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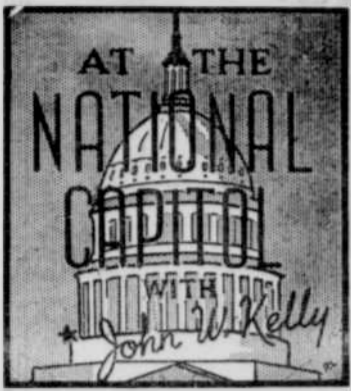
GATEWAY TO THE OWYHEE AND BLACK CANYON IRRIGATION PROJECTS
IN THE HEART OF OREGON'S SUGAR EMPIRE

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—People of the general type in the Vale-Owyhee area will be used to colonize the 1,200,000 acres of the Columbia basin. Mostly they are poorly financed but are willing to work and establish homes. Without any advertising, the 600 families in that area have canvassed until everything is known about them, their background, former occupation, number of children, finances, where they came from.

From the data thus assembled, government officials are attempting to work out a plan which will be applied to prospective settlers at Grand Coulee. The plan will estimate what it will cost a settler to start with and keep his family until crops can be grown. Also the plan will provide a recommendation on how the necessary finances can be raised, the money being loaned from some government agency with ample time granted for repayment.

A survey indicates that there are enough migrant families in Washington, Oregon and Idaho to settle 50,000 farms in Columbia basin.

Pinch of the war in Europe is being felt increasingly in the Pacific northwest, despite the neutrality law. First to feel the disruption and loss of business were the growers of apples and pears. Then the lumber industry received an additional jolt as exports were curtailed. Now England and France have placed a regulation against the importation of canned goods, such as are produced in the packing plants of Oregon and Washington and which had a market in those belligerent countries.

Anti-Japanese propaganda and talk of embargos against Japan have subsided to a marked degree in the national capital, and no longer is there even discussion of the abrogation of the trade treaty. Very friendly commercial relations continue to exist between the two nations and business goes on as if nothing had happened.

The president will probably have an opportunity to veto a rivers and harbors measure. The chief executive informed senate leaders that he does not want such a bill this year as the money can be used for other purposes, such as army and navy. There are so many rivers and harbors projects, however, a number of Washington and Oregon, which are needed by various communities that a bill will be prepared and very likely will pass. Then if the president doesn't like it he can affix his veto. There are members of congress who feel that this country needs other things as well as warships. For example, one of the proposed super battleships costs almost as much as all the money voted for the department of the interior (reclamation, fisheries, etc., which is \$119,000,000).

Reclamation Commissioner Page says a number of acres will be opened this year on the Owyhee project, the Rosa division of the Yakima project and the Boise-Payette in Idaho.

According to the census bureau, there are 700 million acres in western states where irrigation is essential but only 20 million acres have been irrigated. Of these 20 million acres but three million are under federal projects, the remainder in state, district or private development. As the reclamation bureau sees the picture, despite the 700 million acres requiring water to make them available, there are approximately ten million acres not yet developed which have an available supply of water.

In Emmett—

Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Thomas visited on Sunday at the W. F. McLaughlin home near Emmett.

Visit From Twin Falls—

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown and their family of Twin Falls visited with Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Owens over the week-end.

Family Dinner—

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pilley entertained at a family dinner and evening of pinocle on Saturday evening complimenting the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Pilley's sister, Mrs. H. F. Simianer.

Rex Ellis To Oppose Pierce

SALEM—With only ten days remaining until the doors will close on the entries for the primary race, filing of candidates have hit a decidedly faster tempo this past week—a tempo that can be expected to increase day by day as the deadline approaches.

Among the outstanding political developments of the week was the entry of Vice President John Nance Garner into the Oregon primary in his fight for the Democratic nomination for president. Former governor Chas. H. Martin also dropped his name into the pot as a candidate for delegate to the Democratic national convention. He wants to help nominate Garner. Floyd J. Cook of Portland filed his formal declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state treasurer, thus assuring Earl Hill of Cushman opposition for that honor.

Arthur M. Geary of Portland threw a small-sized bomb shell into the Ralph Calkins camp when he suddenly, without previous warning, filed as a candidate for the job of Republican national committeeman, a post for which Calkins has already filed. Rex Ellis of Pendleton, for two terms state senator from Umatilla county, announced himself as a candidate for Congress from the second district in opposition to the Democratic incumbent, Walter M. Pierce of La Grande. I. H. Van Winkle filed as a candidate for the republican nomination for attorney general and Bruce Spalding, Polk county democrat announced that he will also be a candidate for that post with rumors still persisting that Ralph Hamilton of Bend will also enter the Republican lists for this same office.

While in Salem this week let it be P. J. Stadelman of The Dalles known that he would not yield to demands that he become a candidate for state treasurer but would content himself with a try for another term in the senate, but the rumor still persists that Leslie Scott, Portland republican, will probably get into the republican race for this office which is being vacated by Democratic Walter Pearson at the end of the current year.

Grade School Teachers Are Re-Elected

At a meeting of the school board held the first of the week all the present teaching staff of the grade school was re-elected.

So far no resignations have been received but that of Miss Joan Bannister is expected as Miss Bannister is making plans for an early summer wedding.

Miss Emma Frasier of Dead Ox Flat and now teaching at Imbler has been signed as a new teacher for the next fall semester. Miss Frasier is a former student of Ontario high and has many friends in this vicinity.

CCC Enrollment

Applications for enrollment into the CCC is now open until April 1, according to Mrs. Berger, in charge of county relief. Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 23½ years of age.

Those desiring to make application in Nyssa may do so on Tuesday of each week at the relief office. In Vale applicants may apply on Wednesdays and in Ontario on Mondays and Fridays.

City Books Being Audited

On Monday Martin Olsen Jr. of Caldwell began the annual audit of the city books but due to the critical illness of his father was not able to continue after Tuesday so that the final count is yet to be made.

This is the first year that Mr. Olsen has done this work for the city as the late Clarence Van Deusen of Caldwell, who passed away this year, had checked the city records for the previous 27 years.

Mr. Olsen is expected to resume the work the first of the week and should be finished soon after.

In Kent—

Charles M. Caldwell left today on a business trip to Kent, Washington.

Returns From Trip—

Arthur Wilson, who spent the past three weeks visiting in Nebraska, returned home on the first of the week.

Daughter Born—

On March 15 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Noel West of Nyssa. Dr. Maulding is caring for the mother and babe and reports them to be doing nicely.

School Band To Give Concert Tonight

The concert debut of the Nyssa high school band will take place tonight in the school gymnasium at 8 p. m., according to an announcement of Alvin E. Templer, director of the band and instructor of music at the high school.

Haydn, Balfe and Foster are the three well known composers whose works will be featured during the concert. Templer has arranged Stephen Foster's medley especially for ensemble voices and band. Mrs. John Young, who has coached the vocalists and voice ensemble, will be the accompanist.

Family Living Conference Meeting

A Family Living Conference for Malheur county families will be held at the Boulevard Grange hall on April 1, at 10 a. m. and continue through the day. An outstanding program has been arranged by R. M. McKinnon, county agent.

Mrs. Axalea Sager, state home demonstration leader from Oregon State college, will discuss briefly the "Whitehouse Conference on Children in Democracy" which she recently attended in Washington, D. C. A similar conference is held every ten years and this is the 4th such conference. Mrs. Sager will bring out some of the major points discussed in regard to "Economic Resources of Families and Communities", "Religion in the Lives of Children", "Education through Schools", and "Leisure Time Activities" and apply these points to Malheur county.

During the morning session a skit will be presented by the Home Economics club of the Boulevard Grange.

"Our Families—Bane or Blessing" will be discussed by Mrs. Buena Maris, specialist in family relations, at the afternoon session. Mrs. Maris will speak on some problems parents face with their families. Following this discussion there will be a brief time for questions, submitted in a question box.

Noon lunch will be of the pot luck type with coffee furnished by the Home Economics club of Boulevard Grange. The organization is co-operating with the County Agent in arranging and managing this conference.

Malheur county will be one of six counties in the state to hold a Family Living Conference which will be of interest to the men as well as women.

Dog Licenses Due

A. V. Cook, chief of police, announced this week that all dog licenses are now due.

Cook said that the fee on males had been reduced this year from \$2 to \$1. The fee on females still stands at \$3.

T. B. Clinic

A tuberculosis clinic will be held Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. in the Nyssa schools for all school children, according to Leo Hollenberg, newly elected vice-president of the Malheur County Public Health association.

This will mark the opening of a series of such clinics to be held throughout the county in the work of the association in stamping out the disease of tuberculosis.

Civic Club Re-elects Mrs. Boersma

At the annual election of officers held on Wednesday afternoon the Nyssa Civic club re-elected Mrs. Andrew Boersma as president. This will make Mrs. Boersma's second year as president of the club.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Bernard Frost, vice-president; Mrs. Carlos Buchner, secretary; and Mrs. Grant Rinehart, treasurer.

Visits In Portland—

Mrs. L. A. Maulding who has visited the last two weeks in Portland, is expected home on Sunday.

Episcopal Services—

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Pauls Episcopal church at 9:30 a. m. Easter Sunday. There will also be special music by a vested choir of young people.

Nyssa In Building Boom—

Building in Nyssa is on the upswing with permits this week listed at \$4050.00, according to City Recorder Morris F. Solomon. Among them is a dwelling to be built by Bernard Frost on north Third street at an estimated cost of \$3000.

DRIVE NETS 144 NEW TOWNSENDITES

The Nyssa Townsend club held their regular weekly meeting in the Eagles hall last Monday, and at that time the membership drive was declared closed and reports from both teams was heard. The one headed by E. Frost was declared the winner with 74 new members while the team captained by Mrs. Clarence Reece accounted for 70 new Townsendites. The membership in the Nyssa club now totals 269.

Mrs. Reece's team will treat the winners to a turkey dinner on April 1, while she and her team mates content themselves with the lowly bean as their main dish.

The local club last Monday heard a recorded speech of Dr. Francis E. Townsend, covering a period of the past 100 years. This speech, which was brought to Nyssa by Lewis Hyde, president of the Ontario club, brought out the necessity of the enactment of the doctor's bill, showing that such legislation would provide the solution for present unemployment and disturbed conditions.

During the month of April the club will hold an auction sale of many articles of use, to raise money to send delegates to the St. Louis national convention. The date of the sale will be announced at a later date.

Copies of the new Townsend bill, now before congress, may be had at the office of the secretary, Don Graham, at the Nyssa Realty company.

A standing invitation to the public to attend the local meetings was reiterated by the president, A. L. McClellan.

Nyssa FFA Work On City Park

The Nyssa Chapter of the Future Farmers of America, during the last week dug some 450 holes in preparation for the planting of trees and shrubs in the Nyssa city park. The work was under the supervision of Robert Sawyer, club advisor.

If their program allows it, the FFA's plan on assisting in the actual planting of the trees and shrubs in the two block area that is to be devoted to the park.

The park board is now awaiting the shipment of the shade trees which it is expected will arrive within the next week.

Dr. Kerby, park board member, has been active and successful in securing private donations for the erection of a handball court, to be built on the south portion of the area allocated to tennis courts. Actual construction will begin in the near future.

P. U. D. NOT LIMITED BY TAX LIMIT LAW

SALEM—Attorney General Van Winkle this week advised T. Leland BROWN, district attorney for Wasco county, that the six per cent constitutional limitation on tax increase does not apply to peoples utility districts. The opinion of the attorney general also holds that the directors of a PUD may levy taxes up to a maximum of two mills to finance operations of the district.

This ruling is in direct contrast to an opinion given a few weeks ago by Chas. V. Galloway, member of the state tax commission and a recognized authority on tax legislation, to the effect that peoples utility districts, lacking any base from which to start could not levy any tax except by vote of the people in the district.

That the state legislators shared the view expressed by Galloway is indicated by the fact that the last legislature referred to the voters a proposed constitutional amendment providing that the average of tax levies approved by the voters during three successive years should be made the tax base of a tax levying unit.

Dinner Guests—

Mr. and Mrs. K. I. Peterson and their family of Kingman Colony were Sunday dinner guests at the Albert Heldt home.

'ROUND TOWN

Those pastel tinted Easter rabbits in the Thompson seed store window . . . Art Boydell on the busy end of a hoe . . . Housewives washing windows while the sun shines . . . hear "Dad" Holmes got took with a monkey wrench in line o' duty . . . the building bug has sure bit Nyssa . . . arid it looks as though we'll have a park this summer.



Principal J. W. Bushong

HOLLENBERG IS V-P OF HEALTH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Malheur County Public Health association was held last Saturday in Ontario.

Re-elected for his second term as president was Arthur Bone, Vale publisher. Leo Hollenberg, Nyssa school principal, was elected to serve as vice-president. Mrs. Clifford Carlson, Ontario, was elected as secretary, succeeding Mrs. Charles P. Flegel. Arthur Atherton, also of Ontario, was re-elected to the office of treasurer.

Dr. Alan Hart, consultant for the Idaho Tuberculosis association, was the principal speaker, with Mrs. Geraldine Betts, county health nurse rendering a report on her work. Officers and committees also reported on their year's work.

Indications Are For Record Beet Acreage Planting

According to Ray G. Larson, district manager for the Nyssa factory of the Amalgamated Sugar company, there is every indication that by Saturday of this week, fieldmen of the company will have signed up 20,000 acres of land for the growing of sugar beets during the 1940 season. If this acreage is contacted it will set an all-time record for this district, the largest acreage contracted for being in 1938 when the company contracted 17,185. During 1939 the company was restricted by the sugar section of the AAA to 16,321, but requests for acreage amounted to around 22,000.

Asked if there was any possibility of contracting 25,000 acres, Larson said that he doubted if that many acres could be contracted but intimated that any farmer desiring to grow sugar beets this year would not be turned down, unless the acreage contracted indicates that it would be more than the local factory could handle efficiently.

If the growers in this district harvest beets from 20,000 acres it would mean a campaign of around 120 days for the Nyssa factory. Acreage restriction has been lifted by the AAA for continental growers and processors, without penalty, allowing the factory and growers to set their own limits on individual acreage. So far no restrictions have been put on any of the growers, as to acreage.

Approximately 7500 acres have already been signed up on the "small acreage" (20 acres or less).

The contract offered growers has the approval of the Nyssa Factory District Beet Growers association after a long series of meetings, and which calls for a five-cent increase in the \$3.25 bracket and 10 cents in the \$3.50 and \$3.75 brackets (brackets being the selling price of refined sugar).

Car Dealer in Salt Lake—

Art Norcott, local Hudson car dealer was in Salt Lake City Monday to Wednesday attending a Goodyear tire dealers meeting.

Attends Conference—

J. W. Bushong, principal of the Nyssa Union high school, attended the fifth annual City School Superintendents conference, held in Salem Friday and Saturday of last week.

Uncle Passes On—

Mrs. George Bertson received word this week that an uncle, William Rist, the last surviving brother of her father, had passed away at the family home in South Dakota, on last Thursday.

Grand Warden Visits—

On Tuesday evening the Nyssa lodge of Odd Fellows was honored with a visit of their Grand Warden, Elmer Pyne, and a large number of the fraternity were present to welcome him. Following the business meeting the members and their guests enjoyed an oyster supper prepared by the members themselves.

Tonight a delegation from Nyssa will attend the meeting at Vale and on Friday night will journey to Ontario to attend their meeting.

Bushong Hands Resignation To School Board

J. W. Bushong, who since the starting of the new Nyssa high school last fall, has held the position of principal, Tuesday night handed his resignation to the Union High school board. The resignation will take effect at the end of the present school year.

Bushong said that he had been approached by the high school board of Bend, Ore., and had accepted the principalship offered there. The school is a junior and senior school, having an approximately 850 students.

The school board accepted the resignation. The board has no one under consideration, one member of the board said.

The board also contracted to buy another school bus body, bringing the total number owned by the district to three. This was deemed necessary due to the increase in students since the start of the school year.

SPRAGUE ASKS FOR BOARD RESIGNATION

SALEM—Governor Sprague, who this week asked for the resignations of the members of the San Francisco World's Fair commission, has said that he would not appoint a new commission unless and until the state emergency board has approved an appropriation to finance an Oregon exhibit at the 1940 fair. The commission has presented a tentative budget calling for the expenditure of \$35,000 for the 1940 exhibit but Budget Director Eccles has trimmed this to \$20,000 of which the emergency board will be asked to provide \$10,000 with the highway commission providing the other \$10,000 from its tourist travel information fund.

MARION OSBORNE WINS MAIN EVENT

Marion Osborne won handily over Chet Ashby in the main event of the Lettermen's smoker held last Friday night in the school gymnasium. Young Osborne is showing plenty of promise in the amateur ranks and boxing fans by their applause indicated their satisfaction with the unanimous decision of the judges.

Other bouts were Brown winning over Bower; Thompson over Ellibe; Willis over Adams; Malloy over Ward; Hale over Sulter; Pierce over Thomason; Malone over Ray; Bingman over Shelley; Buell over Ekanger.

Pension Plans Are Filed At Salem

SALEM—Regarded by state officials as one of the most fantastic pension schemes ever presented to the voters of Oregon, the Oregon Retirement Payment League last week initiated a measure under which every citizen of Oregon over the age of 50 years would be guaranteed a monthly income of \$100. Payment of the retirement pension would be made through the "Peoples State Bank of Oregon," although it is not clear as to just what the proposed state bank would use for money except \$1,000,000 which is to be appropriate for its use. A number of lucrative jobs would be created by the proposed constitutional amendment. The administrator of the pension program would receive an annual salary of \$7000 while three deputy administrators, one from each Congressional district, would be paid \$5000 a year each. All public funds would be deposited in the proposed state banks and private depositors would be encouraged to patronize the state institution with an offer of two percent interest on their deposits.

Still another old age pension proposal was dropped into the Oregon hopper last week when petitions for an initiative measure sponsored by the Oregon Commonwealth Federation were filed with Secretary of State Snell. The OCF's measure which is referred to as a "senior citizens grants act" calls for a flat pension of \$40 a month for all needy persons 65 years of age or over, to be financed on a 50-50 basis by the state and federal governments. Oregon's share of the pension money would be raised by new tax levies other than a sales tax. In addition to the cash pension beneficiaries of the act would also be entitled to free medical, dental, surgical, optical and nursing service. Artificial eyes and limbs are also to be provided free of cost and \$100 allowed for burial purposes.

School Baseball Games Scheduled

By W. A. Sherman
The schedule of games for the Oregon division of the Snake River Valley conference was drawn at the Monday evening meeting of the Schoolmaster's club at Adrian. It is as follows: April 2, Adrian at Nyssa; April 5, by; April 9, Ontario at Nyssa; April 12, Nyssa at Harper; April 16, by; April 19, Vale at Nyssa; April 23, Adrian at Nyssa; April 26, Vale at Vale; April 30, Ontario at Ontario; May 3, Harper at Nyssa.

The two leading teams in this division will enter playoffs with the vision between May 7 and 10. Second high teams in the Idaho division in Idaho, and first place Oregon place Oregon winner plays first game winner plays the second team in the Idaho division in the first two games. Winners of these games play for the championship of the Snake River Valley conference.

Pitching, according to Coach Young, will be one of the main weaknesses of his team. Last year's sensation, Ray Graham, graduated and left a hard hole to fill.

If the squad is to add to its record of winning eight trophies in the conference in the last ten years, it will rest with the following lettermen to do it: Holmes, 3-year letterman, pitcher or catcher; Choat, 3-year veteran of the outfield; Short, 3-year letterman fielder; Boren, 3-year letterman outfielder; Green, one-year veteran fielder; Malone, one-year letterman catcher; Wilson, one-year letterman pitcher and third baseman; Stanley Ray, letterman of two years ago, infielder, and Morfitt, one-year letterman outfielder.

Rex Shelley and Ken Lewis as transfers from other schools bolster the squad, along with Harold Taylor, a freshman newcomer.

Reserves that will help are Reid Cottle, Pete Cloninger, Lester Kelder, Arnold Thompson, and Leo Ray.

Dates Set For Food Handlers Examinations

City Health Officer Dr. J. J. Sarazin announced this week that all food handlers in the city of Nyssa would have to renew their health cards not later than March 27. This is an annual requirement of all persons handling food, for which there is a charge of \$1.

Food handlers are not required to have their examinations made by the city health officer, Dr. Sarazin said, but may go to their family physician if they desire.

Dr. Sarazin has set the date for these examinations for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 26 and 27. Those who fail to get their health cards by the latter date will be assessed an additional dollar, the health officer said.

Real Estate Activities—
There is much interest being shown by those visiting from other states in obtaining farm lands near Nyssa and on the Owyhee project. Many have leased for this season with the purpose of buying before another year and many of the ranches are being divided or sold outright.

A. L. Atkeson has leased his farm land on the north of town to O. Z. Matthews and has leased the Lackey pasture land south of town for his stock. The George Nein land has been leased to Fred Haun of Nebraska.

Through the Nyssa Realty company Peter C. Jensen of Blackfoot, Idaho, has purchased the forty-acre L. M. Linville ranch on Overstreet avenue in the Kingman Colony and the Firestone forty also in Kingman has been sold to a Mr. Thompson from Nebraska.

Both Mr. Linville and Firestone wished to return to their old homes that they might be nearer their families.

In Ogden—
Mrs. Bernal Brown is visiting in Ogden this week.

MARKETS

Thursday Quotations

By Wiley Clowers

Cream, Premium 27

Cream, Grade 1 26

Cream, Grade 2 24

CASH PRICE

Hens heavy colored 11

Hens, light and Leghorn 07

Springs 10

Stags 05

Cockerels 03

Trade-In Eggs

Large 12