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## "Gas" Rationing In This Section Hotly Contested

### Government Action Gives Idaho Gasoline Dealers Advantage

George K. Aiken, executive secretary of the interior and petroleum coordinator, protesting the rationing of gasoline along the eastern border of Oregon on the same basis as in western Oregon.

Mr. Aiken reported that he had received vigorously worded appeals from the distributors of gasoline products along the eastern border of Oregon, particularly those residents in Malheur county, concerning the proposed rationing of gasoline in Oregon while their competitors across the line in Idaho will not be subject to such regulations and business hours.

Mr. Aiken quoted from a letter written by H. F. Logue, secretary of the Ontario Commercial club, as follows:

"We can see no reason why eastern Oregon should be placed in the same war proviso on gas rationing as western Oregon, when to date, the mountain range has been the dividing line.

Our gas service men will be faced with two miles away, ration free, Idaho gas. This competition will greatly curtail gas and associated business here and will ultimately close many doors and take a great slice from the state's income."

Mr. Aiken stated that the gasoline dealers "further point to the fact that they are offered by Idaho distributors all of the products they require, and that dealers in Idaho, to wit, those in Weiser and Payette, Idaho, actually are farther west than those in either Ontario or Nyssa in Oregon; that these Idaho dealers draw their supplies from exactly the same source and will not be subject to any restrictions.

"Manifestly, the rigid application of the rationing program within state lines will do a gross injustice to the citizens of these southeastern Oregon communities and will serve no good purpose, since by merely driving two miles their customers will be able to obtain all the gasoline they want. In this highly competitive territory, the imposition of the regulation would indeed be a gross injustice.

"I have the personal assurance and I also know it to be a fact, that the service station men and citizens of Oregon are more than willing to undergo any inconvenience caused by the war that will help or assist in any way to promote its successful conclusion and will cheerfully comply, but they do not feel that they should be penalized by having their business taken from them and handed over by government regulations to their competitors.

"If I may do so, may I suggest that since transportation difficulties compel rationing that the zone lines be projected through the desert areas in such a way that discrimination will not result between contiguous communities. This is easily possible in these western states, each of which have large, sparsely settled areas."

## NYSSA, PAYETTE WILL PLAY HERE

The Nyssa and Payette high school baseball teams will play a double-header on the Nyssa diamond Friday afternoon. The first game and Warren Marsh will mountain war time. The games will be non-conference contests.

Frank Wilson will pitch in the first game and Warren Marsh will hurl in the second. "Lefty" Malloy, another pitcher, will be held in reserve.

### Letter Long On Way—

Mrs. John Ostrom has received a letter from her sister in Sweden. The letter, which was two months enroute to Nyssa by air mail, cost \$1.40 for postage. Before the outbreak of the war letters reached the United States from Europe by boat in 11 days. Mrs. Ostrom's sister said residents of Sweden have plenty to eat, but that costs are high. However, the Swedish are unable to buy coffee.

### Visits In Kansas—

Mrs. Ruth Bodmer has been visiting relatives in Kansas. She is expected home this week.

### Tires Rationed—

Tires and tubes were rationed March 20 by the Nyssa rationing board as follows: C. N. Tensen, truck tube; John Emery Cameron, two truck tires; Herbert J. Horn, two truck tires; Clyde Didericksen, two farm implement tires and tubes, and Carl Herman Seburn, two tractor tires.

## COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED FOR SALVAGE DRIVE

Leno Christensen, F.P.A. leader of the Nyssa high school, and Glenwood Pounds, postmaster of Adrian, have accepted the chairmanship in their respective communities for the handling of salvage materials needed for the war effort.

According to Walter M. Thompson, county chairman, the program is not a single effort like the aluminum drive, but a continuous drive to maintain a constant flow of scrap materials through the channels of trade handling scrap and waste materials. It will give all organizations the opportunity to participate.

Mr. Christensen and Mr. Pounds have named the following members of their committees: Nyssa, Charles Share, Chalk Butte Grange; Luther Fife, L.D.S.; Dale Garrison, Oregon Trail Grange, and Wesley Sherman, Hi-Y club; Adrian, Robert Robertson, Ridgeview Grange; D. W. Patch, principal of the Adrian high school; Lester Schafer, Kingman Grange; Morris Judd, Newell Heights; K. I. Peterson, community church; Walt Bernard, Big Bend, and George DeHaven.

## Farmers Desire Control of Japs

The agricultural sub-committee for Malheur county announced today that they recommend that the distribution of Japanese labor be under the control and supervision of government agencies originating from reception centers.

The report of the committee states that "it is the belief of this committee that this is the view of the majority of farmers employing agricultural labor and urges that all haste be made in areas where labor emergencies may develop.

"The committee goes on record as opposing any Japanese labor contracts handled in any manner except through government agencies.

"This committee opposes the practice of any party or parties contributing to the infiltration of Japanese in Malheur county for the purpose of leasing, renting or buying property in the county and condemns the action of these involved in such practices.

"In order that the position of this committee will not be confused it is the desire of this committee that these resolutions be released for publication and copies be mailed to the proper authorities."

## OLDER YOUTHS TO START 4-H CLUB IN MALHEUR CO.

Older 4-H club members of Malheur county will assemble at the Boulevard Grange hall Saturday evening, March 28, to formulate plans for organizing a Senior 4-H club, composed of club members of high school age.

A committee of older club members representing the different communities met last week to draw up plans for the assembly Saturday and to discuss the possibilities of organizing the senior group.

The assembly Saturday night will start at 7:30 p. m. with a pret-lunch dinner. A program, skits, stunts, readings and musical numbers will furnish entertainment during the dinner hour. Those numbers will be presented from the different communities.

E. H. Hauser, county club agent, will present medals and awards to club members who have been county winners in the various National 4-H club contests during the past year.

Games and stunts are planned for entertainment following the dinner hour. An old-time dance will be held.

All regularly enrolled and prospective 4-H club members of high school age are invited to attend the meeting.

## PUPILS SELECT THREE-ACT PLAY

A three-act comedy, "It Never Rains", has been selected by the Nyssa high school senior class as the play to be presented April 10, according to Ferd Stark, director.

Twila Latham and Eugene Brady have been chosen for leading parts in the play. Other members of the cast are Margery Benedict, Lynn Farmer, Thelma Cooper, Ione Benson, Jack Church, Bob Gerdes, Cecilia Marehouse, Audrey Dewey, Elaine Lewis, and Delma Ward.

## Patch Is Elected Head Of Health Group In County

### Dr. Bock Principal speaker at Annual Association Dinner

Officers of the Malheur County Public Health association were unanimously elected at the organization's annual meeting held in conjunction with the Lions' club weekly dinner in the high school building Monday night.

The new officers are as follows: Dennis Patch of Adrian, president; Mrs. Madge Flegel of Ontario, vice president; Arthur Atherton of Ontario, treasurer, and Mrs. G. Y. Chester of Harper. The nominations of the nominating committee were read by Mrs. Roberts, chairman.

In the principal address, Dr. G. D. Bock, director of the Boise public health unit, speaking on "Public Health and National Defense", summarized the functions of a health unit, which, he said, institutes certain health measures, educates the people and provides the personnel to carry out the program.

The first item in protection against disease, the doctor said, is general sanitation—protection of water, food and milk supplies, and sewage disposal. Dr. Bock said dumping of sewage into rivers is wrong.

"The milk supply is extremely important when you consider that certain diseases are started from milk," the speaker said. "The milk supply here can be as good as it is now in Boise. There are several ways in which the food supply should be protected, including inspection."

In some places there is the problem of insect control, Dr. Bock said.

The second method of controlling communicable disease is by enforcement of quarantine regulations, which needs the cooperation of all agencies. The county public health nurse instructs the family in how to care for the patients.

As the third method of controlling disease, the speaker discussed the immunization program, which, he said "is so important that the president is recommending immunization against smallpox and diphtheria.

Dr. Bock discussed syphilis and tuberculosis, which are slow killers. He also covered control of venereal disease—control of prostitution, education, early detection and establishment of treatment centers.

"In controlling tuberculosis," the doctor said, "we have no specific drugs. Basically we have not advanced in the specific treatment of tuberculosis."

Discussing the various clinics and educational programs sponsored by the health units, Doctor Bock said "In no way should the health department come in competition with the private physician."

Fred Burgess, president of the Lions club, opened the meeting with a few remarks. Following a flute solo by Miss Helen Trenkle of Ontario, R. G. Whitaker, chairman of the Lions program committee, introduced A. H. Bone of Vale, president of the association, who said "We are indebted to the Lions club for coming here this evening."

Mr. Bone gave a brief history of the early treatment of tuberculosis and reported on the association's activities of the last year. He pointed out that the association had been handicapped by lack of a public health nurse for six months during the year. Mr. Bone stated that the group's principal activity lies in its program of attempting to eradicate tuberculosis.

"We want to make as many tests as possible. It is in the field of education that our greatest opportunity for public service lies. We must furnish leadership in determining what kind of public health program the county is to have. The rejection of 43 per cent of our young men by the army because of physical disabilities is a disgrace to the nation. Total war means that the health of the civilian population is as important as the health of the men in the field."

Miss Helen Hobson of Ontario, accompanied by Dale Robbins of Ontario, sang a solo. Other members of the Ontario high school a capella choir who furnished entertainment were Marjorie Hawkins, Patty Boyer, Syble Penn, Gerald Bull, Bill Karrick, Leland Jackson and Don Waggoner.

Mr. Bone introduced Miss Winters of the state association, County Judge Graham, who paid tribute to the health association and reported that Mrs. Saldie Orr Dunbar,

## CONCERNS GIVING THEATRE TICKETS

The firms whose names appear in this article are giving away free theatre tickets this week. If your name appears in an advertisement of one of these firms in the Gate City Journal you are entitled to a free ticket.

Clip the ad and take it to the Nyssa theatre, where you will be admitted free upon payment of the defense tax.

Cooperating concerns are:

- Pruyn Garage
- Fox Drive-In
- Al Thompson and Sons
- Golden Rule
- Wilson's Grocery

## Japs May Be Put In Black Canyon

Possibility of the establishment of a military reservation for 10,000 Pacific coast Japanese between Caldwell and New Plymouth on a section of the Black canyon project across the Snake river from Nyssa was revealed in Boise this week.

A site board representing the army's western defense command at San Francisco was said to have visited Idaho last week after Tom Clark of Lieutenant-General J. L. Dewitt's civilian staff conferred with Governor Chase Clark of Idaho on possible placing of part of the evacuees in Idaho. The board is said to have asked for detailed information on the land northeast of Caldwell.

Authorities stated that homesteads scattered over two or three sections about six miles north of Parma might provide a possible site for the concentration center.

## Units Of Home Guards Planned

More than 350 farmers and other persons, meeting in the Vale community hall Monday night, took preliminary steps in the organization of a home guard and passed a resolution opposing the leasing or selling of land to Japanese in the Vale area.

The resolution on the Japanese situation will be sent to government officials. Representatives of Nyssa and Adrian attended the gathering.

Eighty men were enrolled in the Vale home guard at the meeting. Plans call for the organization of home guard units in Nyssa, Ontario and Burns for a battalion of four companies.

Each company will be composed of 75 men, 60 regulars and 15 reserves. Equipment will be furnished by the state as soon as possible. For the present, the men will be required to furnish their own guns, ammunition and clothing.

Albert Heidt, commander of the Nyssa post of the American Legion, is expected to call a meeting soon for the organization of a home guard here.

## Taggart Files Murder Charge

A second degree murder charge has been filed against Earl Kimberling in connection with the death of Dale Nutt at Juntura on March 15, according to District Attorney Max S. Taggart.

A charge of assault with intent to kill was filed against DeWitt Palmer in connection with the same case. Each man had been arraigned in the Vale justice court, but no time had been set Tuesday for preliminary hearings.

Both men are in the county jail in Vale as Kimberling's case is not bailable and Palmer's bail of \$2000 has not been posted.

Executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis association was seriously ill; County Commissioners Erwin Troxell and C. A. Marshall and Edwin Johnson, master of the Pomona Grange and candidate for county judge.

Reports on the year's activities were given by Mrs. Kathryn Claypool, Chairman of the school education committee; Miss Amy Larkin, nutrition committee; Mrs. C. S. Harris, Christmas seal sale, and Mrs. G. A. Billings, executive secretary of the association, who gave a financial report in the absence of Mr. Atherton, treasurer. Other reports were given by Dr. Clyde Walker of Vale, county health officer; Mrs. Chester on the free lunch program at Harper, and Mrs. Edna Farris, county health nurse. The dinner was served by the Nyssa Episcopal guild.

## Bigger Output Of Sugar Beets In Area Sought

### Meeting Sponsored By Beet Growers; 27,000 Acres Signed

Last minute plans to step up beet acreage contracting in the Boise valley to assure a capacity run for the new Nampa sugar factory as asked for by the federal government in its "food for freedom" campaign, were discussed Tuesday at a meeting in the Dewey Palace hotel, at Nampa. Present for the discussion were representatives of the Nyssa Sugar Beet Growers association, the Idaho sugar section director of the United States department of agriculture, the Idaho Grange, the U. S. bureau of reclamation, United States employment service, county war board and civilian defense council, irrigation districts, Nampa chamber of commerce and the sugar company.

"The combined Nyssa and Nampa sugar factories are capable of processing at least 30,000 acres of sugar beets, possibly more," reported R. G. Larson, manager of the Nyssa-Nampa district of the Amalgamated Sugar company, "and already nearly 27,000 acres have been contracted for, though more beets are needed from the Nampa district to assure the most efficient run. A considerable number of growers are already signed up in the Nampa side of the territory, though many of these contracts are for relatively small acreage. The time for experimenting with beets in this valley is now past. Beets are a proven crop for the district and some of these contracts could be increased in size, and new ones added, in the interest of grower, processor and the nation alike. This district, which last year yielded 16.9 tons per acre, is one of the best in the entire nation for sugar beets. General conditions point to another bumper crop this year, if the beets are put in early," Larson concluded.

L. B. Taylor, Idaho director of sugar section of the United States department of agriculture, reported that beet contracting throughout the state shows a substantial increase and quoted a recent report from the secretary of agriculture that there will be sufficient labor for the expected sugar beet acreage throughout the nation this year.

A survey of available student labor for sugar beets and other crops will soon be made by the United States employment service, in co-operation with the state department of education, according to A. J. Tillman, Boise, state director. He pointed out that normally not over 60 per cent of the farm labor that is available in the state is utilized during the season. "Closer co-operation among farmers, and between farmers and various responsible agencies, should result in a more complete utilization of the remaining 40 per cent," he added, "thereby relieving the labor situation."

Speaking for the reclamation service, Merle Tillery, Caldwell, declared that even the inexperienced grower should be reasonably sure of a good beet crop in this valley, if he has the proper supervision. "Our past experience shows that beets grow unusually well in this valley with its long growing season. Moreover, sugar beets do not take more water than other crops... and they are one of the most dependable in our irrigation districts."

Ferrin G. Harlan, Caldwell, secretary of the Idaho Grange, said: "Our organization is back of the movement to the best of our ability. Situated, as we are, right on the top of a freight rate zone which runs down from here both east and west, it seems highly important to me that we put more of our land to the growing of sugar beets which can be marketed in the condensed form of sugar, than to grow all bulky crops which cannot be so readily exported. For another thing, I can see no economic excuse for a farmer growing grains of any kind except from a rotation standpoint to prepare his ground for other crops."

Speaking for the business interests of this valley, Bert Stone, president of the Nampa chamber of commerce, emphasized the importance of the new Nampa factory, which will bring to the district a \$300,000 payroll and a new cash crop of \$2,000,000 a year.

William Carson, Weiser, president of the Nyssa-Nampa Sugar Beet Growers association, with a membership of approximately 2,000 growers, appealed for more beet acreage and more sugar production this year in the interest

## Residents of Nyssa to Vote On Proposed Charter Amendments

### WOMEN TO WORK IN BEET FIELDS

PORTLAND, March 26 (Special)—Prospects that women and children and older men will be employed in the beet fields of Malheur county were revealed here today.

Erroy Worth, United States employment service representative, told employment service executives that women, older children and older men will be asked to serve in place of the 2,000 transients who normally work in the beet fields, but will be unavailable this year. He said the workers will be taken from the coast areas and transported in buses and farm trucks to eastern Oregon.

## Junior Banquet Plans Outlined

The annual junior-senior banquet is to be held March 27 at the Nyssa high school, instead of March 20 as formerly announced. Committees have been chosen by the junior class president, Bob Yost. These committees have already started working and according to Mrs. Young and Mr. Stark, class advisors, the event should be a big success.

The invitations have all been given out to the seniors, faculty and school board members. There were made and distributed by Winona Henderson and Helen Saltee.

Other chairmen have announced that their committees have been working and planning for the banquet.

Committee chairmen are: Dick Tensen, gym decorations; Ray Larson, banquet room; Beverly Donahue, table; Dorothy Snader, menu; Alvin Uye, program; Lyle Miner, music.

Much anxiety is being aroused as to the secret theme that is to be carried out in both the banquet and prom. It always has been the custom to keep the theme a secret until the night of the affair in order to stimulate interest.

This is the juniors method of bidding the seniors farewell, and to show their affection for and appreciation of the senior class.

## ORGANIZATION OF DEAD OX SCALES GROUP REVEALED

Organization of the Dead Ox Scales association by 18 Malheur county farmers, through the community and cooperative section of the farm security administration, has been completed, Howard Bertsch, area supervisor, Ontario, announced.

"Weighing facilities for hay, livestock, grain and other farm commodities is expected to save transportation, insure honest weights, aid marketing, and bring about economies vital to war," said Bertsch.

Members of the association are Ray Nelsen, W. W. Ker, H. W. Cople, Frank Freeman, S. M. Peterson, Ernest Mattson, Ralph Lauer, Basil Trueblood, Byron Wheeler, John Rice, A. A. Hagood, Ralph Nielson, Oscar Rosen, C. A. Harding, Pete Pinney, W. L. Gilson, Robert Grenier, and Oscar Houston. Peterson will serve as president and Freeman as secretary.

Community and cooperative service loans are available to all Malheur county farmers. Detailed information may be secured through the county PSA office.

## ELDRIDGE LEASES BOWLING ALLEYS

Tom Eldredge leased the Cornell bowling alleys from Mr. Cornell and took charge this week.

Mr. Eldredge, who operates the Norcott service station at Second and Main streets, will keep the alleys open every night and all-day Saturday and Sunday during the summer. When cool weather starts in the fall the alleys will be kept open all day.

"I believe it is the duty of every farmer living in the district who has suitable land to put some of it into sugar beets this year to help make up our national shortage."

Mr. Carson also presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, pledging support and co-operation of those present to a program of increased sugar beet acreage.

### Assessments, Salary For Mayor, City Manager Selection Proposed

A resolution providing for changes in the city charter was passed at a meeting of the city council Monday night.

The proposals will be voted on by the people at an election, probably the primary to be held in May.

The amendments provide for assessments for parks, the cemetery and garbage disposal and a salary for the mayor of \$50 a month and compensation of \$3 a meeting for councilmen, but the councilmen shall not be paid for more than two meetings a month.

The amendments also provide for the possible selection of a city manager and if and when such a manager is employed the mayor is to receive the same compensation as the council members. The plan also includes provision for the raising of the possible maximum tax millage from 30 to 50 mills.

Resolution No. 125, creating a local improvement district for construction of curbs and gutters on Good avenue between First and Second streets and on Second street between Main street and Good avenue was approved. The council also passed an ordinance regulating the establishment of curbs, curb lines, sidewalk lines and parking spaces.

Dr. L. A. Maulding, city health officer, gave a talk on health cards, garbage disposal and water and sewer connections.

## Names Of First Draftees Aired

First Malheur county man to have his number called in the new draft lottery which took place in Washington Tuesday, was Frank Bilboa, Ontario, whose serial number, 441, was the fourth number drawn. The second Malheur county man to hear his number called was George A. Rose, whose serial number was 1103, was No. 21 in the national lottery. Klass V. Powell, Nyssa publisher, is No. 10 in the Malheur county call list and C. R. Cummings, Vale grocer, is No. 20. Names of the 20 county men whose serial numbers were among the first drawn follow:

George T. Glenn, George A. Rose, Dale Pumperian, C. R. Cummings, Vale; Bilboa, James Frederick Butler, Arthur Fox Warren, Wm. L. Parker, Ontario; Mason Reid Hillis, Hudson Robb, Frank Phillips, Clifford Morgan, Klass Powell, Claude Chard, Nyssa; Alfred Blocher, Weiser; Byron R. Wheeler, Payette; Henry Bowen, Broman; Floyd Miller, Arook; W. W. McFall, Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Vale and Merrill Everett Bethele, Honolulu, T. H., formerly of Harper.

## FARMERS SECURE MANURE SPREADER

Purchase of a manure spreader has been made by Fred Campbell, Amos J. Bontrager, and H. Wayne Williams, Willow Creek, through the community and cooperative services section of the farm security administration, announces Howard Bertsch, area supervisor, Ontario.

"Civilian shortages of vital war materials at the present time," said Bertsch, "makes cooperation imperative. Joint purchase and use of farm machinery not only reduces individual operating costs, but helps maintain soil fertility."

These loans are available to all Malheur county farmers needing credit for joint purchase and use of equipment, pure-bred sires and other facilities.

### Judge Seeks Re-election—

Judge W. J. Williams of Nyssa filed Monday at Vale for re-nomination as justice of the peace on the democratic ticket. He served four years under appointment by the governor and six years after his election in 1936.

### Dance Is Planned—

The Eagles lodge of Nyssa will sponsor a dance in the Eagles hall Saturday night, March 28. The music will be furnished by Ernie Troxal and his orchestra.

### Youth Lost On Ship—

Donald Lewis of Gresham, brother of Mrs. L. A. Maulding of Nyssa, was on the United States cruiser Houston when it was sunk by the Japanese in the Pacific. The youth was 19 years old.