



THE MALHEUR COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS will head up the annual Cancer Crusade which is held during the month of April. Campaign packets were distributed this week by Gene Grasty (right), co-chairman with his wife Phyllis of the Malheur County Cancer Society, to (from left) Earl S. Blackaby, Paul V. Parker and Merle Cummings.

Blackaby and Parker have been named chairmen of the business crusade, and will chair the Ontario-Adrian drives. Cummings will head up the Vale business collection, and Dave Waldo (not pictured) is in charge of the drive at Nyssa. This is the third year in a row that the Realtors have taken on the business crusade.

The Circuit Writer

By Rev. Jim Monroe

"Beep!" went the airport metal detector for the third time. "Rats!" thought I, for the third time. As the friendly security guard asked me if there wasn't another piece of metal I was hiding, I allowed my mind to wander. It had been a long day.

An all-day budget meeting had ended just in time for us to get caught in the Portland rush-hour traffic. As we waited, four of us jammed in a Volkswagen hoping the freeway bridge wouldn't collapse under the weight, we began to speculate about missing our 5 o'clock flight to Boise. One of my fellow travelers ventured the observation that the airline we were to catch was never on time anyway, so why worry?

He was right. The airplane was late, and as we approached the gate, late ourselves, we began to feel relief. That lasted until the uncomfortable attendant checking us in told us the flight was already full, even if it hadn't landed yet. They had, he explained, oversold by four the number of tickets needed. "You should have been here earlier!" he said....we did all in our power to make him more uncomfortable.

"Beep!" went the airport metal detector, for the fourth time. It's little voice jerked me back into reality, just in time to assure the guard I wasn't hiding a gun or knife or something... my thoughts wandered again.

The ticket agent, after we missed our flight, sent us down to another airline, which happened to be on the other side of the airport. Arriving, hoping my companions wouldn't have a heart attack from our run, I found the same story. "We've oversold ours! I'll be darned if I'll get any of their's on..." explained the red-faced agent. We had a hunch who "their's" were. We were right and went back to the ticket counter, only to be told that another flight, on a third airline, was to leave (from the furthest gate possible) in five minutes, for Seattle.

Once in Seattle, we could catch a flight to Boise without difficulty. Hearing the news, we rushed through the terminal until we got to the security area. At that point, my companions continued rushing, while I heard the machine beep again, now for the fifth time.

My thoughts left the past and came back into the

present at the sound of that annoying blessing - the metal detector. "Well," said the guard, "I give up!"

"Don't do that!" I begged. "My flight is leaving in one minute, from gate 61."

"I'm not worried about that," she answered. "You'll never make it anyway...tell you what, hold your arms straight out from your side!" As I complied with her request, she pulled out an electric charcoal briquet starter. She "frisked" me with this thing to find, I suppose, that mysterious hidden weapon. I noticed a mother pulling her child back from me with a warning. Two older people walked by me, with one asking the other what she thought I'd smuggled. All the time, I kept glancing down the hallway, where the horizon met my gaze before the gate could.

"Well," she stated, "Your clean...Must be your magnetic personality! Ha! Ha!" "Humph!" I responded, and began my mad dash down to the gate. To my surprise, the plane had waited for me, delaying its departure over five minutes. As I later flew into Boise and drove home, I thought of all that had happened. It seemed

Deadline Extended For Beef Cook-Off

The entry deadline for the Oregon Beef Cook-Off, a state-wide recipe contest sponsored by the Oregon Beef Council and the Oregon CowBelles has been extended to April 16.

According to Mrs. Martha Jane Jacobs, State CowBelle President from Baker, an influx of entries have been received. Many are still coming in, prompting the sponsors to extend the original March 31 deadline.

The object of the cook-off is to show originality, nutritional value and versatility of beef, emphasize use of lower priced and less tender cuts and feature correct preparation techniques.

An original recipe using cut or ground beef cuts from the chuck, fresh brisket or round (including rump) may be entered in the contest by any Oregonian over 21 years of age, except those with professional food status. Total preparation time of the dish must not exceed four hours.

Six finalists will be selected to participate in the State Cook-Off held in Portland at the Lloyd Center on May 14. The state winner will receive a Beef Loin (approximately 40 lbs. of choice beef) plus an expense paid trip to Columbus, Ohio in September to compete nationally for \$1,750 in prize money.

Entries must be postmarked no later than April 16, 1977, and sent in recipe form to: BEEF COOK-OFF, c/o Oregon Beef Council, 400 S.W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97205.

ed as a dream. If it weren't for the fact I was three hours late, I would have sworn it was a dream. I wish it were.

Two thoughts come to mind, growing out of that experience. The first is an old saying, which again proved itself true, "When God closes a door, He opens a window." God, in other words, always gives us a second chance, no matter how hopeless it seems. The second thought? AMTRAK is coming in June!

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LESLIE LINEGAR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linegar, Nyssa, has been awarded the State Proficiency Certificate for progressing toward exceptional accomplishments his selected area. He is one of only 19 in the State of Oregon gaining this award.

His project consisted of a supervised occupational experience program for three years in which he has worked for Nyssa Co-op Supply, and now assumes major responsibilities there.

Leslie is a member of the Nyssa Chapter of FFA, and is now attending Treasure Valley Community College.

Idaho Power Asks For Conservation

Idaho Power Company reported Wednesday that a load analysis indicates conservation has not significantly reduced electric use since it asked customers for a voluntary curtailment in consumption because of the continuing drought.

President James E. Bruce, calling response to the request "disappointing," renewed the utility's appeal for a reduction of at least 10% by every customer to help refill Brownlee reservoir and prevent possible mandatory rationing this summer.

Idaho Power made its first request to customers in mid-

acre-feet of storage, or 96 million kilowatt-hours of generation.

Since the drought's severity first became apparent, Idaho Power has attempted to reduce generation at its hydro plants and make up the difference in available supplies by increasing the output of its Jim Bridger and Hailey thermal plants.

The Hailey plant, a combustion-turbine unit using oil or natural gas for fuel, last week was put into 24-hour operation after producing additional supplies on a part-time basis.

However, Bruce pointed out that power from the Hailey plant is more expensive than hydro generation because of the higher cost of its fuel.

Community Calendar

Friday, April 8 - Alcoholics Anonymous, Nyssa Methodist Church, N 3rd & Emission Avenue. For information, call 372-3318 or 372-2526.

Friendship Club, IOOF Hall, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 9 - United Methodist Rummage Sale, Church Basement, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Golden Age Rummage Sale, 113 Green Avenue, Nyssa, 1-5 p.m.

Monday, April 11 - Stardusters at home of Nora Graham, North 3rd., 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12 - Yellow Rose Rebekah Lodge #202, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13 - Nyssa Senior Citizens, Legion Hall, 116 Ehrgood Avenue, potluck, 10:30 a.m. Job's Daughters, Bethel #33, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

February, explaining that immediate energy savings would enable the company to store declining river flows in the reservoir for generation this summer when demands on its basically hydro system reach their peak.

Bruce said the analysis showed Idaho Power's average daily load, adjusted for weather and load growth for a "valid" comparison, was about 850,000 kilowatts both before and after the conservation request.

"This indicates that any conservation has not been adequate to offset load growth resulting from increases in new customers and in average use per customer," the company president declared.

He added, "Flows in the Snake River and the snow-pack are at the critical point and a substantial reduction in customer use is essential to help us complete the storage of water at Brownlee this spring."

Bruce said that despite the company's efforts to complete the storage, it has been forced to draw down the reservoir recently to help supply customer requirements.

On March 25, the reservoir was about 16 feet below its maximum elevation. This represents about 213,000

Permit Denied

By Lyn Dohner

Permit for an off-road vehicle race track in the Nu Acres area was denied Ron Pennington at a hearing of the planning and zoning commission in Payette County Courthouse, Monday.

Present, and voting for the permit, were Pennington and six of his friends. Thirty-five area farmers and landowners were there and took a stand against it. There was a show of hands to see who of the opposition lived within two miles of the site. None of the ones wanting the race track did, but most of the opposition lived within two or three miles of the track site.

Due to the fact that there were petitions with eighty-one signatures, plus a number of letters opposing, and because of the thirty-five persons in the courtroom from the area who, for many stated reasons did not want the race track in the area, the commissioners denied the permit.

Annual Pride Day Plans Being Made

Plans for the annual Pride Day-Earth Week observance in Malheur County were made this week by the Empire Builders, 4-H teenage service club. In addition, the group discussed the exchange with Colorado 4-Hers this summer. Oregon 4-Hers visited Colorado last year. The Coloradoans will be in Malheur County July 3 - 8.

Selection of a theme, "Oregon needs a helping hand, Keep it clean-and green" was first action on Pride Day plans with Empire Builders to provide speakers at various civic clubs, chambers of commerce and schools to enlist involvement of the entire area in the program.

Malheur County Judge Roy Hirai has signed a proclamation declaring April 18 - 23 as Pride Week to recognize the role and importance of natural and human resources in "building our tomorrow."

Goals are:
1. Recognize natural and human resources and their role in Oregon's tomorrow.
2. Develop an understanding of the opportunities available for citizen participation in Building Oregon's Tomorrow.

3. Understand the importance of conscientious and deliberate personal decision-making in matters that affect Oregon's Tomorrow.

4. Increase the understanding of public decision-making processes as they relate to Oregon's resource planning.

5. Focus attention on the management options available for dealing with current environmental issues, concerns, and conflicts.

The Empire Builders have spearheaded Pride Week activities for a number of

years and this year will be doing some special things to help the community and to draw attention to projects which need work.

The club has built signs which will be used by Mary Kay School in training youngsters in "survival." Stop signs, warnings, railroad crossings and the like are being readied and painted for the school. Some tools to teach manual dexterity are also being prepared by club members. Other 4-Hers are making puppets for use by the school.

Landscaping of an area in Ontario is being planned and some youngsters plan to be available to assist senior citizens and handicapped persons with spring yard clean-up work. Others will be "policing a piece" of their own particular area.

It is hoped that many adults will join the youngsters in this annual spring event which helps create a greater awareness for the beauty of the world.

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