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## Prospect Seen For More Road Work Near Here

### Nyssa Taxpayers Appear Before County Court Asking For Road Work

A delegation of farmers and business men from near Nyssa appeared before the county court Wednesday in behalf of the county roads of the vicinity; and were assured by the court that the roads would be improved as much as finances would permit.

The principal roads under consideration was the stretch going past the Nyssa funeral home straight west to the cemetery. This is one of the main country roads of the vicinity, and while graveled several years ago, is now in a very bad state of repair. Practically every farmer living long this road appeared to ask the court for help in repairing the road.

Judge David Graham, speaking in behalf of the court said that a W.P.A. project had been arranged, including 18 miles of road work. At the present time the crew is working on the road directly south of Ontario and expected to complete this job sometime during the present week. The crew and machinery will be transferred to do necessary road repairing and construction near Nyssa.

Another delegation of new settlers appeared to see what the court's attitude would be regarding graveled of a road to connect with the present road running by the slaughter house. A bridge across the Shoe-string ditch has been constructed, and the settlers were asking for gravel on a road running west from the new bridge. They found the court in a receptive mind and were assured that the court intended to do the greatest good for the greatest number, and inasmuch as 18 miles were to be built as part of the W.P.A. project, it would likely be possible to include the work asked.

The court reminded the delegation that the county could not increase the tax levy by more than the six per cent allowed by law and that while the original budget called for an increased amount of road work, a revision of figures to comply with the six per cent limitation had made it necessary to take \$10,000 from the highway funds. Consequently the county was greatly handicapped by shortage of funds and it was impossible to do all the road improving asked, meritorious though it may be. The court did promise to give Nyssa as much road improvement and building as fair-play and the highway funds would permit.

## Beet Growers On Honor Roll

### Robert Holmes, Bill DeGroff and John Berman Average Better than 20 Tons in 1936.

Three local beet growers are listed by the Amalgamated Sugar Company on the honor roll for 1936. Growers whose crop average 20 tons or more are on the roll. Those on the honor roll are Robert Holmes with 23.09; William DeGroff with 23; and John C. Berman farming the Frank Morgan place, with a tonnage of 20.23. There were 11 growers in the district from Weiser to Nyssa who beat 20 tons; the highest yields being 26.85 made by Frank Hopper and 26.39 by J. S. Carr.

The report shows that the highest yield made in 1936 by growers for the Amalgamated Sugar Company was Howard Dabb in the Ogden district with a yield of 30.94 tons. Top man for the Twin Falls district was J. D. Glenn with 30.31 tons. The best grower in the Cache Valley district in Utah was Melvin Johnson with a yield of 24.13 and the best grower in the Burley-Rupert district was Roy D. Baily with 27.52 tons. Most of the yields reported run 20, 21 or 22 tons to the acre and would seem to indicate that growers in this vicinity can compete on an even basis with the best growers in other sugar beet producing districts.

Jack Mathewson of Wendell, Idaho, was an overnight guest at the Ronald Burke home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Findling and Mr. Eph Frost were Payette visitors Wednesday.

## MOTHER OF MRS. DANLEY PASSES AWAY FRIDAY

Mrs. May Weddle, mother of Mrs. Earl Danley died last Friday at Coquille, Oregon. Mrs. Danley and three small children had left Nyssa on the evening train Friday en route to Coquille upon receipt of word that her mother was seriously ill following an operation. Word reached Nyssa about 10 o'clock that night that Mrs. Weddle had passed away. Mrs. Weddle was known here, having lived here several years ago when Mr. Weddle worked on the Owyhee dam. Besides Mrs. Danley, she is survived by her husband, three sons and two other daughters.

## Special Election Called May 11

### Qualified Electors To Pass On 15 Amendments To City Charter.

An election has been called for Tuesday, May 11th by the city council, at which time all qualified voters of the city will vote on 15 proposed charter amendments. The ordinance containing the election call and the proposed amendments was passed at adjourned session of the city council Wednesday afternoon.

The city at present is working under the old out-dated original charter of 1903, which is unworkable in many respects under modern conditions. The 15 proposed amendments must be acted on by the voters of the city in order to make them legal, and if passed, are expected to greatly simplify and clarify the routine of city business.

Under the law, arguments for or against the proposed changes must be filed with the City Recorder at least 10 days prior to the election and must be prepared in pamphlet form and distributed to the qualified voters of the city; along with the proposed charter changes.

## RECLAMATION BALL TEAM DROPS TWO

The Reclamation basketball team dropped a couple of games this week; losing to Vale Monday night 26 to 59 and dropping a game Wednesday night to the Ontario town team, 20 to 39. The games were really closer than the scores would indicate and are providing good sport for players and spectators. Wishart was high for Ontario Wednesday and Johnny Burky high for Nyssa. A return game is being played tonight on the Ontario court.

Players who have seen action under the Reclamation colors include Ramsey, Lloyd Milliken, Schweizer, Burky, Doolittle, Johnston, Ralph Milliken, Reberger, Ernest, Crawford and Sperry.

The Norcott Service team won another victory over the Crazy Kats Wednesday night, the score being 32 to 22. High point scorers for the Norcott Service team were Art Norcott and Colby Poage with 8 points each. Lankford was high for the Kats.

Players included A. Norcott, Poage, Selts, W. Boor, McCurdy and Hod Boor for the Service team while the Crazy Kats were made up of the two Lankfords, Bennett, Neilson, Claunch and Baetic.

Denny Hogue has rented the C. H. Reberger place and expects to put it into row crops.

## More Sales To Be Held Soon

The initial Saturday Sale held last Saturday proved a distinct success, drawing a big crowd and everything sold went at satisfactory prices. The managers of the Nyssa Sale Yard, Walt Fox and D. C. McGinnis were well pleased with the co-operation received and have gone ahead and lined up an even larger sale for next Saturday.

**Reberger Sale March 11**  
C. W. Reberger has rented his farm and is holding an auction sale on Thursday, March 11th at his farm one mile southwest of Nyssa. He has a representative line of farm machinery, horses, cattle and other articles to be sold. Col. Amos Miller will be the auctioneer.

**Garrison Sale Tomorrow**  
Chas. Garrison has a sale well publicized for Friday, March 5th at which time he will sell a line of farm machinery, horses and cattle.

## Nyssa Basketball Team Playing In Tournament



Left to right, back row: Bob Jackson, Bob Wilson, Frank Pierson, Coach John Young, Raymond Graham, Dean Byram, Manager Don Boren. Front row, left to right: Paul Johnston, Huston Wilson, Lloyd Wilson, Stanley Ray and Clarence Enos.

## Fine Wrestling Show Pleases

### "Red Shadow" Billed For Next Card March 11; Turk and Japanese Wrestler Signed.

It was a pleased crowd of wrestling fans that left the Eagles hall last Thursday evening after witnessing a three hour show that topped anything in the way of a wrestling card ever staged in Nyssa. Fans were present from Ontario, Vale, Payette, Weiser, Nampa and other cities of the valley, showing that the cards here are really pleasing the fans.

The Ira Dern—"Gentlemen Jack" Connelly match probably equalled the best bouts you will see in city arenas. Connelly won the first fall, but Dern won the match two out of three. The struggle was well staged, with Connelly in the role of the villain, continually trying to get a strangle hold and other unpleasant grips on "Our Ira." In the closing moments of the match, Connelly tossed Referee Art Garde over the ropes and into the audience; not once but twice. Connelly weighed 255 and looked it, while Dern wrestles at 212.

### Vogle Wins Over Mathews

Due to injury, received in an auto accident, Bull Keemer was unable to keep his date with Don Mathews, but his place was amply filled by Carl Vogle, wrestler from San Francisco. Mathews, who weighs 172 pounds and delights the fans with his clean hard wrestling, found himself greatly outweighted and lost the first fall in 13 minutes via a body press. The second and winning fall also went to Vogle when it looked like Mathews was getting the best of it. He had his big opponent on the run by a series of drop kicks, finally knocking Vogle through the ropes, but fell back and injured his neck. Vogle flopped on him for an easy fall.

Dr. Saxon, strongman record holder years ago, demonstrated several feats of strength, including bending and breaking a horseshoe in two, breaking a strong steel clothes-line wire and topped it all by picking two 175-lb men from the audience, tying their arms together and lifting them both with one arm. He also challenged Vogle to a one-fall match but the younger man applied a headlock in 4 1/2 minutes to win the match.

**Man Throws Woman**  
Betty Bushay proved to be about as fast a wrestler as one could hope to see, and wrestled in the popular modern fashion. However her lighter man opponent managed to get a punishing toe hold and won the match from his feminine opponent.

The boxing end of the show proved to be the only sour note. "The Missouri Kid" of Pocatello had little trouble with the so-called "Battling" Kujcar of Portland and after two rounds the Portland boy was willing to call it quits.

**Good Card for March 11**  
Another card has been arranged for next Thursday night, March 11th, bringing together the famous "Red Shadow" and Ira Dern. The "Shadow" challenged the winner of the Connelly-Dern match, and Dern promptly accepted after his victory over "Gentleman Jack."

Bull Keemer is expected to be in (Continued on Back Page)

## Important Early Exploring Parties Passed Through Nyssa Townsite

### Phillip Klug Is Accident Victim

#### Former Nyssa Resident Killed In Unusual Accident Saturday Afternoon.

An unusual accident claimed the life of Phillip Richard Klug, 25 year old contractor Saturday afternoon when the young man was hit in the neck with a heavy iron bar. Mr. Klug is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Klug and was very well known here, although residing at Weiser at the present time.

As the accident was reconstructed by eye witnesses, young Klug was using the bar as a pry on some heavy concrete pipe and in some manner it slipped, striking him in the neck, breaking it and causing instant death. He was working on a construction job six miles south of Weiser at the time.

Immediately following the accident he was rushed to Weiser for medical attention, but doctors stated that evidently he had died instantly.

Funeral services were attended by a great many sorrowing Nyssa friends Monday at 10 o'clock. Services were in the Catholic church with Rev. Losier in charge. The remains were taken to Kalispell, Montana for interment.

Phillip Richard Klug was born in Dickinson, N. D. on December 30th, 1911. For the past five years he had been associated with his father in the contracting business and had made many warm friends here. Besides his parents, he is survived by his wife and a five-year old son. The irony of the tragedy was that he and his family had planned to leave Monday for a big contract Mr. Klug had secured in Arizona, which would have been another step forward in his promising career.

## GOLFERS TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS THURSDAY

A meeting of all golfers has been called for Thursday March 11 at the City Hall, starting at 8 o'clock. Besides discussion of many topics concerning the local course, a new set of officers will be elected and other business transacted. All golfers are welcome to attend and help make plans for the coming season.

## 'ROUND TOWN

John Cancelmo gets title role in new "Judge Puffie Club" . . . First plowing of the season was last week end . . . Del Taylor again piloting the Thompson Oil Streamliner . . . Local Veterans of Foreign Wars help start new post at Weiser Tuesday night . . . Amalgamated Sugar Co. warehouse taking definite form . . . Bill Coleman bigheartedly dividing up his son Albert's 17th birthday cake . . . Goldie Caldwell objects to having wrestler thrown in her lap . . . Spring fever causes golfers to break out with driver rash . . .

## Nyssa Has Interesting Early History Revealed By Portland Historian.

Historical research by J. Neilson Barry, Portland historian shows that in the early history of the Oregon country, before any towns were built; four important parties passed directly through where Nyssa is now situated. Mr. Barry points out that the Nyssa region was focal and that nine routes, radiated, but people traveled by the easiest routes, and the great trunkline of travel passed via East Cow Hollow to Vale, and from there to Farewell Bend just east of Huntington; or to Old's Ferry or across the Snake at Old's Ferry, from there via Burnt river westward.

The first party of white people to pass through the present townsite of Nyssa was in 1811 when Ramsay Crooks, a partner of John Jacob Astor led a detachment on the overland expedition to Astoria along the left bank of Snake river, from where Milner, Idaho now stands, on to Oxbow Bend, in the great canyon of the Snake river. There was terrible suffering experienced by these first explorers on their overland trip.

The next year, in 1812, Robert Stuart, also a partner of Astor, was taking dispatches from Astoria to Astor and passed through the site of Nyssa. His journal has recently been published.

General Bonneville, while a captain of the U. S. Army, spent several years in this region and traveled along the left bank of Snake river through where Nyssa is now located to Oxbow Bend, then across the Wallowa mountains and returned when the snow was 100 feet deep. He then went back through the townsite of Nyssa en route to eastern Idaho.

In 1852 a number of emigrants started down Snake river in wagon beds and passed by the townsite of Nyssa; but later came to grief.

Mr. Barry points out that Nyssa was only slightly off the main early trunk lines and this whole vicinity was a gateway through which most of the travel passed. The first white travelers, mostly trappers, followed west game or Indian paths. While much of the western country was obstructed by high mountains, there was no such obstruction to travelers using the Oregon route, except the Blue mountains, and Nyssa is at that gateway.

To use that gateway, wagons went via Vale, which was repeatedly mentioned in early records on account of the hot springs, which were of enormous importance in establishing the route. Wagons had to keep on ground which wagons could travel, so usually used the trails and paths used before them by Indians and white explorers.

## CIVIC CHORUS TO MEET AT CHURCH NEXT WED.

The Civic Chorus, who are practicing on a cantata for presentation Easter, will practice next Wednesday evening at the Community church starting at 7:30. A practice was held last night at the C. L. McCoy home. A full attendance is requested for next Wednesday, as much practice must be done on the Easter cantata.

Mrs. Frank Halverson and son Lloyd returned Monday from Burns where they have been visiting for the month visiting relatives.

## GRAND OFFICER VISITS NYSSA EASTERN STARS

Mrs. Dora Stipe of Beaverton, associate grand conductress of the Eastern Star lodge, made her official visit to the Nyssa chapter Saturday afternoon and evening. The afternoon session was devoted to a school of instruction. Following a 6 o'clock covered dish supper a special lodge meeting was held at which time all phases of the lodge work was given. Mrs. Stipe was presented with a gift. Mr. Fay Davis, worthy patron and Mrs. Johnson, worthy matron of the Parma lodge with other Parma lodge members also attended the meeting.

## Crop And Feed Loans Are Made

### County Agent Assisting With Preparation of Necessary Applications.

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1937 are now being received from Malheur County farmers by A. D. Stanton of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

In order to expedite the making of loans in Malheur County, R. G. Larson, County Agent, will assist in preparing the necessary application. Applications will be available at the County Agent's office in Ontario at all times. On Tuesday and Thursday of each week applications will be available at the Court House in Vale and on Wednesday of each week at the Owyhee Irrigation office in Nyssa. This schedule will be followed until the major part of the applications are in.

Both husband and wife should be present to make application as both signatures are required on the necessary mortgage. Legal description of the land for which the loan is being made must be available. These loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1937 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock and in no instance may exceed \$400.

Farmers are not eligible for these loans if they can borrow from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern. Emergency crop and feed loans will be made by the Farm Credit Administration to standard rehabilitation clients of the Resettlement Administration to standard rehabilitation clients of the Resettlement Administration whose current needs are provided for by Resettlement.

As in the past, the security for these loans will consist of a first lien on the crop financed if the loan is for the production of cash crops, and if for the purchase or production of feed or livestock, then a first lien on the livestock to be fed. Landlords, or others having an interest in the crops or the livestock to be fed, will be required to waive their claims in favor of the lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration until the loan is repaid.

Checks in payment of the approved loans will be issued by the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Spokane, Wash.

## Butler Funeral To Be Held Fri.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 o'clock from the Nyssa Funeral Home for William W. Butler, who passed away Monday, March 1 at the home of his son O. E. Butler of Adrian. Mr. Butler was 82 years, 3 months and 4 days of age.

William W. Butler was born November 27, 1854 at Highland County, Ohio, and came to the Adrian country about a year ago from Sidney, Montana. He and Mrs. Butler made their home with O. E. Butler, a son, and had been helping run the farm on the new project northwest of Adrian.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, two sons, O. E. Butler of Adrian and Curtis Butler of Hillsborough, Ohio; and four daughters, Mrs. Flora Jarvis of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Mary Reddick of Kalispell, Montana; Mrs. Lulu Weaver of Birmingham, Alabama and Mrs. Mabel Huffstetter of Adrian, Oregon.

Rev. Floyd White will have charge of the services at the Nyssa funeral home Friday and interment will be in the Nyssa cemetery.

## Nyssa Stays In Tournament By Enterprise Win

### Locals Lose Initial Game To Baker; Must Beat Ontario Tonight to Stay In Tournament.

Nyssa won a close thriller from Enterprise last night 29 to 31 to eliminate Enterprise from the Eastern Oregon basketball tournament, and are scheduled to play Ontario tonight to see which team remains in the meet and the right to play in the semi-finals Friday night.

The locals dropped their first game Friday night against Baker by a count of 43 to 22. Vale won from Union, 22 to 27 while Ontario lost a heart-breaker to La Grande, 32 to 31. Joseph sprang a surprise and nosed out Enterprise 25 to 26 in the opening nights play.

### Wednesday Night Results

Ontario remained in the tournament and sent Union home when the boys from the neighboring town emerged 16 to 25 winners Wednesday night. Baker had little trouble with Joseph, winning by a 14 to 36 count while Vale and La Grande staged a thrilling battle, with La Grande finally winning out by a single point, the score being 20 to 21. The Enterprise-Nyssa game was also decided by a single count, the score being 30 to 29.

### Games Tonight

Enterprise and Union have been eliminated from the tournament by two successive defeats. Baker plays La Grande tonight; Nyssa meets Ontario and Vale plays Joseph. The only undefeated teams are Baker and La Grande and these teams are certain to go into the semi-finals Friday night. If Nyssa wins tonight, the locals will likely be matched with La Grande for the semi-finals Friday night. Vale is expected to defeat Joseph and is almost a certainty to get to the semi-finals.

Several fans from here have attended the tournament. The opening night a party composed of Leo Hollenberg, Grant Rinehart, C. L. McCoy and Roy Pounds witnessed the games. Dewey Ray and family have taken their trailer house and are staying right there until the tournament ends.

Mrs. Faucher, Mrs. Poage, Mrs. Beers and Rev. White are attending a Sunday School institute at Wilder today.

Little Phillip Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wilson had the misfortune to break his arm Tuesday.

## Women Invited To Play Night

### Every Woman In Nyssa Can Take Part In Sport Promised for Tomorrow Night.

The Leader's Class, under the direction of Miss Macdonald, is planning a Women's Play Night to be held in the High School gymnasium on Friday evening March 5, beginning at 7:30 P. M. There will be no admission charges; no men; and no girls under 18 except those in the Leader's class. The evening will be taken up with various games, stunts and contests. They are also planning to present gymnastic exercises for the benefit of those who do not often have an opportunity to take them. The exercises will consist of those for reducing, for building up, for limbering and coordinating the muscles.

Shorts, slacks, overalls, or house-dresses—anything for comfort—will be the order of the evening. Since this is the first program of this kind to be presented in Nyssa the exercises will of necessity be rather mild, and intended for the fun they are, rather than for any particular advantage they have. It is obviously necessary to take the exercises at more frequent intervals to find them of any permanent value.

Women members of the high and grade school faculty are expecting to participate in the events of evening and are welcoming this opportunity to meet the women of Nyssa in this informal manner. We hope that all of you will find it possible to attend.