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City To Improve Blocks Of Streets Under P. W. A.

Total Cost Of
Project Estimated
At \$17,868

The City of Nyssa was notified Saturday last week that P. W. A. Administrator Harold L. Ickes had approved a P. W. A. project for the city and that \$8100 was now available to proceed with the work of putting in old macadam streets, curbs, sidewalks and the grading of alleys in two blocks. The total cost of the project will be, it is estimated, \$17,868.

Eight blocks will benefit from the work, the improvements taking in 4th street from Main to Erhgood; 5th street from Bower to Erhgood; 6th street from Bower to Erhgood; 7th street from Bower to Erhgood; 8th street from 4th to 6th street; and Bower from 4th to 6th street. Two blocks of alleys, those in blocks 22 and 23 will be graded.

The application for this grant was signed by Mayor Don M. Graham, with the engineer designated as M. W. I. Hodge, who is a construction engineer with the Amalgamated Sugar company.

That amount of the cost of the project, not covered by the grant, will be born by the owners of the several properties abutting the streets to be improved. Notice for hearing of remonstrances, by the council, has been set for 8 p. m. September 6, according to an advertisement appearing in this issue of the Nyssa Gate City Journal.

It is the unofficial intention of the city council to issue bonds for the unpaid balance of the project. Owners of all abutting properties have the privilege of paying cash for their share of the improvement, but may if they so desire elect to have bonds of those issued against the cost of those improvements. These bonds become a lien against the property and are issued for a period of ten years, unless sooner paid off. An initial payment of ten per cent of the face value of the bond must be made at the time of the election by the property owner.

COURT HOLDS ROAD MEETINGS

The county court, Wednesday held a meeting for the purpose of going over the \$100,000 road building program.

Chris Fausser, engineer in charge of this program, presented a preliminary breakdown of the proposed work into two sections. Part of the road construction, 102 1/2 miles of it, was deemed as lending itself most suitably to P. W. A. contract work, while the balance could be more advantageously handled by the W. P. A.

The P. W. A. possibility includes (1) that portion which includes Napton section, Newell Heights and Mitchell Butte, a total of about 39 miles. (2) Ontario Heights, Oregon Bench and Joseph Settlement about 20 miles. (3) Willow Creek and Jamieson Bus Route, about 15 miles. (4) Westfall, Haper, Little Valley and Coplan ranch, about 23 miles. Or a grand total of some 102 1/2 miles. The balance of the program, about 130 miles would probably be put under W. P. A.

Mr. Fausser, members of the county court and county engineer J. Edwin Johnson will, within the next few days take a physical inventory of the road equipment now owned by the county. To insure proper work being done on the roads Mr. Fausser said that he felt that it would be necessary to get some new equipment. One phase of the P. W. A. project is that the county must have let the contracts for the work by the first of the year, according to Mr. Fausser. That haste will be necessary is obvious, when it is considered that there is a vast amount of surveying to be done, Mr. Fausser said.

Preliminary surveys are now under way on the roads just west of Nyssa, according to the engineer. These roads are those now traversed by school bus and the mail carrier. Other surveys will be started as soon as possible. Width of the right of ways was considered by the group, with the conclusion that all would be a 60 foot width, which, would conform to federal specifications in case at any future time the federal government should desire to use the then existing county roads for federal purposes.

Visits Fair—
Ernest Wilson owner and manager of the "Ision Dry goods store visited the Idaho state fair at Boise on Tuesday and Wednesday.

BALLYHOO WAGON TO MAKE COUNTY TOUR

Committee Plans Visits To Nearby
Communities Calling Attention
To Coming Three-Day Show

Promising a new twist in pre-fair activities, Louis Latta, ballyhoo chairman for the twenty-ninth annual Malheur county fair, scheduled for September 3, 4 and 5, this week perfected plans for a series of trips to nearby communities in the newly-completed fair ballyhoo wagon.

The ballyhoo wagon will visit Nyssa at 9:15 a. m. next Wednesday.

The tour of the ballyhoo wagon will call attention to the three days of rodeo competition under the direction of Lee Caldwell, former two parades planned for the fair; one on Saturday morning, September 3, and the other on Monday afternoon; the free displays of livestock, farm products, and arts and crafts; and the exhibits of the Granges, 4-H clubs and other organizations.

The three-day rodeo, which will see "lower Snake river valley champions" chosen in the major events, will have more than \$1200 in day money to distribute to contestants; and the Monday afternoon parade will offer three prizes in each of six divisions for floats, with first money ranging from \$50 in the weepstakes division, which will include floats from nearby towns, to the \$10 first money for decorated cars. Other divisions are organizations, and churches, schools and school children, historic and comic.

POPULAR BANDMAN GIVEN NEW HORN

A. V. Cook, city marshal of Nyssa for 15 years and a member of the city band, was presented during the open-air band concert last night with a valuable instrument, an E-Flat Euphonium tuba, a gift of the other members of the band. The presentation took place immediately after the opening piece of the concert, Sousa's inspiring "Washington Post" march, the presentation being made by Mayor Don Graham on behalf of the band. During his appropriate remarks, Mayor Graham took occasion to refer to Cook's well-known musical ability and his sincere efforts in keeping alive the appreciation of music in town. "This splendid band, one of the very best in the lower Snake river valley, may be referred to as one of Mr. Cook's accomplishments," the Mayor said.

The Concert Program
A varied program, under the direction of J. Stoner of Payette, was given last night, and consisted of the following numbers:

March, "Washington Post," Sousa; March, "Them Bases," G. H. Huff; Overture, "Lustspiel," Keler-Bell; "Song of Love," Franz Schubert; "A Bull in a China Shop," descriptive trombone characteristic; "Gaiety Polka," Harry Hartley; "Loin du Bal," E. Gillet; March, "The Show Boy," Milt Huff; "Slidin' Sonnet," Ed Chenette; March, "Invincible," Lithgow.

The band played a few pieces for the carnival company at its grounds before returning to the city hall for weekly practice.

AGE LIMIT GIVEN ON YOUNG PUPILS

Superintendent Leo Hollenberg issued a statement this week in regards to the eligible age for youngsters starting their first year of school.

According to Mr. Hollenberg, children starting to school this fall must be six years old on the first day of November.

V. F. W. AUXILIARY TO GIVE COMEDY

The local V. F. W. Auxiliary will present a 3 act musical comedy, entitled "Coast to Coast," at the Nyssa theatre, September 22 and 23.

The performance will be managed by musical comedy company, who have made a specialty of conducting this amusing comedy.

Names of the actors will be announced at a later date, according to Mrs. Paradis, president of the V. F. W. Auxiliary.

Visiting in East—
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cochran left on Sunday for a three weeks trip and visit in Kansas.

LEGIONS SPONSORS FOUR DAY SHOW

The local Post of the American Legion is sponsoring the Kennedy Shows, which came into Nyssa Wednesday and will remain until Saturday night.

No advance notice was given to the Legion of the arrival of the Kennedy shows but through co-operation and give and take on the part of all concerned the shows were operating Wednesday night.

Included in the show is one of the outstanding features of the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago, the illusion called "The Girl in the Gold Fish Bowl." In this illusion the public sees a real live girl, inside the bowl among the gold fish, but only 3 inches in height. To prove that she is alive she waves her hands and smiles at the audience. This feature is conducted by "Professor Maji," ex-Methodist minister, and former vaudeville star.

Another attraction of the Kennedy Shows is that of Captain J. Jenkins, who displays a twelve and a half foot devil fish, being part of a group of marine displays.

A merry-go-round, ferris wheel and baby auto ride are among the several other attractions offered to the public.

Testings Made On Underpass

STRUCTURE WOULD ELIMINATE
TRAFFIC DANGER SPOT; CASH
AVAILABLE ABOUT SEPT. 30

The much discussed subway under the Oregon Short Line railway right of way on Main street is now in the preliminary stages, with the state highway department making test borings to determine the soil conditions that will confront the engineers in the actual construction of the project.

Money for the construction of the subway will come from Federal Grade Crossing Elimination Funds and will, it is reported be available about September 30. The construction and engineering being done by the State Highway Department.

Gives Findings
Engineer R. Crane, who is in charge of the preliminary survey said that he had encountered quick sand and water in the test borings, but nothing that would seriously interfere with the construction of the subway. Several tests have been put down in the past two weeks with hand augurs and one was started Wednesday of this week, west of the tracks with a well derrick.

Outline of Approaches
Much concern has been evinced by residents of Nyssa as to just how the construction of this subway would affect the flow of north and south traffic on First Street. On this point only the preliminary plans can be referred to, which does not show any impairment of traffic on this street.

The actual grade of the subway proper will start east of the east side of First street, which shows the usual grade of six per cent, for such projects. The approach will start on the west side of First street but will not necessitate the lowering of the present grade any more than taking the crown from the center of Main street. There is the necessity, however, of controlling traffic going into or emerging from the subway. Coming out of the subway there will probably be restrictions on left hand turns.

A public hearing will probably be held by the Highway commissioners at which time persons opposed or for the construction of the subway will be heard. No date has been set on this hearing and probably will not be until the appropriation has been received.

Estimates on the construction costs of the subway has not yet been made available, and will not be until this preliminary survey has been completed and studied.

OREGON TRAIL TO VOTE ON BONDS

OREGON TRAIL—This district will go to the polls, Monday, September 12 to vote on a bond issue of \$5500 for the purpose of erecting additional rooms to the existing structure and for the equipping and installing a heating plant.

The polls will open at 2 p. m. and close at 7 p. m. according to a legal advertisement appearing in this issue of the Nyssa Gate City Journal.

An application for a P. W. A. grant of \$4500 has been filed at the Portland office, which money will be used to supplement the bond issue which will bring the total cost of the project to an estimated \$10,000.

NYSSA DROPS GAME TO BOISE

Nyssa's nifty 1938 baseball club is not to be disbanded until after a night game with Baker on its lighted field on Thursday, September 1, according to a statement made by Manager Heinz Sonnekes Monday afternoon. Although the home team defeated the Baker club twice during the season ending last Sunday, Baker with the other teams in the Idaho-Oregon league played fine ball this year, Manager Sonnekes asserted.

As a point in view, Manager Sonnekes sighted the state tournament held at Blackfoot, Idaho, a month ago. Lewiston and Payette, runner-ups in the tournament, played the last game in which Lewiston won the state championship from Payette by a narrow margin, he said. Lewiston went from Blackfoot to Miles City to play the Montana champions a series of five games. The series were cancelled he said, after the first game in which Lewiston overwhelmed Montana, 32 to 2.

With the defeat of Nyssa by Boise, 6 to 3, at the Public School field Sunday afternoon, and Ontario's winning from the Applepickers, 1 to 0, on the Payette ball ground, Nyssa faded from the picture as either a contender for the first or second half championship of the 1938 ball season. Had Bob Hardy, Payette pitcher, not allowed Johnny Anduiza, the Ontario outfielder to slam out a circuit blow in the fourth inning, the deciding margin of the thrilling contest, Payette may have won, throwing the second half season into a four-way tie, between Payette, Ontario, Boise and Nyssa.

But here is the story of the elimination of Nyssa as winners of the first half; with the count standing in Boise's favor, 5 to 2, in the seventh inning, if Nyssa had only got the breaks it would either have tied the score, or forged ahead. Hashitani, Paul and George Johnson were occupying third, second and first bases, respectively in that frame, after the elimination of Belita and Dean Johnston. Stone, at bat, walloped out a liner to left field which had all the earmarks of a two-base hit, Hashitani and Paul Johnston racing home and George just turning third, when Phillip, after a 25-foot run, caught the fly at his shoe strings. He fell to the ground and rolled over twice but held onto the ball.

In the sixth frame, Hashitani and Paul Johnston marked up the first two scores for Nyssa. They led off, Hashitani getting to first on a hit and running home on Paul's double. Johnston scored on Stone's single. Goddard got the last tally for Nyssa in the eighth, banging out a single, and scoring on Bush's single and Nishioka's overthrow at third, after Raser had relayed the pellet to the second baseman.

Nishioka started things off for Boise in the first, getting on when Nelson let his grounder slip through his hands. Brown popped up to Bush, Worthen fanned and then Raser came through with a double scoring Nishioka. It was the first of the fifth inning before Boise scored again. Worthen, flunk up, getting a triple, and running across the path on Raser's safety. It was in the sixth however, when Boise really sprang into action. Lyke, Nishioka and Brown all scoring on three hits and a walk.

Brown annexed Boise's last run in the eighth. He singled after Nishioka had grounded to Bush. Worthen then fanned and Brown scored on Raser's three-ply blow to center.

Raser had a perfect day in the batter's box, garnering five hits in that many time up. Two of them (Continued on Back Page)

Visitor From Danner—

Bob Dowell of Danner was a business visitor in Nyssa on Thursday and called at the Journal office.

'ROUND TOWN

George Mitchell getting the first try out in Pates new cabriolet. . . Looked like Lucien Wray was getting ready to bury a horse in the front window. . . Art Cook and his fine new horn and hiszone making a pretty presentation. . . if Reddy Kilowatt comes up missing they might look for him on the Snoopers deck. . . Hear Les Ernest is going hungry these days. . . Idaho brush fires illuminating the night sky. . . Malcolm Crawford's new soup hound. . . thermometers hitting a new high. . . Hoty lettering on the fire station. . . the merry go round fetching the crowd.

STATE FAIR TO OPEN LABOR DAY

SALEM—The 77th annual Oregon state fair opening here Labor day for seven days promises to be the best ever, according to Leo G. Spitzbart, fair manager.

More than \$30,000 in prizes are scheduled in the premium list. New buildings include a stock barn, a \$60,000 WPA project, which is nearly large enough to house a blimp. It is 243 feet wide and nearly 500 feet long. It houses 800 cattle. Then there is the recently-opened \$11,000 administration building. Two new speed barns, south of the paddock, now increase the racing stable space to 240 horses.

In addition to a six-day afternoon racing program, there is a horse show scheduled for six nights, with prize money totaling \$6,000. An added feature is a bucking exhibition of wild horses from eastern Oregon. The broncs will be saddled in the arena to add to the thrills. Admission will be 50 cents up to 6 p. m. and 25 cents thereafter. Children under 12 are admitted free.

An almost continuous free show from early morning until midnight is promised—an inventors' show, motion pictures, entertainment before the grandstand and dancing. Les Hite and his 14-piece Cotton club Negro orchestra from New York will play for a free dance every night.

Sprague To Visit In Nyssa Tonight

"ROADSIDE CHATS" BRINGS
REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL
CANDIDATE TO COUNTY

The citizens of Nyssa and surrounding territory will have an opportunity to meet Charles A. Sprague, Republican nominee of governor, this evening at the city hall.

Mr. Sprague, with his wife is on a statewide "roadside chat" tour, and will be in Vale during the day arriving in Nyssa about 7:30 this evening.



CHARLES A. SPRAGUE
Republican Candidate for
Governor

Max Taggart, local attorney and candidate for county district attorney is chairman in charge of the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Sprague. "The meeting will be absolutely informal, with no speeches" contemplated, said Mr. Taggart, it is Mr. Sprague's idea that he wants to meet as many people as possible in an informal way, thereby finding out the real needs of the state."

On Friday morning, Mr. Sprague and his party will be conducted through the sugar refinery and will proceed to Ontario.

Otis Smith, Ontario county central committee chairman for the Republicans, Judge David F. Graham, Vale, and Charles Marshall, Republican candidate for county commissioner will be present at the Nyssa reception, according to Mr. Taggart, as well as all local precinct committeemen and committeemen. "It will be a real get together, and Mr. Sprague is quite anxious to meet the ladies as well as the men and for that reason I would like to stress to the gentlemen that they bring their wives along."

Everyone who would like to meet Mr. Sprague is urged to attend this meeting tonight, no invitation is necessary, and everyone will find Mr. Sprague a friendly man, Mr. Taggart said.

Day in Boise—
E. P. Frost was a visitor at the fair in Boise on Monday. His brother Charles who has been visiting here for the past two weeks left on the end of the week for his home in Seattle.

Nyssa School District To Vote On Bonds, Union High

EDITORIAL SHOWS NYSSA AS CENTER OF SUGAR INDUSTRY

Under the heading, "Oregon Invades Sugar Industry Field at Nyssa," Nyssa, its adjacent rich farming lands and the Amalgamated Sugar company are given wide publicity in the leading editorial of a recent issue of the Portland Journal.

"Nyssa, Malheur county, once just a spot amid sagebrush on the Old Oregon Trail, is blooming and booming. Sugar beets did it," the Journal declared. Over the new \$2,500,000 refinery of the Amalgamated Sugar company read a 250-foot smokesstack. It symbolizes the birth of a new industry in Oregon. Starting October 1 beets from 18,000 acres in the Snake River valley country will pour into the plant at the rate of 2,000 tons daily, emerging as hundreds of thousands of sacks of "white gold" as the sugar campaign progresses.

"New buildings dot Nyssa. New ranchers are pouring in to grow sugar beets, the new cash crop, in the six counties near the Snake. Completion of the Owyhee dam and the Black Canyon dam near Nyssa assure a plentiful water supply for the rich soil on both sides of the Oregon-Idaho border."

"So the sugar beet industry, backbone of prosperity in Colorado and Utah, finds Oregon, supplementing production of grain, fruits, nuts, bulbs and seeds, flax and hops for which the state is famous. And if the trend in other states obtains at Nyssa, a large livestock industry, utilizing beet pulp feed will spring up too."

"It all spells additional cash income for farmers, industrial employment in winter, a better balanced economy, welcome development of soil and water resources Oregon marches on."

LONG REPORTS BEAR AT IRONSIDE MT.

"For the first time since I have been station at the biological survey camp on Ironside mountain 91 miles from Nyssa, I saw a black bear running loose near camp Wednesday," R. E. "Bud" Long, erstwhile catcher for the Nyssa baseball club, said while in town last Friday. Long drove that afternoon to Jordan Valley where he is arranging for the establishment of a winter camp somewhere near that point. He will be there several days. Long, who is trapping coyotes for the U. S. biological survey at the Ironside mountain camp, where he recently topped the government record for the number of coyotes killed, said Friday that the bear was coming out of a canyon about two miles from camp when he saw him. "He stopped and looked me over for a few moments and then trotted away," Long said. He stated that he had killed two or three bear a few miles from the camp, after they had been treed by sheep herders and their dogs, but they had been guilty of killing sheep.

Deer are plentiful in the neighborhood of the Ironside mountain camp and there are a few elk in the region about seven miles from camp," Long said.

LIONS CLUB HOST TO IDAHO MEMBERS

Regular meetings of the Nyssa Lions club, organized a week ago today with a charter membership of 21, will continue to be held during the noon hour Thursday at the Royal Cafe. It was decided at the meeting held this noon. The appointment of a membership committee, consisting of Delbert Taylor and Carlos Buchner, took place during the meeting. Besides the presence of President A. L. Fletcher, Vice-President Bernard Frost, Secretary Emil Paulus, M. F. Solomon and Leo Hollenberg of the local club, the meeting was favored with the attendance of District Judge Orson Kelly, Past District Governor Win Cline and President Frank Davidson, all of the Boise Lions club and a delegation of Lions from Leno: were President Harvey Odle, C. E. Bales, past president, V. A. Howard, past president, and H. A. Diven.

House Guests—
Miss Helen Koonz of Boise visited with her sister and her family the George Mitchells over the week end and another sister Mrs. Dale Donnelly of Council spent Wednesday and Thursday at their home.

Two Districts To Be Included In Proposed Union

The voters in the Nyssa school district have two issues facing them on Monday when they go to the polls to vote on the issuance of the bond issue of \$13,500 and the formation of a Union High school district with Oregon Trail.

On July 29, the Nyssa School district voted for the formation of a Union high school district that would include Arcadia, Oregon Trail and the Nyssa district. This proposition carried by a vote of 51 to 2, but since then, it has been deemed expedient, for the second time to vote on the formation of the Union high school district but to include only the Oregon Trail district.

The bond issue money will be used for the purpose of building additional rooms to the existing school buildings as well as the equipping of them. The school board now has an application for a P. W. A. grant of \$11,036, which has been approved by the state director of P. W. A. and is now in Washington, D. C. for final approval.

The place for the voting is at the Nyssa school, with the polls opening at 2 p. m. and closing at 7 p. m.

Classes Arranged

Classes attending the Nyssa school will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions, according to the action of the school board, when it was decided to have those pupils that do not use the buses to attend in the morning. These classes will start, according to Superintendent Hollenberg, at 8 a. m. For those pupils that arrive by bus, the classes will start at 12 noon, with either the high school classes starting perhaps half a hour later. This change in schedule was made so that better supervision of the pupils could be maintained and classes held in rooms suited to the purpose.

The increase in enrollment has made it necessary to employ six additional teachers this year.

The new school teachers are Miss Wilma Colwell, Mr. Arthur Smith, Miss Arlene Peoples, Mr. Ronald Walk, all of whom will teach in the grade school, Mr. Frederick Weise and as yet an un-named teacher will teach in the high school. Mr. Weise has been assigned classes in Science, Public Speaking and Band instruction.

High School Registration
Those wishing to register for high school for the coming school term will have to register, at the high school, between August 30 and September 3, between the hours of 9 and 4, according to Superintendent Hollenberg.

Room and Boarding of Teachers
In the matter of housing the teachers, Mr. Hollenberg said that any person wishing to board and room teachers, should get in touch with his office before the school term begins.

NEW EDITOR TAKES OVER WILDER PAPER

ONTARIO—Mr. D. C. (Dan) Bartlett, who for a time was an employee of the Eastern Oregon Observer, and later in the commercial printing plant of that same plant, announced this week that he had bought the Wilder Herald. Mr. Ralph Womack was the former owner of the Herald.

Mr. Bartlett is not new in the newspaper field having owned and edited the Arcadian, of Arcadia, Nebraska for five years. Mr. Bartlett came to Oregon two years ago.

P. T. A. BOOTH TO SHOW CHILD HOBBIES

Final arrangements have been completed to have an exhibition of boys and girls hobbies in the P. T. A. booth at the county fair in Ontario, and any boy or girl having a hobby is urged to bring them in. These creative hobbies are to be exhibited but will not be in competition.

It is desired by the committee that a wide variety of hobbies be exhibited, such as wood work, hand blocking, leather work, sewing, lace making, anything that is a creative hobby. And each exhibitor should have his work at the P. T. A. booth by the evening of the day previous to the opening of the fair and not later than noon of the first day of the opening.

Further information on the exhibition of hobbies may be had by contacting Mr. Albert Hopkins, of Oregon Trail.