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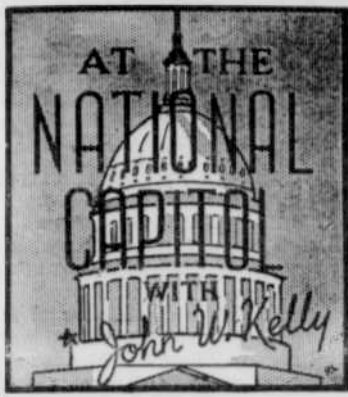
GATEWAY TO THE OWYHEE AND BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION PROJECTS
IN THE HEART OF OREGON'S SUGAR EMPIRE

Fastest Growing City In Oregon

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—White House was not consulted by Secretary of the Interior Ickes when he suggested a five-year plan of irrigation to provide homes for dust bowl refugees, who have migrated to the Pacific coast. Without approval of the president, the Ickes plan is merely something to talk about.

Oregon ranks near the top in projects proposed by the secretary; 46,000 acres with estimated cost of non-relief funds of \$1,500,000. Because Grand Coulee will ultimately reclaim 1,250,000 acres the secretary considers that project is sufficient for Washington and does not suggest additional developments as in other western states.

In the past ten years, the secretary estimates, 18,000 families have migrated to Washington and a similar number to Oregon, and 7,000 homeless families went to Idaho. California topped all with an estimated 110,000 families (the "Okies" which have been described in novels and on the screen).

Secretary Ickes proposes that these migrants be given an opportunity to have homes on land now requiring water instead of living like bees in migratory labor camps in Oregon and Washington, waiting for seasonal crops. Bureau of Reclamation has itemized the Oregon projects which can start immediately and efficiently. On tributaries of the Rogue and Deschutes rivers or in the Lahontan basin (not particularized are these projects) 9,000 acres can be watered for \$600,000. Suggested also is Bully creek reservoir on the Vale project, bringing in 33,000 acres at a cost of \$500,000. In Clackamas county the Canby irrigation district can be expanded another 4,000 acres by pumping or diversion at a cost of \$400,000.

Idaho suggested projects: 11,300 acres on Weiser river and tributaries estimated at \$200,000, and Devil creek reservoir on Malade, 7,600 acres at \$200,000.

For preservation of salmon runs in Columbia river and its tributaries bureau of fisheries proposes for cultural stations \$25,000 (initial), for Spirit lake, Cowlitz county, Washington, \$50,000 for the upper Salmon, \$75,000 for the Clearwater; \$25,000 for expanding the hatchery at Little White Salmon, and \$25,000 for expansion at Carson, Washington.

The Payette system in Idaho should have a hatchery if Black canyon dam is made passable for fish. Snake river requires a hatchery for propagation and another is needed to rebuild the runs in Clearwater, Idaho. Rehabilitation of runs in Entiat, Wenatchee, Methow and Okanogan are expected to compensate for loss of spawning areas above Coulee dam.

Special problem in Willamette river and tributaries is pollution. Present state hatcheries must be rebuilt or modified owing to the comprehensive plan for flood control of Willamette valley.

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Daughter Visits—

Mrs. Arthur Cochrum of Grants Pass is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis.

In Boise—

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brewster and Mr. and Mrs. Burnall Brown were Boise visitors on Saturday.

IN HOSPITAL—

Mrs. Herman Towne is under the care of Dr. L. A. Maulding at the Ontario Hospital.

With fog the order of the day in weather the past week the temperature have seemed much lower than the actual readings show.

Following are the thermometer readings as given by the Nyssa offices of the U. S. Reclamation.

Date	L.	H.
Jan. 26	25	36
Jan. 27	29	44
Jan. 28	24	45
Jan. 29	22	44
Jan. 30	23	44
Jan. 31	22	44
Feb. 1	24	35

Highsmith To Run For County School Superintendent

A. M. Highsmith, member of the board of directors of school district 26, and principal of schools at Brogan, this week announced that he would be a candidate for the office of County School Superintendent, at the primary election, May 17.

Highsmith is a graduate of Oregon Normal, and has taken advance work at the Universities of Oregon and Wyoming. Following his college work, Highsmith took a business course at Behrke-Walker Business college.

Highsmith has a long teaching record in Oregon, having taught school in this state since 1912.

In his announcement Highsmith said, "I will give my entire time and put forth every effort for the betterment of the schools of the county, if I am nominated and elected."

Nampa Woman Arrested In Theft

Helen Evans, Nampa, was arrested last week on a complaint from Chief of Police A. V. Cook over the theft of a diamond ring belonging to Mrs. I. B. Allen. Arrested at the same time was Calvin Allen, Ardmore, Okla., as an accomplice.

Both of the accused were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Williams on Tuesday, when Miss Evans asked for a hearing and was bound over to the grand jury. Bond was set at \$500 which she furnished and was released from custody. Allen waived preliminary hearing and was also bound over to the grand jury. He is now in the county jail in Vale, in lieu of bail.

The ring was recovered through the assistance of Mrs. A. V. Cook. The grand jury will hear the case when it meets the first week in April.

Weiser Man To Head Beet Growers

William M. Carson, Weiser, a director of the Nyssa Factory Beet Growers association was elected last Thursday, at the close of the directors meeting, president of the association for the coming year. The delegate-at-large will be Charles Olean, of Notus.

Carson succeeds Charles Marshall who has served as president since the formation of the association in 1938. Olean succeeds Frank T. Morgan.

A. L. Fletcher, Nyssa attorney will continue in his office as secretary.

SCOUTS GET ASSISTANT MASTER

Wesley A. Sherman, journalism instructor for the Nyssa high school has been named as assistant scout master for the Nyssa American Legion sponsored troop of the Boy Scouts. It was learned from an announcement by Raymond Nations scoutmaster for the troop.

Plans are being made for a court of honor and for a parents night during the celebration of National Boy Scout Week, February 8 to 14.

Troop 19, meets every Wednesday night at the Nyssa Legion hall and any eligible boy, or parents of prospective Boy Scout are cordially invited to attend the meetings.

UNDERGOES OPERATION—

Jake Fischer underwent a minor operation on Thursday morning at the Ontario hospital with Dr. L. A. Maulding in charge.

'ROUND TOWN

A. L. McClellan's weather eye working overtime and seeing things a Frost (E. P.) at the post office office door and the two Posies at the door of the Western Hotel. Trucks in the mire, three at a time in back of the Journal on Wednesday—the little blonde lady who got her diamond—every one in Who's Who and then some at the White Satin Ball, and grocers Aden Wilson and Willard Hunt going home with prize sugar sacks under their arms. Old man Stork and the docs working overtime this last week, nice to have Mose back on the job...birds getting their morning handout of wheat in front of the Olympic Club.

Crop, Feed Loans Now Available

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Malheur County and applications for these loans are now being received at the County Agent's Office in Ontario under direction of A. D. Stanton, Field Supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Section of the Farm Credit Administration.

This early opening of the loan program in Malheur County is part of a plan recently announced by the Farm Credit Administration whereby emergency crop and feed loans are being made available immediately in all areas where farming conditions are seriously affected this year by drought or flood.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit associations, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

As in former years, the money loaned will be limited to the applicant's necessary cash needs in preparing and cultivating his 1940 crops or in purchasing or producing feed for his livestock.

Borrowers who obtain loans for the production of cash crops are required to give as security a first lien on the crop financed or, in the case of loans for the purchase of feed for livestock, a first lien on the livestock to be fed.

Dairy Cattle Buying Group Is Organized

Farmer interested in the bettering of their dairy herds met in Ontario Wednesday and formed a buying association. About 75 farmers were present.

Presiding at the meeting were W. N. Young county supervisor of FSA and R. M. McKennon, county agricultural agent.

The group will start the first buying in the Willamette valley and Oregon coastal regions and purchasing will be individually financed. Only cows and heifers from tested herds and with individual records will be considered by the buying committee. While nothing definite was set as to the time of starting the buying of the cattle, it was suggested, and will probably be carried out, that the committee would leave sometime between February 12 and 17.

On the buying committee is a member representing the Jersey breed, Guernsey and Holstein. An alternate was also elected to the committee. Those elected were for the Jersey breed, Truman, Wagner, Arcadia; R. H. Clark, Nyssa, alternate; Guernsey breed, Jess, Rich, Ontario and Vern Butler, Ontario, alternate; Holstein breed, Glen Hutchinson, Vale and H. G. Tuttle, Ontario, alternate.

Members of the association will enter into individual buying agreements with the association.

County agent McKennon was elected as secretary-treasurer and will accompany the buying committee when they leave to buy the cattle.

BANK TO ISSUE MONEY ORDERS

Money orders are now available at the Nyssa branch of the First National Bank of Portland, according to G. J. Mitchell, manager.

"This is a new bank service," Mr. Mitchell said. "It has been introduced for the convenience of persons who wish to mail money, pay bills and make installment or mail order payments at a nominal cost. This new service, offered by all of our branches over the state, is open to all persons whether or not they use any other service of the bank."

FARM LOAN GROUPS ARE CONSOLIDATED

PAYETTE, Ida.—Consolidation of two National Farm Loan associations in Malheur county, Ore., into a single unit will become effective January 1, Herbert J. Davis, Payette, Idaho, secretary-treasurer of the association announced this week.

Included in the consolidation are the Ontario and Vale associations. The new organization will be known as the Malheur County National Farm Loan association of Ontario, Ore. Its business will be served from Davis' office in Payette.

National Farm Loan associations are cooperative groups through which Federal Loan Bank loans are made and serviced. The Malheur county association has 84 members with \$300,000 in land bank loans outstanding.

Officers are O. E. Carman, Vale, president; N. Smit, Ontario, vice-president; Roy R. Dearmond, Vale, and C. E. Secoy and H. E. McCarty, both of Ontario, directors.

Farmers To Hear Livestock Expert

Harry Lingren, Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist, Corvallis, will discuss livestock rationing, and livestock problems at the Nyssa Farmers Night School, February 5, 1940 at 8:00 p. m. in the high school building. Mr. Lingren has been with the department for many years and has a keen insight in the livestock problems of the farmer.

E. P. Prevot, of Anaconda Sales Co., Nampa, spoke before the Night School Monday night, January 29, and commercial fertilizer—fertilizer for beet, potatoes, onions, and lettuce were discussed. Results of various field trials were given. Eighteen men attended the school. These schools are carried on by the Smith-Hughes chapter of the Nyssa Union High School at Nyssa, Ore.

HERD TESTER ASSUMES JOB

C. C. Cox from the Willamette valley section has assumed his duties as herd tester for the Malheur County Dairy Herd Improvement association. It was learned at the meeting of the group of dairymen who met in Ontario Wednesday.

Cox will start testing herds of the members of the association about the middle of next week.

Those interested in having their herds entered into the association may obtain full information by contacting the office of the county agricultural agent in Ontario.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS?

This is good enough to pass on. It is clipped from a Missouri country paper:

No, we didn't receive the following letter, but we know an editor who did:

"Please send me a few copies of your newspaper containing the obituary of my aunt. Also, publish the enclosed clipping of the marriage of my niece. And I wish you would mention in your local column, if it doesn't cost anything, that I have two bull calves for sale, and our church is having an ice cream supper, tickets 25 cents. As my subscription is out, please stop the paper, as times are too hard to waste money on newspapers."

Pomona Grange Protests Ban On Seed

The Vale Grange entertained the Malheur County Pomona Grange No. 33 at Vale on Saturday, Jan. 27, with a very good attendance, between 70 and 80 grangers attended from all over the county. Practically every grange was represented.

The morning session consisted of the officers reports, lunch was served at noon. After which the business and reports of the different granges took place until shortly after 2:30 when the lecturers program was given.

The program consisted of a talk given by State Deputy, Charles Wicklander, outlining National Grange activities and accomplishments; R. M. McKennon, secretary of Pomona Grange and County Agent spoke and reported on livestock feeding and agricultural crops raised in our county. Mrs. Claypool county school superintendent, spoke on the county health association, their accomplishments and plans for the near future.

Other numbers of interest were stunts put on by Boulevard YGA members. A skit "One Born Every Minute" by Marie Jacobson, and Mabel Russell of Vale; readings "The New Year Speaks" by Ora Russell of Vale, a piano solo by Mrs. McDermid of Vale, violin and guitar music by Wayne and Richard Lofton of Ironside, songs "Oulaff" by L. Jacobson of Vale and "When the Sunset Turns the Ocean's Blue to Gold" by Myrtle Rose and Lucy Lofton of Ironside.

Resolutions were passed protesting discrimination against Malheur county red clover and alfalfa seed as compared to Idaho seed by Eastern buyers; asking for measures to be taken by the Grange Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and the county to control water hemlock on the Malheur river and its tributaries; and favoring a small bounty on crows and magpies and their eggs.

In addition to passage of the resolutions, the Pomona Grange voted to support 4-H club work in the county by providing \$20.00 to the local Leaders Council for use in training 4-H club local leaders

FARM BUREAU TO HOLD MEETING

Charles Galloway, chairman of the State Tax Commission will discuss the state farmers tax problems at a meeting sponsored by the Malheur County Farm Bureau, to be held in Ontario, Friday, February 9, to 8 p. m. according to Earl Bervin, secretary of the bureau.

The meeting is open for all interested farmers and following the talk by Galloway the meeting will be open for questions and discussion from the floor.

Bervin announced also that he had received a telegram from Senator Charles McNary, in response to a letter addressed to him by the local Farm Bureau protesting the New York ban on Malheur county seed, McNary said in his telegram that the act was unjust and that it would receive his immediate attention.

MARKETS

Thursday Quotations

By Wiley Clowers

Cream, Grade A.....33

Cream, Grade B.....31

CASH PRICE

Hens, heavy.....09

Hens, light and Leghorn.....05

Springs.....09

Stags.....05

Cockerels.....03

Trade-In Eggs

Large.....15

Medium.....12

Latest Flash On Sugar Quotas

The following is the latest coming out of Washington on sugar beet quotas for 1940. We are indebted to Congressman Walter M. Pierce for the information below:

"On Saturday, January 27, I sent a memorandum on this subject to Oregon sugar beet growers and others interested in the sugar question, mainly, to the newspapers in the sugar beet regions. I have a little additional information in regard to the beet sugar quotas for 1940, and am sending the information airmail so it may be used in connection with the statement issued on Saturday. There are only two simple rules governing quotas this year.

"One rule is, the grower may raise up to twenty (20) acres if on irrigated land; and up to ten (10) acres if not irrigated. This is equivalent to the average acreage in the past for the same types of growers. It will be up to the processor and the grower to determine just how much shall be planted as the grower is dependent upon a contract from the processor. There will be no factory district total assigned this year.

"The second rule is, beyond the acreages noted above, any grower may have his 1937, 1938 or 1939 acreage.

"This department announcement of policy in regard to 1940 growers and acreage allotment has been eagerly awaited, and I hope it will be welcomed by the growers in my district."

Livestock, Dairy, Poultry, Subjects Of Meetings

ONTARIO — General livestock, dairying and poultry production as related to irrigated farms will be the subjects of a series of four educational meetings scheduled for next week by R. M. McKennon, County Agent. Each of these meetings will be all day affairs beginning at 10:00 a. m. and lasting until around 3:30 p. m. Meeting places and dates are as follows:

Tuesday, Feb. 6, high school, Adrian.

Wednesday, Feb. 7, community hall, Vale.

Thursday, Feb. 8, Boulevard Grange hall.

Friday, Feb. 9, American Legion Hall, Nyssa.

Extension specialists in animal husbandry, dairying and poultry from Oregon State college will be present at each meeting to lead discussion on their particular subject. These meetings should be of special interest to developing livestock or related enterprises on newly irrigated farms. Farm women are urged to attend these meetings as well as the men.

Concession Made To Small Acreage Beet Grower

Word was received by the Nyssa Journal Wednesday from Congressman Pierce, that Secretary of Agriculture Wallace had signed a docket Saturday which would permit any grower of sugar beets to raise up to 20 acres on irrigated lands, and 10 acres on unirrigated lands and still qualify for payments.

"This is a great help to the little growers who have not always profited by county quota systems," Pierce said in his letter.

Under the new ruling, according to Pierce, if the sugar industry must operate on a quota for domestic production, the small grower, up to 20 acres would not be affected by it.

Ray G. Larson, district manager, however, at the annual meeting of the Nyssa Factory District Beet Growers association, Monday said while there would be no restrictions on the small grower, the factory will undoubtedly be under a capacity restriction and for that reason may have to impose a limit on the number of growers that would be allowed to raise beets (this is purely surmise and not to be construed as official).

Working with Congressman Pierce and others interested in sugar legislation is former Idaho governor H. C. Baldrige who was sent to Washington, D. C., by the Nyssa Factory District Beet Growers association.

Further aims of Pierce are to endeavor to get a better price for sugar and for the producer and the other a greater acreage allotment where the industry is new as it is in Oregon.

Grade Crossing Hearing Is Postponed

The hearing on the opening of the grade crossing on Reece avenue originally set for today has been postponed until 1:30 p. m. February 15, at which time Public Utilities Commissioner O. R. Bean will conduct the hearing, which is to be held in the city hall.

The opening of the new crossing is made necessary because of the contemplated construction of the subway under the Union Pacific right-of-way on Main street, which would shut off property located between the depot and the Amalgamated Sugar company property, from entrance or exit. With a favorable decision the commissioner on the new grade crossing, the one on Park avenue will be closed.

Beet Growers Hold Annual Meeting

The Nyssa Factory Beet Growers association held their annual meeting in the Nyssa theatre last Monday, with the new president William M. Carson presiding.

George Donnet, Weiser attorney and L. B. Taylor, sugar assistant to the AAA program in Idaho were the principal speakers.

Donnet criticized the contracts given growers by the Amalgamated Sugar company, saying in effect that (the contracts) were not understandable. He likewise criticized the sales method used by the company, saying that legislation should be worked for that would govern the sale of refined sugar and that a "bottom" price should be included in the contracts between the company and the growers.

Another suggestion of Donnet's was that the association employ the services of an expert accountant to check on the figures on the cost of production and similar book-keeping of the Amalgamated Sugar company.

Taylor cautioned the growers against any attempt to raise the price of sugar to the consumers, saying that a 50 cent raise in refined sugar would cost the American consumers \$65,000,000. Taylor said that in the past few years that the price of refined sugar had moved only within a margin of about 5 cents, whereas the price of sugar beets had a much wider fluctuation.

Ray G. Larson, manager of the Nyssa factory district, in answer to the two speakers said that the contracts were as understandable as the English language could make them, that refined sugar was sold in all parts of the United States under the option system, and that the processors were forced to accept the options of the brokers at the outbreak of the war in Europe last September, when the options had only a few days to run.

"The 1939 crop will suffer from the influx of Cuban sugar, which was allowed to enter the United States when the tariff was removed during the time the quotas were lifted last fall," Larson said.

William Hogg, a director of the association and chairman of the 1940 contract committee said that the new contracts were in the making and that one of the provisions would be an increase of 40 cents per ton more for sugar beets in the lower brackets and that the committee would also ask for a minimum payment of \$4.50 per ton.

President Carson said that 95 per cent of the growers in the Snake river valley were members of the association.

AMONG FIRST TO RECEIVE PENSION

Robert Burns of Nyssa will be among the first in the county to come under the federal old age pension of the social security law, it was learned here this week.

Burns said that an official had visited him and informed him that he could expect his first pension check, for January of this year, sometime this month.

Wrenches Back—

Mrs. Arthur H. Boydell is suffering from a badly wrench back. The result of a fall.

Home From Hospital—

Mary Norcott, who was operated upon two weeks ago at an Ontario hospital, was able to be moved to her home on Friday.

Returns To Work—

City Recorder Morris F. Solomon returned to his desk at the City Hall on Wednesday afternoon following a weeks illness.