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BLM Fire Dispatch On 24 Hour Day

A 24-hour, seven days a week dispatch system has been established at the Vale District Fireyard of the Bureau of Land Management. Tom Crane, district fire management officer, said that this central point has been established for all contact with the district on off-hours and weekends. With this system, he said, one can go to one point in the district and find out all fire information, both historical and current fire records. The district will also have 24-hour radio coverage. The new system will be very helpful in dispatch of SRV fire crews as well, and can be of vital assistance in any emergencies that may occur. Crane said that present plans are to include coop-

ration with local, county and state law agencies, also. Personnel working in dispatch will be highly trained and will work nine-hour shifts with an hour overlap for briefing of happenings during the previous shift. An alarm will be positioned in the dispatch office for alerting helitack and pumper crews on duty for immediate fire action. When the alarm sounds, the helitack crew should be airborne within 1 1/2 minutes and will continually strive to better this getaway time. The crews, both helitack and pumper, will be given the fire location over the radio. Anyone wishing to report a smoke or fire can call the district fireyard at 473-3221, Vale.



CAPT. RUSSELL KEENEY, on the left, cuts the ribbon to dedicate Jonathan Keeney Pass, named after his grandfather. The Keeney Pass is on Lytic Blvd., between Nyssa and Vale, and is on the old Oregon Trail. The Keeney pass site commemoration was part of a BLM program this Bicentennial year. Assisting Keeney is Bob Papworth of the BLM office in Vale. The exhibit, which is shown in the picture above, was the scene of a reunion of over 80 descendants of Jonathan Keeney. The shelter contains a number of exhibits describing the clothing and equipment of the pioneers, as well as information on run-ins with native Indian tribes. BLM Bicentennial Coordinator Jerry O'Callaghan came from Washington D.C. to speak. He called the Oregon Trail "the pre-eminent Western Trail." He said it has national and international significance.

Grower Field Day At Experiment Station

Cereals, both wheat and barley will be featured at a Grower Field Day, July 7, 1976 at the Malheur Experiment Station according to Neil Hoffman, station superintendent. Two tours of the field plots will be conducted during the day, one beginning at 9:30 a.m. and another at 7:30 p.m., in an effort to accommodate as many growers as possible. In the cereal trials growers can compare some of the currently used varieties with each other and with new varieties coming along. Some of the new wheat and barley varieties show excellent potential. Boyer, a new fall

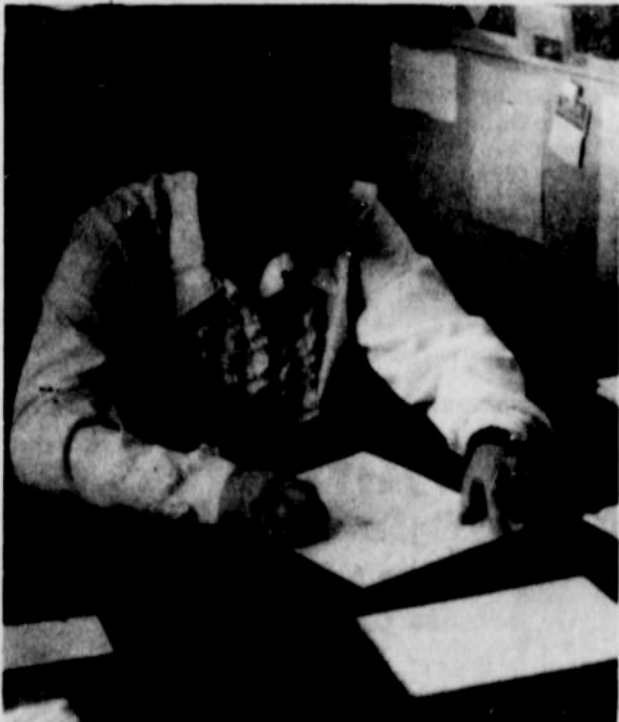
barley recently released by Washington State University and University of Idaho will be seen in the trials. For the interested grain producer here is an opportunity to see varietal differences and to make some evaluation of comparative performance between varieties grown under uniform conditions. In addition to the cereal variety trials, fertilizer response trials on grain will be seen along with onion and potato variety trials and other research work underway. Farmers and the interested public are invited, Hoffman concludes.

New County Agent Works With 4-H, Land Use

By Alan Abbey
Farming, animals and working with people all come naturally to Marilyn Mohr. And that is good, because she is the newest County Extension Agent and her responsibilities include working with local 4-H youth and teaching environmental education. Miss Mohr, a 1975 Oregon State University graduate, began on April 15 as the 4-H Youth Agent. Basically, she works with 4-H youth leaders to develop projects for the different groups. Some of the projects include livestock, plant sciences and natural and mechanical sciences. Obviously, such a job demands a varied background and many skills. Marilyn Mohr has both. She was brought up on a family farm in Washington County. She proudly said it is "Century Farm," a farm which has been in one family for 100 years. While some people want to get away from farming after being brought up in it, Marilyn didn't. "I wanted to stay in a farming community," she said. In farm communities "people are more responsive to each

other. They are warmer and friendlier. They are more in tune with the environment because they deal with the earth all the time," she continued. She pursued that goal as a student at OSU where she gained two degrees—a B.S. in Agriculture and another B.S. in Forest and Environmental Education. After she graduated last year she worked at a few jobs before starting in Ontario. While she doesn't know what actually drew her to this area, a hint from a superior at the Marine Science Center prodded her towards County Extension Work. Then, "this county's announcement looked like what I wanted to do." But before she got here, the 24-year-old Miss Mohr spent the summer of 1975 in the Winema National Forest as a crew boss for a Fire Suppression Group. She was in charge of three men and two other women. It was the first time the Forest Service had ever had a woman crew boss. Did she meet with much discrimination? Surprisingly enough, she had more problems with permanent

Forest Service workers than with her crew. But she always "had to keep my guard up!" The year before Mohr had been one of six women in the Winema Fire crew. "We had to work like crazy to prove ourselves." As Fire Suppression Group crew boss, she headed the "initial attack crew." They were the first people dispatched to a fire. Once there, Marilyn had to decide how the fire was to be handled. She had to tell whether more crews would be needed, how to fight the fire, plan an escape route and maintain radio communications with the base in Klamath Falls. As one would assume, Mohr loves the outdoors. She backpacks, fishes, bird watches and hunts. But besides these pursuits, which are pretty natural for an outdoor lover, Marilyn collects bones. Animal bones Right now, in fact, she has in a box at home the bones of an entire cow elk. But, what could anybody possibly do with bones? She puts them back together. She also uses the skulls in teaching wildlife resource classes. Marilyn uses two methods of cleaning bones not totally devoid of flesh. One way is to bury the bones in dirt and wait for the insects and bacteria in the earth to clean them. That way, however is slow. A quicker, yet somewhat more gruesome way, is to collect a certain species of beetle to eat the remaining flesh. This is Marilyn's usual procedure, though it was obvious from her tone of voice when telling about it, she does not especially relish the task. She has got her entire family collecting bones for her. Her father is the one who found the elk. But, she is the best. When out in the woods, she says, many people walk right by the bones without noticing them. "Now that I'm collecting them I see them before anybody else," she said. As if everything else she does doesn't keep her busy enough, Mohr is also a



Marilyn Mohr

Bill Schilling Named New Board Chairman

Bill Schilling was elected chairman of the school board of Nyssa School District No. 26 at a brief reorganizational meeting at noon on July 1. Schilling succeeds Mark Hartley, who has been board chairman for the past two years. Gerald Simantel was elected vice chairman of the

board, and Leota Kreigh was again named Deputy Clerk. The First National Bank of Oregon, Nyssa branch, was designated as the depository for school district funds for the 1976-77 year. The board will meet with the Budget Committee Thursday evening, July 8 at 8 p.m. to go over the changes in the budget before submitting the budget for a second election scheduled for August 10. The first budget election last Tuesday, June 29, saw the budget levy defeated by eleven votes.



Onion Commission Adopts 16G Budget

Oregon's newest commodity commission, the Oregon Danver Onion Commission, has adopted a budget of \$16,000 for the fiscal year 1976-77. The commission, meeting in Salem, June 30, also approved an assessment rate of one cent per 50-pound bag of onions or two cents per hundredweight, which is to be paid by the first handler. This assessment becomes effective on onions sold after August 1. Rules covering the assessment payments provide for

exemptions on casual sales of onions. These are defined as any sales by individual growers of under 2,000 pounds per transaction that do not require government inspection certificates.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
June 30	90	58
July 1	75	48
July 2	84	46
July 3	93	47
July 4	90	60
July 5	94	58
July 6	99	59
July 7	62	62

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
7-7-76 608,430 Acre Feet
7-7-75 703,450 Acre Feet

July 4 Party At Adrian

There were about 851 happy people in Adrian, July 4, the 850 fed at the barbecue and Adrian Farm Days Fourth of July Chairman Jim Langley. He had only good words to say for the people who helped him stage the events, the participants in the numerous contests and the party goers. He said the events ran this way: the party began at 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. They had a siphon tube setting contest. Steve Piercy won that. Fiddlers from Weiser then came and entertained Langley said there was no dancing, but everybody obviously enjoyed themselves. Next were family games, which included tugs o' war, sack races and egg tosses. Topping those was a greased pole climb. Things settled down after that to some more serious events. The Lorensen sisters, Gloria and Harriet, sang some songs to begin the "Bicentennial Program." Judy Nielsen also performed. The Rev. Fred Moxom spoke and then Ernie Lewis sang the National Anthem, accompanied by Chuck Sykes on trumpet. A fireworks show which lasted until 10:45 p.m. ended the day. Among those to be thanked Langley said, are the Lions Club and local businesses.



INSCRIBED "A GIFT to the citizens of Nyssa on behalf of Jacob Fischer and Nona Fay Fischer in recognition of outstanding service to the community," this beautiful new case was built by Albert Heldt and installed in the Nyssa City Library by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce.

Nyssa Chamber of Commerce members presented this display case in honor of the Fischers after Jake had completed a second term as chamber president last January. Recently installed, it will contain displays of artifacts and other items of interest to library patrons.

Holiday Accidents Keep Police Busy

In a busy holiday weekend, Oregon State Police investigated several accidents including one fatality and arrested two persons on "driving while under the influence of intoxicants," as prescribed by the new motor vehicles code. Esmeralda Morales Vallejo 14, Nyssa, died at the scene Arcadia and Columbia Lane north of Nyssa, where she was struck by a car driven by David Gerald Simantel 19, Nyssa. Miss Vallejo was riding a bicycle and apparently turned into the path of the car. No citation was issued for the Saturday afternoon mishap.

In a two-car accident Sunday afternoon at Mendola Road and Highway 201 south of Nyssa, Mary Helen Turner, 18, Oregon Side, Parma, hit a dog and stopped on the pavement to investigate. Her car was struck in the rear by a vehicle driven by Wesley Richard Underwood, 21, Adrian. She was cited for parking on a public highway. Underwood sustained a broken nose and scratches. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

In an accident early Tuesday north of Nyssa, Jerry Ray Robbins, 19, Nyssa, driving southbound, went off the road on the west side, sheered off a telephone pole, crossed to the east side, removed a hog wire fence and hit a large tree. The vehicle was a total wreck, state police reported. Robbins received a cut lip and other minor injuries. He said he fell asleep. He was cited for careless driving. Two of the intoxicant arrests were first time infractions under the new code. Thomas Maeder, 22, New Plymouth, was placed in custody on July 3. He appears today in Nyssa Justice Court.

Armando Evalle, 40, Ontario Labor camp, also appeared in Nyssa Justice Court. Benancio Hernandez Gonzales, 45, of the Nyssa Labor Camp was killed in an automobile accident in the Ontario area Tuesday evening.

Seed Growers Meet Tonight

Alfalfa seed growers are reminded of the research review meeting slated for Thursday, (tonight) July 8 at 8 p.m. in Oregon Trail Hall. On hand to discuss current research programs in alfalfa seed production will be researchers from Oregon State University and the University of Idaho.

He was taken to a Boise hospital where he succumbed. This was all the information available at press time Wednesday.

Town Crier

By Pat Savage

Summer has at last arrived I know it is hot and sticky, but I am soaking up every ray of sun and not complaining, because it will soon be winter again and those cold months seem to last a long time.

Speaking of being warm, why don't you try swimming in our municipal swimming pool? Since refinishing the pool, the water is nice and clean, and a really pretty blue, and yes, it is warm enough to be comfortable. Bring the whole family and spend a relaxing hour or so. Also the last session of swim lessons starts July 12, so get signed up and learn to swim.

I have heard several complaints lately about children running and riding bicycles in front of the fire truck when it is on its way to answer a fire call. Seems this happens more frequently on North Third Street. Parents caution your children about this. The life you save may be theirs.

Main Street looks bare this morning without all the flags flying in the breeze. Seems our Bicentennial efforts nation wide were successful. Don't forget to save your Bicentennial editions of the newspaper. You'll have a collector's item some day.

Things seem pretty quiet after the hectic holiday. Seems like it takes a day or so to recuperate.

The South Park seems a little empty each evening as Little League Baseball is finished. It was nice seeing the eager teams and the cheering supporters using the baseball facilities. The signs purchased by local merchants that line the back fence of the ball field adds a grown-up touch for these youngsters. I might add that not once did I see any litter flying around and the grounds were left in good condition. Parks are nice and should be used daily for lots of summer enjoyment. Many persons eat their lunch in the park and relax during the lunch hour. The shade feels so nice on these hot days.