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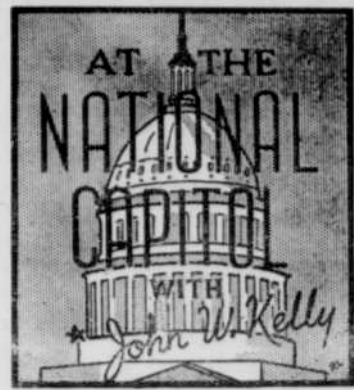
GATEWAY TO THE OWYHEE AND BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION PROJECTS
IN THE HEART OF OREGON'S SUGAR EMPIRE

Fastest Growing City In Oregon

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Americans have an idea that they are better educated and have higher living standards than other countries, but every once in a while some government agency comes along and punctures the inflation. While the Pacific northwest has scarcely a trace of illiteracy, a four-year survey reveals that of the 75 million adults in this country, 36 million did not finish elementary school; 18 million did not finish the fourth grade, and three million are entirely illiterate. There are one million children of elementary school age not enrolled.

This information is revealed on the eve of the congressional session because educators fear that appropriations for education may be sacrificed for the national defense program to be sponsored by the administration next month.

President Roosevelt himself says that one-third of the nation is ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-housed, and one of his special committees asserts that one-third of the workers of the country have an income of less than \$500 a year.

More "Good Neighbor" Policy

Fur farmers of Washington and Oregon, specializing in raising silver foxes for the market, are threatened with competition from Canada, which also has quite an industry of this description. Officials of the department of state are preparing to revise the trade treaty with Canada to permit Canadians to ship their silver fox and other furs into the United States. This "good neighbor" gesture being made because the European war, in which Canada is a belligerent, has closed the European market to Canada. A quota is contemplated on furs from Norway and Sweden to furnish them an outlet.

East Discovers West

Every few days lately some government bureau announces what a great country is the Pacific northwest, with its latent resources of raw materials and what can be accomplished with cheap electric power. Latest prediction come from the bureau of mines, which asserts that the ceramics industry promises to be more self-sufficient as a result of investigations of the bureau in the regions served by Grand Coulee and Bonneville.

There are valuable deposits of clay in the two states, explains the bureau, and with power all that is necessary is for someone to get busy. Kaolin the clay used for fine porcelain is found in Washington and there is an occurrence in Lake county, Oregon.

To Protect Fish

An elaborate program for protection, maintenance and development of the fish runs in Columbia, Willamette and their tributaries has been outlined by the bureau of fisheries, co-operating with fish commissions of Oregon and Washington, but no appropriation will be made when congress meets. The director of the budget explains that he cannot make an estimate to embody in the budget the president submits to congress January 4 because no data have been presented by the fisheries bureau.

At the bureau of fisheries it is said that a very complete and thorough investigation is being conducted on all the streams involved and that this survey will not be completed before next summer, making it impossible to ask the budget director for an estimated appropriation before the fiscal year 1942, which begins July 1, 1941. The rivers have been studied repeatedly in the past and there is an abundance of material which would indicate where cultural fish stations could be

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THE WEATHER

Except for 61 inch of rain falling on Dec. 5, the past week has been a dry one. Following is the weather report for the week ending Dec. 6, 1939.

Date	Low	High
Nov. 30	25	42
Dec. 1	25	40
Dec. 2	26	44
Dec. 3	24	53
Dec. 4	18	53
Dec. 5	18	51
Dec. 6	26	62

County Corn Makes Clean Sweep At State Show

WILBUR STEWART WINS 'STAKE AND OPEN CLASS HONORS

Malheur county corn made a clean sweep of it at the state-wide show held in Corvallis last week, when the corn exhibited by Wilbur Stewart took sweepstake and open class honors. In the hybrid corn growing contest H. W. Black, Ontario farmer, won with a yield of 112.6 per acre. This contest is based on yield cost and uniformity.

As a note of comparison, Ritchie Bros. took first place in the growing contest, western Oregon division, with a yield of 84.1 bushels per acre, giving Malheur county a lead in production of 28.5 bushels more per acre.

In the junior class for district four, composed of all counties except Hood River, east of the Cascade mountains, Malheur county took all honors. With Harold Silkett placing first; Homer Brewer, second, Don Cormesser, third, in the F. F. A. class and Joe Stewart, first, Gene Amidon, second and Donald Brewer, third in the 4-H club class.

In the open class for district four, Wilbur Stewart placed first; Fred Moeller, sweepstake and open winner in the Malheur county corn show, second and G. W. Carter, third. Judging contest for Oregon State College students was held on Thursday and for 4-H and F. F. A. members Saturday.

All premium money for the state show was given by the First National Bank of Portland, with all expense money being provided by the agricultural committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Farm Bureau To Meet In Ontario

ONTARIO (Special)—A meeting of the Malheur County Farm Bureau Federation will be held at the Moore Hotel in Ontario, Tuesday, December 12. The afternoon session will begin at 2 p. m. with an evening session to be held at 8 p. m.

R. D. Flaherty, executive secretary of the Oregon-Washington State Farm Bureau, will be present at the meeting, stopping off on his return from the national convention held in Chicago. He will give a report of the convention and work of the largest national farm organization.

The meeting will be centered around the activities of the following committees: Sugar Beets, Field Crops, Truck Crops, Livestock, Dairy and Taxation. The afternoon meeting will take up the work of the first four mentioned committees, while the evening meeting will be devoted to livestock, dairy and taxation.

All farmers are invited and urged to attend the meetings as the program is so arranged as to allow a farmer to find a subject of special interest to him.

KOLONY 4-H LEADERS PICK OUTSTANDING BOY AND GIRL

KINGMAN KOLONY (Special)—Local leaders of the Kingman Kolony 4-H clubs met with County Leader E. M. Hauser and selected, from the Kingman clubs, the boy and girl, who because of their outstanding work during the year 1939, will represent the district at the annual summer school in 1940.

This selection is based on projects completed, age, years of work and other details dealing with club work.

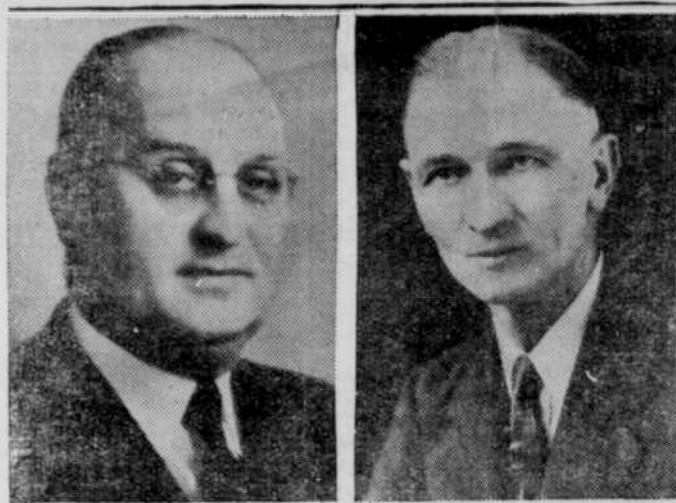
Pauline Gowey was the girl selected. Pauline is 14 years old, has completed 14 projects and four years work. Aurora Zamora was selected as alternate. Dudley Kurtz was selected as the outstanding boy being 14 years old, and having completed 5 years work and 10 projects. Dick Ascraft was named alternate. Virginia James and Ronald Lane received honorable mention.

HOT MEALS FOR HIGH STUDENTS

Hot noonday lunches are now available to students of the Nyssa high school, according to Principal J. W. Bushong.

The home economics department in charge of Miss Helen Stevens, started serving the meals last Monday. Government funds are making the venture possible.

Returned to Farm Credit Board



William A. Schoenfeld (left), dean of agriculture at Oregon State College, Corvallis, and Harvey R. Shoultes (right), Chehalis, Washington, dairyman and cooperative leader, begin new terms in January on the board of directors of the Farm Credit Administration of Spokane and its credit units. Both are members of the present board. Shoultes was elected by Federal Land Bank borrowers of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Dean Schoenfeld was appointed by Governor F. F. Hill, of the FCA, to represent agriculture and the public on the board.

Christmas Seal Sale Started

This week started the annual campaign of the National Tuberculosis Society to raise funds to carry on their work in the reduction and final elimination of this great white plague through the sale of Christmas seals.

That there is urgent need to continue the fight against tuberculosis is evidenced by the fact that 40,000 deaths every year of persons between the ages of twelve and forty-five are accounted for by tuberculosis. Today it is estimated that there are at least 500,000 active cases in the United States.

There is a bright ray, however, in all this. It is the fact that if discovered in the early stages and treatment started immediately, the disease need not be fatal.

But to carry on this work it takes money, and in large quantities, so the need each year for Christmas seal sales. Also a large percentage of the money raised in each district is kept and spent in that district.

It was the sale of the Christmas seals which made it possible for the Nyssa schools to be among the very first in the county to hold tuberculosis examination clinics. And through these clinics a few active cases were found that would otherwise have gone unnoticed until treatment might perhaps have been too late to save a life.

If anyone did not receive their Christmas seals, they may obtain them from Mrs. Chas. Paradis or members of the committee, composed of Mrs. Harold Fletcher, Mrs. Dick Tensen and Mrs. Don M. Graham.

Apple Valley Girl Killed

RUTH SCHULTZ HIT BY TRUCK MONDAY AFTERNOON

By Mrs. Earl Summy

APPLE VALLEY (Special)—Ruth Marie Schultz, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph G. Schultz, Apple Valley residents, was killed instantly Monday afternoon as she stepped from a school bus, into the path of a truck driven by Clarence Martin of Boise.

The school bus, driven by Harold Meyer, was headed north and had stopped in front of the Schultz home to allow Ruth to alight. The truck, loaded with beet pulp, was going south. Martin, according to Meyer, stopped immediately. An inquest is to be held, following an investigation of the accident.

Besides her parents, Ruth Marie is survived by two sisters, Virginia, a Boise student and Mrs. William B. Willson, Seattle, and a brother, Charles.

Funeral services were held this afternoon in the Parma Lutheran Church, with interment in the Parma cemetery.

Visit Tuesday Evening—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hall of Nampa with Miss Esther McGary and Lawrence McKibben of Star, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Main on Tuesday evening.

I-O-N CUTOFF NOW OPEN TO TRAFFIC

According to Arthur Lyons of the Boise-Winnemucca stage line, the I. O. N. highway to California is now open to year-around traffic.

The Idaho end has been completely resurfaced with ten miles of it already oiled and the contract for the remainder has been let to the W. W. Clyde construction company of Utah. Work will be resumed in the spring.

In Oregon there have been three sections surfaced, one north of Jordan Valley and two south and in Nevada the whole stretch to Winnemucca is now oiled and gravelled.

With this road now open, the driving time to San Francisco has been cut from twelve to thirteen hours and the total mileage to 622 miles.

Not only is this way the shortest route but it is also one of the safest and most easily driven, there being less traffic and fewer grades than on any other.

May Propose Special Bonds

The city council will next Monday night consider the matter of asking the voters of Nyssa to pass on a bond issue to retire outstanding warrants.

Coming into office with outstanding warrants amounting to \$7,693.67 the new council has managed to keep this warrant indebtedness down below that figure, despite an expanded improvement program, which has included new sewer systems, plants, street and water improvements.

It is estimated that the bond issue will not exceed \$7,500 and will put the fiscal program of the city on a cash basis, which is actually what it has been operated on, except that the old outstanding warrants have been paid first.

City Attorney A. L. Fletcher is this week working on a skeleton ordinance to be presented at the meeting next Monday. The actual amount of the bond issue, together with the warrant debt and interest will by that time be figured and upon approval of the council be inserted into the ordinance.

If approved, the election would be held either the latter part of this month or the forepart of January.

Stockmen Ask Storage Dam

ONTARIO (Special)—Ferd Schlapkohl, Owyhee project engineer and Walter White, of Nyssa left Monday for Jordan Valley to investigate a request of Jordan Valley stockmen for a storage reservoir to be located north of Jordan Valley.

Commissioner Page had asked R. J. Newell, Boise, construction engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation to submit a report on the request, who in turn asked Schlapkohl to make the investigation.

Schlapkohl and White will investigate the effect the storage dam would have on the Owyhee project. Little effect is expected as the water in the contemplated storage dam would be stored in the spring being released later when the Owyhee project would be in need of what is stored at the Jordan Valley dam.

City Receives P.W.A. Grant

City Recorder M. F. Solomon this week received \$4,181.80 or 10 per cent of the P. W. A. grant on the sewer project this week. This is the second payment on the grant, the first being 25 per cent of the grant of \$41,818. The remaining 10 per cent will be paid the city when the sewer project is completed and a complete audit of the project is made. It is expected that the project construction work will be finished about January 28, 1940.

Exceptional weather is working to the advantage of the contractor, Five and Company, who are constructing and installing equipment on the disposal plant.

STREET GRADING COST IS LOW

Councilman J. C. Olsen revealed figures this week that shows a low cost in the grading of Wards addition and several blocks in the western portion of the city.

Some 14 blocks of streets have been graded and gravelled at a total cost of about \$1000 or an average cost to the city of \$71.50 per block.

The gravel was furnished to the city by Sam Playford and Virgil Johnson, aggregate contractors.

TWO CLUBS JOIN HEALTH ASS'N.

The Nyssa Lions club and the Gate City Lodge of Odd Fellows became two of the first fraternal or service organizations in the county to join the Malheur County Public Health Association, when the membership of each organization voted this week to send membership dues to the association.

This is a departure from the procedure in past years, the officials of the association feeling that more interest would be taken in the health work if organizations were admitted to membership. Individual members of organizations may join by paying for individual membership.

In Boise—Mrs. K. E. Kerby and Mrs. Harry Hahn visited in Boise on Monday.

NYSSA PRINCIPAL NAMED EVALUATOR

J. W. Bushong, principal of the Nyssa High school has been named as one of a committee of evaluators by the State Department of Education, and left Wednesday to evaluate the Baker High school, a job that will take about three days.

In rating the school, the committee will check the curriculum, student activity program, library service, guidance service, classroom teaching, philosophy and objectives, school administration and school plant.

Board Accepts School Building

The Nyssa Union High school board on Tuesday made formal acceptance of the new high school building and equipment, to the Federal Works Agency, division of Public Works Administration.

The building and equipment represented a total expenditure of \$75,918 of which a P. W. A. grant of \$34,168 was allotted by the federal government, the school district financing the balance of the cost through the sale of bonds.

The high school building is considered among contractors and school officials in Oregon as one of the finest buildings of its kind in the state.

NYSSA TAKES GAME FROM FRUITLAND

The Nyssa high school varsity basketball team, in a practice game with Fruitland Tuesday night, won by a score of 25 to 17.

Stanley Ray led the Bulldogs in point scoring, with 10 points. Ken Lewis slung two baskets and one free throw. Wilson and Shelley both scored two field goals and Ensminger scored one. The score at half time was Nyssa 10, Fruitland 6.

The Bulldogs played a man-to-man defense and did a fine job of covering Fruitland's south-paw threat handsily throughout the game.

Coaches Young and Parke really have two teams, both of which worked well together and show prospects of being up in the championship bracket when the season ends.

Saturday the Nyssa team plays its first conference game with Weiser at Weiser. Then next week, Friday, December 15, the Bulldogs play Parma here.

The second string Nyssa team lost to the Fruitland second stringers by a score of 24-14.

LIONS CLUB LADIES NIGHT PROGRAM

The Nyssa Lions club will hold their annual Ladies Night dinner tonight in the Nyssa High school domestic science room, according to J. W. Bushong, chairman in charge.

Bushong was very mysterious about the actual program, but intimated that several ladies and members of the club would be called on to deliver talks. The ladies, it is learned, will have their chance to tell the men that they know little of the subject upon which they will be called to talk about.

Following the dinner a party of the club will be made up to attend the Nyssa Dance club dance that will be held in the Eagles hall.

73,345 ACRES ARE UNDER CULTIVATION

According to figures compiled in the U. S. Reclamation office, the total number of acres under cultivation on lands under the Owyhee Irrigation project totaled 73,000 and the total gross value per acre was \$25.31, for the year 1939.

The gross value of 1938 was slightly over \$27.00 but this was due to an early appraisal which at the end of the season proved to be above that of the actual average taken in.

Below are the figures of each district as given out by Ferd Schlapkohl of the Ontario office this week, with the net acreage in cultivation and the average gross value per acre.

Advancement	609	24.83
Bench	2,174	41.51
Crystal	1,058	27.43
Gem, new land	5,500	12.51
Gem, old land	15,942	35.20
Ontario-Nyssa	4,936	35.63
Owyhee	38,929	19.20
Payette-Oregon Slope	3,597	42.87
Slide	600	24.39
All Districts	73,345	25.31

Ladies Aid—There will be a no-hostess meeting of the Methodist Ladies Aid in the church basement on Thursday, December 14th at which all members are urged to be present.

Beet Growers And Officials Meet Here To Day

N. E. Dodd, director of the western states Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and C. R. Oviatt, representative of the Sugar Section of the Department of Agriculture, arrived in Nyssa this morning to meet with sugar processors and sugar beet growers this afternoon.

Representing the Amalgamated Sugar company are R. H. Cottrell, A. E. Benning and Ray G. Larson.



N. E. Dodd
Nyssa district manager.

It is hoped that at this meeting that the growers will hear a clarification of the status of the Sugar Act of 1937, as it affects quotas and acreage with a view toward the growers association taking some steps in the recommendation of future legislation.

4H Leaders Hold Nomination

KINGMAN KOLONY (Special)—Saturday, December 2nd at the Kingman school house, was held the regular meeting of the Malheur 4-H Local Leaders Council. The business meeting was held in the morning with Mrs. H. A. Connor, president, presiding. Among the matters of business it was voted to hold the annual county-wide leaders banquet and party sometime in February.

Scholarships and ways of obtaining them was brought up by E. M. Hauser and discussed in general among the leaders.

Officers were nominated for the coming year and will be voted on in January.

Lunch was served at noon by club girls.

The afternoon program was in charge of the young leaders with Jimmie Nichols acting as chairman. Their topic was "How to Improve Club Leadership."

A piano solo was played by Dudley Kurtz and a vocal solo was sung by Mrs. William Toomb. The meeting was closed by a group song, "Sing Your Way Home."

Undergoes Operation

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Charles McConnell underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at the hospital in Ontario. Dr. L. A. Maupin, the physician in charge, reports her condition to be good.

MARKETS

Thursday Quotations
By Wiley Clowers

Cream, Grade A	.29
Cream, Grade B	.27
CASH PRICE	
Hens, heavy	.09
Hens, light and Leghorn	.05
Springs	.09
Stags	.05
Cockerels	.03
Trade-In Eggs	
Large	.31
Medium	.18
TURKEYS	
Prime young toms, dressed	.13
Prime old hens, dressed	.14
Prime old toms, dressed	.12
- Choice -	
All birds 3 cents under above quoted prices.	
Second Grade	
All birds 8 cents per pound.	
Live Birds	
All grades 4c under dressed price. Custom dressing ... 14 cents per bird	
DUCKS AND GESE	
Per Pound	9 cents
Capons, over 8 lbs.	.16
Capons, 6 to 8 lbs.	.13
Slips, over 8 lbs.	.12
Slips, 6 to 8 lbs.	.09