

# The Gate City Journal

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## CAN NYSSA GET A MUCH NEEDED UNDERPASS?

THE tragic accident Monday which claimed the lives of five people has pointed the necessity for an underpass at Nyssa. The coroner's jury recommended that steps be taken to eliminate the dangerous crossing and such a movement should not be allowed to die out. Sooner or later there will be more people killed at this crossing unless something is done to eliminate the hazard.

Right now the underpass could be built without destroying valuable property, but as more improvements are made, the harder it will be to put in an underpass. Many such structures are being built now and more contemplated. It took a sacrifice of 30 lives at the crossing in Nampa before an underpass was built. Ontario is to have an underpass in the near future. Construction is now underway at Mountain Home; an overpass has been built west of Glens Ferry and another is being built west of Bliss.

The federal government is interested in the elimination of grade crossings and out of 2882 grade crossing elimination projects included in the federal program, 955 had been completed by the first of the year and a total of 1179 such projects are now under construction.

Grade crossings claim many victims every year and motorists seemingly cannot be depended upon to protect themselves. In 1936 there were 1786 killed at crossings and 4930 persons injured.

People have been ducking in front of trains for years at Nyssa, and many people have stated time after time that some day there would be a serious accident. That day has come and unless it awakens a strong public demand for an underpass, there will be more tragedy at that point. Traffic is on the increase though Nyssa, thus increasing the danger; and if the day comes when a steady stream of beet-laden trucks use that crossing, the danger will be increased many-fold.

## NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL A SERIOUS PROBLEM

NOXIOUS weeds present a menace that must be realized and the County Weed Council is determined to go just as far in enforcing present weed laws as finances and other facilities will permit. One of the first moves will be a weed survey of the county to show the location and amount of infestation of the various noxious weeds.

The new Weed Law declares noxious weeds a public menace and makes provision for their control. Major provisions of the law provide that the County Weed Inspector shall have access to all lands and shall serve notice to owners or occupants to control weeds. Where noxious weeds are allowed to seed, fines may be levied or the farm may be put in quarantine to control the movement of crops or livestock from the infested farm.

Another provision of the law provides that threshing machines, hullers and machinery of that type must be thoroughly cleaned before being moved over any public highway or from one farm to another.

Control is the thing emphasized, and under the provisions of the present law the noxious weeds must be prevented from seeding. The responsibility for the prevention of seeding is with the owner or occupant of the land.

A change has been made in the Seed laws which will effect Malheur county growers. The enforcement of this bill is in the hands of the State Department of Agriculture and applies to all field, vegetable and turf seeds. Under this law, no individual, firm, corporation or association may sell for planting purposes any seed containing any White Top, Russian Knap Weed or in excess of one seed of Dodder, Canada Thistle or other noxious weeds in samples ranging from 25 to 50 grams, depending on the size of the seed.

The grower selling seed of his own produc-

tion for planting purposes need not have a license but when selling to another grower, he must furnish a purity test of the seed. Any seed offered for sale for planting purposes must bear a tag giving information as to name and variety, purity, where grown, name and address of seller.

The County Agent's office is arranging for different types of weed meetings to be held soon, at which time detailed methods of control will be discussed, as well as provisions of the new Seed Law.

## It Happened In Nyssa Years Ago

Interesting bits of history gleaned from the files of years ago.

### Taken From The Gate City Journal May 14, 1920

Miss Lotta Phillips was a Weiser visitor Wednesday. Mrs. James Dennis and daughter Georgia were Caldwell visitors this week.

W. H. Beam was a business visitor in Star yesterday.

The Eastern Star Kensington will hold its regular meeting Monday afternoon May 17th. Mrs. Charles Crawford, Miss Eva Boydell and Mrs. Frank Miller will be hostesses. Mrs. P. Rambaud was a Boise visitor this week.

Mr. DeBoer is "the ice man" now. He has a car load of ice and will supply Nyssa folks with it this summer.

Harry Sharp has gone out of the exchange business having sold his stock of furniture to J. W. Crockett.

### Taken From The Gate City Journal May 13, 1927

Mesdames C. C. Hunt, C. L. McCoy, J. Boydell, J. J. Sarazin and John Cancelmo attended the Hospital Day Celebration at Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario Friday.

Miss Joyce Bailey of Boise is visiting friends in Nyssa this week. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Schweitzer were host and hostess at a family reunion dinner at their home Sunday.

P. M. Binkley is building a boat for Isham Anderson this week.

The Nyssa Packing Co. have added an electric meat slicer behind their counter.

Miss Edna Blair came in from the dam site Tuesday to take the examinations. While here she was a guest of Miss Fay Swan.

The Powell Service Station is rapidly completing the work on the new rest room which has been added during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham and sons, Mrs. Brown and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Swan of Boise were Sunday guests at the G. R. Swan home.

The class of high school graduates who received their diplomas on May 13, 1927 were Hazel Nellie Beam, Clyde Benton, Lucille May Clement, Pauline Fisher, Lee Gilbert Klinkenberg, Jennie Anna Koopman, Charles Leuck, George Henry Newby, Mary Bernice Swan, Robert F. Thompson, Verna Althea Thompson, Virginia Lelia Thompson, Mable Aline Woods.

## NEWS OF RECORD

### Real Estate Transfers Recorded

Vale Lodge No. 100, I. O. O. F. to Lee Dillon, 1/2 of Lot 9, Block 4, Vale Cemetery, 3, 29, 37. \$15.

Ernest W. Schroeder et ux to James McDeRoe, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 and Lot 1, Sec. 4-15-41, 4, 20, 37, \$75.

Marcus J. Pinney et hx to C. E. Younk, N 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 36-46-46, 4, 21, 37, \$10.

K. A. Allen et ux to Floyd A. Hager, Jr., et ux, East 60 feet of Lots 6 to 10, inc., Block 28, Ontario, 5, 1, 37, \$250.

C. B. Callihan et ux to George E. Hodges, SE 1/4 Sec. 34-19-41, 5, 4, 37, \$400. (Q. C. Deed).

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to Leslie J. Aker, S 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 20, NTNW 1/4

Sec. 29; and SW 1/4 Sec. 19-16-47, 5, 4, 37, \$185.65.

Elna Koopman et vir to L. J. Hadley et ux 1/4 acre in SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 30-18-45, 4, 17, 37, \$10.

Malheur County to Leslie J. Aker Lots 11 to 14 inc., Block 239, Ontario 5, 5, 37, \$129.36.

Lois M. Hazzard et vir to V. B. Staples, Lots 14 to 20, inc., Block 128, Ontario, 4, 10, 37, \$1. (Q. C. Deed).

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation District, NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 Sec. 16-16-47, 5, 5, 37, \$17,918.90.

Charles O. Pearson et ux to Gertrude Z. Atkeson NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 31-20-46, 5, 3, 37, \$145.

Charles O. Pearson et ux to A. L. Atkeson SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 30-20-46, 5, 3, 37, \$1330.

Gaston Dieudonne et ux to N. A. Mann, Lots 3 to 7, inc., Block 22, Ontario, 4, 22, 37, \$1.

Anna Crane to Lois B. McDaniel S 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 20; and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 21-17-47, 4, 30, 37, \$803.72.

A. L. Sproul et ux to Walter J. Lester, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 18-17-44, 4, 20, 37, \$50.

Leslie J. Aker to Hans J. Schomann et ux, Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 239, Ontario, 5, 3, 37, \$10.

Gaston Dieudonne et ux to Keley A. Smith, Lots 1 and 2, Block 116 Ontario, 5, 3, 37, \$1.

Robert DeLytle et ux to Donald L. Seaman, undivided 1/2 interest in SE 1/4 NW 1/4, part of NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 8; part of NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 7; part of SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 8-16-42; East 25 feet of Lots 7 and 8, Block 18, Vale; all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8, Block 10, Kelleys Add. to Vale, 4, 27, 36, \$10.

Robert D. Lytle et ux to Donald L. Seaman, part of E 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 20-18-45; Lots 1 to 4 inc., Block 12 Vaye, 4, 27, 36, \$10. (QCD).

Union Central Life Insurance Co. to Richard Scott, W 1/2 NE 1/4 and W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 14-17-39, 10, 26, 36, \$1,000.

Arthur Van Sicklin et ux to C. C. Lewis et al NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and Lot 4, Sec. 13-16-47; SW 1/4 SW 1/4 and Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 18; W 1/2 NW 1/4 and Lots 1 and 2, Sec. 19-16-48, 5, 4, 37, \$9,353.60.

Wyatt C. Smith et ux to John H. Urey et ux, 25 acres in W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 23-20-46, 1, 29, 37, \$125.

Geo. R. Arneson et al to Joseph Blanton, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 15-18-46, 4, 9, 37, \$50.

L. B. White to John Whitestine, East 520 feet of NE 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 23; NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 24-17-46, 10, 13, 36, \$1,000.

Eastern Oregon Land Co., to Nyssa Bench Land Co., NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 27-19-46, 4, 3, 37, \$935.

United States to Almedia Fitchett, SE 1/4 S 1/4 Sec. 12-16-40, 7, 14, 1927.

United States to Almedia Fitchett Lots 9 and 10, Sec. 7; E 1/2 W 1/2, W 1/2 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 17; NE 1/4 Lots 1, 2, 3, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 18-16-41, 6, 10, 1929.

United States to Benjamin Starling Lots 5 6 7 12 SE 1/4 Sec. 19; W 1/2 E 1/2 Lots 1 6 7 and 12 Sec. SE 1/4 Sec. 19; W 1/2 E 1/2 Lots 1, 6, 7, and 12, Sec. 30-16-41, 6, 10, 29.

Gayle Wilhelmina Baze et vir to R. P. Nichol, Lot 3, Block 30, Eldredge Add to Vale, 5, 8, 37, \$10.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

Mike Bernard Lydon and Mary Elizabeth Keegan, 5, 7, 37.

Charles Albert Myers and Emily Ann Corfield, 5, 8, 37.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court Carl H. Coad, Admin. vs. W. A. Ward et als, 5, 3, 37, Quiet Title.

Ontario Grain Co. vs. A. B. Cain et al, 5, 3, 37, Foreclosure of Mortgage, \$1,107.47.

Owyhee Irrigation District vs German National Bank of No. Kansas, et al, 5, 5, 37, Quiet Title.

Robert A. Cox vs Merle Sarah Cox, 5, 8, 37, Divorce.

Petitions Filed in Probate Court Estate of Henry Griffin, 5, 5, 37.

Estate of E. K. Ingle, 5, 5, 37.

## Building and Property Values ARE GOING UP

Check your fire insurance policies... Are you carrying enough insurance to adequately reimburse you in event of fire loss?

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Well the election is over, and without a single shot fired. It was a battle of principals this time, not personalities.

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Now that the election is settled, we could suggest other things to pass on. For example, there are some sidewalks around town that need fixing. That measure ought to get the support of all those who have stumbled into the holes, broken off heels, partially sprained ankles and cursed freely. The only one we can think of who might oppose it would be the erring property owners. They can go on record of favoring sidewalk repair by making arrangements to have it done at once.

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Then the matter of some new sidewalks couldn't help but be popular with the housewives who clean out daily accumulation of mud dragged home during wet weather.

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Another thing popular with most people is clean premises. Some folks haven't got around to their spring clean-up yet. Of course they may enjoy shooting and are saving up the tin cans for target practice.

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Most of the streets in town are in pretty fair shape for the present, but some day the city will have to arrange for more cash and start a program of graveling and oiling. Strictly dirt streets are pretty hard to get around on during wet weather; and any housewife will tell you about the summer dust. Of course they are sprinkled but the hot summer sun has a way of evaporating that moisture in pretty short order.

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Some people have been wondering if a band would help arouse more civic spirit. There is something about band music that thrills the average person and puts new pep into old bodies. We have no way of knowing how many can do it, but we have a hunch that if the opportunity presented itself there would be quite a group willing to do their stuff at the business end of a band instrument. Nyssa has the questionable distinction of being one of the very few towns in this part of the country without a city band... but it wasn't always that way! In the good old days Nyssa used to have a good band.

## Others Say...

Editorial opinions as seen by other editors. The opinions expressed may or may not agree with the policy of The Gate City Journal.

### POOR SPELLERS

Taken as a whole, our school system may be far more efficient than it was a half-century ago, but in one respect it is sadly lacking. The present generation of spellers is the poorest this nation has ever known. Grandpa may have been lacking in many of the things which now go to make up a general education, but the generation to which he belonged could outspell the present one both ways.

This is not said with any desire to cast reflection on school methods now employed in Gem county because it is nation-wide in scope. The ratio of poor spellers among those of high school age is no higher here than elsewhere, nor is it any lower. Back in the old days, before pupils had the wide variety of studies now embraced in a common school course, the three R's claimed the whole attention of the scholar. He learned to read and write, and he learned mathematics and, having but these three studies, he learned them thoroughly. In those days being a poor speller was looked upon as more or less of a disgrace. Today it seems to be viewed by the average high school boy or girl as an accomplishment.

In recent years there has been a tendency throughout the country to revive the old-fashioned "spelling bee." Even the radio stations are finding them a source of entertainment. It is an idea worth encouraging, since it seems to be about the only means of improving that fast-declining accomplishment. The old

fashioned "spelling bee" helped make the older generations good spellers. It ought to likewise prove of value to the present generation, the poorest spellers this country possibly ever produced.—Emmett Messenger.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

Payette Independent-Enterprise The transaction of public business through state and county offices is a matter of public concern, consequently a matter of news. Seldom is an officer found who is reluctant to give full information concerning the transactions of public affairs but occasionally such a situation appears. Whenever such circumstances arise the official is most cautious that they not be quoted as being desirous of keeping from the public matters which are of vital concern.

The expenditure of public funds likewise is a matter of importance from a news standpoint. Looking at the matter from an individual standpoint, there are few citizens who would turn thousands of dollars of their private funds over to anyone to spend without a full accounting of every cent.

The same principle applies to the expenditures of thousands of dollars of public funds. There is another angle in this regard. Often times public officials will consider most seriously the expenditures of public funds for certain purposes when they realize that the matter will be given full publicity.

Full publicity to every official transaction brings about much more efficient management of state and county affairs and is a matter of utmost importance in real democratic form of government.

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### FACTS ABOUT NYSSA

Population (1930) 221  
Recent Estimates 1400  
Elevation 2186

#### City Officers

Mayor Don M. Graham  
Councilmen Al Thompson  
Leslie McClure, Berwyn Burke,  
Sid Burbidge

City Clerk A. R. Millar  
City Treasurer Lewis Whitshire  
Marshal A. V. Cook  
Watermaster N. H. Pinkerton  
Fire Chief Wm. Schireman  
Health Officer Dr. J. J. Sarazin

#### County Officers

County Judge David F. Graham  
Commissioners Ora Clark,  
L. P. Peterson

Sheriff C. W. Glenn  
County Clerk Harry Sackett  
Assessor Murray Morton  
Treasurer Mrs. Ora Hope  
County Attorney M. A. Biggs  
County Surveyor J. Edwin Johnson  
County Physician Dr. Anna B. Pritchett

Coroner R. A. Tacke  
Superintendent Kathryn Claypool

#### Nyssa Public Schools

Superintendent Leo Hollenberg  
School board: Mrs. E. C. Wilson,  
chairman; C. L. McCoy, Fred  
Koopman, Dwight Smith, Clerk.

#### Facts About Owyhee Project

Principal Products—Hay, sugar  
beets, corn, dairying, stock raising,  
grains, clover seed, potatoes  
peas lettuce, onions, fruits and  
berries.

Cost of Owyhee Dam \$6,000,000  
7 1/2 miles of Tunnel \$4,000,000  
Siphons, canals, etc. \$3,000,000  
Owyhee dam storage capacity 715,000 acre feet

Height of dam 530 feet  
From lowest point of foundation to top.

Leading project city, Nyssa, Oregon  
Elevation of land 2,250 to 2,500  
Acres in Owyhee project, 100,000 acres  
Principal products hay,  
corn, dairying, stock raising,  
grains, potatoes, clover seed, peas,  
lettuce, onions and carrots.

### A. L. FLETCHER

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