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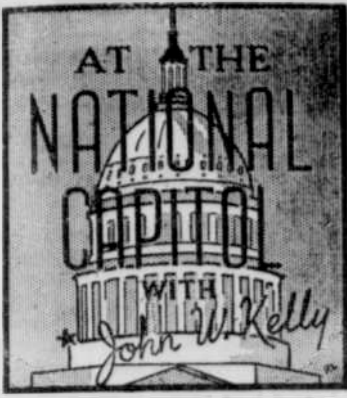
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IN THE HEART OF OREGON'S SUGAR EMPIRE

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Several thousand residents of Oregon and Washington who heretofore have never paid an income tax nor filed a return will be digging up for Uncle Sam next March to pay, in part, for the national defense program. By a queer quirk, there will be several hundred WPA workers, men on relief, who must pay the government a tax on the income they are receiving as relievers. It sounds like comic opera, but it is deadly earnest.

It is going to cost you, and you, and you, more to live. Gasoline taxes will amount to a few more dollars a year (depending on how much gas you use). Lipsticks will cost more, also toilet soap. The book of matches which the dealer has handed out with a pack of cigarettes will not be donated; matches are on the tax list, and taxes on smokes are higher.

A single man who has an income of \$800 this year must make a return and a married man if his income is \$2,000 must also file. Formerly a single individual did not bother about making a return unless his income was \$1,000, and a married man \$2,500. Now if a single man is making \$75 a month he must pay four percent on his net income. After the normal tax has been paid, then the individual must pay a sum in addition which is 10 percent of the normal tax.

For years every suggestion of broadening the base of the income tax (lowering the exemption as now proposed from \$2,500 to \$2,000 for married and from \$1,000 to \$800 for single) there has been an immediate protest, chiefly led by organized labor. Under the excitement of defense and war hysteria revision is being made without too much objection, yet, if this change is made, as now appears probable, it will hit about 50,000 new income taxpayers in the Pacific northwest. And, remember, once a tax is imposed it is almost never repealed. As the tax program is now shaping up, the middle class and those just escaping the under privileged group will be paying the defense bill.

That an emergency exists is recognized and any day a situation may arise requiring prompt action by congress. This involves the date of adjournment. President Roosevelt says congress can get through voting money for defense and adjourn on June 24. Republicans and many Democrats think they should keep congress constantly in session ready to meet unexpected developments and not go home leaving the president in full charge. Republicans also recognize that if President Roosevelt is alone he will get all the publicity during the presidential campaign and they will be deprived of their soundingboard. This is a political angle neither Mr. Roosevelt nor his opponents understand. As there are 70-odd Democrats in the senate these have the votes to cause adjournment in accord with Mr. Roosevelt's wishes.

## WEATHER REPORT

Although the thermometer made 107 F. yesterday before it dipped a bit, still it is not unusual weather for this time of year, according to records at the Nyssa office of the Bureau of Reclamation.

On June 9th, 1937, according to the records the thermometer registered a high of 106, and in 1939, June's high was 105, while in 1938 the high for the month was a bare 98 degrees.

However, yesterday's climb was just one point below the high for the whole of the year 1939. A reading of 108 degrees being the highest temperature of last year.

Following are the thermometer readings for the week ending on June 12th.

Date	Low	High
June 6	55	83
June 7	34	70
June 8	41	75
June 9	40	85
June 10	44	93
June 11	50	101
June 12	64	107

Acres feet of water impounded at the Owyhee reservoir are 660,090.

## DISTRICT 26 TO HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

Voters in school district 26 (Nyssa Grade School) will go to the polls this coming Monday, June 17, to elect one director and a school board clerk. The polls will open at 2 p. m. and close at 7 p. m., in the grade school building in Nyssa.

Mrs. Alice Wilson, who last week announced that she would not be a candidate for the coming election, has changed her mind, due to a widespread demand on the part of her friends throughout the district, and will be a candidate. No other candidates have been mentioned so far, except Fred Koopman, who ended 15 years as a director in 1938, when he was defeated for re-election by A. M. Highsmith, a present member of the board.

B. B. Lienkaemper, incumbent clerk, will probably not be opposed for his re-election.

Little interest has been shown, in the forthcoming election, by any of the voters, and a very light vote is forecast.

## Lack Of Water And High Heat Hurts Crops

With the temperature soaring to an official reading of 107 in Nyssa Wednesday, according to the Bureau of Reclamation office, and lack of water on the farms under the north canal, crops in this area are being hard hit, according to County Agent Russell McKennon. He said that the situation was not hopeless however, and that he was sending out a circular letter today to all affected farmers advising them on the proper use of water when it is turned into the canal, probably not later than Sunday.

McKennon, in this letter is advising farmers that when water is again available to go over their lands as rapidly as possible with just enough water to freshen them up. Then, the advice will say, after this short set has been made, cultivate the crops, thus loosening up the soil and preparing it for the next set of water which should be of the usual duration. Naturally the more valuable of the crops should be watered first.

Potatoes and beets apparently are faring better than other crops, but McKennon said that no definite prediction could be made about any damage until he has gone over the area, which he plans to do next Monday and Tuesday. And even then McKennon said, it would be hard to estimate the monetary damage caused by the lack of water and the present heat wave that started Tuesday. All crops that are under other canals in the project are going exceptionally well, and a bumper crop is expected this year.

## TWO NEW TEACHERS ADDED TO ADRIAN HIGH FACULTY

ADRIAN (Special) — George Sirnio, ex-all northwest conference tackle, from Willamette University, has accepted a contract in the physical education department of the Adrian high school. He will head the science department and act as assistant in football and basketball coaching. He will be head baseball coach.

John Johnson, graduate of Oregon State College school of agriculture, has accepted a position as the Smith-Hughes agriculture instructor for the year 1940-41. The Smith-Hughes course will be new at Adrian high this year.

The entire high school faculty members of last year have signed their contracts for the ensuing year. D. W. Patch will again serve as principal of the school and Claude Cook will assume his coaching duties as head coach and will have charge of the boys' physical education department, the same as last year. Frank deLespinasse will again be at the helm of the music instruction. June Clark will have charge of home economics and girls' physical education. Daphne Malstrom will, as last year, head the commercial and journalism departments as well as taking care of the dramatics for the school.

**Under Doctor's Care**  
H. F. Brown is still confined to his bed and is under the care of Dr. L. A. Maulding, following a heart attack two weeks ago.

## ADRIAN ATHLETE RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

ADRIAN (Special) — Adrian high school's star athlete, Stuart Schweizer, returned to his home Friday evening from the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario where he has been recovering from a broken back caused by a fall from a wagon load of hay about three weeks ago. He will be under the care of his doctor, L. A. Maulding, for the remainder of the summer but, according to the doctor, Schweizer will be in the football lineup again in September.

Schweizer will be a senior this year at Adrian high. He was outstanding athlete of this school last year having won letters in all four major sports. Only about a week before his unfortunate accident, he had returned from the Oregon state high school track and field meet in Corvallis where he made a name for Adrian high and other eastern Oregon schools by setting a new state record in the 200-yard low hurdles.

## STATE AUDITOR TO BE IN COUNTY

W. F. Toomey, auditor for the State Employment Compensation Commission, will be in Ontario at the Moore Hotel for the next week until about June 20, to confer with employers with regard to payroll reports and tax payments under the Oregon law.

Employers of eight or more have until June 30, Mr. Toomey is pointing out, to pay delinquent taxes on 1939 wages with only a ten percent penalty. After this month employers must pay the 2.7 per cent tax in full to both state and federal governments, as no offset will be permitted under the Social Security Act. A 90 per cent offset now may be taken if the entire 1939 contribution is made, according to Mr. Toomey.

## CHERRY CARNIVAL AT EMMETT, JUNE 20

Emmett will celebrate the 11th annual Cherry Festival, Thursday, June 20, beginning with a band concert and "kids' circus" at 10:30 a. m., the crowning of the Cherry Queen at 2 p. m., and band concerts at 4:30 p. m. and 8 p. m.

The evening band concert will be a prelude to a street parade which will feature eight bands, numerous floats and other features.

## Wes. Browne To Head Legion

Wesley J. Browne, local manager of the Baldrige Implement company was elected Commander of the Nyssa Post of the American Legion for the coming fiscal year. His election took place at the annual meeting held at the Nyssa CCC camp last Thursday night.

Also elected were Clarence E. Blanchard, vice-commander; Dr. C. A. Abbott, adjutant; Douglas McDonald, finance officer. Serving on the executive committee will be Dr. F. S. Weir, A. W. Howell and L. P. Thomas.

Delegates to the state convention of Oregon will be Don M. Graham and Dr. F. S. Weir.

The Legion Auxiliary elected Mrs. Fred Osterkamp, president; Mrs. C. A. Abbott, first vice-president; Mrs. E. Tucker, second vice-president; Mrs. Sidney Burdige, secretary and Mrs. Harry Russell, treasurer. The executive committee will be composed of Mrs. A. W. Howell, Mrs. Albert Heldt and Mrs. Art Heiter.

New officers in both organizations will take their offices at the first meeting held in October of this year.

## U. OF O. GRADUATES RECORD CLASS

A record number of University of Oregon students, 71 in all, of whom three are from Malheur county, received diplomas and certificates at an impressive ceremony Sunday evening, when the institution held its 63rd annual commencement exercises at McArthur Court.

The list of those who graduated from Malheur county are: Peter D. Mitchell of Nyssa who was awarded the degree of bachelor of science in business administration. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Mitchell. During his college career he was affiliated with Phi Delta Theta fraternity. William H. Keepe of Ontario was also awarded the degree of bachelor of science in business administration. The degree of doctor of jurisprudence was awarded to Sheldon W. Parks of Jordan Valley.

## A SYMBOL OF LIBERTY



## FLAG DAY FRIDAY, JUNE 14

(From the Constitution of the United States)  
Amendment 1. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of free speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment 15. (Sec. 1) The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

## Informal Hearing Held On Zoning Ordinance

Only an informal hearing was held by the city planning commission Monday night on the proposed zoning ordinance for the city, due to a lack of a sufficient number of members of the commission being present for the hearing.

Lack of interest in the hearing was also apparent among property owners, as only three showed up to make suggestions for certain changes. One property owner asked that the minimum price clause be changed to a building code requirement while another asked that the business district designation be cut down to a half block on each side of Main street from Third street west to the "Y".

Two written requests for zoning protection was read. The request were from the High School and Grade School districts, asking that restrictions be placed on buildings to be erected in the future, on land west of the "Y" and surrounding the school buildings.

Another suggestion was made that a highway be opened up west of the school buildings that would do away with through traffic having to use the "Y" in front of the grade school.

Those who were present for the hearing were assured that their suggestions would be given to the planning commission when and if there is a full attendance of the membership.

## Nursing Classes to Commence

Red Cross Home Nursing classes which were to have been held each Thursday afternoon, have now been changed to each Thursday morning at 9:30 and each Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the next six weeks, according to Red Cross Chairman Mrs. Dick Tensen. All those who have signed up are urged to be present and any other persons wishing to take advantage of the classes are welcome to attend.

Donations for the Emergency Relief of the Red Cross are coming in slowly according to Mrs. Tensen and there is now over seventy dollars of the hundred dollar allotment for Nyssa raised. There is still time to give towards this fund and every penny is a welcome addition and will do its bit towards ameliorating some war refugee's misery. Donations may be given to Mrs. Dick Tensen.

## 'ROUND TOWN

Doc Bowman says it's not the lady's lookin' but her cookin' that he's interested in just now. Al Thompson claims it just costs him double when he steps out to a free banquet. . . good thing that no political party can be blamed for yesterday's "unusual" weather. . . hear Hank McNeen's 78th birthday is coming up tomorrow and a cake's in the making. . . and George Jensen joining the summer bachelor list.

**Building Home**  
The Clyde Longs are completing a basement house east of the railroad this week.

## FAMOUS MOVIE KEEPS FAITH WITH READERS OF BOOK

Victor Fleming, director of the famous motion picture, "Gone With the Wind", has issued a statement in which he says "Miss Mitchell (writer of the book) had told us what would be authentic and we had to duplicate it. We had no authority to heighten any situation or minimize any other. We couldn't change simply for effect. We were not making a picture to please an author or a cast of characters. Our thought had to be on a public which was rabid on the subject."

"Gone With the Wind", done in technicolor, will be shown at the Nyssa Theatre next week, Wednesday and Thursday, June 19 and 20. A matinee and evening show will be played each of the two days, according to G. B. Gelzertanner.

All seats are reserved for all performances and those wishing to make reservations may do so by phoning the Nyssa Theatre.

The matinees will start at 2 p. m. and the evening performances at 8 p. m.

The picture will be shown in its entirety here in Nyssa, just as it was at the premiere at Atlanta, Ga.

## TROPHY FOR BEST FISHING FATHER

In order to add another possible bit of honor for the annual Father's Day celebration, Lucian Wray, owner of Wray's Dime Store, is offering a handsome trophy to the father that displays the largest fish caught during the week beginning with Father's Day, June 16, and ending Sunday, June 23. Bass, Eastern Brook and Rainbow trout are eligible for the contest, Wray said.

Just thought that I could add a bit of a kick to Father's Day by putting up this trophy as a sort of a special event, in addition to the regular fishing contest that we are conducting", was Wray's comment. To the winner will go a trophy, about 10 inches high with his name engraved on it.

## Six Entries For Queen Contest

Six candidates for Queen of the Malheur County Fair have entered the race from the Nyssa and Owyhee districts. These candidates are June Marie Wilson, Josephine Burke, Ann Johnson, Margaret Howell, Donna Ashcraft and Twila Latham.

Entries for the contest will close at midnight, Saturday, June 15, according to Frieda Leinhard, secretary of the Fair Board. The contest is to run on a district elimination process, with the merchants in each district given tickets for each purchase of 50 cents or more. The candidate in the district receiving the most votes will represent the district and will go to Ontario Friday, August 30, to attend a banquet at which time the Queen will be selected from elected candidates.

Votes for the Nyssa district candidates may be deposited in a ballot box that will be found in front of the Nyssa Realty company office.

## FINED ON DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE

Arrested by State Patrolman John Koopman and Kenneth Langton, Nyssa police officer, and brought before Justice of the Peace W. J. Williams last Saturday, Carlos J. Pulley was given a sentence of 60 days in jail and fined \$50 and costs on a charge of drunk driving.

Justice Williams suspended the jail sentence with a warning to Pulley that if he was again brought up on a similar charge he would have to serve out the jail term.

## BAR ASSOCIATION DISCUSS PROCEDURE

A meeting was held in Ontario last Saturday of the Malheur County Bar Association and a committee from the state association, which was presided over by A. L. Fletcher, president of the county association.

Principle discussion centered around the changes contemplated by the State Bar Association on the matter of procedure in courts other than federal.

President Fletcher said that the changes of procedure, if put into effect, would follow closely that practiced in the federal courts.

Mrs. J. C. Bowman left this week for a visit with friends in the middle west and took her grandson, Bud Estes, as far as Denver with her where he will spend the summer with his mother.

## WATER IN NORTH CANAL SUNDAY IS HOPE

Completion of the repairs to the break in the north canal is looked for by Saturday, according to Frank Morgan, secretary of the Owyhee Irrigation district, with water being turned in by Sunday morning at the latest.

The above prediction is contingent upon whether the crew hits any unforeseen trouble in the nature of rock ledges.

If the water is back in the canal by Sunday, it will take about two days before it will be available to all of the farms served by it, according to Morgan, which, unless the weather cools off considerably, will mean crop losses running into thousands of dollars.

High tribute is being paid on every side to Joe Tertelling, contractor, for his help in getting machinery on the job of repairing the break. Tertelling is quoted as saying that "I made my start on this project, and I am going to do everything that I can in helping these farmers out by getting all our available and necessary machinery on the job".

And to back up this statement, Tertelling has "farmed out" his best foreman to supervise the work, together with an untold amount of Caterpillars, carry-alls, compressors and jackhammers to say nothing of various and other necessary equipment.

## Subway Fate May Be Decided Today

The fate of Nyssa's subway may be decided, one way or another, when the Oregon state highway commission meets this afternoon (Thursday) in Portland.

Bernard Frost, president of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce will appear before the commission at 4:30 p. m., with the hope of forestalling any adverse decision that may be made in regards to the subway. Apprehension is mounting here over the long delay in getting property settlements straightened out to the satisfaction of the highway commission.

It is known that the commission is growing impatient over the delays occurring time after time over the purchase of property in the Emison addition.

The latest hitch developing being that amount of damages asked of the commission by the Amalgamated Sugar company who is now buying all the property in the Emison addition, when the Union Pacific withdrew from the deal. The sugar company, however, has informed Frank Morgan that the matter of damages will not be allowed to affect the construction of the subway, and that the company will abide by any reasonable amount offered by the commission.

## ADRIAN AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS

ADRIAN (Special) — Election of officers was the main event at the regular meeting, Tuesday night, of the Adrian American Legion Post, No. 109.

E. L. Dutton was elected commander to head the Post for the new year. Others elected were, vice commander, F. Glass; second vice commander, Cliff Snyder; finance officer, Les Schaffer; adjutant, William Ashcraft; historian, William Strach; sergeant-at-arms, Glen Pounds; chaplain, Everett Points. The executive committee for the new year consists of Claude Eachus, Glen Pounds and Everett Points.

The new officers will be installed by the state American Legion commander on July 9th. This is also the date set for the dedication of the new hall.

## Visit Mother

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Davis, Huntington Beach, Cal., were guests of Mrs. Davis' mother, Mrs. Anna Dail of Arcadia the past week.

## MARKETS

Thursday Quotations	
By Wiley Clowers	
Cream, Premium	26
Cream, Grade 2	23
CASH PRICE	
Hens, heavy colored	.11
Hens, light and Leghorn	.07
Springs, heavy	.12-14
Springs, light and Leghorn	.10
Roosters	.03
Trade-In Eggs	
Large	.13