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By Pat Savage

Summer is beginning, even though it doesn't officially start until June 21, but school is out, kids are going barefoot, gardens are growing, and every once in a while we have a pretty warm day. Many organizations have ceased meeting for the summer, churches are changing meeting times, campers, trailers and fishing poles are being made ready for this fun-in-the-sun time. I'm glad we live in a part of the country where we have definite seasons. Seems you can appreciate each seasonal change more because of the anticipation of the coming of spring, summer, or fall. Right now it's really a beautiful time of year, being able to see everything grow. Makes you feel a little sorry for the kids who have never seen a baby calf or lamb or crops growing or a clear blue sky. Count your blessings, we may be a small, dull town to some, but in actuality we're amply blessed with many riches.

Have you been wondering where the melodious strains of band music are coming from each evening? These musicians are none other than our own NHS band practicing the numbers they will be playing at Disneyland June 14. Not only must they practice the music, but marching as well, thus accounting for the pre-concert rehearsals. Sounds good, and I thought they look good when I watched them last evening. I'm sure they will do well as our community representatives when they depart next Friday.

Kids, get your swimming suits ready, the pool has been resurfaced, Vernon Lords is going to be manager and the opening date is Monday, June 7. It's really an asset to our community to be able to have a swimming pool and it's not only for the kids, you adults are welcome too. Use it, enjoy it, that's what it's there for. Just appreciate it.

Many people in this area are without jobs, some because they can't find one and others because they don't want one. I'm most impressed by the number of young people in Nyssa who have found jobs and by those who are sincerely looking for a job. Work builds character filled with ambition and determination. Perhaps this is why we have so many well-turned-out young people in our community because they know how to work. Work spells out success.



THE EMISON NAME is well-known in Nyssa, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rice Emison of Woodland, California were here last week checking up on past family history. Here they are pictured on Emison Avenue, named after his father, Sanford N. Emison. The name Emison also appears on his car's license plate, only faintly discernable in the picture. Mr. and Mrs. Emison are putting together a family history. She is a writer, he a free-lance photographer, and both are now retired. They spent some time at the Nyssa

Library, and visiting with people in the area, gathering material and renewing old remembrances.

Harold Emison was born in Nyssa in May, 1902. His father built a mercantile store on North 1st. Street in 1895, and also built a ferry across the Snake River. He built the house at 15 Park Avenue, now owned by Bob Child of Utah, and was active in the early days of Nyssa. The family left Nyssa in 1914 when they moved to Montana.

Oregon Drivers Manual Out

The 1976-77 Oregon Driver's Manual is off the press and will be available June 1. Drivers may get a copy of the manual at any Motor Vehicles Division office and most police departments. U. S. Bank also has agreed to distribute manuals in its branches throughout the state.

The new 80-page book contains information on the state's new vehicle code, scheduled to take effect July 1, as well as other safe driving information.

Motor Vehicles Division officials urge each family to get a copy of the new manual so that all those who drive can become familiar with the new or revised rules of the road.

NOTICE

Cemetery crews at the Nyssa Cemetery will begin their clean-up of Memorial Day flowers Thursday morning (today). Anyone wishing to obtain their vases or floral arrangements should pick them up early today.

Phi Beta Kappa Elects

Seventy-one University of Oregon students, most of whom will graduate on June 13, have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honor society which recognizes exceptional distinction in scholarship in the liberal arts.

Among the students elected is Mark Stringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stringer, Nyssa, a political science major.

National Guardsmen Are Commended

Oregon national Guardsmen of Troop L, 3rd Squadron, 116th Armored Cavalry, have been commended for their performance in an environmental project for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Those praised include SSG Robert D. Mullins, SP5 Kenneth A. Carlstrom, SP5 Roger K. Nakashima, SP5 Gary L. Nichols, SP5 Randy L. Smith, and SP4 Leon M. Griffin, all of Ontario; SGT Max E. Brittingham, Nyssa; and SGT Theodore K. Moore of Vale.

In a Certificate of Appreciation signed by EPA Administrator Russell E. Train, the Guardsmen were cited for outstanding services



SENATOR BOB SMITH was speaker at impressive Memorial Day services at Nyssa Cemetery Monday. The

services were conducted by the American Legion and Auxiliary, with music by the "Son Shiners".

Motor Vehicles Has Mobile Offices

The Oregon Motor Vehicles Division has taken delivery on two mobile offices and will put them in service in eastern and central Oregon about June 3.

Chester W. Ott, Administrator of the Division, says the two units are fully-equipped offices and can conduct both vehicle and driver license business. They were obtained primarily to help implement the color photo driver's license program when it begins July 1.

One mobile office will be based in Bend, and the other will headquarter in Baker.

Each will cover a circuit of central and eastern Oregon communities on a scheduled basis.

During June, Ott said the units will be used in Enterprise, Jordan Valley, Halfway, Nyssa, Vale, Madras, Fossil, Heppner, Condon and Redmond—towns already regularly visited by Division travel teams.

On July 1, mobile office service will be extended to include 19 other eastern and central Oregon communities, such as Huntington, Ukiah, Elgin, Arlington, Moro, La Pine, Mitchell, Maupin and Sisters, to provide licensing service to residents in those areas who have not previously had these services available locally on a regularly scheduled basis. The travel schedule and location for the mobile offices in each town will be announced later, Ott said.

Drivers in or near these towns and who are scheduled to renew licenses and get photo licenses on or after July 1 will be able to go to one of the traveling offices to have their pictures taken and license issued.

OSU Lists Local Candidates For Degrees

Between 3,500 and 3,600 degrees will be conferred Sunday, June 6 at Oregon State University's 107th commencement. Graduates come from almost every Oregon community.

The colorful graduation program is scheduled at 2 p.m. in Gill Coliseum. Ticket-holding families and friends of graduates will fill the giant building but television coverage will permit thousands of others to watch.

The number of degrees conferred will be an all-time high for the University. The previous record was the 3,498 degrees awarded in 1973. The number dropped to 3,480 in 1974 and to 3,400 last year when the total number of

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Housing Authority of Malheur County has proposed a plan for construction of 50 permanent homes and 75 summer migrant houses on lands adjacent to the City of Nyssa; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce that the successful completion of this project would be of great economic benefit to the City of Nyssa, to the agricultural industry of Malheur County and that it would provide much needed permanent housing for employees in agricultural production;

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce support the plan of the Housing Authority of Malheur County to construct its housing project at Nyssa, and urges that the City of Nyssa and all other governmental units and agencies affected lend their support and approval to the project.

Passed by unanimous vote at a regular meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, June 2, 1976.

Local Students OSU Honor Graduates

Oregon State University has announced the names of senior honor graduates this year. Local area students are included.

Ninety-nine seniors will graduate "with highest scholarship" and another 561 "with high scholarship." The "highest scholarship" designation requires a grade point average of 3.75 or better with straight-A representing 4

points and B, 3 points. To graduate with "high scholarship," students must have at least a 3.15 average.

OSU's 107th annual commencement is scheduled for Sunday, June 6, at 2 p.m. in Gill Coliseum. Between 3,500 and 3,600 degrees will be conferred this year. The graduation program will be televised in color by KOAC-TV, Channel 7, Corvallis, and KOAP-TV, Channel 10, Portland.

Honors graduates wear a special orange honor cord on the shoulder of their academic gowns.

Seniors graduating with honors from Nyssa are Ronald J. Sarazin and John W. Mantle.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
May 26	80	44	
May 27	88	45	
May 28	65	44	
May 29	74	40	
May 30	76	51	
May 31	69	49	.03
June 1	76	47	.10
June 2		48	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
6-2-76 691,860 Acre Feet
6-2-75 708,900 Acre Feet

Oregon Veterans Eligible

Veterans made eligible for the state veterans' farm and home loan by passage of Measure 1 in the primary election May 25 can apply for the benefit immediately. This was the word put out today by H. C. Saalfeld, director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the administering agency for the loan program.

Saalfeld said that even though the measure is not effective until June 25, loan applications will be taken now and processed up to the point of disbursement of funds. Actual disbursement will have to wait until the effective date or later, he said. An estimated 25,000 additional veterans were made

Top Op Tour Will Feature Jaca Bros.

The West—cattle country—old and new traditions will all be demonstrated and displayed at the Jaca Brother Inc. Ranch near Jordan Valley June 19, at the "TOP OP"—Bicentennial celebration, according to Ray Novotny, County Extension Agent.

Novotny emphasized that Nick Pascoe, President of the Malheur Livestock Association, wife Ramona and children, plus the Jaca family members, will offer visitors an opportunity to "feel" part of the western atmosphere of this pioneer family.

Visitors will see and hear about the old west—what modern agriculture is today and may be tomorrow—all in tradition with the celebration of our 200 years.

Old traditions came when Joaquin and Phil Jaca's father at age 13 arrived from Spain in the McDermitt area in 1925 to start one of the largest range sheep operations in the country. Merino ewes crossed with blackface bucks found the eastern Oregon-Nevada country satisfactory and the operation grew.

Then came the crash of '29 and "depression years" which called upon the Jaca family to reorganize their ranch resources. The Bowden and Crooked Creek Ranch survived and a new ranch enterprise began. The Dinwoodie place was bought in the early 40's and the Wagner place in 1941.

The original meadow, according to Joaquin, was mostly foxtail of poor production and quality. Changing cropping programs by improved irrigation and reseeded changed the hay production from 350 tons to 700 tons in six years.

The original base property barely supported 150 cows and they too increased with improved hay and feed supplies. There are 800 top quality Hereford cows calving 90% on the current operation. Cows have and continue to be culled on the basis of production - if "no calf" she's sold.

All calves are kept over until they are yearlings and

sold when they reach 650 pounds or more. To bring the yearling program into focus; the family decided to drill wells for increased water supplies and improved hay production.

In 1952, the Arritola ranch consisting of 400 acres was purchased. This land furnished the opportunity for future land development. In 1963 irrigation well was proposed as a water resource Joaquin stated, "it was close-the driller wanted to quit on a dry hole almost 400 feet down - so, I said go ahead drill till tonight. We hit water that afternoon."

Two 16-inch wells have been drilled pumping 2500 to 2800 gallons per minute with 150-225 foot drawdown. The sagebrush land, according to Joaquin, changed to alfalfa and grass hay producing 40 tons per acre, "this meant we could keep our calves over to yearlings," Joaquin stated.

But the ranchers aren't satisfied with this, plans are underway to enlarge the "Parsnip" dam from 165 acre feet of storage to 680 acre feet—which means improved irrigation and production for the operation in the future.

To Joaquin Jaca the cattle business is more than a way of life, it's a challenge, hard work, opportunities, achievement. —but yet he cautions, it's concerns rest with inflation, public land use, cost of doing business, land costs and marketing for a profit. He's optimistic—feels there's a future for his son-in-law, Nick; daughter, Ramona, Phil's sons, John and Tom and their children, to grow and be happy cattlemen of the future.

Talk to Nick Pascoe and wife, Ramona, and you immediately feel here's a proud, happy family; all closely knit by cooperation, family effort and belief in what they are doing. Daughter, Jeannie, Malheur's first Beef Princess, is now a student at Eastern Oregon College of Education; Jackie and son are students at Jordan Valley High School.

Scott Coulter New State Highway Engineer

H. Scott Coulter, 49, who began his highway career almost 28 years ago on a "summer job," was named state highway engineer by the Oregon Transportation Commission today. The appointment is effective June 1.

Coulter succeeds Fred B. Klaboe, who was named recently as Department of Transportation assistant director and chief of operations.

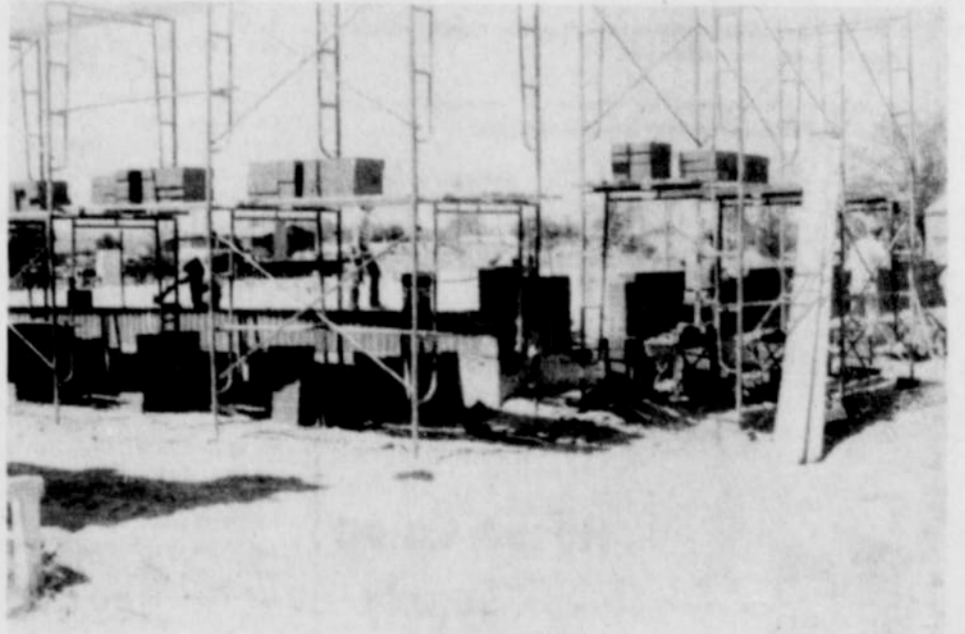
A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Coulter attended Willamette University and holds a B. S. degree in electrical engineering from the University of Washington. Coulter began his highway career in the summer of 1948 in La Grande. He rose steadily through the ranks from chainman, to computer, draftsman, region officer

engineer, junior resident engineer, senior resident engineer, assistant regional engineer, regional engineer, metro engineer, and in February 1973, assistant highway engineer.

He and his wife, Martha, have three children: Robert, Scott and Jean live in Salem. Martha grew up in Nyssa, and her mother, Eleanor Browne lives at 218 Ehrgood, Nyssa.

Nyssa Pool Opens Monday

The Nyssa municipal swimming pool will be open for use Monday, June 7. Vern Lords is again to manage the pool. The pool interior has been resurfaced.



BRICK WALLS are starting to rise on the Elementary Multi-Purpose Room. The bricks are red with white mortar to match the elementary School.