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Town Crier

by Pat Savage.

Lots of busy, busy people this time of year, but I hope that all of you are planning on attending at least one night of the upcoming pageant, "What Is Nyssa?" This will be most interesting not only to all of us who have lived here for many years, but to all the newcomers to town as the history of our little town is unfolded many names, places, dates, etc., will be brought to the attention of the audience. This creation will involve numerous persons, students, adults, organizations, etc., lots of lighting, art work on the scenic backdrops, songs, costumes and many facets only available to us now that we have the auditorium and lighting and sound equipment necessary for productions like this. Hope everyone will make the effort to attend. I know there are many surprises in store for us all. Tickets will be distributed this week on Main Street by the Senior Citizens. You must have a ticket for the night you wish to attend. See you there!

A CPR Course (Cardiopulmonary, resuscitation) will begin May 9 at 7:30 p.m. This is under the supervision of Pancho Rios, police sgt., and is an eight-hour course, open to twelve people. So if you are interested, call Pancho at the City Hall or at home before May 9. It would be more than beneficial to our community if at least one person in every block, if not every home, could have this training.

As many of you know there was excessive damage done to farmers fields, syphon tubes, headgates, etc., extreme littering, and cheating on miles during the Walk-a-thon. For more information on this read Mrs. Ulrey's letter to the editor in this issue. Seems like doing something worthwhile for someone else just isn't some people's bag anymore. However, you can read about how bad everything and everybody is all the time and the good kids and things are usually omitted. I think all the kids and adults who walked and didn't do anything ornerly deserve a pat on the back. All kids aren't going to the devil and the world isn't going to fall apart with the younger generations as there are lots of kids with a lot on the ball just waiting their turn at the wheel so to speak. Anyway for those who walked if they turn their money in by April 29, they will be treated to a movie on Saturday, April 30. School busses will provide the transportation to Ontario. Upon returning to Nyssa to the South park, an awards party will be held and the prizes given. For further information on this, call Mrs. Barbara Ulrey, 372-2543.

Don't forget the Cystic Fibrosis Benefit Dance, Saturday night at the Oregon Trail Hall.

Named Marketing Manager For Pendleton Group

Jerry Myrick, Pendleton, has been named grain marketing manager for Pendleton Grain Growers. The appointment was effective April 1, according to general manager Don Cook. Myrick spent two years in PGG's machinery sales department prior to his appointment. Before joining the cooperative, he was an Oregon State police officer for eight and one-half years. He and his wife, Donna, have a daughter, Vicki. He is a member of the Pendleton Rotary, the Elks Lodge and the Pendleton Country Club. Mr. Myrick is the son of Mrs. Lucile Pace and the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Dick W. Tensen all of Nyssa and is a Nyssa High School graduate.

Steering Committee Meets

On Thursday night, April 21, the steering committee for the formation of the Malheur County Sub-Area Council of the Eastern Oregon Health Systems Agency (EOHSA) met at the school library.

This was an important meeting in that application was made to EOHSA for designation as a sub-area council. This Council's responsibility is to make recommendation on the health care for Malheur County as required by federal law PL93-641.

EOHSA is an organization to gather and analyze health data and prepare a Health Systems Plan which will contain a detailed statement of goals for improving the health of residents in Eastern Oregon by increasing the accessibility, acceptability, continuity, and quality of health services, while restraining costs. In addition it will develop an Annual Implementation Plan, setting forth specific yearly objectives for obtaining those goals and priorities.

The committee unanimously adopted the Malheur County Health Planning Council's By-laws after the insertion of several amendments.

A committee was appointed to select nominees for the council positions. There will be twenty-nine members on the council, 15 consumer representatives and 14 provider representatives. The term, Providers, refers to doctors, dentists, nurses, hospital administrators, health insurance agents and others providing health services.

Nyssa will be represented by four consumer and four provider representatives. These names will be put into nomination at a public meeting scheduled for May 16th in Vale. The final election of members will be in June.

AMTRAK's Pioneer Due In Nampa June 5

The inaugural run of the "Pioneer" -- AMTRAK's new passenger train which will begin serving Southern Idaho in June -- will include an overnight layover in Boise on Sunday, June 5, the office of Senator Frank Church announced today.

According to preliminary plans made available to Church, which are soon expected to be finalized, the Pioneer will begin its inaugural run in Seattle the morning of June 4, with a layover scheduled that night at LaGrande, Oregon.

The return of passenger service to Idaho -- which was suspended in 1970 -- culminates a six-year effort by Church to return passenger trains to the State. Church was the prime sponsor of the legislation which passed Congress in 1974 requiring AMTRAK to reinstate passenger trains to Southern Idaho.

In June 5th, the Pioneer will arrive in Nampa at 3:10 p.m. and will be there for at least 30 minutes. Nampa is the first Idaho stop on the west-to-east schedule.

The train will arrive in Boise by 4:40 p.m., and the train is expected to be open to the public until the evening.

On the morning of June 6th, the Pioneer will leave Boise at 7:00 a.m., and stops are scheduled during the day in Mountain Home (about 8:40 a.m.), Shoshone (about 10:40 a.m.) and Pocatello (about 1:15 p.m.).

The times are preliminary, and may be subject to change, depending upon local festivities planned to coincide with the inaugural run of the new passenger service.

Regular passenger service will begin on June 7th between Salt Lake City and Seattle. The Pioneer will connect in Utah with existing east-west AMTRAK trains.



NEW FFA OFFICERS FOR 1977-78, left to right, Pat Sims, Vice President; Roger Blaylock, Treasurer; Mike Wilmot, Reporter; Greg Thiel, President; Ralph Abe, Secretary; Kerrick Bauman, Sentinel.



RENAE SIMPSON receiving Chapter Star Farmer Award from John Messick of the First National Bank of Oregon, sponsor of the award.



KERRICK BAUMAN receiving Star Greenhand Award from John Messick. The award was sponsored by Oregon Concrete Company.

Oldemeyer Named Girls State Rep

Donna Oldemeyer was chosen to attend Oregon Girls' State June 12-17 by the Nyssa American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit 79.

Nancy Mecham was selected as an alternate. Cyndi Morrison and Michelle Samori were also finalists chosen by the faculty of Nyssa High School.

All four girls were the guests of the past presidents and auxiliary members at the home of Mrs. Rolland Laurance. After short speeches from the girls, refreshments were served by hostesses Francis Laurance, Merle Towne and Nora Graham. Following the meeting, voting took place by the members.

Leadership, character, honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness and community participation were considered in the selection.

Mrs. Don Graham has applied for acceptance of a second candidate even though no vacancies exist at present. In the event of a vacancy, both Donna and Nancy would have the opportunity to attend the annual event.

Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Oldemeyer and Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mecham.

The Women's Auxiliary wishes to thank the Nyssa Lions Club and men and women of the Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary for their generous offer to sponsor a second candidate.



GIRLS STATERS representing Nyssa High School are left, Nancy Mecham, Girls State alternate and Donna Oldemeyer who has been named as Girls State delegate by the members of the Nyssa American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

Adrian Honor Students

Forty-three honor students were named on the third quarter honor roll at Adrian High School. They are:

Seniors: Sandra Atagi, Lori Austin, Becky Brown, Marva Don Case, Judy Chaney, Clara Fujikawa, Juanita Gonzales, Pam Gray, Joey Ishida, Gloria Lorensen, Libby Miller, Denae Phelps, Denise Phelps, Louise Shenk, Regina Sillonis, Susan Stam, Lynn Witty

Juniors: Becky Carroll, Debra Fujikawa, Idalia Leos, Dirk Miller, Terri Okai, Patty Owens, Diana Pickrel, Jon Turner, Michele Wiggins, Laurie Witty, Debbie Orris

Sophomores: Kelly Allsop, Fred Deffer, Lanny Fujishin, David Heppner, Ross Kirtley, Mary Jo Linville, Judy Lovitt, Valerie Martin, Cathy Okano, Donna Reynolds

Freshmen: Dorie Beckstead, Tami Cameron, Karen Fujikawa, Alice Hori, Eddie Nelson

Adrian FHA Elects New Officers

Adrian High School elected new F.H.A. officers on April 18, for 1977-78. The newly elected officers are:

President: Laurie Witty; **Vice President:** Debbie Fujikawa; **Secretary:** Terri Okai; **Reporter:** Mary Jo Linville; **Point Keeper:** Michele Wiggins; **Historian:** Cathy Okano

Nyssa High School Lists Honor Students

No Excessive Force In State Schools Despite Court Ruling

The U.S. Supreme Court decision on corporal punishment will not give Oregon schools a license to use excessive force, State School Superintendent Verne A. Duncan said today.

In a 5 to 4 decision Tuesday, the court said school children have no legal recourse when spanked or paddled by teachers and school administrators, even when the punishment is proven to be excessive.

"Oregon school districts which choose to allow physical discipline must have written procedures and controls which provide reasonable protection for students, parents and school personnel," Duncan said.

And even if Oregon law did not offer this protection, parents could still file charges in criminal court if they felt the punishment had been abusive," Duncan added.

The State Board of Education in January revised its student conduct policy to require written procedures covering physical discipline.

The board considered a revision which would exempt a child from spanking if his parent submitted a written request to the school principal, but it rejected the change because it felt that decision should be made at the local level and a state law would invite court tests.

Duncan said he will suggest that districts allow such exemptions when he issues guidelines on the rules.

He added that the court's split decision reflects Oregon's attitude. "Most Oregonians are either strongly for or strongly against corporal punishment."

WINS BIKE

Reymundo Isacheta of Nyssa was the winner of a new bike given away by the Les Schwab Tire Company in Nyssa, on Saturday, April 23.

35th Annual FFA Awards Banquet

The Nyssa Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held their 35th Annual Awards Banquet Friday night in the Nyssa school cafeteria. Dinner was served by the Nyssa Future Homemakers of America.

Renae Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Simpson, received the Star Farmer Award for her work in beef production. She started her project three years ago with one cow and one heifer calf and the all-time high of her project consisted of 27 head of cattle. Renae is the first girl in the Nyssa Chapter to receive the Star Chapter Farmer award. Her mother, Bette Simpson, was made an honorary member of the Nyssa Chapter for her support and assistance. Also chosen as honorary members were Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell.

Kerrick Bauman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bauman, received the Star Greenhand award. His project consisted of working for Bauman, Inc. He had one of the top first year record books and was tied with Scott Kesler over all other boys from other

competing schools in the District Soil Judging contest.

Two new awards were introduced this year for project record keeping. The Advanced Student award went to Renae Simpson, and Mike Wilmot received the First Year Student award. The awards, in the form of rotating plaques, will be engraved with the recipients' names and will be permanently displayed at the school.

The Chapter Scholarship award was presented to Tim Mecham who maintained a 3.53 grade average. Neal Linegar was presented the Chapter Leadership Pin.

Other awards presented were: Public Speaking, Greg Thiel; Sheep Production, Charles Sims; Dairy Production, Roger Blaylock; Beef Production, Renae Simpson; Swine Production, Ken Mosley; Crop Production, Pat Sims; Home Farm Improvement, Charles Sims; Agricultural Sales and/or Service, Kerrick Bauman; Placement in Agricultural Production, Ralph Abe. Barbara Holmes was honored as the first girl FFA graduate.

Journalism Students to Cover Nyssa Area

On Friday don't be surprised if you see a number of young reporters and photographers beating the bushes for a story. No, the Journal hasn't enlarged its staff. What you will be seeing is a group of 30 journalism students from Oregon State University of Corvallis. This group, headed up by Ron Lovell, James Folts and Fred Zwahlen, will arrive in Nyssa on Thursday night.

They are sponsored by the Readers Digest Foundation, and will be given approximately 15 story leads about the local area. They will put

their stories into the form of a publication about Nyssa and the local area. This publication will then be donated to local business people.

Dale Schraufnagel, high school Journalism teacher, has been the groups' contact here in Nyssa. He has made arrangements for lodging and has been instrumental in putting together a list of possible news stories.

So don't be surprised if someone with a camera and pad approaches you on Friday and starts firing questions and snapping pictures.

81% of Districts Win Levy Approvals

Oregonians Tuesday approved 191 of 236 school district levies and 4 of 7 community college levies, State School Superintendent Verne A. Duncan said today.

"The 81 percent success rate of the districts is 11 percent above last year's big round of levy votes and the best record since 1972," Duncan said.

"I'm pleased with the public school results," he added. "They indicate Oregonians are sticking behind their schools."

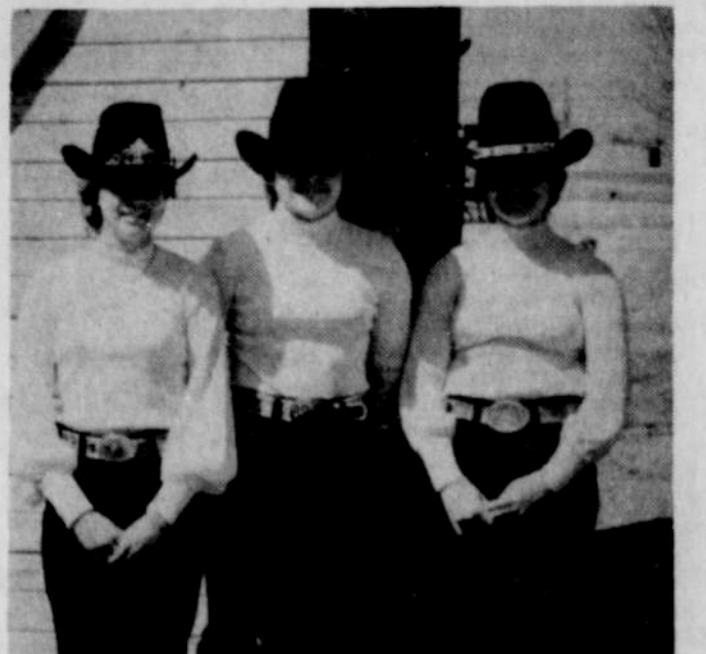
"But we're not out of the woods yet," he said. About 125 of Oregon's 334 districts still need levy approval to operate next year. They include North Bend, Eagle

Point and South Lane, which closed last year after levy failures.

Most districts which held levy votes Tuesday set the levy figures before the legislature increased basic school support. "At least three-fourths of the successful districts will reduce their property tax levy when they certify it with their county assessor," Duncan said.

Community college winners were Blue Mountain, Central Oregon, Chemeketa and Umpqua. Losers were Clackamas, Clatsop and Mt. Hood.

The next levy election date is May 24, one week after the "safety net" election.



THE ROYAL COURT FOR THE NYSSA NIGHT RODEO is from left, Sharee Kunz, 16, queen; Hilda Mordhorst, 15, princess; and Donita Shaw, 16, princess. All three girls are from Ontario and were chosen at Rodeo Queen tryouts in Nyssa, April 2. The queen was crowned at a coronation dance Saturday evening and the proceeds of \$300 from the dance and cake auction was presented to Queen Sharee and her princesses.

Other entries were Shelley Crimin, Julie Mansfield, Karen Danielson, Kathy Rothchild, Teresa Leathers and Sue Ronney, all of Ontario.

The Nyssa Night Rodeo is slated for June 17-18.