

NYSSA GATE CITY JOURNAL

71st Year 27th Issue The Sugar City Thursday, July 7, 1977 Thunderegg Capital 15¢ per Copy

Class Reunion

Another class reunion for classes 1929-1930-1931-1932-1933 is dated for July 15-16-17. Spouses are invited too. The registration cost will be \$7.50 per person. This will cover the cost of the banquet at the Eastside in Ontario on Saturday night, a picnic catered in the South Park on Sunday and incidentals. Registrations must be received by July 9. Contact Betty Tensen-Rinehart 372-2415.

This time we want everyone to be free to invite and include others who would wish to come because they are special friends, near classmates or relatives. We ask that they also register with us by July 9 and enclose \$7.50 registration fee.

Please check in at the South Park in Nyssa if you arrive on Friday. There will be friends there to welcome you from 3:00 to 8:00. If you arrive on Saturday, check in during the social time at the Eastside in Ontario, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The banquet will follow at 8:00 p.m. During the day-look some of us up who live here. You have all the addresses! If you know a missing address or any correction needed please write Betty Rinehart, Box 2754, Nyssa, Oregon 97913.

The picnic on Sunday will begin at 1:00 p.m. We will welcome anyone to join us there at 2:00 p.m. - parents, relatives, friends and other Nyssa students.

We welcome you in great anticipation!

Woodcutting Restricted

Woodcutting restrictions go into effect July 1, 1977, due to continuing dry weather and increasing fire danger. Restrictions apply to all woodcutting on the Unity Ranger District, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, (firewood, poles, posts).

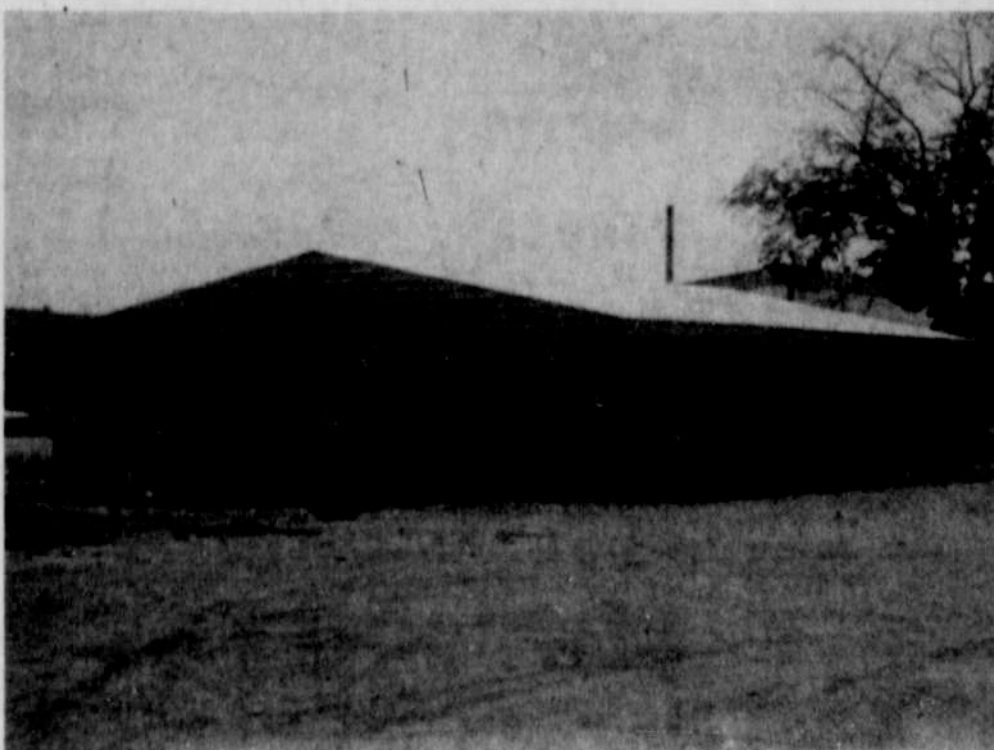
Except for the following four areas, all woodcutting is prohibited on the Unity Ranger District from July 1, 1977, to November 1, 1977.

The four areas which will remain open are: (1) Tipton Area for firewood and poles, (2) Webb Gulch Area for firewood and poles, (3) Rail Gulch Area for firewood, (4) Sisters Creek Area for firewood.

Complete descriptions of these four areas are available at the Unity Ranger Station, Unity, Oregon.

Existing permits in these areas are not affected. All other permits will be cancelled July 1, 1977, and new permits issued for one of the permitted areas.

According to Unity District Ranger, Ed Allen, there have been several fires already this season on the District. All were lightning caused and all were put out while still small; however, the woods are becoming drier each day and all forest users are cautioned to be extremely careful with fire.



IN CASE YOU'RE WONDERING what Pacific Depot is, it's a mini storage being constructed by Dick Sappe.

Ground Broken for Extension Office

Although the contract has not been signed, the ground-breaking ceremony for the New Extension Office took place at 11 a.m. Friday.

The new facility scheduled to be constructed on the TVCC Campus, directly behind the Kountry Kitchen Restaurant, will be 34' x 98 feet. It will contain ample office space for the extension staff plus have a 32 x 28 foot meeting room that will be

Straub Announces Appointments

Governor Bob Straub today announced the appointment of Lester Anderson, Eugene, and the reappointment of Edward C. Harms, Jr., Springfield, and Louis B. Perry, Portland, to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

The four-year terms are effective July 1, 1977.

Anderson, 55, succeeds Loran "Stub" Stewart, Eugene, whose term will expire.

Anderson served as Mayor of the City of Eugene from 1969 until his retirement from office earlier this year. He is currently president of Random Lengths, a forest products market reporting service.

A Eugene City Councilman from 1965 to 1969, Anderson is a former president of the League of Oregon Cities and a past member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities.

A graduate of the University of Oregon, Anderson and his wife, Terry, reside at 2110 Hubbard Lane, Eugene.

Harms, 52, is a Springfield attorney. He was elected mayor of the City of Springfield in 1952 and was re-elected in 1956. Former president of the League of Oregon Cities and a graduate of the University of Oregon, Harms and his wife Patricia reside at 845 Willacade Court, Springfield.

Perry, 59, is president of Standard Insurance Co. in Portland, a position he has held since 1972. Perry served as president of Whitman College from 1959 to 1967 and was a professor of Economics at Pomona College from 1947 to 1959.

A graduate of UCLA, Perry and his wife Genevieve reside at 1238 S. W. Davenport, Portland.

Two Make OSU Honor Roll

Those making the scholastic honor roll spring term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 566 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 1398 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the honor listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work. Nyssa students on the honor roll were: Barbara Bosselman, straight A average and Sylvia L. Clark with a B-plus average.

available to the general public.

Ray Novotny, County Agent stated that by locating the Extension Office in Ontario, it would save approximately 25,000 miles of travel each year for the extension staff alone.

Ray Kenny, Ontario Contractor is the low bidder of the new facility with a bid of \$123,000

Idaho Power to Charge Campers

Idaho Power Company announced Wednesday that campers will be charged for use of its four major parks in the Hells Canyon hydro development starting July 15 because of rising costs of operating the popular recreation areas.

Environmental specialist C. W. Ryan said fees for recreation vehicles will range from \$2 to \$4 per day, depending on the park and type of services, including electricity, water and sewage disposal, used by campers.

Park users also will be asked to limit their stay to ten days.

"We regret that it has become necessary for the company to charge fees after 18 years of providing the public with free recreation facilities since the first of the areas was opened at Woodhead Park on Brownlee reservoir," Ryan said.

"However, steadily rising labor and material costs have increased our park operating expenses just as they have increased the cost of everything else and Idaho Power's only alternative is to charge fees in an attempt to recover at least part of its costs."

Ryan said Idaho Power is "among the last park operators in the Northwest to be forced into charging for recreation services."

He listed the daily fees for recreation vehicle spaces as follows: Woodhead Park, \$2; McCormick Park and Hells Canyon Park, both \$3; and Copperfield Park, levels 1 and 2, \$4, and level 3, \$3.

Ryan said an Idaho Power park attendant will collect the fees from campers daily at their spaces.

In addition to recreation vehicle spaces, all of the Idaho Power parks provide restrooms, drinking water and boat ramps. Hells Canyon Park's water supply was exhausted late last month when its spring dried up because of the drought and has not yet been restored.

Other company-provided facilities, which vary from park to park, include showers, fireplaces, docks and picnic tables, some with electric outlets.



SWIM-A-THON CHAMPS. Pictured above Chris raised the most money in a are Julie Sarazin and Chris Fonda holding Swim-A-Thon to raise funds for the Nyssa checks in the amount of \$10.00. Julie and Swim Team.

Homemakers Benefit from New Tax Law

Certain homemakers may, for the first time, participate in retirement savings programs that provide tax benefits.

The tax break for homemakers stems from a new law that permits wage earners to put away retirement money for themselves and their unemployed spouses in individual retirement savings programs. Ralph B. Short, District Director, Portland, Oregon, IRS, explained that employed taxpayers and their spouses must be under age 70½, and must not have participated in a qualified plan, annuity plan, bond purchase plan, governmental plan, or tax-sheltered annuity during the year, in order to be eligible.

Employed taxpayers who establish a program for themselves and their spouses

may contribute a total of 15 percent of their compensation, to a maximum of \$1,750. The contributions, however, must be equally divided between each account. Short cautioned.

A major tax advantage of the individual retirement savings program is that no tax is due on contributions or interest or other income earned by the contributions until money is withdrawn. Because this is a retirement program, withdrawals usually cannot begin until the individual is 59½ or older. At that time, the individual probably would be in a lower tax bracket than during the wage earning years, Short pointed out.

Details on setting up a program are available free from the IRS Publication 590, "Tax Information on Individual Retirement Savings Programs". This is available in all local IRS offices.

Hatfield Cools OSHA

Senator Mark Hatfield called a Senate vote Wednesday evening requiring consultation with employers prior to issuance of Occupational Safety and Health Administration complaints "a good dose of cold water on arrogant OSHA bureaucrats." In a late evening session, the Senate adopted an amendment offered by Senator Bob Dole requiring consultation with employers after OSHA inspectors found violations.

An employer then would be given a reasonable opportunity to comply with the requirement, and could be fined by the safety agency only if the needed changes were not made. The amendment passed 61 to 27. "We are not changing any safety requirements that might increase worker hazards," Hatfield explained.

"We only sent a message in large red letters to the OSHA bureaucrats. Our message is clear: the Senate and the public are fed up with the insensitive arrogance of some bureaucrats, and we want it stopped."

The language was added to a HEW money bill that the Senate passed later Wednesday evening. The bill now goes to a Conference to reconcile differences with the House, which had adopted different OSHA language.

Division Changes Name

Beginning Friday, July 1, 1977 the Public Welfare Division will assume a new name. The Division will officially become the Adult and Family Services Division. It is to be emphasized that there is no change in the services provided. The Food Stamp Program, Title XIX Medical Assistance (Medicaid), Cash Assistance and Adult Social Services will continue to be processed through the office in Ontario.

So to those of you who need to call or contact the welfare office, please don't hang up when the receptionist says, "Adult and Family Services." The new name is the only difference.

The new name for Public Welfare Division is included in several Department of Human Resources changes included in Senate Bill No. 8, which was recently passed by the current Legislature.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
June 30	89	57	
July 1	92	61	
July 2	83	61	
July 3	80	58	
July 4	76	54	.10
July 5	78	44	
July 6		45	
Owyhee Reservoir Storage	7.6-66	356,230	Acre Feet
	7.6-76	611,390	Acre Feet

NYSSA WATER USE

This chart is a daily pumping record from Wednesday 0900 A.M. through Tuesday 0900 A.M. of each week. According to the national average, Nyssa residents should use 425,100 gallons per day.

Date	Gallons Used	Pumping Hours	Per Capita	Temp.
Wednesday	1,734,000	23	612	89
Thursday	1,847,000	23	652	85
Friday	1,888,000	24	666	92
Saturday	1,662,000	22	586	87
Sunday	1,786,000	23	630	92
Monday	1,723,000	22	608	90
Tuesday	1,567,000	17	553	78

Date July 5, 1977
Population 2,834

Increased Social Security Earning Limitations

Senator Frank Church introduced legislation today to increase the Social Security earnings limitation from \$3,000 to \$3,600 for persons under age 72.

Church, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Aging, said, "Ideally speaking, I would prefer to eliminate the earnings ceiling completely. Unfortunately, this is not legislatively feasible at this time because of cost considerations and the overriding need to strengthen the financing of Social Security."

Social Security beneficiaries under age 72 may now earn up to \$3,000 a year before their benefits are reduced.

Individuals earning more than \$3,000 have \$1 in benefits withheld for each \$2 of wages above the existing ceiling.

Persons 72 or older are not subject to the earnings limitation.

"My proposal," Church said, "offers a much more realistic prospect of helping Social Security beneficiaries

penalized by the existing retirement test than measures to provide a higher exempt earnings ceiling or to eliminate it entirely."

Church pointed out that more elderly persons are finding it increasingly difficult to retire because of inflation.

The Idaho lawmaker said, "I strongly believe that our nation should remove employment barriers for older Americans. Our policies should encourage—not discourage—those who want or need to work."

"Most elderly persons have lived vigorous lives during their working years. They should continue to be active participants in their communities."

Approximately 2.9 million older Americans are employed, about one out of every eight persons aged 65 or older.

Church stressed that the existing earnings limitation is a major employment barrier for those who want or need to work.



MIRIAM KUNKEL, Miss Malheur County, is ironing a pair of pants, getting ready for her trip to Seaside.



MIRIAM KUNKEL relaxing with a glass of tea before her trip to the Miss Oregon Pageant.

Kunkels Keep County Crown in the Family

Miss Malheur County - Miriam Kunkel of Nyssa, left Monday, July 4 for Seaside, with her chaperone, Mrs. Paul Thornfield, of Ontario. Miriam will be competing for the title Miss Oregon, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kunkel of Nyssa.

Tuesday Miriam checked in at the convention center where her big week began. Each day Miriam will begin her activities at 10 a.m. and with something happening all the time, until 10 p.m. The pageant will be July 7, 8, and 9 in the evenings.

Kathy Kunkel also of Nyssa, Miss Malheur County for 1978 will also be traveling to Seaside to observe the Miss Oregon Pageant for next year.

Miriam Kunkel, a 1974 graduate of Nyssa High School who graduated in a three year period, as an Oregon Scholar and in the top ten, will be a senior this fall

at the College of Idaho. There she is majoring in economics and finance. Miss Kunkel also went to Germany during the summer of 1973 with the Youth of Understanding program.

Miss Kunkel plays the oboe in the college orchestra and sometimes plays the organ at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Nyssa. Her hobbies include swimming, playing the piano, sewing for her sister, Kathy, playing soccer, snow skiing, bike riding, golfing, belly dancing and ballet.

"Family" is Miriam's favorite TV program because "it's like a soap opera only faster moving." Chinese food rates high on Miriam's list, next to the color of red anyway, since all of Miriam's clothes for the pageant are red.

Every Friday, Miriam can be found outside, 605 Ennis Avenue, mowing the lawn.