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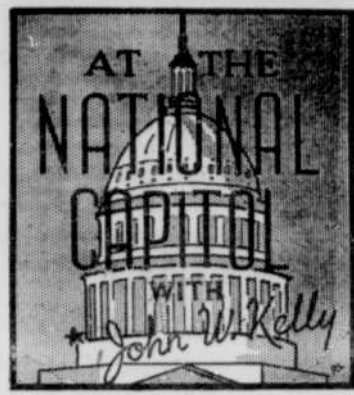
GATEWAY TO THE OWYHEE AND BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION PROJECTS
IN THE HEART OF OREGON'S SUGAR EMPIRE

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Bureaucrats in the national capital direct the lives of an army of residents in the Pacific northwest by remote control. In addition to owning millions of acres not on the tax rolls (administered by bureaus) Uncle Sam, through bureaucrats, has the people well regimented. Here are a few things bureaucrats are doing:

Employers (except farmers) are told how many hours they can work their employees and how much an hour they shall pay. Employers are told what unions they must bargain with, and a non-union worker is practically forced to join the union having the bargaining agreement or go hungry. An employer is guilty of unfair labor practices if he voluntarily raises wages without first notifying the business agent of the union. Then another bureau taxes the payroll for social security benefits.

Farmers are told how many acres they can cultivate and what crop to plant. To coax them to agree to this remote control over their own acres they are offered certain benefits for conservation of soil. Treaties are made with foreign countries which injure the market of fruitgrowers, cattlemen and lumbermen without the producers being able to protect themselves.

There is a bureau which tells farm households how to run their homes; what to preserve, without this privilege because the farmer has been given a few hundred dollars to rehabilitate himself. Bureaus tell stockmen what they can or cannot do on the range; how many head they can run on a range. A bureau bosses the national forests (13,800,000 acres in Oregon alone); another the national parks; another supervises wildlife; another regulates navigation and the men who go to sea; another sees that there is a retirement fund for railroad men; another says what rates shall be charged for electric power. A bureau controls every acre of the reclamation projects, decides who can settle on these projects and how much money the applicant must have before he is permitted to buy a unit on a project.

A bureau decides whether a farmer can plant sugar beets and tells him what he must pay the workers at various periods during the season. There is a bureau which determines how many unemployed men and women in Oregon and Washington can be given relief on WPA; what they shall receive as wages. A bureau decides whether a family is sufficiently distressed to be entitled to food stamps.

The remote control by bureaucrats extends to white collar workers in the cities; to the calloused-handed farmers; to the lumber workers, to the men who labor longshore, to the fishermen.

There is a good fundamental reason for each bureau, but once created, a bureau becomes immortal—wishes to expand, take in more territory, exercise greater control.

Here is the trick used by chiefs of bureaus when their funds are threatened: They announce elimination of an activity or service in a state, knowing that abolitionism will start a local protest and the local people will call on their senators and representatives to save the activity and under this fire from back home the legislators become interested in seeing that necessary funds are provided. This may explain why announcement is made the radio beam at Fort Stevens, needed to guide vessels into Columbia river in foggy weather, is to be abandoned; why many CCC camps are to be put out of commission; why experiment stations are to be eliminated, and county agents fired.

With the exception of Knute Hill, Washington, every representative from the Pacific northwest—Oregon, Washington, Idaho—voted against the administration's reciprocal trade treaty policy. When the subject reaches the senate every senator from those states will oppose the treaty program, with a single possible exception.

Trade Agreement Hurts Wool Price

By The Happy Farmer

Knowing that the Nyssa Gate City Journal is strongly in favor of co-operative marketing, not only for Malheur county farmers, but every American farmer, we wrote to Mr. Kniefel, secretary of the Parma Wool pool for further information on that organization.

Those who read in the Journal last year of the activities of this group will remember that the organization is well past the trial stage and is in a position to give authentic information concerning their marketing problems.

The pool was started in 1926 by a small group of farmers who raised each year only a limited amount of fleece producing fleeces, and has steadily increased since that time in the number of members and in effective marketing for the small producer.

Mr. Kniefel stated that the pool was open each year to new members until the wool is sold. Producers who are too late to get in the pool can still bring in their wool and will receive market price for it on the day of delivery to the buyer.

The board of trustees of the pool receive bids from time to time from big buyers and when they think the market has reached the peak price sell or contract the wool.

It is natural that the large amount of the pooled wool should bring better prices than if sold in small amounts by the individual grower.

Last year the fleece was sold early in March and the members of the pool received a third down on the contracted price and were well pleased.

This year, while the price of fleece is higher, due to the war, the rise has not been as great as at first anticipated.

This is due to the fact, according to Mr. Kniefel, that because of continued trade agreements with South America, wool grown there is being dumped on the markets of the United States.

It begins to look as though the American farmer has been caught between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Water Users Call For Organizing Committee

A meeting has been arranged for the purpose of organizing all of the water users under the Owyhee project, the meeting to be held in the school gymnasium at 2 p. m., Saturday, March 9.

The purpose of the organization will be to have a medium through which water users under the Owyhee project may have representation in matters affecting the user and the Bureau of Reclamation.

NYSSA FFA TO HOLD FINALS

Seven Nyssa Future Farmer boys will compete in the finals of the Nyssa chapter public speaking contest to be held at the Oregon Trail Grange on March 7, 8 p. m. The final contest is the result of an interchapter contest in which 56 boys competed. Each boy discussed some agricultural subject. Primary purpose of the contest is to develop leadership among rural boys.

The contest is sponsored by the Oregon Trail Grange. A basket social is being held in connection with the general program. All people interested in the Future Farmer contest are invited to attend and to bring a basket for the basket social.

The winner of his chapter contest will represent the Nyssa Future Farmer chapter at the regional contest held at Walla Walla, March 23. Ten chapters compete at Walla Walla and a regional representative to Portland for the state contest April 2.

Parents of Future Farmer boys and Grange members should avail themselves of this opportunity to see a phase of Future Farmer work.

THE WEATHER

Precipitation in this area continues to mount and there seems to be no promise of a let up in the next few days.

So far this year 3.75 inches of moisture has fallen in this area.

Following is the thermometer readings as given at the Reclamation offices in Nyssa:

Date	Low	High	Free.
Feb. 22	20	38	.05
Feb. 23	24	41	.01
Feb. 24	26	39	.09
Feb. 25	32	51	.01
Feb. 26	37	60	.23
Feb. 27	42	63	.23
Feb. 28	38	65	.02

Growers Vote To Stand Pat On Contract

The members of the Nyssa Factory District Beet Growers Association at a meeting held in Nyssa last Friday voted 121 to 1 qualified to stand by the action of their board of directors in asking for an increase in sugar beet prices of 40 cents per ton (this increase varies with the selling price of refined sugar) in the 1940 contract with the Amalgamated Sugar company.

"This new contract would mean a decrease in profits of the company of three per cent, from a profit of 8.1 per cent on the net worth of the company in 1938," M. E. Willis, vice-president of the Idaho State Beet Growers association, said. The suggested increase in beet prices is not above the ability of the company to pay, Willis continued.

At other meetings, held in Vale, Weiser, and Caldwell, the voting ran about the same proportions.

The provision asking the company to limit the selling cost to 85 cents per hundred on refined sugar and a minimum payment of \$4.50 per ton on sugar beets was eliminated from the contract when the association found that some opposition might develop from government officials and consumer groups in the east.

Other highlights of the meeting were—that the growers associations in Idaho and Utah are presenting the same identical contract to the company—that the average cost of growing beets, based on a 12 ton yield, is \$72 per acre—that the Amalgamated Sugar company is, with the knowledge of the Nyssa association, signing up small acreage growers, under the recent ruling of the Department of Agriculture.

These applications are dealing principally with growers who have not in the past grown beets, or have grown less than 20 acres. The limit on these applications is 20 acres—these small acre applications are not based on any particular price for beets, being contingent upon a contract that will be settled on later.

L. B. Taylor, sugar section representative, was present and told the growers that as far as he knew the AAA would require the same provisions as in the past for growers to qualify for benefit payments. Taylor said that no decision had yet come from Washington on the labor wage provision would without question remain.

H. C. Seymour, state club leader, presented awards to the county winners in the national contests. Club members receiving awards were: Marjorie Groot, county winner in the national canning contest, sponsored by the Kerr Glass Manufacturing Co.; Charlotte Conner, winner in the girls record contest, sponsored by Montgomery Ward Co.; Betty Rookstool, winner in the home beautification contest, sponsored by Mrs. Charles Walgren of Chicago; and Fern Johnson, Erle Janison, Marjorie Groot, Teruko Wada, and Eloise Russell, winners in the style revue contest sponsored by the Chicago Mail Order House.

Club members and local leaders of the county, together with the Stephens-Staples Motor Co. presented the county club agent with a car radio, the presentation being made by Mrs. C. E. Elliott, president of the Malheur 4-H leaders council.

SPUD DISEASES IS CLASS TOPIC

Potato diseases will be the topic under consideration at the Farmers' Night school on March 4 at the Nyssa High school at 8:00 p. m. Joe Jarvis, agricultural agent for Union Pacific, will show motion pictures and still slides of the various potato diseases, sources of infection and method of control will be illustrated and discussed.

At the last night school meeting E. R. Jackman, crop specialist of Corvallis, discussed small seed production in Malheur county. Twenty-two men attended this meeting. Primary interest centered around the production of red clover.

These meetings are conducted by the Smith-Hughes department of Nyssa Union High school. This meeting will be the last of this series of night school meetings.

HERDS TESTING ABOVE AVERAGE

C. C. Cox, herd tester for the Malheur County Dairy Herd Improvement association, said that of the 254 cows tested there have only been 10 that could be rated as poor and that the balance was testing far above average. There are still 100 head of dairy cattle to be tested, Cox said.

Cox asked that all herd owners, who are not now members of the association and who would like to join, may obtain full information from the office of County Agent R. M. McKennon at Ontario.

GRANGE SPONSORS MEETING FRIDAY

On Friday evening, March 1, the Oregon Trail Grange is sponsoring an open meeting at the Oregon Trail school house for everyone interested in cream selling and marketing.

Mr. Wagner of the Payette creamery will be present to answer questions and an open discussion is to be held.

The Payette creamery is also furnishing ice cream and the Grange ladies will furnish cake. All are invited to attend.

WATER USERS IN PROTEST ON CHARGES

Roy Tidwell, Dead Ox Flat farmer, and a group of his neighbors and other project water users met in Nyssa Monday with reclamation officials to protest the manner in which water was measured over the weirs.

Representing the bureau was R. J. Newell, project engineer, Ferd Schlapkohl, resident engineer and George Haycock, watermaster. Also present at the meeting was Frank T. Morgan, secretary of the Owyhee Irrigation district.

After it was brought out that the Dead Ox Flat farmers were getting water measured to them the same as throughout the rest of the project, the protest was dropped.

Further discussion was had over the recommended increase in charges for excess water for 1940. The increase was to be effective for all water used over the first three feet, the charge for which would remain the same as in the past, 35 cents per foot, all over that was to have been charged at the rate of 50 cents per foot. Newell assured those present that, although that had been his recommendation he would wire reclamation officials in Washington, D. C. and ask that the charge remain at 35 cents per acre foot for all water used. No word has yet been received as to whether this latest recommendation has yet been approved.

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4 H Club Plaque Awarded Grove

The plaque awarded to the community showing the greatest development in 4-H club work during the past year was presented to the Grove community by E. M. Hauser, county club agent, at the leaders party held at the Boulevard Grange hall Saturday night.

This plaque is awarded by a committee of leaders on the basis of enrollment, participation in club activities, and improvement shown in developing club work in the community.

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Following the presentations of awards and program during the dinner hour, club leaders, members, and their guests spent the remainder of the evening in games and dancing.

President Visits

Mrs. William Horsfall, department president of the American Legion Auxiliary, department of Oregon, paid her official visit to the local Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon at a special meeting presided over by Mrs. Wesley J. Brown, president of the Nyssa unit. Mrs. Horsfall was accompanied on her official tour by Mrs. Otis Palmer, district president of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Horsfall spoke on Americanism, a program that is being vigorously carried out by the American Legion and the Auxiliary.

In Baker—Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Maulding are spending Thursday in Baker.

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'ROUND TOWN

The weather man says that something has gone screwy as he orders a couple of days of sunshine and they have not shone up . . .

The Wednesday wind cutting a mean swath in Arcadia and zipping the shingles off the Charley Overstreet house . . .

Mose Solomon taking in the building applications thick and fast . . . is the underpass to be or not to be, that is the question, plenty of rumors afloat, though.

Nyssa Journal Sponsors 4H Contest

The Nyssa Gate City Journal has elected to sponsor its second 4-H club project—a news writing contest. The contest which opens today, will close on May 20. A scholarship to the 4-H club summer school in Corvallis will be awarded to the high-scoring club reporter or to the alternate winner. All reporters must be 12 years of age to enter the contest. All 4-H clubs in the county south of Cairo Junction may enter a reporter in the contest.

Judges for the contest will be the editor of the Nyssa Journal, Louis P. Thomas, County Club Leader E. M. Hauser, and the instructor of journalism at the Nyssa Union High school, Wesley A. Sherman. A complete set of rules will be sent to all clubs.

I. O. O. F. OFFICIAL TO VISIT NYSSA

Elmer E. Pyne, grand warden of the jurisdiction of Oregon, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will pay his official visit to Gate City Lodge in Nyssa on March 19, according to M. F. Solomon, secretary of the Nyssa lodge.

FORMER NYSSA YOUTH KILLED

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CLASS OF 36 TO GET FFA DEGREE

Thirty-six freshmen and sophomores of the Nyssa Future Farmer vocational agriculture students will be initiated into the Green Hand degree by the officers of the Nyssa chapter, March 5 at 8:00 p. m. at the Nyssa Union High school. Frank Johnson, president of the chapter, will conduct the initiation.

The initiation of the boys will raise all the boys in the Nyssa chapter to the rank of Green Hand. The next rank for the students to obtain will be that of Future Farmer. Initiation committee appointed by Frank Johnson is as follows: Dale Bingham, chairman; Jim Chadd and Marion Osborne; refreshments, Lowell Willis, chairman, and Glenn Knottingham and Bob Refett.

F. S. A. CAMP TO RE-OPEN

According to Harold Hoxie, temporary manager, the Nyssa FSA family labor camp will open around April 1, but not later than April 15.

Plans are under way, Hoxie said, to develop an athletic field and a family garden, all of which will be done by the occupants of the camp as each resident is required to devote two hours of his labor per week in addition to pay a small fee for rental of the tent space.

No regular manager has yet been appointed for the coming season, Hoxie said, the final decision on which must come from the Portland office, headed by W. A. Duffy, regional director.

NO PUC LICENSE FOR FARM TRUCKS

SALEM—Farmers who confine their hauling to their own produce are not required to display either a produce dealers' license or a PUC license, according to Frank McKennon, chief of the plant industry division in the state department of agriculture.

Will Build Packing Shed—Klaas Tensen has filed an application with City Recorder M. F. Solomon for a permit to erect a packing shed on the railway right of way at Park avenue.

The shed will cost in the neighborhood of \$1000 and will be used for sorting and packing potatoes, Tensen said.

Return From Nebraska—Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Mefford have returned from a month's visit with relatives in Red Cloud, Nebraska. Mr. Mefford's mother, Mrs. Susie Mefford, accompanied them home.

Nyssa Wins First Game In East Oregon Tourney

Growers Reject Compromise On Contract

A committee from the Board of directors of the Nyssa Sugar Beet Growers association met with other growers from Lincoln, Gooding, and Jerome counties in Idaho at Jerome on Tuesday, according to A. L. Fletcher, secretary. Present at this meeting was H. A. Benning, vice-president of the Amalgamated Sugar company of Ogden, and Ray Larson, manager of the Nyssa factory. As a result of the negotiations for an improved contract over that of 1939, the best that could be secured from the Amalgamated Sugar company was the promise of a small increase consisting of ten cents per ton in the \$3.50 and \$3.75 brackets and an increase of five cents per ton was offered in the \$3.25 bracket. This offer was not deemed sufficient to enable the growers to raise beets profitably and was refused by the representatives of the growers present.

William M. Carson, president of the local association, announced today that the situation remained about as it was last week when the growers by almost unanimous vote at the four meetings held in the district decided to stand back of their directors in demanding a better contract. It is planned to hold a directors meeting in the Nyssa district Tuesday, March 5 at which time it is hoped to iron out all difficulties between the growers and the sugar company so that the way may be cleared for the planting of beets.

With the Nyssa Blue and White and Enterprise it was neck and neck all the way. A nine to eight lead for Enterprise at the first half was soon reversed with first one team and then the other gaining he advantage until in the final quarter the score was knotted at 25-25.

As neither team at this point could penetrate the stellar defense of the other the score remained unchanged for seven minutes while the spectators that crowded the large Baker gymnasium were kept in a state of near hysteria. Finally Nyssa broke through with about two minutes to play—Ray received the ball, dribbled down the floor, and sank a nice lay-in shot to give Nyssa a 27 to 25 edge, that loomed large this late in the game. But Enterprise was not defeated yet. Quickly grabbing the ball out of bounds, they took it down the floor in a few seconds, and an unknown player let fly with a howitzer that again tied the count.

Lanky Frank Wilson, Bulldog center, evidently was determined not to let the game go into overtime, however, and so decided to do something about it. He did. From his usual lair at the right side he let go a one-handed swisher that put the game in cold storage and gave Nyssa its first tournament victory, 29 to 27.

Both teams scored twelve field goals during the playing period, but Nyssa batted a .500 average on free throws, sinking five out of ten, while Enterprise was able to get dividends of only 25%, or an average of 250, by making three out of twelve chances. Bill Storm, clever Enterprise forward, was all over the floor on both offense and defense, and he led his team's scoring with nine points. Stanley Ray, Nyssa's speedy guard, also collected nine points during the evening to gain high-point honors on his team.

Lewis, after playing a bang-up game on defense, fouled out in late third quarter. Herb Boren came in and rolled up six points in twelve minutes as a substitute.

Indications point to a terrific game with the Ontario Tigers in the second round of the tournament. Both teams hold a victory over the other, the Tigers having defeated the Bulldogs at Ontario, but the Blue and White defeated the Red and Gold here in the return game.

The winner of the Baker-Vale game will establish itself as a favorite to win all honors for both are well-coached, finely versed in both smooth-working offense, and close-checking defense. While Vale has won 25 games and lost only two this year, Baker was a less-impressive record hold two victories over the Vikings by very close margins.

EXAMINER TO BE HERE MARCH 6

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to make his bi-weekly visit to Nyssa next Wednesday, March 6. He will be on duty at the city hall between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. and those wishing to obtain permits or licenses to drive cars are asked to get in touch with the examiner during these hours.

MARKETS

Thursday Quotations By Wiley Clowers

Cream, Premium29
Cream, Grade A28
Cream, Grade B26

CASH PRICE
Hens, heavy colored10
Hens, light and Leghorn06
Springs10
Stags05
Cockerels03

Trade-In Eggs
Large13