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Water System Improvement To Add New Pump

Council Also Discusses Garbage Disposal and Building Permits in Busy Session Monday.

The city council held a busy five hour session Monday night considering a multitude of problems up for action before the council. Most important to the people of Nyssa was the purchase of a new Allison-Chalmers pump to be installed in the city pump house and to be used to lift water from the settling tank to the high water tower.

The council heard the report from E. M. Greig, pump expert from Ontario and the city watermaster, N. H. Pinkerton, who reported that the present pump which lifts the water from the ground into the settling tank has a capacity of 300 gallons per minute. This was installed last summer, and has been giving very satisfactory service, besides affecting a substantial savings in the power bill for operation. However the old pump which lifts the water from the settling tank to the water tower only has a capacity of 200 gallons per minute, thus making it impossible to use the deep well pump for its full capacity.

N. H. Pinkerton reported that even at this early season, it is now necessary to operate the lifting pump from six o'clock in the morning until late at night to keep up with the water consumption. In spite of this, the drawing off of water has been so heavy, that a stop for a short time Saturday evening drained the tank dry and for a short period the town was without water. Several taxpayers were present at the meeting and spoke in favor of making the new installation, which is an automatic pump having 300 gallon capacity per minute instead of 200; takes two-horsepower less power, and after deducting the trade-in on the old outfit, will cost in the neighborhood of \$650 installed.

Arrangements were made to finance the purchase so it will not prevent necessary water main extension this summer. The pump was purchased through Mr. Greig.

Garbage Disposal

A solution of the garbage disposal of the city is being sought and two prospective haulers in the person of Mr. Dawson and Mr. Byram appeared before the council. The first necessity is for the city to find a suitable dump ground. The council asked the two men to submit written proposals and these will be acted upon at a later date, and after a dump site has been secured.

Building Permits

J. A. Kandt sought a building permit to build a business house, 24 x 60 on the lots north of the Lawrence Service, but the application was tabled pending filing of plans and specifications. Lee Miller was granted permission to move a house onto lots in the far north part of town and N. E. Leigh was granted a permit to build a brick theatre building on Main street, 40 x 100, brick walls and metal roof at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

W. T. J. Williams, who has been making a survey of outside toilets of the town, made his report. He reported many in bad shape, and steps will be taken to have these properties cleaned up by the owners under the recently enacted ordinance giving the council power to act in the matter.

EVENT CALENDAR

May 6—Civic Chorus program.
May 7—Grade School Play Day at Vale.
May 7—Union High School meeting in local school.
May 14—Junior-Senior Prom.
May 14—Girl Scouts Mother-Daughter banquet.
May 15—Kingman ice cream social.
May 16—Nyssa vs Ontario, here.
May 21—10 a. m. Grade and Standard meeting in Ontario.
May 21—Senior Play.
May 23—Baccalaureate.
May 27—Commencement.
May 28—School ends.
June 4, 5, 6—Owyhee Canyon Days.

Voters To Cast Ballots Tuesday

Voters will go to polls Tuesday, May 11th to vote on 15 proposed amendments to the city charter. Voting place will be at the Owyhee Irrigation district office between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the afternoon. All voters registered for the 1936 general election are eligible to vote Tuesday.

Voters pamphlets were mailed out today to the registered voters of Nyssa and these should be studied carefully so that every voter will fully understand the proposition before the electorate.

SCHWEIZER CAFE SOLD TO KANSAS COUPLE

Mrs. Rena Schweizer sold the Schweizer Cafe this week to H. G. Wilkison of Parsons, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkison are here, staying at the Owyhee Hotel, and will take over the restaurant midnight Sunday, which will be May 10th.

Nyssa Wins First League Contest

Dean Johnston Pitches Nyssa to 2 to 1 Victory Over Vale Sunday.

Dean Johnston turned in one of the best pitching performances in his career Sunday when the flashy, lefthanded Nyssa chucker set the Vale batters down with only one hit and at the same time sent 13 jacks to the bench via the strikeout route. The one hit which prevented one of those rare performances, a so-hit game, was a long drive into deep left field by Bates and went for three bases. The game was won by Nyssa, 2 to 1, in a tight game.

All the scoring was done early in the game. Hashitani, first man up for Nyssa also brought in the first run. Vale evened things up in the first half of the second inning, while Nyssa scored again in the last half of the second to make the score 2 to 1. There was no further scoring. Schweizer brought in the second run.

Hits were not plentiful, with Vale being credited with 1 hit and Nyssa only made three. Errors (Continued on Page 6)

School Ball Nine Tops Conference

Harper and Vale Defeated during the Week by Nyssa Bulldogs.

The Nyssa High School baseball team scrambled to the top of the conference standings Tuesday by virtue of their defeat of Harper here, 5 to 4. There are four teams in the league, including Nyssa, Vale, Ontario and Harper, and in four games played this season they have defeated all three Malheur county schools.

Nyssa will play Ontario Friday afternoon at Ontario but regardless of the outcome, Nyssa is assured a place in the play-off series to be held between two schools on the Oregon side of the river and two schools on the Idaho side. This series will be played at Ontario under the lights next week end.

Defeat Harper Tuesday

Nyssa out-hit Harper 8 to 5 and drove in five runs to defeat Harper here Tuesday 5 to 4. The game was extremely close and was not decided until the last half of the 9th inning when Stanley Ray hit a home run for the deciding tally. Up to that point in the game, the score was tied at four all. Larsen, husky right fielder for Harper also hit a circuit clinger in the sixth inning with one runner on base.

Batteries for Nyssa were Graham and Case; for Harper, Towell and Shira.

Vale Falls Victim

The rampaging Nyssa Bulldogs squeezed out a victory at Vale last Friday afternoon by the narrow margin of 5 to 4. The locals hit safely 7 times as against 5 for Vale, but three Vale errors contributed to the county seat boys' downfall.

Features of the game included a play in the first inning when Maunling grabbed a hot one from (Continued on Page 6)

Canyon Days To Be Staged Here On June 4-5-6

Monte Young Carnival To Be Here During Owyhee Canyon Celebration.

Owyhee Canyon Days are coming again this year, again under the sponsorship of the Nyssa Commercial Club; but an entire change of program is promised for this year. Dates selected are the 4, 5th and 6th days of June, with the 6th, which falls on Sunday; be set aside for an annual trek and picnic at the Owyhee Dam.

The wild-west feature which has dominated the show since its inception several years ago, has been abandoned. There will be no opportunity to use "fun-money" on games of chance, but arrangements were completed today with the Monte Young shows to set up here for the Owyhee Canyon Day celebration. This carnival concern just finished a very satisfactory stand at Payette and are going to Nampa this week and next. He brings several rides, including merry-go-round; farris wheel, loop-a-plane, tilt-a-whirl and other rides, besides a carnival mid-way and side-shows.

A day program will be arranged, and will likely include baseball; boxing, street sports and other features to be arranged. Dances will be held both Friday and Saturday nights.

It is the desire of the committee in charge to give a show in keeping with Nyssa's place as a leading agricultural community and to provide genuine amusement for the large crowd which always attends the show at Nyssa. Definite arrangements will be made this week for several features of entertainment, with the idea of having something interesting going every minute of Friday and Saturday, with the caravan over the project and to the dam coming on Sunday.

DR. TOWNSEND WILL SPEAK AT PENDLETON SUNDAY, MAY 9th

Dr. Francis E. Townsend is to speak at the Civic Auditorium in Pendleton, Oregon, next Sunday evening, May 9th, at seven thirty. This is a specially arranged appearance of the Doctor as it was originally planned that he would make but one stop in each state. Madame Stark, song-bird of the Townsend Plan, will sing. There will be no admission charge. It is expected that thousands of Townsdenites and others will be at this mass-meeting.

Dr. Townsend will speak in Boise on Tuesday, May 11th and many from eastern Oregon and Idaho are expected to be on hand. His Boise address will be his only stop in Idaho.

The local Townsend club meeting scheduled for this Thursday, May 6 has been postponed to Thursday May 20 at the Community Church.

SENIORS GO TO BOISE FOR DAYS OUTING

Seniors of the local high school held their annual "Sneak Day" Wednesday when they left on an early day trip to Boise and vicinity. The Sophomores, traditionally entitled to try and stop the upperclassmen, followed the Seniors to Boise and sort of took the day off themselves.

Mrs. Tom Eldridge and sons spent Tuesday in Payette visiting at the C. F. Fulton home and attended the May Day celebration.

WORK ON NEW THEATRE TO START IN NEAR FUTURE

N. E. Leigh of Parma, owner of the Liberty Theatre in Nyssa plans to construct a new brick building on the lots east of the Hoxie garage building in the near future, to be used as a theatre. Monday night he was granted a permit by the city council, and work will start soon. The new building will have brick walls and metal roof; modern in every detail and is estimated to represent a building investment of around \$10,000. Mr. Leigh is an experienced builder and will act as his own contractor and do much of the building work himself. The new theatre will be 40 feet wide and 100 feet long.

Gets Watch For Faithful Service

Dick Tensen is wearing both a splendid new watch and a smile that won't come off, as the result of Monday's meeting of the Owyhee Ditch board. Mr. Tensen had been on the board for the past twenty-five years or so, but is no longer a stockholder since he sold his ranch. Monday he received a phone call from Ontario, asking him to sit in at the meeting. He says he thought that perhaps due to the fact he had served on the board so long, they might want his opinion on something... so hurried to the meeting. Instead of asking his advice, they put him on trial, gave him a beautiful 21 jewel watch and sentenced him to wear it for life. Inside the case is fittingly inscribed, "For Faithful Service."

House Burns In Apple Valley

Raymond Sagers Lose Belongings in Thursday Night Fire.

A fire which broke out sometime after nine o'clock Thursday evening, completely destroyed the farm home across the river in which Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sager were living. Mr. and Mrs. Sager were visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Foster, when the fire broke out. They returned home about 10:30 to find the house a mass of flames. A few articles were salvaged from the back porch, but practically everything was lost. Included in the loss were numerous wedding presents given the bride and groom when Raymond Sager and Crete Marie Foster were married several months ago. Considerable furniture, clothing and personal belongings were also lost in the blaze.

It is believed that the blaze was caused by a defective flue, and there was a fire in the stove when the couple left the house shortly before nine o'clock. When they returned two hours later the fire had gained too much headway to stop.

The house belonged to Mr. Johnson of Parma, and was fully insured. Work or rebuilding has already started and in the meantime the Sagers are living in a tent house.

Newcomer Dies On Farm Home

Chas. Metlen, Newcomer From Kansas Falls Victim To Pneumonia

Chas. Metlen, 24, died at his home on the Owyhee project near Mitchell Butte Tuesday after being ill only a few days from pneumonia. He had a bad cold for several days, which became serious Saturday and his case was diagnosed as double pneumonia. In spite of expert medical attention, the young man passed away Tuesday.

He was unmarried and had leased an 80 acre tract of new land from Tom Lowe, which he was rapidly developing into a fine farm.

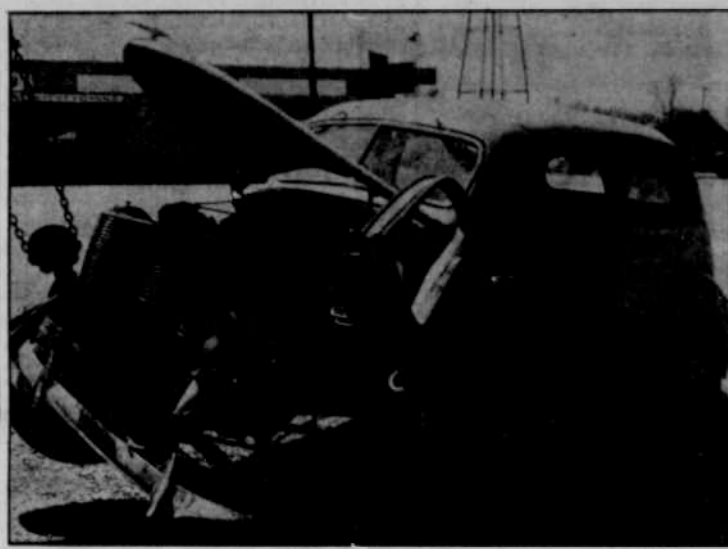
Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the local Community church. Relatives from Kansas are expected to arrive in time for the funeral.

CITY BUYS LAND FOR REFUSE DUMP

The city council voted Thursday evening, May 6 to accept the offer of Al Green to sell the city 40 acres of waste land north of Nyssa for a dump ground. The agreed price was \$200. The land lays alongside the old road to Ontario, which is in a fair year round shape. The tract is a mile north of town and is intersected with several dry gullies, and is considered an ideal location for a dump ground.

With the establishment of a regular place for dumping garbage, refuse, tin cans and other trash; the residents are expected to use the dump ground and can be penalized for dumping on private property.

Wreckage of the Death Car



Ford V8 car belonging to Roy Holmes in which Wm. Claunch lost his life Saturday night. The car rolled over several times after leaving the road about five miles south of Fruitland. Miss Eunice Farr, who was a passenger in the car, is recovering nicely at her home in Nyssa. Funeral services for Claunch are being held in Pocatello today.

Cochrun-Patterson

Kenneth Cochrun, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cochrun of Nyssa was united in marriage Tuesday in Nampa to Miss Vivian Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Patterson, also of Nyssa. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage by Dr. Hamilton with Miss Eunice Cochrun of Nyssa and Forrest Bodmer of Luray, Kansas as attendants.

The young couple returned to Nyssa Wednesday and are now making their home in the Swan Apartments.

HUNTING DOGS HARM PHEASANT NESTS

Hunting dogs, trained to follow the scent of birds, are now having a fine time finding nesting pheasants. While the dogs are undoubtedly enjoying their spring sport, the unfortunate part of it is that once the dogs have chased a pheasant from her nest, the hen usually does not return and the hatching is lost. It has been suggested that owners of bird dogs would be doing a service in the interest of sports if they would tie their dogs on, especially during the nesting season. A little precaution now would likely mean better hunting next fall.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Owyhee—Gerald Slippy narrowly escaped drowning Saturday evening when he attempted to cross the swollen Owyhee river to visit friends. The water was deep and swift, and the horse unexpectedly swam out from under him, leaving Gerald to swim. He was hampered by his clothing and just managed to get to shore before becoming exhausted.

PLAN TO ATTEND MOTHERS WEEK-END

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Garrison, Mrs. Arthur Boydell and son Edward, and Mrs. Ray Garrison of Jamieson made up a party that left Thursday morning for the lower valley. Mrs. Ray Garrison will stop off at Bonneville and will visit relatives there and in Boring before going on to Portland to see friends. Mrs. Garrison and Mrs. Boydell and Edward will go on to Corvallis where they will attend the Mother's Week-end activities at Oregon State College and with Ethel Mary Boydell and Vera Garrison. Mr. Garrison will attend to business in Portland, going to Corvallis Saturday evening. The party will return to Nyssa Monday.

EAGLES ELECT NEW OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

The local Eagles lodge held annual election of officers Wednesday night, choosing Bernard Frost as president for the coming year. Mr. Frost served as president two years ago and was a "write-in" candidate at Wednesday's balloting. Other officers elected were: C. J. Keizer, vice-president; Joe Hardin, secretary; Norman Hipp, chaplain; Artie Robertson, conductor; Otto Prawitz, inside guard; Don Graham, outside guard; Edon Jensen, treasurer and Wm. Lipp, three year trustee.

Bernard Frost, local Idaho Power man, attended a division foreman's safety meeting in Payette Wednesday night.

Wm. Claunch Is Killed In Auto Wreck Saturday

Body Taken to Pocatello For Funeral Services Held There Today.

Nyssa was shocked and saddened by the death early Sunday morning of Wm. Claunch, 25, who died in the Holy Rosary hospital following a car accident on the Nyssa-Fruitland highway a few hours earlier. The accident happened shortly before 11 o'clock and death came at 2:55 from a fractured skull and other injuries. Eunice Farr, the only other occupant of the car, escaped with minor injuries.

As the accident was reconstructed, Wm. Claunch, Eunice Farr and Roy Holmes were at Fruitland in Holmes new V8 Ford car to attend the dance. A heel was torn from Miss Farr's shoe as she got out of the car and Claunch offered to drive Miss Farr to Nyssa for another pair of shoes, expecting to be back to the dance within a half hour. About five miles south of Fruitland the car left the road, traveling around 70 miles an hour. It hit a bank beside the road a glancing blow, turned over several times and threw both occupants from the car. Passers by found Miss Farr had been thrown several feet above the road to the top of the bank and evidently had been thrown out when the car first crashed. Mr. Claunch was found approximately 60 feet from the car, on the opposite side of the road from the car and indications were that he had been thrown a considerable distance as the car rolled over several times. The new car belonged to Roy Holmes was badly battered.

He was rushed to the Holy Rosary hospital, but never regained consciousness. Besides a skull fractured from the middle of the forehead back over the head, his jaw was also broken. A doctor was at his bedside within three minutes after arriving at the hospital, but no hope was ever held for his recovery.

Relatives Arrive

Lloyd Claunch, father of the accident victim, arrived Monday from Pocatello; and a sister, Mrs. Loretta Buffe of Aberdeen, Idaho was also here. A brother, Hampton Claunch of Porterville, California was here Tuesday. Mrs. Lloyd Claunch of Porterville went directly to Pocatello.

The body was taken Wednesday to Pocatello, Idaho, by train where funeral services were to be held today. Those from Nyssa who attended the services were the Erwin Lankford family and Mrs. Nellie Jean Claunch. The Bob Lankford family of Emmett also attended.

He is survived by his wife, Nellie Jean Schweizer Claunch, whom he married March 7th, 1936 at Walla Walla, Washington; his father, Lloyd Claunch of Pocatello; a sister, Mrs. Jess Melton of Porterville, California and a sister, Mrs. Loretta Buffe of Aberdeen, Idaho; his mother, Mrs. Lloyd Claunch of Porterville; and two brothers Hampton and Jean, both of Porterville.

Wm. Claunch, better known as Bill; was well and favorably known by hundreds of friends in this vicinity. He farmed one of the Eastern Oregon Land Company farms for a time, selling out a year ago last fall. Since that time he had been employed at reclamation work, and at the time of the accident was working for Bill DeGroff.

Wm. Frost of Nampa brought his brother Charlie Frost to Nyssa on Monday, where he will visit for about a week before going on to his home in Seattle.

'ROUND TOWN

Flying dust deals misery for a few days... Clint Greer giving the streets a manicure with the city scratcher... J. J. Chandler reported honeymooning in San Francisco... Paulus installs five-man size safe... City dads looking for a dump ground... Jerry Rust threatening to use Civil War sabre on someone... Lewis Wiltshire and George Mitchell pleading for a job as softball players... Louis Thom as displaying his one-wheel trailer... Don Todd proudly displaying coat of tan acquired in his new role of farmer...