

COUNTY CUTS FARM VALUES 30 PER CENT

LOWER TAX IS WELCOME PROMISE THAT IS ASSURED OWNERS OF IRRIGATED LAND AND RANGE TRACTS; CITY ASSESSMENTS REMAIN THE SAME.

Irrigated and range lands in Malheur county will pay less taxes in 1932. After consideration of farm values, the county board of equalization went on record as favoring a reduction of 30 per cent in the assessed valuation of irrigated lands...

In a communication to The Journal Friday, Andrew M. Graham, county assessor, stated that the board took such action "after considering the different factors entering into farm values, such factors as cost of production and prices of produce."

Total value of taxable property in Malheur county, as finally equalized, aggregated \$6,869,340. Mr. Graham made the following summary for readers of The Journal:

Table with 2 columns: Farm Assessments, City Assessments. Rows include Farm Lands, Range Lands, Improvements on Farm Lands, Farm Machinery, Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Other Livestock, City Lots, Improvements on City Lots, Hotel and Office Fixtures, Merchandise.

Table with 2 columns: City Assessments, Machinery. Rows include City Lots, Improvements on City Lots, Hotel and Office Fixtures, Merchandise, Construction Work, Machinery.

CROWD LIKES PLAY, "OH, KAY"

NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MAKE HIT IN MYSTERY COMEDY WITH LOTS OF THRILLS; MISS JOHNSON IS DIRECTOR.

Flashing lights, shots, darkness and a "terror," with plenty of sparkling comedy, made the mystery play, "Oh Kay," presented by Nyssa high school last Thursday under the direction of Miss Clarice Johnson a decided success.

Keith Parkinson, as "Gramp," an objector to petticoat rule, and Carlotta Irwin, as "Gram," with ever an ache and pain, took the comedy leads. They were excellent and were supported by a good cast. It included Edith Whitman, Sue Keizer, her mother Evelyn Whitman, Bertha Wimpy, Arthur Whitman, William Keizer, Captain George Whitman, William Gehr, Alice Borden, Ethel Graham; "Black Terror," Leonard Smith; Jim Hayes, Clifford Lathen; Kay Mills, the lady detective, Evelyn Earp; and Fred Alden, Ralph Lawrence.

Lighting, an important detail in all mystery plays, was excellent. The setting was an attractive living room scene. It is safe to say the play met with the hearty approval of the large crowd that filled the Liberty theatre to capacity.

BIBLE STUDENTS MEET The high school Bible class is meeting Saturday at 4 p. m. for the week's hour lesson. Credits are given for finished work. Rev. Josie J. Blokland is an accredited teacher. New pupils are invited to enroll.

Shea Installs Another Air Pipe in Tunnel 5, Going Good

There's better breathing for workmen inside the Owyhee project diversion tunnels under construction by J. F. Shea company. To supply better air in the 16 foot 7-inch No. 5 tunnel, almost a mile and a half inside the earth, Shea company has installed a vacuum ventilator pipe that draws impure air and gases out of the tunnel. Formerly, only a ventilator pipe, that pumped air into the tunnel under pressure, was used. In addition, Shea company installed a blower 500 feet from the heading that further increases the flow of air in the tunnel.

The vacuum pipe has been installed to a point 2000 feet inside the tunnel and it will be extended as rapidly as possible. Further protection is assured by small 2-inch pipes that run to the

DENVER MAN COMES TO VIEW OWYHEE; LIKES FALL CLIME

L. F. Edwards of Denver heard about Nyssa and the Owyhee irrigation project but he did not know that an old friend and neighbor George E. Bertsch lived here. He saw the Bertsch Barber shop, called there and was delighted to find his old friend, a neighbor when the two men lived in Kadoka, South Dakota. "Your fall weather is great," said Edwards. "We can hardly believe it is so fine after driving through 18 inches of snow in Colorado."

Edwards and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Faulkner, are here to spend the winter looking around. They are considering a farm under the Owyhee irrigation project and other business, perhaps.

BIG BEND IS P-T. A. HOST

HOME PRODUCTS DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT NOON FOR FALL COUNCIL OF MALHEUR COUNTY P-T. A. SATURDAY.

Home grown products of Big Bend community, by no means limited, will supply the menu for the dinner that will be served for the Malheur county congress of Parents and Teachers at Big Bend community hall Saturday, November 7. Vegetables, fruit, meat, dairy products and dessert, made from produce of Big Bend, will be served. Wade P-T. A. is serving the meal at noon and the usual charge of 50 cents per plate will be made.

Speakers are Miss Edna Flannagan, county health nurse, of Portland, who arrived in the county Monday; Mrs. W. P. Brice, of Portland, state president; and Mrs. E. P. Roe, national field secretary.

The public and everyone interested in the educational field is invited to attend. Miss Flannagan, accompanied by Mrs. E. M. Crail, county school superintendent, visited Nyssa Tuesday. Class room inspection is being made in rural schools. Miss Flannagan will spend four weeks in the county.

LYTLE REVIEWS OWYHEE APPEAL

Attorney R. D. Lytle of Vale returned last Wednesday from Pendleton where he attended the regular October term of the supreme court. He reviewed two cases of interest in Malheur county, Fred Klingback vs. Vincente Mendolia appeal and the case of John Norwood vs. Eastern Oregon Land company. It is expected that the court will make rulings within the next few weeks.

SHOT VICTIM WAS FORMER NYSSA MAN

Morgan E. Powelson, 65, for whose death David W. Barr, 64, Melba farmer, is charged with first degree murder, owned sheep in the Nyssa country some years ago. He was found dead Tuesday at his home near Melba. He had been shot to death and in court at Caldwell yesterday. Barr acknowledged the killing stating, "I killed Powelson but that is all I have to say now."

It was indicated Barr's plea may be self defense. The shooting is said to have followed a conversation. Powelson leaves an estate valued at \$50,000. A sister and brother survive him.

Mrs. J. J. Whalen of Nampa spent last week with relatives in Nyssa.

WAR IS MURDER, W. C. T. U. SPEAKER TELLS GATHERING

FRUITLAND PASTOR GIVES FINE TALK ON INTERNATIONAL PEACE; COUNTY PRESIDENT URGES W. C. T. U. TO FIGHT REAL PETITION.

"God extends me no more right to shoot a man down, to take a life, in time of war than in peace. It is murder," declared McKinley Coffman, pastor from Fruitland, in a stirring address on "International Relations and Peace," at the county meeting of the W. C. T. U. in Nyssa Tuesday. "If every man were a conscientious objector to war, if he refused to murder, there would be no war, said Rev. Coffman."

Mrs. C. E. Bingham, of Ontario county president, discussed a petition called a "Reform" petition, being circulated in Oregon. "Do not be misled by this reform," she stated. "The petitioners are seeking repeal of Oregon's bone dry law. If the required number of signatures is secured, we shall find it on our ballot in November 1932."

Mrs. Josie Douglas discussed publicity and scientific temperance instruction in the schools. Rev. J. Allison of Ontario addressed the crowd on the topic: "Intemperance Always an Evil," a clever, enjoyable address. Rev. John Garver of Vale spoke on "Legislation," stressing the need of restriction in human life. Mrs. Garver discussed "Social Morality."

Mrs. Leon Higby and the other delegates at the state convention gave reports. There were musical numbers by Vivian Higby, Ruth and Pauline Wolfe and the Ketchum sisters of Oregon Slope. Rev. Josie J. Blokland had charge of devotional in the afternoon. Mrs. Hazel D. Gildea at the evening praise service.

A covered lunch was served in the church basement in the evening for 45 people. About 65 attended the afternoon session. The Ontario and Vale unions were well represented. Vale invited the public to an institute there next Tuesday.

The need for the regulation of motion picture production was stressed in a talk by Mrs. F. A. Everett of Ontario. Maud M. Aldrich, national director, states that motion pictures have more influence upon young people than the schools. Mrs. Arvilla Fauchier made an interesting report on the Children's Farm Home at Albany. Seven cottages house from 18 to 22 young people each. The home has 248 acres of land. In addition to producing its own dairy products, the home this year raised the following produce for its own upkeep: 400 heads cabbage, 4 tons squash, 800 head cauliflower, 2 tons parsnips, 600 bushels potatoes, 500 No. 10 cans of corn and beans and a large quantity of tomatoes. A cannery was borrowed to can most of this produce for winter. Fourteen children go by bus to attend high school in Corvallis.

52 NYSSA PUPILS MAKE HONOR ROLL OF FIRST 6 WEEKS

Fifteen Nyssa high school students made the honor roll for the first period, 37 students in the grades. The fourth grade lead with 11 honor students. The honor roll follows: Freshmen—Ethel Mary Boydell, Ezra Brumbach, Harriet Sarazin, Tiens Zadra. Sophomore—Minnie Wilson, Usuria Zadra. Junior—Dorothy Boden, Sue Keizer, Evelyn Earp, Carlotta Irwin, Ruth Wolfe. Senior—Dona Cook, Mae Keizer, Thelma Cook, William Keizer. Seventh grade—Lloyd Wilson, Wanda Graves, Isobel Sarazin. Sixth—Marzene Hollenberg, Lucile Thrasher, Max Parkinson. Fifth—Houston Wilson, Dolores Roney, Thelma Allen, Justine Overstreet, John Smith, Hallis DeGroot, Joe Robertson, Annie Rapic, Ruth Flannary, Marie Sutherland, Luella Leuck. Fourth—June Wilson, Ethel Stradley, Ethel Munsterman, Louise Tensen, Evelyn Larkin, Irene McConnell, Jeanette Gilmore. Third—Junior DeGroot, Barbara Brown, Francis Clarno, Robert McCoy, Joe Gilmore, Helen Boydell. Second—Lois Ownby, Leo Hollenberg, Margie Howell, Charles Paradis, Jacqueline Barrett, Marion Boden, Gayle McCoy, Delma Ward. First—Keith Gilmore, Robert Browne, Dick Tensen, Hugh Dragich, Jim Cook, Conley Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Swann and baby and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Smith of Boise were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Swan, parents of the former.

Mead Will Let Half Million Owyhee Canal

A new contract is assured the Owyhee irrigation project. It is the first canal contract on the project that will irrigate 160,000 acres of land in Malheur county and Idaho a few years hence.

A \$500,000 contract, for construction of canal from Tunnel Canyon, the tunnel outlet from the reservoir, to Owyhee river will let this fall, according to advice from Dr. Elwood Mead, received Tuesday at the November meeting of the Owyhee board. The contract will include the two short tunnels that form a part of the distribution canal. Specifications have gone to the printer, Dr. Mead advised.

This first link of canal will bring water to the vast area of land that lies north of Adrian, to the Mitchell Butte and Dead Ox Flat divisions. The board opposed a general moratorium on reclamation projects and favored the proposal that the secretary of the interior use his own judgment in granting moratoriums on only projects in actual need of same.

DR. SARAZIN IS NOMINEE

OWYHEE IRRIGATION DISTRICT WILL HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION NEXT MONDAY; ELECT ONE DIRECTOR.

Dr. J. J. Sarazin has been nominated to succeed himself as director of the Owyhee Irrigation district at the annual election to be held Monday, November 9, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. Dr. Sarazin has been a member of the board, and has served almost continuously, since organization of the Owyhee district 20 years ago.

The polls will be the usual place, an outdoor booth on the R. J. Davis ranch above the shoeing ditch. Rain or shine, the board has held elections annually and for years, when there was no construction and little hope for the Owyhee, they kept the district alive.

Other members of the board are S. D. Gosbert and C. C. Hunt, directors, and Frank T. Morgan, secretary.

MALHEUR WINS MORE MONEY AT PORTLAND SHOW; CORN LEADS

Malheur county made double the winnings at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition this year. Gus Hagglund, assistant county agent, told The Journal today.

Corn was a leader with eight premiums. Most of the corn came from Big Bend. V. V. Hickox and Charles Purdy took four ribbons on individual exhibits, first and third on 100 ears of white dent, first and fifth on 10 ears. Premiums were received for second on 100 ears of yellow corn, third and fourth on 10 ears of yellow and fourth on 100 ears of white dent.

Grimm alfalfa seed took first and third. Red clover and Baby lima beans placed second. Gus Hagglund and E. B. Conklin had charge of the display. It contained a wide variety of produce. Malheur was one of 10 counties represented and scored to win \$100 award.

Mr. Hagglund is leaving next week for Redmond to accept a position as Deschutes county agent. Mrs. Hagglund will accompany him. Friends throughout this county regret to lose them.

BIG BEND GRANGERS WILL GIVE ANTIQUE SHOW NOVEMBER 20

Big Bend grange is having an antique show - November 20, afternoon and evening, according to V. V. Hickox, who stated yesterday that complete arrangements were made at the Big Bend grange meeting on Tuesday night. Treasured heirlooms, antiques of every description, will be displayed. Nyssa folk are invited to bring their treasures.

NYSSA TAXPAYERS' MEETING IS SLATED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Pieter Tensen, Nyssa member of the Malheur county tax conservation committee appointed by Governor Meier, advised The Journal today that a meeting of taxpayers will be held Friday night at the Owyhee irrigation district office. Local taxation will be discussed with a view to making reductions where it is possible and expedient.

Rev. Stanley Moore will hold evening services at the Episcopal church in Nyssa Sunday at 8 o'clock p. m.

OWYHEE DAM GROWS; RING GATE GOES IN

GENERAL REMOVES COFFER DAMS THAT HELD THE RIVER BACK DURING MANY MONTHS OF CONSTRUCTION; PLACE ROADWAY AND PARAPET WALLS.

November finds Owyhee dam 88 per cent completed by the General Construction company with but 71 per cent of its contract time elapsed. Excellent fall weather has aided in the ahead of schedule progress.

In the center, the great dam is now within 60 feet of the top. Workmen are preparing to place the roadway and parapet walls at the northeast end of the structure. The 200-ton spillway ring gate is being installed, as are other appurtenances that will become part of the operating mechanism of the Owyhee dam.

The removal of the coffer dams, that held the river back during the many months of construction on the dam, is now nearly completed. Every passing week sees some change in the interesting scene at Owyhee.

The distance between headings in 31-2-mile Tunnel No. 1, leading from Owyhee reservoir to Tunnel Canyon, was reduced 1,470 feet during October when T. E. Connolly company advanced 700 feet at the inlet end, and J. F. Shea company made 770 feet at the outlet end. This leaves 3,538 feet to go before concrete lining is undertaken.

J. F. Shea company has lined about 2400 feet in Tunnel No. 5 from the center toward the inlet portal. At the outlet end, S. S. Magoffin company progressed 259 feet to a point 4,915 in from the portal.

OWYHEE WORKER FALLS 20 FEET; FRACTURES WRIST

When Victor Auchard, workman at Owyhee dam, fell 20 feet from a scaffold on the dam Friday, he fractured his wrist and suffered several minor bruises. He is under the care of Dr. J. J. Sarazin, project physician. This is the first accident that has occurred at Owyhee dam in several weeks.

NYSSA GRIDDERS PLAY PARMA HERE ON ARMISTICE DAY

The annual Nyssa-Parma football classic for Armistice day diversion will be held in Nyssa this year. The game will be called at 2 o'clock p. m. on the holiday. "It is sure to be a battle," declared Coach John Young of Nyssa, "as the teams are well matched."

Nyssa remains undefeated in her eastern Oregon district although she lost one game to the Emmett, Idaho eleven. Nyssa's crucial game is with Ontario in the neighboring city Thanksgiving.

MCDERMITT WANTS I. O. N. DESIGNATION

McDermitt—This community is hopeful that the designation of the I. O. N. highway will be secured. In the interest of McDermitt roads, Mrs. Archie Meyers attended county court in Vale yesterday. Judge David F. Graham advised that no improvement in the road would be planned by the county until after the Portland meeting next week.

J. E. Ward, receiver of the Quinn River Bank, has announced that a 50 per cent dividend will be paid depositors. He stated that another dividend will be paid by the first of the year. Rosio Echave, moving cattleman of the Ruby ranch at Danner where he purchased about 600 tons of hay and pasture.

ARMISTICE DAY TALK

Rev. McKinley Coffman of Fruitland will deliver an Armistice Day address before the high school student body next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. School patrons invited.

Attorney E. M. Blodgett transacted legal business in the county seat yesterday.

The most cheerful news of the week was the advance in wheat that Monday reached a new high at 73-4 cents in Portland. C. A. Vail and son Wesley of Caldwell were here Monday to see Mrs. Mary Coffelt, daughter of Mr. Vail. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Johnson gave a party last night for several friends. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Linder, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wimp and daughters Bertha and Flora. Old time music was enjoyed.

COUNTY SELLS OVER \$300,000 LAND UNITS AT UNIQUE AUCTION

Over 70 tracts of land, valued at \$300,000, were sold to the highest bidders at the county land auction in Vale Saturday and according to Judge David F. Graham, sales are continuing every day. About 300 people attended the sale—perhaps the biggest of its kind ever held in Oregon.

Some of the 250 parcels offered for sale are irrigated farms under the Warm Springs and new Vale, Oregon, irrigation projects. Commissioner J. D. Fairman is guiding buyers over the lands and will continue to push sales.

An opportunity awaits the prospective settler. "We have made a big effort to get this land back on the tax roll and we are pleased with the results of the sale," said Judge Graham Saturday.

TURKEYS SELL FOR 20 CENTS

ASSOCIATION ACCEPTS BIDS IN BOISE TODAY; PRICE RANGES LOW, FROM 20 DOWN TO 12 CENTS

Bids on the Thanksgiving turkey pool were accepted by the Idaho-Oregon Turkey Growers' association in Boise today, Mrs. C. G. Brink, manager informed The Journal by telephone. Prices were 20 cents for No. 1 young toms, 18 cents for No. 1 young hens, 16 cents for mediums and old toms, 12 cents for No. 2 toms and hens.

Mrs. Brink forecasts a short delivery for Thanksgiving owing to shrinkage in the crop and the low price. The recently organized Nyssa marketing pool is arranging to deliver turkeys in Nyssa for the Thanksgiving trade.

MULE BREAKS MAN'S SHOULDER

LESTER SCOTT IS HURT IN ATTEMPT TO CONQUER YOUNG MULE ON SARAZIN RANCH.

Exceeding his reputation, a young mule was both contrary and vicious when Lester Scott, Nyssa rancher, attempted to harness him last Friday. For the time being, the mule came out for the winner. He forced Scott into a corner of the barn with so much force that Scott's right shoulder was fractured.

Scott farms the ranch property of Dr. J. J. Sarazin near Nyssa. He and his family moved to this community from Vale several years ago.

DRAGICH'S GIVE 400 HOT DOGS ON 3rd ANNIVERSARY

Dragich's Electric Cafe did a record-breaking business Tuesday when free hot dogs were dispensed to children and grown-ups in a wholesale way in honor of the Dragich's third anniversary in Nyssa. During noon recess of school, hundreds of dogs left the new hot dog machine to become an appetizing lunch for boys and girls. A total of 400 dogs were given away. It was a great day with only one regrettable feature—the dogs ran out at 7 p. m.

Henry Urban and R. J. Davis attended the land sale in Vale Saturday. They stated that many Nyssa, Ontario and Harper residents were present.

Halloween Gang Plays Pranks; Officers Find Much To Do

Halloween pranks, with reverse English, brought young spirits of Nyssa both satisfaction and grief. If they streets with rubbish, remove signs, mark windows and tip sheds over, they found sport Saturday night. It was a different story Monday morning. Marshal A. V. Cook had secured the names of some of the gang and took them over the Halloween trail to repair the damage as best they could. Shots, heard round the town Saturday night, were not all shots at Halloween spirits. Shots were fired in an effort to stop the escape of Ed. Tullis. Officers sought to arrest him on a liquor charge but as yet the warrant has not been served. Tullis is said to be out on bond, pending trial for violation of the liquor laws in Idaho. Sunday night brought more excitement. A car occupied by Nora Stout and Bob Probert crashed into a pole near the Artie Robertson residence when the driver attempted to avoid hitting another car. As a result of the accident, officers filed charges alleging violations of the liquor laws. Mrs. Stout pleaded guilty, was fined \$100 at Vale and sentenced to serve a term in jail. Profit was fined \$25 and costs.

SCOUTS GET PINS

Knot tying, fire-making, cooking, hiking—all sorts of tests have been learned by Boy Scouts of Nyssa and last Monday night they were awarded achievement pins. The pins are not conspicuous but they are dear to the heart of the true Scout as they mean accomplishment.

THREE STATES UNITE TO PUSH I. O. N. HIWAY

NYSSA COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS DELEGATES FOR PORTLAND MEETING; FREE PICTURE SHOW FROM NOW TILL CHRISTMAS IS FAVORED.

Nyssa will send delegates to the Oregon highway commission meeting in Portland next week, when a determined plea will be presented for the designation of the I. O. N. highway through eastern Malheur county. Frank T. Morgan, secretary of the Nyssa Commercial club, and Donald M. Graham were elected delegates at a special club meeting Friday night, presided over by E. M. Blodgett, club president.

C. E. Peck and V. V. Hickox of Big Bend will represent the Malheur County Pomona grange. They will present a grange petition in favor of the road. The county court will attend and has assured cooperation. It is expected that Jordan Valley will be represented and perhaps McDermitt.

Never before has the I. O. N. had such staunch support behind it. Senator John Thomas of Idaho had delayed his return to Washington in order to attend the meeting. Senator Tasker L. Oddie will attend from Nevada. Governor C. Ben Ross of Idaho, Governor Meier of Oregon, Senator McNary, Governor F. B. Balzar of Nevada and ex-Governor H. C. Baldrige of Idaho will be present.

If convenient for the esteemed supporters of the I. O. N., a banquet will be held before their departure for Portland. Mr. Morgan has charge of arrangements.

Free Picture Show

Nyssa Commercial club voted to give free picture shows in Nyssa every Saturday afternoon from now until Christmas, the first free show to be given this Saturday at the Liberty theatre. Dr. E. D. Norcott was named chairman. He reports business men 100 per cent behind the plan.

The club favored an effort to secure a bank for the city and appointed the following committee to proceed: A. H. Boydell, Donald M. Graham, Ed. Wilson, Ernest C. Wilson, Thos. B. Nordale, Frank T. Morgan, E. M. Blodgett and E. J. Powell.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to the Vale Commercial club, mourning the death of Ike Robinette, its former president. The secretary was instructed to request the state highway engineer to give Nyssa more recognition in highway mileage signs; also to place a sign at the "Y" showing the relative mileage to Boise by way of Nyssa.

President Blodgett gave the club a splendid talk on the importance of "doing" if the city or club is to build and grow. Resolutions commending the swimming pool and the prospective purchase of a hall by the I. O. O. F. were passed. Dr. Norcott, Wm. Schireman and Supt. Leo D. Hollenberg were appointed to cooperate with the Civic club in its swimming pool program.

FIRE THREATENS HOUSES TUESDAY; WEEDS ARE MENACE

When city firemen answered the siren Tuesday afternoon, they found that burning weeds threatened the Charles Klinkenberg and Robert Miller houses in the north end of town. A heavy growth of weeds made the blaze extremely dangerous but it was controlled before any damage was done.

Citizens are requested to take warning from the fire Tuesday and safeguard their homes by cutting and burning weeds that surround their property. Weeds on vacant lots in particular are a menace.