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## Town Crier

By Pat Savage.

Spring is sprung?? The grass is riz-ing (hopefully). I wonder where the moisture is???

Our grand state celebrated its 118th birthday on Monday. Known as the Beaver state or web footed Oregonians for years on end, the beavers now will find their ponds mighty shallow this year, and the web foots may have to clip their toes, because it doesn't look like there will be much excess water in Oregon this year. Conservationists start screaming "Conserve, conserve." We that are not wasters by nature, will start conserving more than we do now, while the habitual wasters will continue their merry way. Some have it, and don't worry about losing it, while the rest of us make the sacrifices.

A modified Crash Injury Management course is being taught at Adrian by Alvin Allen, Nyssa Police Chief. This is a 40-hour abbreviated EMT course and those taking it include firemen, law enforcement officers, teachers, bus drivers, etc. The new course is funded through emergency medical services and is taught in Adrian in preparation for a new quick response unit that they are receiving through these same medical services. Eventually all law enforcement officers will be required to take this course. Sure glad to know that courses like these are available to the public. Knowledge obtained through these classes can truly be real life savers. Learn and help someone else to live. Hopefully a class will be taught in Nyssa real soon.

Fourteen young people are now certified hunters following the completion of the Hunter Safety Course (an Oregon Hunter Education Course) on February 8. Miland Draper was the certified instructor and The Nyssa Police Department sponsored the course. These youngsters now have a Certificate of Competency required by Oregon law before hunting wildlife. Congratulations kids and thanks to Mr. Draper, Alvin Allen and all who helped make this course possible. There is a need for more certified instructors in this field. How about it some of you sportsmen or women?

Don't forget the PTSA meeting Thursday, February 24, at the primary building multipurpose room at 7:30 p.m.



THE EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORSMEN presented their first conservation award to Harold Kurtz, Nyssa, recognizing him for his work with the youth in both hunter safety instruction and the 4-H shooters group. Lauren Wright, left, immediate past-president of the Outdoorsmen, presents Kurtz with the award. State records show that Kurtz has instructed 450 youngsters in the state-required hunter safety course since he began as a certified instructor in 1962. He has also been leader for the boys and girls as their 4-H club shooting instructor for many years. Kurtz was selected for this award by a committee for the Eastern Oregon Outdoorsmen, and according to Wayne Bowers, chairman of the committee, Kurtz had a wide lead over other possible contenders considered for the award.



THE NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM attracted a large number of students and adults Tuesday, including a busload of students from Vale. The symposium

included a large number of displays by Science and Biology students, guest speakers and student presentations.

## New Bank Officer at First National Bank

New banking officer at First National Bank of Oregon's Nyssa office will be Ontario resident June Debban, reported Manager George Craig. Mrs. Debban, also named assistant cashier, replaces William J. Worley who transfers to the bank's Burns office as banking officer. Mrs. Debban joined First National at Klamath Falls in 1971. She transferred to the Ontario office in 1973 and was named new accounts representative in 1975. She has been assigned to the

management development program since last September.

She was graduated from Weiser High School and later attended Treasure Valley Junior College.

Worley's career with the bank dates from 1970, when he was assigned to the installment loan division. He transferred to the bank's regional staff in 1973 and was named installment loan officer at the Klamath Falls office the following year. In 1975, he transferred to Nyssa as banking officer.



Bud Worley



June Debban

## Town Hall Meeting Tonight at Grange

Members of the Malheur County Court and other elected officials will discuss several issues pertinent to the Nyssa area at a Town Hall

meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 17 at the Oregon Trail Grange Hall.

Among issues to be discussed at the meeting are the in lieu of tax money (funds to be received by the county from the federal government) and election laws concerning the printing of ballots in Spanish. A status report on the Lytle Boulevard dump will also be given.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation, according to Harold Kurtz, grange master. This is the second in a series of public information programs sponsored by the Oregon Trail Grange.

## Sixth Graders To Shower

Nyssa sixth grade students will be required to shower during their physical education classes starting February 22.

School policy regarding the showers is:

Every student is expected to shower; Each student is to bring a change of clothing to keep in a locker; Recommended clothing should include: tee shirt, shorts or a pair of pants and a pair of socks; Boys are required to have a pair of under shorts, or an athletic supporter. All showers will be supervised by certified personnel.

## Taxi Service Provided For Senior Citizens

One of the many good ideas emitting from the Nyssa Citizen's Questionnaire was that of an organized Volunteer Taxi Service catering to the community's Senior Citizens.

Although this is a worthwhile service for the City to consider, it is a service that presently exists within Nyssa and the surrounding areas. Taxi services are provided through the Malheur Council on Aging office out of Ontario through staff members and volunteer work.

Malheur Council on Aging representative, Nancy Dunham, stated, however, that volunteers from Nyssa were very difficult to recruit and that the Council on Aging staff would welcome more help.

She continued by saying that all volunteers would be reimbursed for mileage and could contact her for further information at 889-7651.

## Idaho Power Calls For Conservation

Idaho Power Company, calling water conditions "serious," today urged customers to voluntarily reduce electric use by at least 10% to help prevent the possibility of mandatory rationing if the present drought continues.

President James E. Bruce, noting that Idaho Power is cutting its own use to "a minimum," said the request for conservation applies to commercial, industrial, irrigation and street lighting customers as well as homeowners.

An unusually wet spring and summer could ease the problem, he said, "but the risk is too high to wait."

He emphasized that the company's request for voluntary cutbacks is a "contingency measure" undertaken

## Nurse Applications Being Accepted

Prospective future nurses have only until March 1 to submit their application to Treasure Valley Community College. Those who would like to enroll in TVCC one-year LPN program should submit an application to the college and to the Practical Nursing Department, according to Connie McClun, department chairman.

The next session starts summer quarter. Those who meet the application deadline will be notified by May 1. A sizeable number of openings are still available. Those interested should contact the registrar's office for application forms or call either Dottie Shimmels or McClun at the college for more information.

## Nyssa Officials Talk Of Water Shortages

Water use for Nyssa may be adversely affected, City officials announced today, as an effect of Secretary of Interior Cecil Andrus' statement that power uses must be curtailed ten percent.

Ralph Lowe, City Water Superintendent said, "it amounts to 40,738,800 gallons of water if we pumped at last years rate. That's a lot less water than Nyssa's are used to."

City Manager Schneider pointed out that the loss of snowpack will seriously affect the water sheds. "This means that other irrigation water users will be drawing more heavily on rivers and streams."

He felt this will greatly reduce the amount of water available to our collector system, as this water is primarily river water which filters down through the river bottom.

## Idaho Power Calls For Conservation

In addition to "wise use of electricity" Idaho Power has been encouraging for many years.

The utility president said power suppliers throughout the Northwest are appealing to their customers for similar voluntary cutbacks in a regional approach to what is described as "one of the worst droughts in history."

"If the present drought continues with declining river flows, there is a substantial probability that water storage in reservoirs will not be refilled this winter," Bruce warned.

"This could mean an impairment of the ability to meet the electric needs of the region, including Idaho, in the months to come."

Bruce said the company's customers can make "significant savings" by adjusting their thermostats for space and water heating and air-conditioning.

"We recommend that heating thermostats be set back to 65 degrees during the day and to 58 degrees at night for the rest of this winter and air-conditioning thermostats be moved up to 78 degrees this summer."

## WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
Feb. 9	33	17
Feb. 10	35	20
Feb. 11	36	19
Feb. 12	36	19
Feb. 13	46	23
Feb. 14	50	29
Feb. 15	44	23
Feb. 16		22

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
2-14-77 495,210 Acre Feet  
2-14-76 634,560 Acre Feet

## School Board Sets Time Table For Selection of Superintendent

The Board of Directors of Nyssa School District No. 26 is sending out invitations to prospective applicants for the position of superintendent of the Nyssa schools. The vacancy results from the retirement of Superintendent W. L. McPartland on July 1, after 40 years in the Nyssa schools.

The board met in regular session Monday evening, with the selection of a new superintendent the main topic of the long meeting. A screening committee for applications was appointed, including Charles Schmidt, a former superintendent of the Salem schools, representing the Oregon School Boards Association; and Milt Baum, of the Oregon Board of Education.

Local members of the screening committee are Clarice Poor, Ruben Lopez, Harold Kurtz, Gary Thompson, Dick Tensen and Marie

Wilson. They will meet with the two state officials on March 19 to screen the applications, and to recommend five or six applicants to the school board.

The school board will interview the finalists on March 24 through March 27, and a final selection will be made on April 4. The initial contract will be for three years.

**Qualifications set**  
General qualifications set by the board require that the applicants must hold or be able to qualify for an Oregon Superintendent's certificate; and the applicants must have had successful administrative experience.

The school board is searching for a Superintendent with the following areas of competency:

Ability to communicate effectively with staff, school and community.

Ability to institute and maintain sound educational program planning.

Ability to institute and maintain personnel development program and evaluate staff performance.

Knowledge of school finance and fiscal accountability.

Sensitivity for inter-cultural relationships.

The school board is requesting that applicants must submit with their application form a letter of application, resume, their placement file, letters of reference, a 500-word statement on their educational philosophy and goals; and a brief statement outlining community and professional activities.

### School board election

The school board will have one member, Gerald Simantel, whose term expires on June 30. The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the four-year position is March 15, and they may be picked up in the Superintendent's office. Simantel has indicated that he plans to run for re-election.

## Gene Stunz Attends Education Meetings

Nyssa school board member Gene Stunz was among more than 370 from around the nation who met in Washington, D. C., February 6-9, to confer with their congressmen and administration leaders on education issues, and to discuss federal legislation affecting public education.

The occasion was the fourth annual conference of the Federal Relations Network, sponsored by the National School Boards Association. The Network consists of one school board member from each of the nation's 435 congressional districts. Stunz represented Oregon's 2nd Congressional District, and the Oregon delegates met with each of the four congressmen and two senators.

The conference participants focused their attention on the role of the school districts in elementary and secondary education, with

emphasis on keeping control in the local districts. Topics of interest were federal funding for education, excessive federal regulations, legislation affecting school employees, and the creation of a proposed U. S. Department of Education.

This last weekend, February 13-14, Stunz was in Portland at a meeting of the Oregon School Boards Association legislative committee. He is first vice president of the OSBA. The committee met with legislative leaders, including Sen. Jason Boe, president of the Senate; Rep. Blumenaur, chairman of the House Committee on Revenue and Finance; and Rep. Christ, chairman of the House Committee on Education. The OSBA and the Oregon Legislature are both concerned about what to do about school finance, which Stunz said is the principal subject to come before this session of the legislature.

## City Council Sets Budget Hearing

The Nyssa City Council received the report of expenditures proposed by the City Budget Committee last week, according to City Manager Henry Schneider.

Approximately \$21,100.00 are anticipated, and present law requires that a supplemental budget be approved so that the monies may be spent. Recessionary funds are anticipated over five quarters, four of which will fall in the City's regular budget year.

In view of the fact that all of the proposed amount may not be received, the Council recommended expenditures be prioritized so that the fund "cannot be over-expended."

Recommendations of priority was L.C.D.C. supplies as first priority, library roof repair payment as two, an unemployment reserve, three City Shop modification as fourth priority; cemetery work as fifth; hiring of street department laborer as sixth; library maintenance fund as seventh and City Hall maintenance as eighth priority.

The position of Swim Team Coach was recommended to be deleted.

These recommendations will be presented to the Budget Committee on February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at a Public Hearing.

## Elks Honor Local Students

Two Nyssa students, Sally Looney and Bill Tenson, were awarded \$25 scholarships in the annual Elks Club Scholarship Contest.

They were runners-up to Kelly Cable of Fruitland and Linda Blackwood, Payette, who were given \$150 scholarships and an opportunity to enter the district competition at Lakeview on February 19.

Other students winning \$25 scholarships were Brenda Tuttle and Kevin Schmid of New Plymouth; Mary Ann Moss and Richard Hume, Vale; Jill Inahara and Charles Oakes, Ontario; Ernest Castillo, Payette and Lori Limbaugh, Fruitland.



MUSIC ROOMS situated in the back part of the Auditorium are nearing completion. The band room, above, occupies one end of the building. A similar chorus room is on the other side, with offices, storage and practice

rooms in between. These rooms are expected to be in use near the end of February, with the auditorium to be ready by the end of March.