPA and Harriet Lorenson with a 3.94 GPA. They will deliver the student speeches at the Baccalaureate Commencement Exercises, Sunday evening, May 23 at 8 p.m. in the Adrian High School gymnasium. Thirty-nine students will be graduating this year. Pictures of the graduates will appear in next week's issue.

Glenn Ward, retiring superintendent, will be the guest speaker.



Harriet Lorenson

Robin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shenk of Ridgeview of Adrian, Oregon. She has been active in Adrian High School as a member of the National Honor Society, GAA, Student Council, FHA and Pep Club. She plans to attend Treasure Valley Community College this fall.

Harriet has been involved in high school in GAA, Pep Club, FHA, Hi-Y, Power and Light Co., Band, Chorus, Swing Choir, and Student Council. She is editor of the Annual and vice-president of the National Honor Society. She was selected for Who's Who Among American High School students in 1975. She plans to attend Treasure Valley Community College this fall and study secretarial science.

Harriet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lorenson of Adrian, Oregon.

Hire-A-Teen Youth Project

The Nyssa Service Center, in cooperation with the Employment Division and Volunteer Services will sponsor a youth employment project this summer to match persons needing help around their home with youth who want summer employment. The program, Hire-A-Teen, is for Malheur County youth between 14 and 18 years of age. If you are over 14 and wish to sign up for this, please come to the Nyssa Service Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. any week day, and bring your birth certificate.

Hire-A-Teen, once school lets out, will take calls from prospective employers and will refer a youth wishing that type of job to that employer. Hire-A-Teen will not make any other arrangements for you other than the referral telephone call. Salary and any other necessary agreements are the responsibility of the employer and the teen. These jobs will not be permanent, but will be one-time-only in nature. But with hopefully many persons calling in, we will have job opportunities for those who wish to work.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
May 5	68	43
May 6	75	49
May 7	79	42
May 8	84	43
May 9	82	52
May 10	83	53
May 11	68	45
May 12	41	41

Owyhee Reservoir Storage 5-12-76 708,640 Acre Feet 5-12-75 687,230 Acre Feet

City Council And Planning Commission Oppose Annexation

The City Council and Planning Commission met in a combined meeting Monday to discuss the feasibility of annexing the Nyssa Labor Camp. Jake Fischer, Jim Williams and Vern Parker spoke at the meeting to present reasons why the Housing Authority of Malheur County felt the proposed project should be annexed into the City. As a non-profit entity the camp would supply migrant labor throughout the area, under a two phase program.

Phase One schedules construction of three 2-bedroom houses, twelve 3-bedrooms and seven 2-bedroom duplexes for year around tenancy. For seasonal dwellers maintenance and storage buildings would be constructed, several old buildings would be removed and existing dwellings rehabilitated.

Under Phase II, two and three bedroom houses and two bedroom duplexes would be built, with four 6 plex seasonal housing building.

Twenty-three people were present and Mayor Oldemeyer called upon each for an opinion.

In a final vote the City Council opposed the addition of 50 new residents for farm labor that would not appear on the tax rolls, and declined support to the project and annexation to the City. It was felt that support should be given to low-cost housing instead that would show personal ownership, the pride therein, and would be on the tax rolls to benefit schools and other tax entities.

The Planning Commission then heard a discussion led by Don Sloggett relative to the zoning of the area bounded by Emison on the north, 9th Street on the east, Bower on the South and 11th on the west.

He pointed out that absentee ownership was controlling the destiny of the surrounding property owners, Clayton Pett also spoke out in behalf of a proposal to rezone the area from Multiple to Single-Family Dwellings. Several questions arose regarding the legality of a two-page petition carried by Don Sloggett. The Planning Commission announced sympathy for the project and Commissioner Judy Martin motioned that subject to legal requirements that a recommendation be made to re-zone the area from R-M to R-L. There was one dissenting vote.

The Secretary was directed to see if the petitions were valid in number prior to further action.

A request for variance in reduction of off-street parking spaces was presented by Hammond Development for their proposed senior citizen's project. It was pointed out that in three other developments for the aged having 113 units only 45 cars were owned by the residents.

Commissioner Max Brittingham motioned the approval process be instituted. Commissioner Dorothy Nolen seconded and motion carried. Letters will be sent to property owners within 200 feet of the project to notify that if no remonstrances are received within ten (10) days variance will be granted. If sufficient remonstrances are received a public hearing will be held to determine the matter.

City Manager Schneider stated that the City had received a Planning Extension from LCDC. He also stated CETA Funds for two months with a possible two-months extension was received and a Data Collector, Beronica Elguezabal was hired. Her task is to collect Bench Mark Data, Update information and prepare a preliminary update of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Nyssa City Council Studies Zone Change

The Nyssa City Council, at its regular council meeting Tuesday evening considered several unscheduled items from the audience. Don Sloggett presented a petition requesting a zoning change to single family residential for Blocks 1 and 2 in Miner Addition of the City of Nyssa. This petition was referred to the Attorney's office for a legal ruling.

Also present at last night's meeting was Ken Jorde of the Oregon State Housing Authority who discussed further with the Council a proposed improvement and addition to the Nyssa Farm Labor Camp. The Council turned down a request for annexation of this property at Monday's meeting.

Mel Clapp and Stan Shupe

of the Cascade Natural Gas Company were present to discuss Ordinance #458 for granting a franchise to their Company. The City Attorney will make some wordage changes in the proposed Ordinance and it will be read for the third and final time at the next regular Council meeting June 8.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to reports of offices, boards and committees, the current accounts payable and old business.

There will be a special meeting of the City Council Thursday at 8 p.m. for a public hearing reference to a request for annexation of property owned by Sparks & Baker near Locust and 9th Street.

First National Has Change In Officers

John P. Leehmann, banking officer at First National Bank of Oregon's Hood River branch, has transferred to the Nyssa office in a similar capacity.

He replaces James W. Gardner who has been named banking officer at First National's Umatilla office.

Leehmann joined First National in 1972 assigned to the bank's management development program. In January 1973, he was named installment loan officer at the Merrill office, and later that year transferred to the Klamath Falls branch in a similar capacity. He moved to Hood River in 1974 and has

been banking officer since 1975.

A graduate of Lakeview Senior High School, he later attended Oregon Technical Institute.

He was a member of the Hood River Chamber of Commerce, and active in the United Fund.

Gardner's career with the bank dates from 1968. In 1969, he was named operations officer at the Union office, and in 1973 transferred to Nyssa as general loan officer. He has been banking officer here since 1974. A graduate of Huntington High School, he later attended Treasure Valley Community College.

NOTICE

The City is having its 3 million gallon water tank inspection and maintenance under the contract warranty.

This will necessitate the tank being empty approximately three weeks.

All citizens are urged to cooperate in water use during this inspection period. In order to conserve water irrigation and lawn sprinkling must be curtailed to the following hours:

6-10 A.M. and 5-9 P.M. In the event of a fire all extraneous water use and sprinkling shall be immediately stopped.

The public will be notified after completion of the inspection.

County Budget Explanation Due

The Malheur County Court will hold a series of public meetings to explain the county budget during the next few days.

The first meeting was in the City-County Library in Ontario, Tuesday, May 11. The second meeting will be at the Vale City Hall, May 17 and the concluding one at the Nyssa primary school, May 18. All of the hearings begin at 8 p.m.

The voters are being asked to approve a budget levy of \$95,950 outside the six percent limitation. The total budget will be \$2,735,893. The budget went over the six percent allowable increase this year for the first time in many years because of a 300 percent increase in insurance costs, inflation, and salary and supply increases.

Equalization Board Meets

The Malheur County Board of Equalization will begin its annual review of the assessment roll and petitions for adjustment of value filed by property owners, according to Malheur County Assessor, Oscar Bratton.

The Board held its first meeting on Monday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse in Vale. After an overview of the petitions they will set up appointment schedules to meet with property owners desiring to meet with them.

This year's Board of Equalization members are Chairman, Commissioner Sam Hartley and members Don Oakes and Lauren King.

Property owners wishing to file a petition must file on or before the May 17 deadline, when the next meeting will be held.



FINALISTS IN THE SPELLING CONTEST for the 8th grade were Bob Bass and Natalie Mower. These two battled down to the wire, with Natalie finally winning, and she will represent Nyssa at the County Spelling Contest May 20.



NEW LOAN OFFICER AT THE Nyssa Branch of First National Bank of Oregon is John Leehmann, replacing Jim Gardner who will transfer to the new Umatilla Branch (see story).