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I-O Ball League Opens Sunday; Vale Plays Nyssa

Opening Game To Be
Played Here At
2:30 P. M.

The Idaho-Oregon baseball league season opens Sunday, with games at the following towns at Nyssa, Vale; at Caldwell, Ontario; at Boise, Nampa; at Payette, Weiser.

The local squad will go on the diamond this year under the management of John Young. The pitching staff is still an unknown quantity, with practically all of last years pitchers signed up with other teams.

A new comer on the team is Ray Graham, high school pitcher that has built up an enviable reputation for himself this year. It is to him that all eyes will be turned in the coming season, to see if he can carry on the fine pitching that he has done while in school. Other high school lads joining the Nyssa team are H. Holmes, Dud Mausling, and Oren Ensminger. Ensminger plays short stop position, Mausling first base and Holmes catcher. Holmes in the championship game last week demonstrated that he has a strong arm, and is dynamite to runners trying to steal second and those who lead off too far from first.

George Johnston will be in his old birth at 3rd, while Red McCrady will be in the lineup at 2nd. Roy Hashitani is also in this years lineup and will in all probability be holding doing his fielding position.

Others on the squad will be Max Schweizer, George Eichnor, Wiley Clowers, Clyde Jensen, Frank Dupree, Bob Shaw and perhaps the veteran pitcher, Frank Rambaud.

A practice session will be held Friday night at the high school field beginning at 6 p. m., at which time a general idea of the opening lineup will be formulated by the manager.

Repairing of the roof on the grandstand that was blown off earlier this spring, is now under way and it is expected that it will be completed in time of the game Sunday.

NYSSA PLACES FIFTH IN E. O. TRACK MEET

Nyssa placed fifth in the Eastern Oregon track and field meet held at La Grande Saturday night.

The meet was won by Pendleton. Scores for participating teams were Pendleton, 45; La Grande, 39; MacLoughlin, 28; Helix, 22; Nyssa, 18; Union, 17; Ontario, 16; Athena, 12; Heppner, 7; Wallowa, 3 and Lexington, 2.

First and second place winners automatically became qualified to enter the state meet in Eugene this Saturday. Milton Schneider and members of the 880 yard relay team qualified from Nyssa.

Points were scored by Schneider, second in the 220 yard dash, fifth in the 100 yard dash, third in the broad jump, Stanley Ray, third in the 440 yard dash; Stuart Schweizer, fourth in the 440 yard dash; Dudley Mausling, fifth in the 220 yard dash. The relay team consisting of Ray, Schweizer, Graham and Schneider placed second.

JORDAN VALLEY WOOL SELLS

During the past week a wool buyer has been in the valley contracting for the wool clips and most of the sheep men have disposed of their fleeces. The price ranged from 19 to 22 1/2 cents per pound.

DOCTOR TO LECTURE HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Dr. Sam Allison, of the Veneal department of the State Board of Health will speak to the Malheur County Public Health association, in the Vale theatre building, in Vale May 27, at 1 p. m. The subject of Dr. Allison's speech will be "syphilis, its care and prevention."

The meeting will be preceded by a luncheon in the Red Robin cafe.

Mrs. Frank T. Morgan, who was a delegate to the recent meeting of the State Tuberculosis society in Eugene, will present her report to the association.

County Agent On Weed Tour

NORTHERN LIMITS OF COUNTY WORKED AS CONTROL AREA

County Agent McKennon, last week made a survey of the Snake river islands between Homedale and Weiser in connection with his work as county weed inspector.

McKennon said that he found the islands upstream from Nyssa infested to some degree with white top weeds.

A control area that is being worked intensively this year is that from the northern limits of the county to the pumping station in Dead Ox Flat. Of the 176 farms under control two small ones will probably have to be taken over by the county. A tractor is being kept busy cleaning areas on farms in the district. This clean cultivation is proving successful, takes about two years and costs the farmers about 50 cents per acre per cleaning or for the two year period about \$15 an acre, according to McKennon.

Morning glory is the most prevalent noxious weed in the county, with white top, nap weed and russian thistle showing signs of increasing to alarming stages.

McKennon, it is understood, has made a recommendation that the Biological Survey declare the islands in the Snake river, bird refuges, which would place the responsibility of cleaning out noxious weeds from the islands with that body. This has the support of George K. Aiken, game commissioner, it is claimed.

Farmers were urged to co-operate with the county court in the eradication of noxious weeds by notifying them of any patches of weeds that may appear on farm lands.

Pamphlets on the subject of noxious weeds have been prepared by the Oregon State college and may be obtained from the county agent, whose offices are in Ontario.

Baby Boy—

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ora Price on May 13 with Dr. J. J. Sarazin in attendance.

Advertised Goods Pay—

There are some in the community now that are convinced more than ever that it really does pay to buy advertised goods, for among the Grab Boxes advertised by the Adkerson store last Thursday, ten of them held a fifty cent piece. Among the ten lucky winners of the money were Bonita Post, Adolph Dominguez, Bill Jones, Mrs. V. Meacham, Mrs. Tuttle and Doris Miller.

DRIVERS EXAMINER TO BE HERE FRIDAY

An announcement from the secretary of states office this week, states that an examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in Nyssa, Friday, May 19, at the city hall, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

All those wishing permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

Old Oregon Trail Recommended For Improvement

BALDOCK URGES APPROVAL OF FEDERAL BUREAU PLANS

SALEM—The recommendation of Thos. H. MacDonald, chief of the federal bureau of public roads, for a system of interregional highways is the greatest forward movement for highway development that has been suggested since the original federal aid highway act of 1917, in the opinion of R. H. Baldock, Oregon's state highway engineer.

At the direction of the highway commission Baldock has written each member of the Oregon delegation in congress urging their support of the MacDonald program which calls for the utilization of present free traffic facilities through reconstruction to meet modern needs.

Improvement of the Pacific highway and the Columbia river highway, Old Oregon Trail in Oregon would be included in MacDonald's program.

"The most pressing highway problems in Oregon today," Baldock declared in his letter to the Oregon congressmen, "are the modernization of the upper Columbia river highway, and the building of highway arteries into and through cities."

Bean Appointed Public Utilities Commissioner

J. D. MICKLE RE-APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF STATE D. OF A.

SALEM—Resignation of N. G. Wallace as public utilities commissioner and appointment of O. R. Bean of Portland as his successor has quieted speculation as to Governor Sprague's intentions in that direction, but the change in department heads has only served to increase the uneasiness felt by the commission's small army of employees. While it is not believed the new commissioner will go in for any general housecleaning there are a number of highly lucrative jobs in the department now being held by democrats which look mighty tempting to republican patriots who are becoming impatient at the administration's delay in distributing what they regard as the rightful spoils of a partisan victory.

Judge Wallace's resignation was not entirely unexpected. While Governor Sprague had indicated no intention of removing the commissioner for whom he held a high personal regard, Wallace's health was such as to force his retirement.

Over in the department of agriculture the situation is entirely different. The re-appointment of J. D. Mickle as director has served to quiet the tension that has prevailed in the department for the past several months. This appointment did contain an element of surprise inasmuch as it had been pretty generally understood that Mickle who has been in the service of the state for many years, was about ready to retire to private life and only awaited the selection of a successor before stepping out of the picture.

Next Thursday Graduation Day

FIFTY-SIX STUDENTS IN GRADUATING CLASS

A class of 56 seniors will wend their way through the aisles of the Nyssa theatre next Thursday morning and receive the fruits of four years of studies—their diplomas. The graduation exercises will be held at 11 a. m. with John Young presenting the honor awards. Presentation of the American Legion awards will also be made at that time.

So close were the standings of two students of the graduating class that the faculty could not choose between them, and to afford proper recognition to their high scholastic standing, Margaret Klingback and Houston Wilson will share honors as Valedictorians. Salutatory will be presented to Ruth Flanary, the class history by Kathleen Clowers, prophecy by Joe Robertson and the class will be Willard Whitman.

The glee club and the high school orchestra will furnish the musical numbers on the program.

'ROUND TOWN

Hear Ted Anderson's 1 1/2 lb. trout grew to 5 pounds overnight last week. . . Hear Omer almost fooled a G-man. . . Husbands wishing to save the family nest egg are warned to keep the little wife from viewing that blue and white kitchen unit at the Idaho Power. . . Then there's Herb Fisher, Harry Miner, Joe Butte and Ralph Castator going in for orchestration in a big way. . . It is reported that Doc Pullen goes out irrigating with a shovel in one hand and a fishing pole in the other. . . and Bert Lienkaemper still says its a vegetable counter he's building at the Powell service. . .

Wool Growers Pool Proves Successful

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING HELPS SMALL PRODUCER

By THE HAPPY FARMER
One of the outstanding successes in the field of co-operative marketing of farm produce in this area is the Parma wool pool for small growers in this area.

Organized in 1926 by a few small growers it now has a membership of over 200 members in Idaho and Oregon and in the spring of 1939 handled about 12,000 fleeces, weighing approximately 95,000 pounds which sold for over \$22,000 with payment per pound of 23 1/2 cents.

The pool is composed of owners of small flocks of sheep. A very few having as high as 500, but most of them a much smaller number. From the members there is a board of control consisting of six members, elected for terms of three years each who in turn select a secretary who handles all of the office work. For the past 11 years this office has been in charge of J. C. Kniefel of Parma.

In January of each year contracts are sent to the members who fill them out and return them to the secretary that he may know what the total poundage for the coming season will be. And in February there is a meeting of the pool members to discuss the problems of production and marketing for the current season, and to elect two board members.

By these small growers combing their clip the large total is sufficient to attract the big buyers and when the directors feel that the market is right they call for sealed bids on the estimated amount of the pool for May 1 delivery, reserving the right to reject any and all bids if the price is not satisfactory. This year the wool was sold for 23 1/2 cents per pound with first payment made to the grower at the time of the sale and final payment on May 15.

Out of the proceeds each grower pays a 50 cent membership fee plus 1 cent per head of sheep, which monies are used for general running expenses of the pool. Added to this is about another 15 cents per 100 pounds of wool to defray receiving, storage, loading and other incidental costs. Which reduces the individual marketing cost to each grower far less than he could possibly have if he sold his fleece individually on the market.

The pool is open to the small producer until the wool is shipped, but he then receives only the market price for it on the shipping date. This year the amount paid to late members was 22 cents per pound. After 13 years trial the Parma wool pool is reliable evidence of what can be accomplished for the farmer in the way of co-operative marketing of all his produce.

ROUTE EXTENSION GIVEN APPROVAL

Word was received here by Postmaster Goshert from Washington that formal approval has been given the extension of rural mail route 1.

Inauguration of the extension will be July 1, according to the postmaster, who said that, as approved, the route will cover 42.75 miles.

Council Accepts Street Work As Completed

COMPLETION REPORTS FILED WITH P.W.A. FOR APPROVAL

Excepting Main street as a city project, the first street paving in the city has been completed. Eight blocks of curbs and gutters, and street paving was included in the P.W.A. project.

Total cost for the construction was \$1748.55. The city council Monday night formally accepted the project as complete, after a tour of inspection accompanied by the engineer, W. I. Hodge, Morrison-Knudsen company of Boise were the contractors.

The improvements, which are so visible in this section of the city was financed and supervised under the P.W.A. program, wherein 45% of the cost is an outright gift to the city and the balance being financed under the same program or by cash settlement by owners so desiring.

Tuesday the necessary papers of completion were delivered to C. E. Beeman, P.W.A. engineer, with offices in the city hall, for transmission to C. C. Hockley, regional director for P.W.A. at Portland. After checking the completion report, Hockley's office will forward it to the U. S. Department of Public Works at Washington, D. C.

Nyssa Bulldogs Champions Of S.R.V. League

GRAHAM PITCHES 9 INNING ONE HIT GAME FOR LOCALS

A one-hit no walk game credited to Pitcher Ray Graham and his team mates, brought the Snake River conference championship to Nyssa high school Friday afternoon. The score, Nyssa 3, Weiser 0.

The game was witnessed by the largest crowd to attend a high school baseball game here, according to school officials.

The local team crossed the plate with three runs in the first inning on hits by Wren Ensminger, Harold Holmes and Ray Graham. The remainder of the game was played on almost even terms with neither team making serious scoring threats. B. Adams got the only Weiser hit in the fifth inning and reached third base.

Graham struck out 15 men and K. Adams, Weiser pitcher, struck out five Nyssa batters.

Attempts were made to schedule post season games with La Grande winners of the Blue Mountain league of the Eastern Oregon championship, but other activities at both schools will probably prevent such a series being played.

Box Score: AB H R E
Nyssa 33 3 8 2
Weiser 26 0 1 2
Batteries: for Nyssa, Graham, and Holmes; for Weiser, Q. Adams and B. Adams.

SHOWERS ON TUESDAY

Whether or not the weather man should get the credit for the precipitation for the week may be a matter of opinion, but everyone agrees that the showers on Tuesday were a God send to the country. It was the first moisture in this valley since April 11, when .06 of an inch fell and it was March 26 when there was a rain of any appreciable size. At that time .17 inch was measured at the local Reclamation offices.

Following are the thermometer readings for the past week given from the Reclamation office.

Date	Low	High
May 11	44	83
May 12	36	82
May 13	39	86
May 14	40	91
May 15	55	95
May 16	45	74
May 17	40	83

Mass Meeting Called For Tuesday To Discuss Park

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE SUNDAY

Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of the Nyssa high school will be held Sunday in the Methodist church at 8 p. m.

Invocation will be pronounced by Reverend P. A. Powell, scriptural reading by Bishop D. L. Anderson, the sermon by Reverend Floyd E. White and benediction by Reverend W. K. Hoag.

Alice Hashitani will present the topic "My Task" to the group. The choir will sing "Diadem" accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Currey, who as pianist will play the Processional march and Recessional, among other numbers.

Nyssa To Be Host To Realty Board

MONTHLY MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 9

At a meeting held in Payette last Friday night the Malheur County Realty Board accepted the invitation of the Nyssa members to hold their next meeting, June 9, in Nyssa.

Guests at the Payette meeting were the county agents from Malheur and Payette counties, R. M. McKennon and D. E. Warren, respectively. Both agents spoke on noxious weeds and what it means to the real estate broker.

McKennon gave a summary of the Oregon noxious weed law. He told the group that the Oregon law gave to the county courts the authority to set up weed control districts or that a group of land owners may petition the court to establish a weed control district. The appointment of a county weed inspector is likewise left to the county courts, who has authority to go upon lands that is infested with noxious weeds. Owners of infested lands are responsible for the proper cleaning up of noxious weeds, and failing to do this after proper notice from the weed inspector or court, the work may be hired done by the county court which cost may be placed on the taxes against the land. Of all the noxious weeds the white top, russian thistle, nap weed and morning glory are giving the farmers of Malheur county the most concern.

Warren told the group that the Idaho noxious weed law was patterned substantially after that of Oregon, except that it was divided into two laws—that of noxious weeds and pure seed. W. P. A. labor was being used to great advantage in Payette county, according to Warren.

The realtors at the meeting announced that in the future, as their part in assisting in the control of noxious weeds, prospective buyers would be informed of the presence of any noxious weeds on a farm which they were considering buying.

Bernard Eastman, Sr. Payette realtor was chairman of the evening, and announced that the Idaho realtors would hold a regional meeting in Boise, May 29, and that an invitation had been extended for the Malheur realtors to attend. Another invitation will be extended to the Oregon State Board of Realtors, according to Eastman.

Nyssa realtors attending the meeting were Frank T. Morgan and Bernard Eastman, Jr.

Civic Groups Ask For Decision On Location

Although a difference of opinion as to location seems to exist, of one thing all of the civic groups in the city are united on one thing, and that is, that Nyssa is in dire need of a city park.

At a meeting of men interested in tennis and handball courts, last Tuesday night, the discussion quickly changed to that of a city park, with those present deciding to hold a mass meeting in the city hall next Tuesday night at 8 p. m. for the sole purpose of deciding which of two plots of ground should be used for the park site. Two sites, it appears, are available to the city. One is that commonly referred to as the "old ball park", containing 2 city blocks, the other is a five acre tract west of the new high school, bordering the Sherwood farm. The meeting is open to any citizen in Nyssa or to any civic organization, and it is the hope of Dr. Kerbey, who acted as chairman of the Tuesday meeting that every interested person or group will come to the meeting, express their desires on location, but at any rate to get a city park started.

To investigate the possibilities of erecting handball and tennis courts, Dr. Kerbey appointed A. C. Norcott, R. G. Whitaker, J. C. Bishop, John Young and Carl Coad on a committee who was also instructed to draw up plans for the group to form an athletic association.

Another committee appointed by Kerbey was for the purpose of bringing in a report at the mass meeting on the two available park sites, consists of A. C. Sallee, Del Taylor and F. W. Burgess.

PARK GARDEN CLUB TO CLEAR AND LEVEL PARK

SATURDAY TO BE DEVOTED TO PREPARING GROUNDS

The Morgan Park Garden club will hold an all day gathering at the park Saturday, May 20 in order to clear off the sage brush, it was decided at the last business meeting. All men in the community who are interested in the development of the park are asked to bring tractor or team, hand tools, grubber or other machinery usable in clearing and leveling.

It is hoped that by getting an early start Saturday morning all the land can be cleared so that leveling may proceed at once, in order to get the land seeded to grass this summer.

Once seeded, the landscaping can be planned and the balance of the gift trees can be placed in desirable location this fall.

The ladies of the club will serve a picnic dinner at noon with plenty of hot coffee.

Keep in mind the membership contest between the ladies and the men closing at the next evening meeting. The side bringing in the most new members will be guests of the losers.

Be sure to be at the park Saturday with your tools.

Children Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garrison and son Lenny, of Jamieson were Sunday visitors and dinner guests at the parental Charles Garrison home and in the evening their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Newbill of Kingman were visitors.

Are You Good At Name Calling?

If you are, that is, REALLY good at it, there is a chance for you to win a crisp \$5 bill. In addition you may win a registered Guernsey bull calf.

Here is what it is all about—The Associated Chambers of Commerce, an association composed of the Chambers of Commerce in the Upper Snake River Valley are desirous of having a concise name for the area—such as "the Radiant Empire" or "Upper Snake River Empire."

It's easy and it's lots of fun—get your name in early. The following are the rules for the award of the prize of \$5 given by the Nyssa Journal—

You must be a subscriber to the Nyssa Journal.

No employee nor relative of the staff or employees of the paper are eligible to enter the contest.

The above rule DOES NOT apply to country correspondents.

All names for the area submitted will be forwarded to the committee of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, and become the property of that organization.

Every entrant may submit as many names as he or she desires. Entrants must sign their name and address to the name they submit.

The Nyssa Journal's "Name Calling Contest" ends Wednesday, June 7, 1939 at midnight.

THE FIRST CHAMPS SINCE '33



Not since 1933 has the Nyssa high school baseball team won the Snake River Conference championship. The team in 1938 won the right to play for it but the game was never played. This year the boys copped

Top Row: (from left) Cottle, Mausling, Ensminger, Choate, G. Holmes, center: John Young (coach) Freil, Graham, H. Holmes, Malone, Wilson, Zamora, Lower: Notheis, Boren, Morfitt, Leo Hollenberg (superintendent of Nyssa schools).