

# NYSSA GATE CITY JOURNAL

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## Town Crier

By Pat Savage

One of the joys of living in this small community is knowing so many people by their first names and by getting acquainted and involved over the years one knows there are many people who care about others. One of these persons is Grover Lytle. Grover wrote me a letter last week with a request, as usual not for himself, but for some kids, who I'm not sure he even knows all their names. As many of you know Grover is now up in years and unable to get around, but he does enjoy sitting in the yard. Anyway he wanted to put a classified ad in the paper asking for some wire and poles to make a backstop for these boys to play baseball in the lot across the street from his home. He wants this backstop to prevent one of these boys from being hit by a car. Part of his letter read like this: "I sit in my old chair out on the lawn and enjoy seeing the kids play ball across the street. I hold my breath every time the catcher misses the ball and it rolls put into the street and one of the boys run after it. There is a lot of traffic at the junction of North Third Street and Green Avenue. I have mentioned this to some people and they have said, "Oh, let the parents take care of it." Being the concerned gentleman that he is, Grover decided that something had to be done. He advertised, and by end of this week he had an answer to his problem. The City Recreation Committee had an old back-

stop donated to them from John Messick and the City will repair and place the backstop on the lot by next spring. Just to let you know that others in that same area are concerned for the neighborhood children there, Paul Penrod, of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, (owners of the lot on which the ball games are held) keeps the weeds mowed and litter picked up so the ballgame can be played. Concerned citizens have become a rare breed, as becoming involved is not the thing most people do today, but let's hope that the Grover Lytles' are always around keeping their eyes on the kids across the street.

The Thunderegg Days were apparently successful from the number of people and vehicles in our town last weekend. Not knocking anyone in particular, though perhaps not understanding either, but why build a beautiful building like McPartland Hall which will or can be in use all year round without air conditioning???

Two issues ago there was a picture of residents at Malheur Memorial Nursing Home sitting around a patio table with benches in the yard of the home. It was written that this table was donated by the Hospital Auxiliary, but it was actually purchased with money given by friends and interested persons to the home at Christmas time. The kit was assembled by Ralph Lawrence and Dick Tensen so it could be in use this summer. More people who care, nice isn't it?

Not being a water sports buff is no excuse for the error I made two or three times on the front page last week when I mentioned the River Runner canoe as a Road Runner canoe. Really I do know the difference between a river and a road and can offer no excuse for the error. My deepest apologies to the builders of the River Runners.

## Republican Leader to Visit Area

Listening and meeting people is the way House Republican Leader Roger Martin describes his upcoming visit to the Ontario area on August 15.

Martin, 42, strongly hints that he will be a candidate for Governor in 1978. Ontario will be one stop on his 17 town tour of Eastern and Southern Oregon as he "tests the water" for his gubernatorial bid.

The Lake Oswego Representative will meet with local Republicans and others in the community.

"Too many potential candidates don't take time to listen to people in all parts of Oregon," Martin said. "I want to find out first-hand about their concerns and needs."

According to Martin, those concerns and needs must be translated into practical, problem solving approaches.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing more government by symbolism than government by realistic solution," said Martin.

The six-term legislator has long been a strong voice for efficient, responsible government. He says, "Government should only do for people what they can't do for themselves." But he adds that today "Government is more often a burden than a helpmate."



Martin notes that state spending has increased fourfold since 1973 and asks, "How many Oregonians can say they are getting four times more benefit from state government than they were four years ago?"

He contends that when the Governor termed his most recent budget as "hold-the-line," he was misleading the people. "Taxpayers won't be able to stand many more 'hold-the-line' budgets that increase 43 percent," said Martin.

Martin is a native Oregonian whose grandfather settled near Lake Oswego in 1904. He graduated from the University of Oregon and served two years in the Army. He now is vice-president of Martin Electric, a small electrical supply firm.

The House Republican Leader was elected to that post for the second time this legislative session. In addition he is Secretary of the Energy Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

A strong conservationist, Martin was one of 18 recipients of the American Motors Corporation Conservation Award. He also is a former member of the National Advisory Board to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries.

Martin and his wife, Janet, have three children.

**NOTICE**  
The Disabled American Veterans will be holding a For-get-me-not drive Aug. 15 to Aug. 20. (Will be in Nyssa, Monday, August 15) This drive will be County Wide. We are in need of money to help The Veterans in the V.A. Hospitals. This year we will be wearing paper For-Get-Me-Not caps.  
Walter Mundt, Adjutant  
Treasurer, D-day Chapter 18 D.A.V.



TAILGATING BECOMES a family affair as is shown by the owners of the Nugget Lapidary Shop of Spokane, Washington. The many unique rock displays was of interest

to both older viewers and the infant set. Mrs. Michael Oliver and young son Owen, newcomers to Nyssa from Winfield, Kansas, found the Thunderegg Days a new and fascinating experience.

## City Water Conservation Program Working

During the month of July, the City of Nyssa pumped a total of 54,016,000 million gallons of water while last July, 62,735,000 gallons were used.

Water conservation to date since City Council directed alternate-day sprinkling is

shown as follows:

	1977	1976
May	26,241,000	42,695,000
June	49,371,000	55,335,000
July	54,016,000	62,735,000
To	129,628,000	160,765,000

During the three months of water restriction, the City has pumped 31,137,000 gallons less than last year.

Pumping hours also show a

drastic decrease.

	1977	1976
May	630 hrs.	1010 hrs.
June	1,368 hrs.	1722 hrs.
July	1350 hrs.	2463 hrs.

In spite of an electric rate increase, the City saved \$268.60 in pumping charges since the restrictions began on May 2, 1977.

## Dr. Ross Attends Summer Seminar

Dr. Bert Ross of Treasure Valley Animal Hospital, Nyssa attended the summer meeting of the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association at McCall, Idaho, August 4-6. The Association presented seminars by three very outstanding speakers.

Dr. Alan Parker, Professor of Neurology at the University of Illinois spoke to the group on neurological, brain, spinal cord and nervous system disorders. He has authored over seventy publications and is an international speaker. Dr. Parker is an active clinical consultant at the Berwyn Veterinary Associates Hospital in Chicago and to International Bio-Test as a researcher. He is now Consulting Veterinary Editor to Canine and Feline Practice Journals.

Dr. Kenneth Keahey, Director of the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Michigan State University, discussed a general theme of pathological diagnosis of cattle diseases of importance in Idaho. In addition to being author and co-author of over twenty publications, Dr. Keahey has served as chairman of the North Central Conference of the Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians, president of the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians and consultant for Emergency Programs to USDA-APHIS.

Dr. David Olson, Associate Professor, Associate

Veterinary Pathologist and Extension Veterinary in the Department of Veterinary Science at the University of Idaho spoke on swine diseases and herd health programs.

Dr. Ross is a member of the Executive Board of the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association and is chairman of the professional relations committee of that organization.

## Tournament to Begin Aug. 16

The City of Nyssa will conduct its annual open Horseshoe Tournament in Lion's Park beginning on August 16, at 7 p.m.

Registration for the League will start at once with entries accepted until 12 noon on August 13.

Anyone who is 18 years or older is welcome to enter. A two-dollar fee must be paid at time of registration at City Hall along with the name, address and telephone number of contestant.

League play will be conducted on August 16, 18, 23 and 25 with trophies being awarded for top contenders.

The City Tournament play will be September 6, 8, 13 and 15, with larger trophies awarded to the top three positions.

All League players will be entered into the Tournament with no additional fee.

## WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Aug. 3	102	65	
Aug. 4	96	65	
Aug. 5	93	64	
Aug. 6	88	62	
Aug. 7	84	61	.02
Aug. 8	89	59	.04
Aug. 9	92	55	
Aug. 10		55	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
8-10-77 262,650 Acre Feet  
8-10-76 521,190 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	1,747,000	23	616	105
Thursday	1,776,000	23	627	98
Friday	1,827,000	24	645	98
Saturday	1,792,000	23	632	89
Sunday	1,898,000	24	670	86
Monday	1,878,000	24	663	93
Tuesday	1,602,000	22	565	92

Date August 9, 1977  
Population 2,834

## Thunderegg Days

By Kathy Daudt

Again Thunderegg Days are over, and time again to start planning for next year. Emil Wohlske, chairman of Thunderegg Days reported "This was the biggest and best show ever and that next year they are going to build the buying part instead of the selling part as in previous years."

If you Nyssan's wanted to know how many tailgaters it would take to fill the elementary and high school lawns, your answer would be 117. But remember there were 12 dealers inside McPartland Hall also. If you remember not finding a parking spot when you wanted to go see the show, I'll tell you why, there were 7,000 viewers to see the show during the five days.

Well Nyssa's Thunderegg Days must have something to offer since people from 36 states, 5 Canadian provinces and six countries attended. Also remember going by the South Park and seeing campers, and trailers and tents and what ever? there were 60 units parked there.

The Lions Club barbecue, the Methodist Church's ice cream social and the Catholic Church group who served Mexican food went over great again this year. They are again expected for next year along with maybe another event or two.

It looks as if Thunderegg Days is already starting to perk with 91 tailgaters signed up for next year. Looks as if Nyssa will get back to normal again until next August anyway.

The Nyssa Road Department is now putting asphalt on the main school parking lot along Adrian Boulevard. The building committee is meeting today to decide if funds are available to put asphalt on other streets and parking lots around the school.

City Councilman Max Brittingham presented to the

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## Stringer and Currey to Open Livestock Auction

The Ontario Livestock Commission will reopen for business August 23 after a closure of some months. New partners in the firm will be Fred Currey, formerly with Owyhee Cattle Company of Ontario, and C. John Stringer a former owner and manager of Ontario Livestock Commission Company.

Auction sales will be resumed on Tuesday, the day traditional for livestock auctions at the yard.

According to Currey, a new partner of the facility, the building and grounds are currently being readied for their first sale day this month.

The auction, once Oregon's largest provides a convenient marketing location for eastern Oregon as well as southwest Idaho ranchers and livestock buyers he said.

The reopening was prompted by a need for a local livestock market within Oregon. Due to current range conditions and public concern the partners planned the

reopening. According to Currey, remodeling will consist of new heating and cooling systems to provide more overall comfort and convenience. Plans are underway also to provide lunch counter service for sandwiches and coffee.

Improvements will also be provided in working alleys for livestock handling in the yard. The partners also stress that the Ontario sale yard is capable of handling more livestock than ever.

Phone calls for consignments may be made at the number used before, 889-8636, after August 15. Persons wishing to make consignments may now call 889-8500.

"Due to banking policy, the system of paying by drafts will no longer be acceptable," said Currey. "Other policies will remain much the same."

He said the new system is not intended to exclude any buyer, but that bank policy forces such a change.

## DeBoers Attend CENEX Conference



Mr. and Mrs. Dirk DeBoer of Nyssa, Oregon recently attended a three-day Young Couples Conference sponsored by Cenex at the Inn at Otter Crest, Otter Rock, Oregon.

"Your Cooperative Involve ment" was the theme of the conference. Good fellowship, enthusiasm and informality were the order for the day. Sessions relating to cooperative principles, responsibilities of a co-op board, manager and women's roles in cooperatives highlighted the first afternoon. The group enjoyed the challenges put to them by Clinton Reeder from Oregon State University.

The second session allowed the couples to discuss Cenex, the role of Farm Organizations and a cooperative financial needs. The Farm Organizations and how necessary they are in America today was discussed by W. C. Harris, Oregon State Grange Master and Dwyte

Wilson, Ex. Vice-President Washington-Oregon Farmers Union.

Virgil Knudson, Cenex Vice President Public Relations, was guest speaker at the banquet Tuesday evening, and truly portrayed the role of his position.

Wednesday morning session included some co-op case studies. This was a brainstorming session where couples participated and shared ideas about improving their cooperative's services.

This was the second conference held for Oregon young couples, and was sponsored jointly by Cenex, Oregon State Grange-Washington-Oregon Farmers Union and the local cooperatives served by Cenex.

Cenex, based in South St. Paul, Minnesota is a regional supply cooperative; serving more than 1200 local cooperatives with a comprehensive line of farm and home products.



THE MUSICAL MONSONS, a family singing group from Billings, Montana will be

featured at the 1977 Malheur County Fair Gospel Concert. This will be held Saturday evening, August 20, 1977 at 7:30 p.m.