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## Water Will Leave Owyhee Irrigation Canal Thursday

Water is expected to be turned out of the Owyhee project ditch Thursday, Oct. 15, according to a decision made at a meeting of the joint advisory committee, comprised of members of the North and South Boards of Control, last Thursday night in the Nyssa offices of the project.

This decision was reported by Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, who said that the water turn-off times was originally set for this Saturday, but that farmers and other water users had requested that it be left on until the later date.

Morris L. Judd, chairman of the joint committee, presided over the session where the decision was made. The turning off of the water involves cutting the head-gates of the ditch at Owyhee dam, as well as stopping the pumping plants at Gem and Dead Ox Flat.

Two pumping plants located at Dunaway, to supply water for gravity flow users in the Nyssa area and at Ontario, were turned off Aug. 30. They were turned on June 24.

House said pumping during the past season was slightly above normal. General pumping operations were resorted to by the Owyhee project to increase the amount of water to supply the peak demand. Most of this is furnished by the Dunaway plants.

The irrigation season closed, House reported, with the reservoir well above normal, assuring a good start on compounding waters above the dam for next year's use.

As of Tuesday, reservoir storage of water measured 375,700 acre-feet as against 448,410 acre-feet on the same date last year. Both figures are, House said, above normal storage for the reservoir.

Last year's figure was the highest since 1945, when an all-time high storage of 467,410 acre-feet were recorded. Minimum storage was written into the record in October, 1948, with 223,790 acre-feet.

This season's end storage peak was attributed by House to the heavy rains of last June increasing the amount of flow into the reservoir, and at the same time reducing the need for irrigation.

First delivery of water in the canal for irrigation was made on March 25, House said. A flow of water was actually started down the canal five days before that. A full head cannot be turned on since it could not be started fast enough and could cause over-flow damage to property, House pointed out.

## Burglar Breaks Bus Depot Window

The Trailways Bus Depot at 309 Main street was broken into sometime after 11:15 Tuesday night when entrance was gained by smashing a front window of the bus station, according to Dave Thomas, manager. He reported that two or three suitcases, checked by passengers earlier in the day, are believed to be the only items taken.

Thomas said there were indications that an effort had been made to break through a back door, but heavy bars prevented this. The back door had been entered several months ago and evidence at that time indicated that money was the object of the burglary, but no baggage was taken.

No trace of the Tuesday evening burglar has been found, Thomas said.

## Rail Brakeman Averts Possible Death of Child

A nine-year-old boy escaped possible death and his bicycle was totally destroyed one day last week when he had crossed the railroad track near the Idaho Canning Co. plant and a freight train backed onto the bike which had caught on a rail.

Tom Jones, Union Pacific agent, said that an inspector's report revealed that Ronny Parmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Parmer of Clarkston, Wash., had pushed his bike across the tracks at a non-crossing area. The lad was coming to town from a camp where his parents had been living while employed here. An east-bound freight had stopped for water north of the Nyssa station and the youngster pushed his bike up the embankment to cross the tracks back of the train.

Investigation revealed that the bicycle's sprocket became wedged at the side of a rail and the youngster attempted to pull it toward him. A brakeman rushed back and forced the child to leave his bike and get off the track just as the train's caboose hit the bicycle.

## Methodist Official In Monday Visit

Dr. E. C. Tipton of San Rafael, Calif., staff member of the division of national missions and church extension of the Methodist church, was a business visitor to Nyssa Monday morning.

Purpose of his visit here, a stop-over while enroute to Pocatello, Idaho, was to confer with officials of the Nyssa Methodist church in the capacity of an architect.

The Rev. Vernon L. Taylor, pastor of the local church, played host to the official. Meeting briefly with him were Dick Yost, chairman of the church's building committee, Carlos Buchner and H. H. Tobler, committee members.

Dr. Tipton reviewed preliminary plans of the church for a building expansion program submitted by the committee upon which he passed favorable comment.

## St. Hubert's Fall Festival Set for Oct. 17

First announcement was made this week of the annual fall festival and bazaar sponsored by St. Hubert's Catholic church of Nyssa and scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 17, in the old school gymnasium.

Father Rembert Ahles, O.F.M., pastor, who made the announcement, named Wilton C. Jackson chairman of the festival with Mrs. Herriman as co-chairman.

The general public is invited to the festival, for which there is no admission charge. Free tickets entitle the holders to a chance on two valuable door prizes.

Other tickets will be made available to all on the drawing of a table-model television set. These tickets may be had by calling at St. Hubert's, where Mrs. Herriman is co-chairman.

Novelty booths, games and concessions will be operated for benefit of participating members of the church and their friends.

Other committee heads include Mrs. Nick Smith, tickets; Mrs. John Dority, purchases; Mrs. W. C. Jackson, finance; John Dority, door; Mrs. George Sallee, publicity; Nick Smith, construction; and Carl Roth, cleanup.

Chairmen of booths, games and novelties are Toni Richter, Mrs. W. C. Lundy, Mrs. James Yost, Mrs. John Van Zelf, Sid Flanagan, Mrs. Antonio Martinez, Mrs. Sam Smith, Mrs. Albert Notheis, W. C. Lundy, Cass Smedley, Mrs. Leonard Phillips and Sylvia Jayo.

## Outgoing Freight Shows Increase

Freight shipments leaving Nyssa during September amounted to 697 cars, a total more than double the number of shipments here during the same month a year ago, U. P. Agent Tom Jones announced. Last year's total for the month was 330 cars. However, incoming freight showed a decline of 147 cars with only 260 chalked up for Sept., 1953 as compared with 437 a year ago.

A similar comparison was noted for the first nine months of this year and the January through September shipments in 1952. So far this year 4,831 cars of freight have left Nyssa and 3,130 have been received. The first nine months of 1952 saw only 4,390 cars shipped and 4,300 received.

Heaviest shipment from Nyssa so far this year was in August, when 1,415 cars left here. The 1952 peak was also in August, but the total was 1,160.

## NYSSA BOY SCOUT TROOP 419 MEETS

Members of Boy Scout troop 419 met at the Faith Lutheran church Monday evening. Harold "Dusty" Rhoades met with the boys in the absence of their regular leader.

Plans were made for the next meeting and for the year program. The patrol met and discussed their plans for the next meeting. The meeting was closed by the group saying the Scout oath in unison.

## Juvenile Cases Being Considered

Disposition of three juvenile cases, one involving the alleged theft of money and a pocketbook, and two others involving youngsters apprehended on top of a business building, is being taken under advisement, Justice of the Peace Don M. Graham said Tuesday.

## Record Number Deer Bagged on Opening Date

First Nyssa hunter to report in with his deer was Lewis Mitchell, who was back with his buck by 11 a. m. Saturday. He reported bagging the animal in the foothills west of Nyssa.

Not far behind in point of bagging and reporting was Joe Hartle, Gate City Journal employee, who was in town with a buck a few minutes before noon that he said was shot by his five miles west of Adrian.

After tramping about the hills over a 10-mile area, Hartle said he and his wife had given up and returned to their car only to find a four-point standing beside it.

Accompanied by their wives, Hugh Tobler, Walter Roth, Carlos Buchner and Walter McPartland camped and hunted over the weekend near Van, a small town out from Burns. The party returned Sunday night with three deer bagged by Tobler, Roth and Buchner.

Harold Sisson and Sam Dean, and Ed Case hunted Saturday and Sunday above Prineville, each getting a deer. Other inside hunters were Ken Renstrom, Ray Wise and Bill Lemon accompanied by their wives in one party; George Hust and Norman Hipp in a second party and Gordon Oxnam, George Oxnam, Fred Guthrie and Bill Oxnam in a third.

The Sisson-Case party took two deer. Mrs. Renstrom one, the Oxnam party four and Hust and Hipp one each.

Mrs. Dale Garrison, who accompanied her husband and Herb Fisher and Shorty Brandt and their wives to the upper Malheur area, got her deer Saturday. Fisher and Brandt each got one also.

A party of four, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders, John McAllister and Mancel Bishop, returned Saturday with a bag limit of two-pointers taken near Castle Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Marcum and Leland Morris returned with one deer from Huntington.

One of the most successful parties was the one consisting of Ed Boyzell, Warren Farmer, Dr. J. W. Olson, Houston Wilson and Artie Robertson. Hunting in the Jordan Valley area yielded a full bag limit of five deer taken Saturday in such rugged terrain that it took the hunters until Monday to get them out.

Equally as unsuccessful was the seven-member Jackson party, consisting of Wilton Jackson, Bill Pearson, John Dority and son, Jerry, Joe Dority, John Schields and Finley Shuster. Hunting in barren terrain in the brakes at the head of Hells Canyon, members of the party said they never sighted an animal in the two days they were there. The camp was made at Fish Lake.

Only hunters reported to take to the Burnt River country, Dick Sweet, Don Poulson and John Holt, students, bagged one deer on Saturday and two more on Sunday.

Eight Nyssans were reported by Jim Hartman to have gotten their deer, although no information was (Continued on Page 8)

## SERVICE MAN VISITS HERE

Pvt. Paul Lucero arrived in Nyssa Sunday from Camp Roberts, Calif., to visit his sisters, Mrs. Ernie Ramirez and Mrs. Dan Gallegos. A dinner was given in his honor at the Gallegos home.

Pvt. Lucero left Monday for Pocatello to visit his wife and mother, Mrs. John Lucero. Following his leave, he will go to Fort Oord, Calif., to receive his orders for duty overseas.

## ATTEND MANAGERS MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Bowns attended a Ben Franklin store managers meeting in Boise Sunday where General Manager Goodbar and Development Manager Brewer, both of Chicago, were in charge of the meeting. Managers and their wives from southern Idaho and eastern Oregon were in attendance at the dinner and meeting.

The two company managers visited the Nyssa Ben Franklin store Monday.

## Small Lettuce Crop Brings High Market Price

This year's lettuce crop being packed and shipped at Nyssa will bring more than \$120,000 net to growers if the current high market price prevails throughout the harvest season.

Prices quoted the forepart of the week were \$2.50 a crate net to the grower, in contrast to last year's early season price of \$1 that dried after only a few cars had been shipped.

Packing and shipping started Saturday at the J. C. Watson Co., which shipped four cars and gained momentum this week. Manager Tom Eldridge said that part of their crop this year is being brought in from as far south as Wilder and that the overall acreage is far below that of last year. He estimated that the total pack will be about 150 cars with Watson Co. the only packing house handling lettuce this season.

A crew of 50 people will be employed at the packing plant for about 45 days.

## Nu Acres Man Dies Sunday in Nyssa

Funeral services for Jay Alexander Williams, 68, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Full Gospel church in Parma under the direction of the Lienkaemper Funeral home. Interment was in the Parma cemetery.

Mr. Williams died Sunday morning in the Nyssa hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Williams was born July 27, 1886, at Pittman, Ill., and had operated a farm in the Nu Acres community for the past 14 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Williams, three sisters and one brother. He was a veteran of the first world war.

## FATHER DIES

Funeral services were held Monday at Emmet for Vernon A. Wright, father of Lauren Wright, Nyssa, who died last Thursday while on a deer hunting trip. The Rev. John L. Briehl of the Nyssa Lutheran church officiated at the services.

## ANOTHER FALSE ALARM

Another false fire alarm was sounded last Thursday afternoon to alert Nyssa volunteer firemen and the general public. Fire Chief Frank Morris said that efforts to locate the defect in the wiring system have so far been fruitless.

## SCHOOL FRIEND VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wild had a pleasant surprise visit Friday when Mrs. H. D. Burke and children, Patrick and Kathy of Colorado Springs called on them. They were enroute to Seattle to take a boat to Japan to join Lt. Col. Burke who is stationed there. They will remain there a year. The Burkes were friends of the Wilds and Roy and Col. Burke attended school together.

## 1954 Boy Scout Fund Drive to Be Held Monday

Moore hotel at Ontario will be the scene of an "Early Bird" breakfast at 7 a. m. Monday as the kick-off event to launch the annual fund raising campaign for the Ore-Ida Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Arrangements for the breakfast were made by Jed Jones, member of the Ore-Ida executive council, who said Neal Grigg, Malheur county Boy Scout dance chairman, would preside.

Attending the kick-off affair will be the Nyssa district campaign workers, headed by Richard Forbes, chairman.

The drive will be conducted on the basis of solicitation of three major areas in the Nyssa district by three teams.

These teams will be headed by Tom Jones, business district; Orm and Thomas, rural district; and Jim Nicholson, residential district.

Jones has named as team captains of his division Leonard Hewett, Elmer Cruse, Walker Low, Dale Bingman, Paul Penrod, Bernard Eastman, Lee Dal and Bill Blodgett. Two remain to be named.

As in previous years, the fund drive will be completed in one day to raise the money necessary to provide for the operation of the council during 1954.

The Ore-Ida council, which consists of two Oregon counties and five Idaho counties, is this year seeking the smallest budget of any year since 1950, according to Jerry Thorne, district executive. This also is one of the lowest budgets in the United States, representing less than \$10-per boy cost.

The 1954 budget calls for \$25,285, which is \$4,690 less than the council budgeted in 1953. Total funds needed, however, according to Thorne are \$32,285, the extra \$7,000 being a deficit carried over from a camp improvement program carried on outside of the annual budget.

Largest item in the 1954 budget reduction is in the salary bracket, which is \$12,800, or \$3,200 less than for the last year.

This reduction was made possible, Thorne said, with the dropping of one field executive from the staff. Another thousand dollar item was deleted from the 1954 budget with the elimination of camping expenses.

A break-down of the budget reveals that the largest percentage of the funds, amounting to 19.4 percent, goes for organization and extension. (Continued on Page 8)

## Music Concerts Start on Nov. 12

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Malheur county Community Concert association, Dwight Johnson, Ontario, was elected president to fill the vacancy left by the late Lynn R. McLachlan. Mrs. Harry Peterson was elected treasurer, the office formerly held by Johnson.

Concerts have previously been given in the Centre Theatre in Ontario, but due to the fact that a new 3D screen has been installed there, the concerts will now be held in the Ontario high school auditorium.

Concert tickets will be in the mail soon. The series for the coming year is as follows: Nov. 12, Lizet and Glenn, pianists and violinists; Jan. 20, Frances Bible, mezzo-soprano; Mar. 17, William Warfield, baritone, and Apr. 14, Marina Svetlova, ballet ensemble.

## Operations Start Tuesday At Nyssa Sugar Factory

The 1953 sugar beet harvest and sugar production at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. got off to a good start Tuesday with an adequate supply of labor and beets meeting all early-season expectations of high quality and high yield, Manager Jed Lewis announced.

Harvesting will continue throughout this week on a controlled basis, with general weather conditions being a determining factor for all-out digging and stock-piling Lewis said.

This year's bumper crop which is approximately 30 percent greater than that of 1952, is expected to extend over a slightly longer period than last year for a total of about 130 days, or until the middle of February.

The Nyssa factory and receiving stations serving this plant employ about 400 people for an annual payroll of approximately \$1,000,000.

The sugar company manager called attention to 1953 basic piecework wage rates per ton for pulling, topping and loading for this area. The rate is graduated from \$2.15 per ton for an average of four tons per acre to \$1.55 per ton for an average of 20 tons and over per acre. The minimum wage per acre is \$8.60.

In instances in which the operations of pulling and topping are performed by different workers, the applicable pulling and topping rate is divided 35 percent for pulling and 65 percent for topping.

Where loading is not required of the worker who does the pulling and topping, the rate for pulling and topping is 70 percent of the applicable combine rate for pulling, topping and loading, except that if beets are to be loaded mechanically and the topper is not required to pull beets to provide a place for a windrow, the rate for pulling, and topping is not less than 60 percent of the applicable combined rate for pulling, topping and loading.

## Rev. Taylor Sets Sermon Series on Christian Morals

In a series of five sermons extending from next Sunday through Nov. 15, the Rev. Vernon L. Taylor, pastor of Community Methodist church, will dig into some of the problems concerning Christian morals that beset young people as well as old.

Source of the sermon material came from direct questions put in the minister's hands by members of his congregation.

The series will be broken on Oct. 25, when the Rev. Taylor and the Rev. Don Nothdurft exchange pulpits.

First sermon in the series, to be preached this Sunday, is on the subject "How Do You Know When You Are on the Right Track?" It will be based on a question raised by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Others in the series are "Is It Wrong to Drink?", Oct. 18; "There One True Church?", Nov. 1; "Can a Christian Judge Others?", Nov. 8, and "How Do You Know When You Are Talking to God?", Nov. 15.

## Annual Fireman Ball Set Oct. 24

Official announcement of the eighth annual fireman's ball was made Tuesday by Bob Wilson, co-chairman with Dale Garrison of the dance and entertainment which is slated for Saturday, Oct. 24, in the old school gymnasium.

Music will be furnished by Jim Baker's 10-piece orchestra of Boise. A kick-off breakfast has been set by the fire department for next Tuesday morning at Brownie's cafe for the purpose of launching an advance ticket sale.

The advance sale will be headed by Ralph Lawrence, chairman, and Bill Wahlert and Earl Purvis, captains. The membership of the fire department will be divided between the two captains as teams. Losing team will pay for its lack of salesmanship by being pressed into service as a clean-up detail following the ball.

## School Bonds May Be Higher Than First Estimate

A higher estimate for the cost of construction of a new building to house the Nyssa school's proposed cafeteria, music room and shop will be necessary, Graham B. Smith, Portland architect, advised members of the school board at a special meeting Wednesday evening of last week.

The school board, with the unanimous vote of a special building committee, had initiated plans to call a special \$100,000 bond election to construct an addition onto the music room and shop.

School Board Chairman J. L. Herriman explained that the \$100,000 bond issue had been decided upon by estimating building costs about 25 percent above contractors' bids submitted when the last construction was done here in 1947. The Portland architect, however, estimated that present-day building costs might run as high as \$140,000 and advised the school board to increase the bond issue and cancel the amount on any savings that might be made if actual costs were less than that amount. He warned that if bonds in the amount of only \$100,000 were approved and costs were more than that sum, an additional election would be necessary to make up the difference.

Herriman said that instead of starting action for the election at last week's board meeting, the board had decided to refer the matter back to the special building committee and the PTA, which meets tonight at the high school Little Theatre.

When the building committee and the school board sanctioned the \$100,000 bond issue Sept. 21, it was estimated that a 1.5 mill tax levy would take care of bonds and interest, plus approximately 5 mill for operation of the cafeteria.

If \$140,000 are necessary for the building, the bond and interest levy would amount to approximately 2 mills plus the cost of operating the hot lunch room.

The special building committee that will have charge of the discussion at tonight's meeting, is composed of Messrs. and Madams H. F. Terhune, Harry Nakashima, Emil A. Stutz, John Savage, W. B. Russell, Wilton Jackson, L. C. Ballantyne, Vaughn Stringer, W. J. Beus, Frank Jayo, Bud Wilson, Richard P. Max, V. L. Kesler, Don B. Moss, Gign A. Peterson, Eugene W. Clawver, Vern Garner, Wayne Chesnut and Walker Low.

## Jaycees Attend Ontario Meeting

Ralph Cobb, state president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was principal speaker Monday evening at a tri-city meeting of the Jaycees held at the East Side cafe in Ontario.

The Jaycee president told the group of the objectives of their organizations which is primarily to make democracy work.

Nyssa members and their wives attending the meeting included President Augie Giraud, Jack Church, Dale Overstake, Jim Nicholson, Dick Mason, Jay Bunn, Tom Chandler, Joe Chamberlain and Dale Bingham.

Bill Blodgett is the newly appointed secretary of the club instead of Tom Chandler, as reported last week.

## Membership Drive Plans Announced For Cub Scouts

Plans for a Cub Scout membership drive were made last Wednesday evening when cubs and their parents met at the school's old gym. A planning meeting had been held the previous Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nakashima.

In announcing the cub membership drive, the Cubs were informed that each boy bringing a new member would be rewarded with a trip to the Mountain Home airbase to view planes and have dinner with the officers, Harry Nakashima had charge of the meeting.

Awards were presented by Stanley Newman to Lloyd Cartwright, lion badge and two silver arrows; Harlan Sager, silver arrow; Ricky Richards, one year pin; Max Long, silver arrow; Dale Langford, two silver arrows and one year pin; Butch Bingham, one year pin; and Harry Nakashima, Jr., bear badge and gold arrow. Mrs. Mildred Cartwright was presented an award as retiring den mother of den 2.

Raymond Sager was named assistant den master of den 2 and new members of the cubs are Roger Rusco and Larry Payne, installed as members of den 1, Jimmy Cordaza, den 2, and Larren Crawford, den 5.

Mrs. Earl Richards gave on explanation of handicrafts. Den 2 with Dick Thomas as den chief, had charge of the closing ceremonies and dens 3 and 5 served refreshments.

The next meeting will be in charge of the Rev. Lloyd Pounds. Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each month at the old gym and all boys between the ages of 8 and 11 are eligible to join and are welcomed to the meetings. Information about membership may be obtained from Walter McPartland or any mothers of Cub Scouts.



STANDING BEFORE an example of their handiwork as they receive recognition of their leadership are Boy Scouts Bill Looney, left, senior patrol leader of Adrian troop, and Terry Borge, junior assistant scout master. Those at the extreme left are Henry E. Moore, Jr., assistant scout master, and Jake Borge, chairman of the Adrian troop committee. The background fireplace is one the scout troop helped to construct for the Adrian church.