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Malheur Memorial Requires Budget Vote

Malheur Memorial Hospital District's Budget Board has approved a budget for their upcoming fiscal year. They will ask the voters to approve \$203,845 outside the 6% limitation.

The hospital has been experiencing large deficits of recent years and has been unable to adequately maintain their building and equipment. The board adopted budget includes sufficient funds to continue operation, provide for recruitment of physicians, and begin a building and equipment improvement program.

According to hospital representatives, business has declined 45% in the last four years. The hospital will no longer be able to continue operating as a medical surgical hospital unless action is taken to reverse current trends of declining business.

This will be the first time that the hospital district has asked voters for additional funds since 1965. The amount outside the six percent limitation will be a one-time shot only, with taxes to be levied during fiscal year 1976-77.

Election date for the budget will be August 10. Anyone having questions regarding the budget or the facility's financial problems should contact Jim Mattes, hospital administrator.

Town Crier

By Pat Savage
There aren't many towns who can boast of having had a Mrs. Oregon, a Miss Oregon, a Mother of the Year and five Miss Malheur Counties in recent years. Aren't you glad we can say this is where it all happened? Mrs. Darwin Jensen was Mrs. Oregon a few years ago. Mrs. W. W. Foster was Mother of the Year in 1958; Pam Skeen, Shan Moss, Nancy Ross and Diane Haney were all Miss Malheur County. Nancy Jackson, from here of course, was Miss Rogue River and went on to become Miss Oregon. Peggy Moore, also from here, was Miss Utah. And now we have Shan Moss as the present Miss Oregon. Makes you feel pretty proud doesn't it?

Everyone is busy having garage sales and cleaning out drawers and closets. The perfect place to leave that jewelry, beads, earrings, stationary, hand lotion, perfume, handkerchiefs, etc., is at the Malheur Memorial Nursing Home. These are all used as Bingo gifts for the nursing home residents. They play Bingo each Thursday and really enjoy it. The prizes are much appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed.

Everything is quiet on the town front this week. Guess everyone is on vacation or getting ready to go on one. Mine starts July 31.

There is still some good old 'American Goodness' still kicking around our community. The male employees of the M&W Market went to the home of Mrs. George Patterson shortly after her husband's death and helped put the lawn in shape, as it had been torn up to put in new curbs. Sure nice to know you can depend on your friends and hometown thoroughness sure can't be beat.

Nyssa lost one of its best flag wavers this week. Bill Mayden was proud of his country, and proud to fly the flag. His best accomplishment was the Avenue of Flags going up to the Nyssa Cemetery. We will all miss Bill.



GEORGE AND HILDA AMSTUTZ are the new owners of The Merc in Adrian. They are from Placerville, California, where Mr. Amstutz was a general contractor for 27 years. They have kept The Merc well-stocked since buying it May 20 and are planning a grand opening August 6 and 7. They had visited this area for many years before buying the store. "We love this area," Mrs. Amstutz said. About running a retail store, Mr. Amstutz confided that "It has a lot fewer worries than the construction business."



NYSSA POLICEMAN STEVE ANDERSON practices his pistol shooting in the recent training course given to Nyssa police and police reserve. Police Sgt. Pancho Rios, the course instructor, stands by with earphones



on his head. The officers had to shoot at the target from distances of 25, 15, 10 and 7 1/2 yards. The target was a bit worse for the wear by the evening's end.

Nyssa Police Take Pistol Firing Course

Nyssa police and reserve police pumped hundreds of rounds into practice targets

near Cemetery Hill last week when they underwent a pistol training course "designed to familiarize an officer to fire without hesitating too much," explained instructor Pancho Rios, Nyssa police sergeant. Sgt. Rios detailed the four-stage test. Stage one, he said, consists of firing 18 rounds, double-action, at a target 25 yards away. The officer has to fire from kneeling, standing, then weak-hand positions.

The second stage required 12 rounds from 15 yards in 30 seconds. Stage three asked for ten rounds from ten yards in 25 seconds and the final stage required ten rounds from 7 1/2 yards in 20 seconds. The regular police need to qualify two times a year; police reserve qualify once a year.

Nyssa regular police also took part in a shot gun course, also taught by Sgt. Rios.

Rep. Ullman Will Visit County Next Week

Congressman Al Ullman will visit Malheur County and other parts of the 2nd District next week.

He will fly into Boise Thursday, July 29, and will hold a press conference at the Boise Airport at 4 p.m. He will make an irrigation return flow inspection near Ontario at 6 p.m., will attend a backyard barbecue at 6:30, and will have a public meeting and question and

answer session at TVCC starting at 7:30. (Call Dave Moffitt, 889-8169 for further details).

Friday, July 30, Ullman will visit Baker, Union and La Grande. Saturday he will attend a Shrine breakfast at Joseph, participate in a Chief Joseph Days parade, and at 11:30 a.m., the Congressman will be a participant in the dedication of Hells Canyon National Recreation Area at Hat Point.

Equalization Board Completes Duties

The Board of Equalization has completed its annual examination of the assessment roll, according to Malheur County Assessor, Oscar Bratton.

Bratton said that this year 30 property owners filed petitions on 56 real property accounts amounting to nearly 7 million dollars (\$6,984,243) of assessed value. The Board sustained the Assessor's values on 28 accounts. The other 28

accounts received an average value reduction of 2% of the original assessed value.

Bratton said that the Board of Equalization also ordered the reduction of Class IV & IV-, outlying irrigated ranch properties, part of 8 northern code areas. These reductions have not been computed as yet to determine the effect on the overall value.

Bratton explained that during the period of time the assessment roll is in the hands of the Board of Equalization, the Assessor cannot make any changes on the roll. Upon discovery by the office staff or being brought to our attention by the property owners, another 44 accounts were found to be in need of adjustment. "These accounts," Assessor Bratton said, "I personally petitioned the Board for permission to change, which was granted."

"I believe," Bratton said, "that this year's Board was exceptional in their understanding of values and assessment procedures."

Board of Equalization members this year are County Commissioner, Sam Hartley-chairman; Lawern King, Ontario farm businessman and County Budget Board member; and Don Oakes, Member-at-Large and wellknown Ironside rancher.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
July 14	89	55	
July 15	95	56	
July 16	101	58	
July 17	94	61	
July 18	80	64	.32
July 19	88	58	
July 20	95	58	
July 21	64	66	.06

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
7-21-76 567,050 Acre Feet
7-21-75 676,260 Acre Feet

All In Readiness For Thunderegg Days

Nyssa Thunderegg Days Chairman Emil Wohlcke told the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce that this year's celebration will be the biggest and best yet, with 72 tailgaters signed up for the rock show. 42 tailgaters was the largest number to appear at any year in the past.

Wohlcke talked to chamber members at their regular meeting Wednesday, saying that everything is in readiness for the big event which starts August 4. The Lions Club will again put on the barbecue Thursday evening, the Methodist Church will

hold their ice cream social Friday, and the Police Reserve will have a watermelon feed Saturday evening of that week.

The Nyssa Chamber voted to pay \$87.50 towards the cost of providing Shan Moss, Miss Oregon, with luggage for her trip to Atlantic City and her duties representing the State of Oregon throughout the year. The Ontario Chamber has agreed to match this amount, and the Nyssa Lions Club had previously pledged \$25 toward the luggage.

Onion Growers Vote On Marketing Order

Onion growers in Idaho and in Malheur County, Oregon will be voting July 30 - August 9 on an amendment to the federal marketing order regulating the handling of their crop, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has reported.

The amendment, based on evidence received at a public hearing April 14 in Parma, would add production research authority to the existing marketing research and development authority, and allow the onion committee to accept voluntary contributions for such projects.

Allan Henry, field representative with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) in Portland, said the amendment must be approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting—either by number or volume of production represented—to become effective. The amendment was proposed by the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee, which recommends to the Secretary of Agriculture regulations to apply under the marketing order.

Hiring Practices Discussed at Seminar

"Hiring Practices" was the subject discussed by Mika Huga, assistant personnel manager at Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., when she appeared as guest speaker Thursday morning, July 15, in the Malheur County Library conference room. The employment seminar was arranged jointly by the local welfare office Job Location/Placement Team and employment service WIN Team to help prepare ADC mother for employment.

Mrs. Huga gave a brief history of the business she represented and went on to

describe qualities which they seek when hiring employees. Developing good employment habits and establishing a stable work history were emphasized by the speaker. Mrs. Huga noted that a good work history is particularly valuable when one is being considered for rehire or transfer to another position. Specific examples of poor work habits were also discussed.

Also assisting with the job seminar were Betty Orr, from the Employment Services; Marilyn Miller, Childrens Services; Jennie Croner, and Marie Fong, Public Welfare.

"Welcome Home Shan" To Honor Nyssa's Miss Oregon

A "Welcome Home Shan," celebration will be held Friday evening, July 23 in honor of Miss Shan Moss, the reigning Miss Oregon and everyone is invited to participate.

Shan, who represented Malheur County at the recent pageant at Seaside, will arrive home Friday, for perhaps the only time she will have here prior to the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, N.J. this fall.

The parade will begin Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Sugar Bowl parking lot. It will continue down Main Street to South First Street and then to South Park where a potluck picnic will be served. Everyone is asked to bring enough chicken, a salad or a dessert for their family and their own table-service and perhaps lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. A contribution of \$1 per person will add to the fund to help Miss Oregon at the national pageant.

Anyone wishing to drive in the parade is urged to do so. All friends, organizations, merchants, young people, etc., are most welcome.

Miss Idaho, Renee Peterson, will be here to welcome the new Miss Oregon. Following the picnic the video tape of the Miss

Oregon Pageant will be shown at the Nyssa LDS Church.

The following donations given by Nyssa Merchants are: Wilson Bros. Department Store, negligee and gown; Brackens Dept. Store, gift certificate; Olympic, \$5; Brownies Cafe, dinner for two, plus \$5; Raggedy Ann's Pad, \$5; Knit Knacks, \$5; Gene Stunz, \$50; Tom Moore, \$5; Nyssa Mach. and Welding, \$10; Ideal Gas, \$50; Coast to Coast, \$5 gift certificate; Michaels Pharmacy, \$25 gift certificate; Gambles, \$5 gift certificate; Twilight Cafe, \$25; Waldo Ins., \$20; First Nat'l. Bank, \$100; Rieb's Foodland, \$15; Guy Sparks, \$10; Merc Dept. Store of Nyssa, \$20 gift certificate; Gate City Journal,

\$10; B&M Equip., 10-speed bicycle; U. S. Nat'l Bank, \$50; Nyssa Auto Parts, car accessories; Amalgamated Sugar Co.; Owyhee Truck and Imp., \$5; Beauty Nook, Charlie Body Silk; Baumans, Inc., \$20; Holcomb Const., \$10; Rays Food Fair, \$25; Eastman Ins., \$25; Steve Fonda, \$25; Anonymous, \$5; Nyssa Ins., \$25; Spic & Span Cleaners, \$10 worth of dry cleaning; Newhouse Chevrolet Inc., \$30; Dessert Seed, \$50; Fangen Floral, arm spray of one dozen red roses; Wilson Buick, \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fischer, \$10; Paulus Jewelry, W. O. and Betty Hipp, free form designer collector diamond ring. Other merchants or individuals not contacted but wishing to give a donation may call Mrs. Wilton Jackson phone 372-3188 or Mrs. Don Savage at Gate City Journal, phone 372-2233 or home phone 372-3760.

Shan's luggage will be provided by the Nyssa and Ontario chambers of Commerce, with help from the Nyssa Lions Club. Treasure Valley Motors of Ontario will provide a new Dodge car to be used by Shan in her official travel from this fall through her year as Miss Oregon.

NOTICE

All Nyssa High School band members are reminded that they will be marching in the parade to welcome home Shan Moss, Miss Oregon, Friday evening, Mr. Ralph Werner wishes the band to assemble at the Methodist Church at 6 p.m.

School Board Cuts \$100,000, Budget Election August 10

Nyssa voters will have a school budget levy outside the six percent limitation of \$140,467 to approve on August 10. The new figure is \$100,455 less than the budget which narrowly lost in late June by eleven votes.

Overall cuts totaled \$50,500. There was \$40,000 left over from this year's budget and the final \$10,000 came from savings in taxes because of the lower figure.

The School board adopted the lower figure unanimously at its Monday meeting. They accepted the recommendations made by School Superintendent W. L. McPartland and the Budget Board.

McPartland explained each cut. The budget carry over totals \$40,000, he said. One-half of that comes from not building the stalls to house buses they had previously planned. The other \$20,000 is savings from a higher percentage of taxes paid than was anticipated. McPartland said they "didn't know about it until July 1," the day after the 1975-76 fiscal year ended, when the County Treasurer made the final payment to the school district.

The \$50,500 in cuts basically comes from areas which "are being put off," McPartland said. "They will eventually have to be done," he explained.

Of these savings, the largest is \$12,000 deferred when the Board decided not to buy a new school bus this year.

The Board's decision grew out of its special meeting last week. It called on bus custodian Merledean Robbins to discuss the condition of the present buses.

Robbins showed them his records, which included a log kept on each bus. These logs listed all parts replaced and all work done. His records went back to 1966, although the past two years have not been quite as complete, owing to the extra workload he incurred after the fire, Robbins said.

After the questioning, the Board members went over to the bus garage, where they examined the buses, one by one. They had all said they wanted to assure themselves of the buses' safety. Later, Harvey Wilmont, budget board chairman, said he was impressed with the condition of the buses. He was also surprised the maintenance costs were so low.

He also told them about spot checks by the state and how they never had more than minor complaints. Mark Hartley then moved that the School District could go another year without a new

bus and not jeopardize the students' safety. His motion passed unanimously. The prior week, Hartley had been one of the first board members to question the omission of a bus purchase from the budget.

The Board also cut \$9,000 in salaries for teachers. The total represents two months of salary increase which do not take effect until September 1.

Furniture accounts for another \$5,500 in savings. McPartland said they are "not going to buy as much" furniture. The furniture which must be bought will be paid for from fire insurance money.

The Board saved money on its purchase of the Sherwood property. It will be paid for over a period of years rather than the full amount which was budgeted. Savings from that will be \$9,000 this year. At Monday's meeting, many Board members expressed their appreciation to Frank Sherwood for allowing the purchase to be made that way.

Another \$5,500 was saved because McPartland was able to pay for roofing out of the 1975-76 budget.

The last two savings came from cuts in the unemployment fund (\$4,853) and the contingency, or emergency, fund (cut from \$25,000 to \$20,000).

McPartland said that he and the Budget board "attempted to cut things that could be put off rather than cut anything that could seriously hurt a program. Most are deferred expenses."



LEE'S ALTERNATOR - STARTER SERVICE is a new business in Nyssa, located at First and Bower in the former Eder Hardware building. Leland and Margaret Jones are the proprietors of the new business, and Lee will be rebuilding and repairing alternators, generators and starters, and will also do service work on the vehicle. Mrs. Jones will be the bookkeeper.

Lee has been in the business for 20 years. The couple is from Hooper, Utah and has four sons. They are Allan 17, Bill 15, Bob 13 and Monty 11. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have friends in the Nyssa area, and feel that a business of this kind is needed. The boys are looking forward to attending the new schools, where they hope to be active in athletics and other activities.