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By Pat Savage

First of all in answer to the many shouts heard over town about the blasted stop light at the "Y" school crossing, this is an Oregon State Highway operated sign over which the City of Nyssa has no control. Police Chief Alvin Allen assured me he has tried to obtain a key to the signal and was unable to do so. Many of us thought when they came to install the lights they were going to be done differently than they were, because we need some sort of safety factor there during school hours. Pending a study in Salem we are stuck with what we now have, or something like, "What you see, is what you got."

Our congratulations to Steve Buchtel, Nyssa Police Officer, upon his graduation last week from the Oregon Police Academy. The seven weeks training in Monmouth is mandatory for all Oregon officers during their first year of employment on the force. It covers the basics policemen need to know - criminal law, court procedures, defensive driving, firearms qualifications, search and seizure procedures and much more. Steve now joins 2,519 other persons who have successfully completed the academy in previous classes.

Two Nyssans were severely injured Sat. morning in different accidents both occurring at approximately the same time. Injured on the way to the Owyhee Dam was Vickie Savage when the jeep in which she was riding overturned. Harold Alexander was injured in a motorcycle-car accident near his home.

The first official bike path in Nyssa will open with ceremonies Friday, September 16, at 7 p.m. Following the ribbon cutting by Nyssa Mayor George Coffman, approximately 100 riders (and everyone is invited to ride) will cycle the route. Prizes for the funniest bike and others will be given. Get those bikes decorated and make ready to officially open the bike route.

I'm sure many of you remember the Harvest Festivals of the past. Well plans are underway to hold one this fall. It might not be as grand as those in the past, but remember this is only a beginning and greater things will happen next year. There are many ideas in the works, one being a machinery show. If anyone has any ideas about how to help make this a successful venture, contact Dennis Francis at the Merc or Jim Peterson at the Gate City Journal.



LOOKS AS IF school work has started again, as Mrs. Bauman helps her new students get back into the swing of things.



WAVING OF ARMS in the morning often means, yes, I want to eat in the cafeteria. As for these band students, many look as if they should have stayed at home. But as school begins to be a regular routine again, this look will fade away.



MRS. BULLOCK looks as if she has her new classes attention, as she uses pick-up-sticks for Arithmetic. See, school can be fun!

Family Film to Show Sunday

"The Climb" a film for the entire family will be shown Sunday evening, September 11 at the Christian Church at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Weatherization Tax Credits for Homeowners

Almost all homeowners in the state can expect to receive a tax break for weatherizing their homes under a new program adopted by the 1977 legislature, director of the Oregon Department of Revenue, John J. Lobdell said today.

October 4 is the effective date of the new law. Lobdell says that work done before that date is not eligible for the credit.

Lobdell says that in House Bill 2701, the legislature set up a program to allow homeowners an income tax credit up to \$125 or one-fourth of the cost of weatherization, whichever is less. Taxpayers, regardless of age or income, may claim the credit. The credit may be applied to the taxpayer's home or to rental property, but only one credit may be claimed for each year.

Weatherization work includes such items as weather stripping, insulation, vapor barriers, timed thermostats,

storm doors and windows, dehumidifiers and double pane windows.

Lobdell stresses that homeowners will need proof that the materials used meet standards of the new state Energy Conservation Board. Materials must be certified by either a contractor registered by the Builder's Board or by a building inspector.

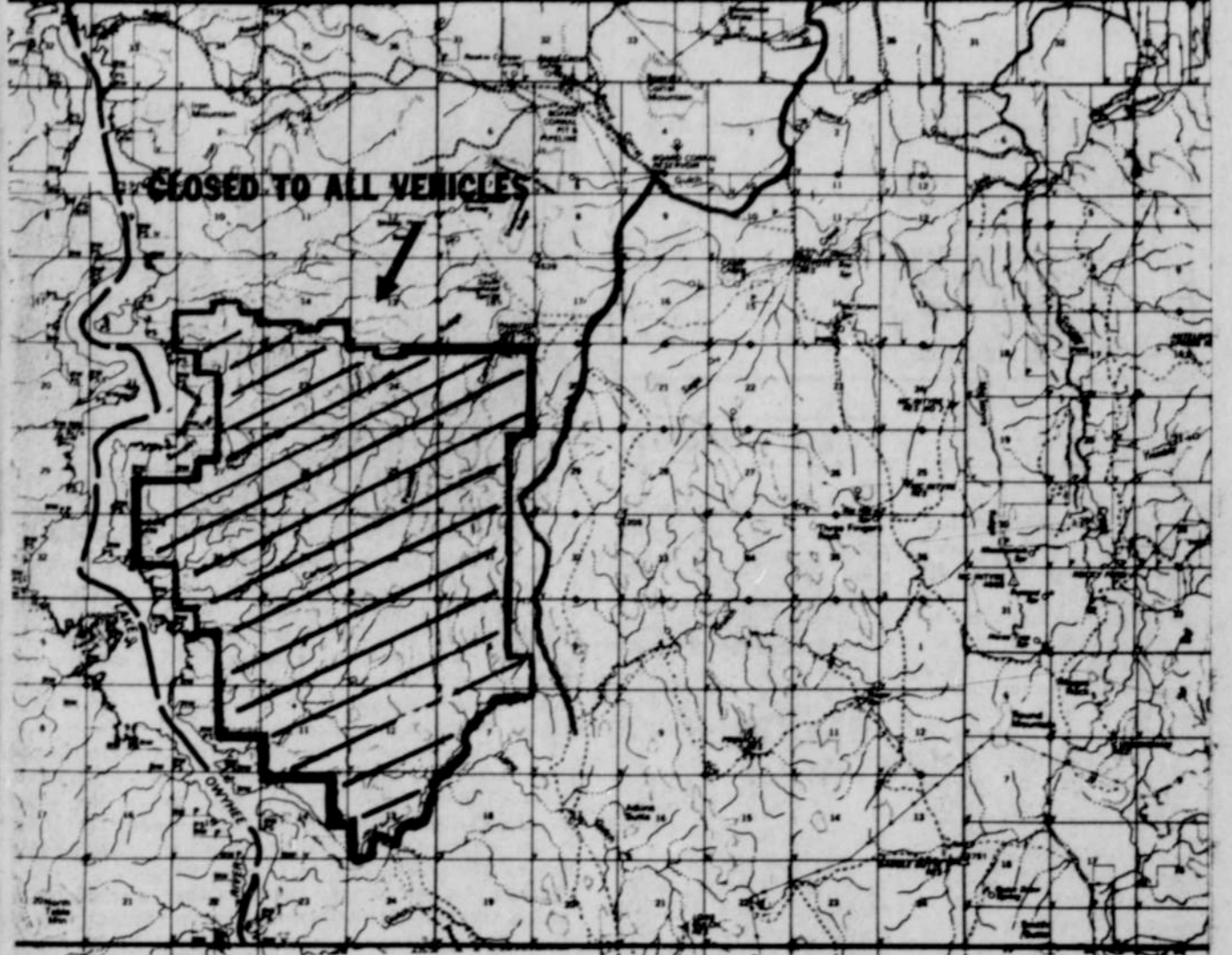
Certification of the quality of the materials and receipts verifying the total cost of the work must accompany each homeowner's individual income tax return. Returns are to be filed in the year after the work is completed.

Lobdell hopes that this tax credit program is not confused with the weatherization refund program that is open only to senior citizens with incomes under \$7,500 per year. Senior citizens planning to take advantage of the weatherization refunds also should have work done after October 4, 1977.

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	772,000	11	272	70
Thursday	1,130,000	14	398	88
Friday	1,240,000	15	437	77
Saturday	1,264,000	16	446	84
Sunday	814,000	12	287	88
Monday	1,520,000	18	536	92
Tuesday	1,503,000	18	530	88
Date, Sept. 6, 1977		Population 2,834		



Boundaries of the proposed Honeycombs Primitive area which borders Lake Owyhee on the west are now being posted as closed to motorized vehicles for 18 months, Pearl M. Parker, manager of the Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, announced this week. The closure was official August 5 but posting was delayed for accurate survey of the area's boundaries.

Parker said the Honeycombs area, with its highly fragile soils, already shows some vehicular damage and that closure is to preserve the botanical, zoological, cultural, geological and scenic qualities. The area will be open to foot and horseback travel.

The proposed primitive area has a number of interesting attractions. It is a highly scenic area and is ideal for backpackers in the spring and fall months. Summer months, are not conducive to exploring the colorful formations because of high temperatures, especially as all water must be carried in.

Geologically, some of the honeycomb-like formations date back in the late Miocene period some 15 million years ago and are among the oldest exposed rocks found in the entire district.

Botanically, rare and endangered plants never before found in the area have been located by Dr. Patricia Packard, botanist from the College of Idaho.

Early Indians lived or traveled the Honeycombs as evidenced by civilization remnants of the Paiute, Bannocks and Shoshone tribes.

Picture rock mining claims lie near the east and south borders.

The Honeycombs also provide winter range for Desert Bighorn sheep.

Vehicular traffic to the boundaries is accessible on the north, east and south, and by Lake Owyhee on the west. Drivers of vehicles found inside the boundaries can be fined \$1000 and/or 12 months in jail, Parker said.

PTSA Plans Bike Path to Meeting

The Nyssa PTSA (Parents, Teachers, Students, and Administrators), begins its year also this week. The Executive Committee will meet Thursday, September 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Art room of the High School to approve plans for the year. The various chairmen have been working on through the summer.

The regular meeting of the year will be Thursday, September 15, in the School Cafeteria, where the school and community will receive the new superintendent, new teachers, new students and parents in the community.

The programs for the year will attempt to bring "Today's Family in Focus." A meeting will be held each month on the second Thursday, (September is the exception). The Executive Committee will meet on the first Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m.

This week also, a survey is underway, sent home with the students, to determine how this Community feels about violence on TV. The National PTA has done it's part, holding eight hearings around the nation to determine the effect of too much violence on children. Finding that it increases aggressive behavior, imitative in some cases and paranoia in others, the National PTA held a series of training sessions to train trainees in each community. It comes back into the home now to do it's part. The place to go for information and to put in your 2 cents worth, is the Nyssa PTSA meeting Thursday, September 15.

Bike Path to Open Soon

The City will have an official Bicycle Path on September 16. The route which will follow Main Street from Bower to Locust, Locust to 3rd, then on to Chestnut, south on First Street to Bower, then west to Main.

The Path will open at a ceremony to be held at North Park on Locust Avenue at 7 p.m. Awards will be made to the oldest bicyclist, the youngest two-wheeler to make the trip and a prize to the funniest bike.

The City Recreation Committee will judge the event.

All bicyclists are invited to attend the grand opening.

Center Holds Open House

The Malheur County Mental Health Counseling Center cordially invites everyone to attend the open house in their new building Friday, September 9 from 1-5 p.m. The building is located at 1108 Southwest 4th Street, Ontario, or across from the TVCC Ball Park. Vern Flock is the director of the center.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
Aug. 31	69	44
Sept. 1	76	44
Sept. 2	85	43
Sept. 3	89	45
Sept. 4	90	53
Sept. 5	88	59
Sept. 6	92	57
Sept. 7		55
Owyhee Reservoir Storage		
9-7-77 200,110 Acre Feet		
9-7-76 458,020 Acre Feet		

Madam President to Visit Eagles Auxiliary



Mrs. Dale McWilliams, Madam State President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Mrs. Dale McWilliams of Portland, Oregon, will make her official visit to Auxiliary #2134 on September 13, 1977.

A dinner meeting will be held at the Eagles Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. All Auxiliary members and their husbands or escorts are invited. All members are to bring a salad and vegetable dish. The meat, rolls and desert will be furnished by the Auxiliary.

Following the dinner, a social hour will be held.

Mrs. McWilliams will be reporting on membership and the various charities of the F.O.E., in addition to her own state charity project-cystic fibrosis.

Mrs. McWilliams joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles (Auxiliary #4, Portland) in 1946.

She worked on many committees, both local and state.

She served as drill team captain of Auxiliary #4 in 1950, and then as madam president in 1954-55. In 1963, she transferred to east Portland, #3256, where her husband, Dale, was an officer of the Aerie.

In June of 1970, she was elected as state trustee at the annual convention in Coos Bay and has been serving the state since.

Mrs. McWilliams was installed as Madam State President in June, 1977, at Medford, Oregon.

Aging Council Now Accepting Applications For Volunteers

Malheur Council on Aging is now accepting applications for Volunteers to serve the elderly in the Vale, Ontario, and Nyssa Areas.

The Volunteers will assist the elderly through existing volunteer programs as Dial-A-Friend, a telephone reassurance program; Friendly Visiting, visiting the elderly in their homes; and Escort, transporting the elderly to and from doctors for appointments and to Senior Citizen's meal sites.

Please contact, Macy Clark Malheur Council on Aging Volunteer Coordinator for more information or to apply by calling, 899-7651.



RECENT OUT-OF-TOWN visitors to Nyssa were front row, left, Michael John Brannigan, and John Michael Aubrey. Back row, left to right, Nancy Brannigan, John Brannigan, John Aubrey and Bobbie Aubrey. Mr. and Mrs. Brannigan and son are from Tampa, Florida where he is captain of the police department. The Aubrey family is from Louisville, Kentucky where he is a lieutenant with the police department.

The couples arrived by plane, August 9, and were houseguests of Police Chief Alvin Allen and wife Ruth. The families when Alvin attended the National Police Academy in Washington D.C. in 1974.



THE NYSSA SCHOOL DISTRICT proudly announces the names of their new teachers for the coming year. They are, front row, left to right: Dora Gallegos, first grade, EOSC senior intern, La Grande, Oregon; Maria Vasquez, fourth grade, Hillsboro, Oregon; Wanda Wilson, first grade, Ontario; Ken Ball, junior high physical education, math, reading coaching, Huntington, Oregon; Jim Casad, junior high art, reading, coaching, physical education, Jacksonville,

Florida; Kimi Casad, first grade, Jacksonville, Florida. Back row, left to right: Mike Howell, vocational agriculture, Heppner, Oregon; Dan Ellsworth, Commercial Art, La Grande, Oregon; Gary Welch, choral music, Spokane, Washington; Russ Aman, second grade, Nyssa; Bob Jensen, high school art, Medford, Oregon; Frank Hernandez, student teacher, EOSC, La Grande, Oregon; Terry Peterson, high school science, Wilmington, North Carolina.