

TAX LEAGUE FOR MALHEUR FINDS FAVOR

MORGAN IS APPOINTED TO SERVE ON COMMITTEE WITH VIEW TO EFFECTING PERMANENT TAX CONSERVATION LEAGUE.

Organization of a permanent tax conservation committee, along the line proposed by Governor Meier for every county in Oregon, moved a step nearer last night when the appointed organization committee met in Ontario and made further plans.

A mass meeting of all interested taxpayers will be called, presumably on January 19, when the constitution and all objectives of the tax conservation committee will be presented for ratification.

"The purpose of the committee would be tax conservation, as the name implies," said Morgan today. "We would interest ourselves in ways and means of keeping taxes down. We would make the league representative of all parts of Malheur county and all tax-paying interests."

ELIZABETH SMIT IS BRIDE AT BIG WEDDING IN VALE

Miss Elizabeth Smit, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Smit, and John McDonough were the principals of a pretty wedding at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Ontario at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Members of the temporary committee, sponsoring organization are Frank T. Morgan, chairman, C. H. Oxman, John Medlin, O. G. Lattig, Pieter Tensen, Marquis and Staples.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonough have gone to Boise and Portland where they will spend three weeks.

To Miss Elizabeth Van Zelf of Nyssa goes the honor of having made the wedding cake for her cousin's lovely wedding party.

The Smit family are returning to their farm near Nyssa after living at Vale the past few years. They will move to their newly improved home in Arcadia within the next few weeks.

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OWYHEE YOUTH FINDS BROTHER; CHRISTMAS GIFT

Christmas was a happy day for a mother in far away Jugo Slavia. She received a greeting from her son John Kunder, of whom she had heard no word in over two years.

Kunder was found through the efforts of his brother Ambrose Kunder, workman at Owyhee Dam, and The Journal. Stories were sent to radio stations and newspapers of California, Minnesota, Pennsylvania. The search began in July. Week after week passed but no word came of Kunder. The brother refused to give up as his mother was ill.

In December, John Kunder read of the search in a paper in Jackson, California. He notified his brother here and wired his mother in Jugo Slavia on Christmas day.

ONTARIO MAN TAKES LIFE

ILLNESS CLAIMS IRA KING, 47; FUNERAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW.

Ill health is believed to have caused Ira King, 47, to take his life in Ontario Tuesday night. He hanged himself in a room in the post office building and the tragedy was discovered by David Stewart, janitor, that night.

A note in King's pocket stated: "When you are in poor health you cannot be happy. I thank everyone for their kindness to me. Goodbye."

Surviving are his father Judge G. L. King, well known old timer of Ontario, two brothers Arthur and Homer of Ontario, and two sisters Mrs. C. R. Arnold of Portland and Mrs. L. G. Huston of Ukiah.

King was injured three years ago and suffered blood poison, followed by a nervous breakdown. He returned to Ontario two years ago from Brewster, Washington.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow from the Congregational church.

W. L. Karrer, junior engineer, formerly in the government office at Owyhee dam, has joined the Nyssa staff of the Owyhee project force.

Mrs. Edith Muth, sister-in-law of Mrs. Frank Leuck, who was here from Colorado during the holidays, went on to Klamath Falls where she is continuing her visit with relatives in Oregon.

Geo. W. McKnight, president of the Idaho-Oregon Turkey Growers association, was here yesterday. He went on to Boise where sale of the January turkey pool will be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Stafford of Caldwell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wilson. Miss Esther Richey, sister of Mrs. Wilson, accompanied the Staffords home for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Farnham Sills and daughter Peggy, accompanied by Les Sills, brother of the former, returned to Nyssa Sunday after spending the holidays with relatives at Burley and Rupert.

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BANKS PREDICTS PROGRESS IN '32 ON OWYHEE WORK

FOUR YEARS CONSTRUCTION HAS COST \$8,500,000 BANKS REPORTS, AND 1932 ESTIMATE IS AROUND \$2,000,000.

Since work began on the Owyhee irrigation project in 1928, the bureau of reclamation has expended \$8,500,000. During the coming year expenditures will be limited by the size of the reclamation fund, but will probably exceed \$2,000,000.

The Owyhee dam, 525 feet in height, highest in the world, will create a storage reservoir of 715,000 acre feet for the project and will effect the diversion of its water supply at a height of 230 feet above the present river level.

Tunnel No. 1, which is 16 feet, 7 inches, in diameter and 3.5 miles long, will carry the entire water supply for the project from the Owyhee reservoir to Tunnel Canyon. T. E. Connolly Company, contractor for the upper half of this tunnel, started work in April, 1930, and will probably complete the excavation of his portion in February, while lining will be finished in the fall. J. F. Shea Company, San Francisco, has the contract for the lower half of the tunnel.

Work on his section, started in April, 1930, will probably be completed by the time the upper end is finished.

Tunnel No. 5, 9 feet, 3 inches, in diameter and 4.2 miles long, will convey 650 second feet from Tunnel Canyon to the Succor creek division of the project, including the Gem Irrigation district. The J. F. Shea company also started work on the upper half of this tunnel in April, 1930. Shea completed the excavation of his section in July, 1931, meanwhile establishing a new world record for tunneling. Shea will probably finish the lining in February, 1932. S. S. Magoffin started the construction of the lower half of No. 5 tunnel in April, 1930. At the present rate of progress, excavation in Magoffin's section will not be completed until the summer of 1933 as he encountered a long area of water bearing sand and soft material.

The North Canal of the Owyhee project will have capacity of 1,190 second feet, and as its name indicates will extend in a northerly direction from Tunnel Canyon to supply the lands in the vicinity of Adrian, Nyssa, Ontario and Dead Ox Flat. Construction of the canal should start in March, said Banks, and will extend over several years, depending upon the rate at which funds can be made available.

Surveys for the location of canals and laterals will continue throughout the year in order to have work ready for contract as funds are made available.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coward and daughter Mrs. Ethel Crawford and family were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ross of near Ontario.

Nyssa Makes Big Shipment Alfalfa Seed

The largest shipment of alfalfa seed to leave Nyssa in a single order, 58,000 pounds, was billed to the Northrup, King Seed Company, Boise, from the Nyssa Grain Company Tuesday. It was all Nyssa grown seed of good grade. The price is slightly improved, having advanced a half a cent per pound, according to S. D. Goshert, of the Nyssa Grain company.

Goshert said that most seed growers in this locality cropped a very satisfactory seed return in 1931. He predicts expansion of seed production here, as conditions are favorable to growth of hardy seed.

GRAND JURY ENDS SESSION

SEVEN TRUE BILLS CAME OUT OF HOPPER; CIRCUIT COURT OPENS NEXT MONDAY.

The January grand jury closed a busy 3-day session last night, reporting seven true bills and four not true bills. Mabel Hess and Betty Colbs, formerly of Ontario, arrested by officers in Adrian last week, were charged with possession of liquor.

A. Wilcox, banker with interests in Jordan Valley, was indicted on four separate counts involving cohabitation.

Judge W. W. Wood will open circuit court in Vale Monday. Trial jurors are: Nyssa—A. L. Fris, S. D. Goshert, Frank D. Hall, Fred Klingback, Ralph Lackey, R. R. Overstreet, Eddie Powell, John Reese.

Ontario—A. N. Andrews, Holden Clement, E. Curfman, S. D. Dorman, E. Johnson, R. W. Jones, Homer King.

Vale—Wilbur Carter, E. P. Hendrix, Rush McHargue, Geo. W. McKnight, E. B. Nelson.

Brogan—W. Herrington, R. H. Kelley, H. M. Maronde, A. B. Rouse.

Big Bend—Frank Johns. Oregon Slope—G. W. Lattig. Adrian—Chas. McConnell. Ironside—Orville Nichols, Eli Rose. Those who served on the grand jury were:

Charles E. Boor, Ironside; S. H. Collins, Ontario; Thomas F. Coward, Nyssa; Scott Davis, Ontario; Ivan Hart, Westfall, James H. Inman, Vale and Frank McCarty, Ontario.

FRUITLAND WINS FROM NYSSA FIVE; GIRLS WILL PLAY

Failure to break up strong defensive play of the Fruitland basket ball team is held accountable for Nyssa's defeat in the Idaho town Tuesday night 19 to 8. Schweizer, high point man for Nyssa, made four of the hard-earned counters.

Second string locals lost another ragged game 27 to 13. Line-ups: First string—Schweizer, Foster, forwards; Bill Boor, center; Sager, Hatch, guards; Keizer, substitute; Second string—Butler, Spencer, forwards; Howard Boor, center; Williams, Marshall, guards; Boren, Smith Taylor, Wilson, substitutes.

Stegner, forward, was high point man for Fruitland with 10. Others on the Fruitland team were Kessler, forward; Gliensky, center; Hess, Lee, guards.

Coach John Young is looking for better results when Nyssa plays Roswell Friday night and Weiser Institute Saturday night.

The girls' team will make its debut Saturday night with the institute sextet. Nora Meyers is coach. The girls will wear new blouses made by students in the domestic art class of the high school.

NYSSA CLUB WILL DINE

Nyssa Commercial club will begin the New Year with weekly luncheon meetings at Schweizer's Cafe, the first session of the kind to be held next Monday at noon. A luncheon room to the rear of the cafe has been nicely improved for club use. Every member of the club is invited to attend.

Other business transacted at last night's meeting was election of Frank T. Morgan to succeed J. P. Dunaway as Nyssa club representative of the Vale-Owyhee Land Settlement association. Mr. Dunaway was a director until his business took him away from this community.

Murray Dick Tensen made a talk, stressing the need of the proposed Nyssa sewer system. The project found unanimous support.

Mrs. Thelma Barker and two children returned to their home in Portland

TWO DIE FROM POISON TAKEN FOR MEDICINE

TRAGEDY IN ISOLATED CABIN BEYOND JORDAN VALLEY IS EXPLAINED BY NOTE LEFT BY DYING MAN; YOUTH AND TRAPPER SUCCUMB.

Strychnine, taken by mistake for medicinal salts, was responsible for the death of Vernon High, 45, trapper of Malheur county, and Raymond Lee, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lee of Jordan Valley, whose bodies were found by Dewey Wicks, a cowboy, in a cabin at the Star ranch in the Junipers southeast of Jordan Valley last Friday.

The double tragedy was unraveled Monday when Owyhee County, Ida., officials reached the isolated cabin across the Malheur county boundary in Idaho. They found a note, written by one of the stricken men, which recounted briefly that they had taken large doses of the deadly poison thinking that they were swallowing epsom salts. The poison was used by High in his trapping.

Officers reported that the two men had taken mustard and other common remedies for poison but to no avail. It is believed the tragedy occurred about December 27. The bodies were brought to Jordan Valley Monday.

Funeral services were held in Jordan Valley Tuesday for Arthur Lee. His parents and several brothers and sisters survive. Bert High of Vale brought his brother's body from Jordan Valley. Tuesday funeral services were held in Vale for Mr. High. Another brother Gene High also lives in Vale.

SEED GROWERS TO MEET ON MONDAY; ELECT DIRECTORS

A meeting of importance to seed growers of Oregon and Idaho will be held in Caldwell Monday, January 11, at 1 o'clock, according to W. P. Bales, manager of the cooperative that functioned this year. The association will seek an estimate of tonnage in order to determine whether or not the volume will warrant the efficient operation of the seed growers' association.

Plans also call for the election of seven directors from Malheur and Morrow counties in Oregon and Idaho membership. Adoption of a trade name will be discussed. Organized seed growers are finding that sale of good seed, under a desired trade name or brand, is stimulating marketability among buyers of western seed in the eastern states.

OCTOGENARIAN DIES IN ONTARIO

Funeral services were held in Ontario Saturday for Charles F. Brown, 82, uncle of Mrs. E. H. Davidson, at the Davidson home. Mr. Brown had made his home with his niece since 1928. He was born in Vermont December 10, 1843. Despite his age he was active and alert until his last illness.

Cecil Palmer, son of Fred J. Palmer of Nyssa, left Monday to resume work in Spokane after spending the holidays with relatives here and in Caldwell. Mrs. Cecil Palmer and children were also in Caldwell from their home in Jordan Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruth McHargue and children of Vale were here to spend New Years with the Warren McHargue family.

A HINT

Its "hinted" that in Portland There's an elephant Named Tusko— He's causing lots of trouble In the daytime And at dusk.

He knocks down buildings By the score— Eats bales and bales of hay His trunk he never plans to pack Cause he ain't built that way.

One day they say he got a cold He didn't feel so fine. They prescribed a tonic bold— Ten gallons of Moonshine. He drank and drank his hearts content But didn't get a kick For many hours were badly spent He got so awful sick.

I think that Salem had him first They knew not what to do So they sent him down to Portland To put him in the zoo. I guess he's never satisfied He goes on many a tear. They call up all the mayors And they rave and tear their hair.

It seems the press Owes him a lot— He sure holds down First Page Cause Aimee now is not so "hot" And the whale is just "stone age."

The one and only remedy There is that I can see Is to ship him back to Washington And bill him G. O. P.

—Lela Oxman, Ontario, Ore.

FROST KILLS COYOTE NEAR KOLONIA RANCH

It is not unusual for a motorist to run down a pheasant, but it is out of the ordinary for a motorist to strike a fleet-footed coyote. In fact few of them are even seen.

Bernard Frost, local manager for the Idaho Power company, hit a coyote near the Robert R. Overstreet ranch on the Nyssa-Adrian highway at 6 o'clock in the morning Sunday. The coyote was fatally hurt, and Frost killed him.

At this season of the year the coyote pelt is valuable, worth about \$5, so Frost is well satisfied with the early morning hunting expedition.

ENTERS RACE FOR SHERIFF

ONTARIO STOCKMAN ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL SEEK REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR COUNTY SHERIFF.

In a statement to The Journal Tuesday, Ray Emmott of Ontario declared himself a candidate for sheriff of Malheur county. He stated that he will seek the republican nomination in the primaries this spring. Emmott is a cattle dealer and rancher, having resided in Ontario the last four years. He owns ranch property near here.

Charles Powell, also of Ontario, informed voters that he would enter the race for sheriff several weeks ago although he has made no statement to The Journal. If rumors are true, there will be numerous candidates for the office, particularly if Sheriff C. W. Glenn does not seek re-election. He has made no definite announcement as yet.

FIRE DAMAGES VALE BUILDING LATE LAST NIGHT

Fire damaged the T. T. Nelen Building and Vale Drug Store in Vale last night to the extent of several thousand dollars, it was reported to The Journal today. The fire started in the furnace room in the basement of the building and had made considerable headway before it was discovered. There was damage to goods and equipment in the drug store by fire and smoke.

CITY COUNCIL WANTS AIRPORT

Nyssa will soon have an airport if plans discussed at the Monday night meeting of the city council materialize. The 40 acre west of town, owned by the city, could be used for an airport, it was suggested.

The council transacted routine business.

SIREN SOUNDS NEW YEAR IN NYSSA

The glad hand of welcome was extended to the New Year in Nyssa last Thursday night with the siren tooting the revelry. Crowds of young folks plunged into the spirit of the occasion at party and dance. Religious rites at midnight were not forgotten.

NEWCOMER RENTS HOXIE AUTO SHOP

M. C. Hartzell of Tacoma, Wash., leased the auto repair shop of the Hoxie Garage Tuesday. Hartzell is a government licensed mechanic and states that he will conduct a first class shop. Mrs. Hartzell is with him and they are living at the Swan Apartments.

Three Lodges Install New Officers for Coming Year

New officers of the Nyssa chapter of Eastern Star lodge were installed with impressive ceremony last night. Officers are Mrs. Anna Goshert, worthy matron; Bernard Frost, worthy patron; Verena Beam, associate matron; Frank Miller, associate patron; Mrs. Hilda Tensen, secretary; Mrs. Mary Robertson, treasurer; Mrs. Jennie Ward, conductress; Mrs. Mary Hollenberg, associate conductress; Hettie Medesker, Adas; Maria Hunter, Ruth; Mrs. Betty Forbes, Esther; Mrs. Ruby Newby, Martha; Nettie Medesker, Electa; Stella Fishburn, organist; Margaret Young, marshal; Eva Boydell, chaplain; Mrs. Hazel Frost, warder; Frank D. Hall, sentinel.

Installing officers were Mrs. Hazel Enos, of Adrian, past worthy matron; Mrs. Elizabeth Bauer of Ontario, past worthy matron, acting as marshal; Mrs. Nettie Medesker, chaplain, and Mrs. Hollenberg, organist.

Masons Install Recently installed officers of the Mason lodge are: Sidney Burbidge, master; Chas. McConnell of Adrian, senior warden; Wm. Schireman, junior warden; Merrit M. Greeling, secretary; Dick Tensen, treasurer; John Young, senior deacon; Dr. C. A. Abbott, junior deacon; Leon Higby and Donald M. Graham, stewards; Arthur V. Cook, marshal; Frank D. Hall, chaplain. Leo D. Hollenberg is retiring master.

Oddfellows Install Wallace Lynch, district deputy grand master, installed new officers of the Oddfellows lodge at a well attended meeting Tuesday night. Officers are: Ike Boren, noble grand; Lon Root, vice grand; John Forbes, secretary; N. H. Pinkerton, treasurer; S. Burbidge, R. A. Miller, right and left support to noble grand; Wallace Lynch, C. Klinkenberg, support to vice grand; Robt. Martin, Elsie Walters, guards; C. Tillman, conductor; Frank Leuck, warden; N. H. Pinkertop, chaplain.

STATE CALLS BIDS ON G-O LINK, BRIDGES

COMMISSION WILL RECEIVE BIDS JANUARY 21, ON CANYON STRETCH OF HIGHWAY AND THREE BRIDGES IN VICINITY OF JUNTURA.

The Oregon state highway commission will receive bids in Portland January 21, on highway and bridge construction on the Central Oregon highway in Malheur county. All of the work is in the vicinity of Juntura, in western Malheur county, and upon completion will place the last sector of the road in use for motor travel. It means successful culmination of the fight for the Central Oregon that began years ago.

Grading of 6.3 miles of road between Peach and Juntura is a part of the work advertised. The remainder is bridge work. One bridge will be erected over the north fork of the Malheur river, one two miles east of Juntura and the other five miles out of the little cattle town.

This last stretch of the Central Oregon highway runs through the Malheur canyon and is very rugged and picturesque, also difficult construction.

David F. Graham, Malheur county judge, was assured that Central Oregon highway work would be advertised at the January meeting. He is grateful for the immediate action of the highway commission.

The Central Oregon highway runs from Bend to Burns and from there to Malheur county and Vale. It connects with Idaho highways at Nyssa and Ontario. The Yellowstone Cut-off branches off at Burns, runs south to Lakeview and provides a shorter than existing routes to California.

GROWERS WILL DELIVER TURKS HERE NEXT WEEK

Members of the Nyssa Turkey Marketing association will deliver about a thousand birds in Nyssa from Monday until Thursday of next week for the January pool, according to an estimate by Joe Gilmore, president of the association. He believes the price will be about the same as the Christmas price.

SNOW ADDS BIT TO WHITE VALLEY

Several light snowfalls of last week augmented the white blanket which has covered this section since shortly after Christmas. The moisture has added to the season's precipitation and threatens to break the dry cycle which has continued with more or less severity about ten years. To date, conditions show more favorable winter prospects than they did at this season in 1931.

SCOUTS ELECT PATROL CHIEFS

Boy Scouts elected officers for two patrols at their regular meeting Monday night. Howard Larsen and Wesley Lathen are leaders. Calvin Wilson and Bruce Fahney tied for assistant leader of one patrol while Clifford Lathen was elected second assistant.

Jim Lewellen returned Sunday from snowbound Bonita where he spent the holidays with relatives. He journeyed to Brogan by sled and at Vale met Gilbert Klinkenberg, who brought him on to Nyssa.