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## Improvements In Nyssa Described By R.G. Whitaker

### City Business Discussed At Meeting of Local C of C

In accordance with the preliminary report of Mr. Stockman, the city would make \$56,000 worth of improvements to the water system. Water softeners would cost the city \$37,000 in addition, if the people desire to buy them.

The city has not undertaken extensive improvement of the streets because of the lack of drainage. The city is now trying to find a way to finance a storm sewer. Installation of part of the proposed drainage system would cost \$75,000. Under the state's five per cent limitation law, the city could float general obligation bonds only in the amount of \$30,000. However, if the storm sewer is classified as a sewer instead of a drainage system, the city could raise any amount needed if the people approve. The street intersections would have to come within the five per cent limitation.

"So far we have been very well pleased with the city manager form of government", Mr. Whitaker said, referring to the city council. "We think we are getting our money's worth in what we are spending."

Mr. Whitaker paid tribute to City Manager E. K. Burton for his ability and added that he had saved the city thousands of dollars. Mr. Burton worked in the city engineering department in Portland for 13 years and at Coog Bay for a similar period and later was employed as city manager of Silverton.

Plans for improvement of Nyssa's streets and water system and installation of a storm sewer were discussed at a meeting of the Nyssa chamber of commerce Wednesday noon by R. G. Whitaker, chairman of the city council.

Nyssa businesses are comparatively free of city taxes, Mr. Whitaker stated. He added that some cities assess a variety of taxes in order to finance city business. Many cities throughout the nation "are just about broke", the chairman said.

The tax millage in Nyssa last year was 25.8, in Ontario it was 36.3 and in Vale 42.7. This year's millage here will be even lower. Last year Nyssa raised approximately (Continued on Page 5)

## Water Users To Talk To Bureau

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Owyhee Water Users' association August 5, a committee was chosen to meet with directors of the bureau of reclamation at Boise to consider the possibility of a steady water supply of water in the Owyhee canal during 1947.

Members of the committee are I. H. Findley, Jess Rich, Levi Johnson and J. C. Sproul.

J. C. Sproul, secretary of the water users, said R. J. Newell of the bureau considered cementing some of the weaker places in the canal and also would submit figures on the cost of using asphalt and rip-rap, which, Sproul said, would be added to the construction charges.

Mr. Sproul also quoted Mr. Newell as saying that "The Boise office was very much interested in investing in several trucks, a couple of good bulldozers and other equipment in case of an emergency as we have just suffered."

A second directors meeting will be held in the near future to arrange for a mass meeting of the Owyhee water users.

## WORK IS STARTED ON SCHOOL GARAGE

Work was started this week by Luther Fife, local contractor, on construction of a garage and shop building for the Nyssa school district.

The building, 40 by 146 feet, will be constructed of concrete and concrete blocks at a cost of \$15,611.

The structure will be completed in time to store the school buses during the bad weather.

### To LaGrande—

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Renstrom will leave Saturday for LaGrande, where Mrs. Renstrom will attend Eastern Oregon college summer school for two weeks.

## HALF OF MEXICANS EMPLOYED IN STATE WORK NEAR HERE

One-half of the 1600 Mexican nationals employed on Oregon farms are now working in Malheur county, following the arrival here last week of 200 Mexicans from Athena. They were divided among the four camps at Ontario, Nyssa, Vale and Adrian, with some farm-housed.

An additional 200 Mexicans are scheduled to arrive here about October 1 to assist in the sugar beet harvest, reports Harry Sandquist, county agent.

Only about half as many Mexicans are working in Oregon now as at this time in 1945, reports J. R. Beck, state supervisor of the O. S. C. extension service emergency farm labor program. High labor requirements crops are still on the upswing in this state, but western Oregon farmers are now depending more and more upon local and migrant white farm help and have drastically reduced their requests for transported Mexicans.

Sandquist warns that Malheur farmers, if they plan to hold their current acreage of row crops should plan to use other labor next year, department of agriculture officials having stated that the Mexican program is to be discontinued after this year since domestic help has become available with the close of the war and shutting down of war industries.

Wherever farmers have provided camping facilities there has been no shortage of workers, Beck reported, because migrants have entered the state in record-breaking numbers.

## Nyssa Defeats Caldwell Nine

Centerfielder Warren Heldt saved his softball team, the Nyssa Clowns, from defeat Wednesday night when he made a spectacular catch in the seventh inning of a game played with Caldwell on the Caldwell diamond.

The Clowns went on to defeat the Burns Chevrolet team of Caldwell in the eighth inning by a score of 5 to 4.

When Heldt made his catch, the score was tied 4 to 4 in the last half of the seventh and the bases were loaded with one out. After a long run, Heldt made an attempt at a shoestring catch, but the ball hit his glove and bounced into the air. Apparently realizing the position of the ball, Heldt threw his hands behind his back and caught the ball. He threw to second base to catch a runner off base and register the third out for the Burns team, which will be one of the teams representing Caldwell in the district tournament, which will be played in Caldwell.

Pitcher Tommy Holman scored the winning run in the eighth when he was batted in by Tobler. Other runs were scored by B. Hendricks, C. Wilson, T. Holman, and Tobler. Other Nyssa players were A. Hendricks, B. Wilson, Heldt, L. Wilson, Bellon and D. Willson.

With last night's victory in their concluding game, the Clowns have a record of 13 victories and 2 defeats.

## BULLETIN ISSUED ON ALKALI LAND

"Improvement of Alkali Land" is the title of the new bulletin written by Dr. W. L. Powers, soil scientist of Oregon State college.

The bulletin summarizes the results of years of experimental work carried on in Malheur county and throughout eastern Oregon. "White alkali" is an excess of soluble neutral salts which may be injurious to plant growth. This salty or saline soil is made of mellow structure and must be distinguished from hard, "black alkali" land. To reclaim hard alkali land it is necessary to have deep drainage and a plentiful supply of irrigation water.

The results of different types and rates of chemical treatments are listed and effective soil management practices are explained.

The bulletin is available in the county extension office and should be helpful to anyone with alkali land problems, Harry Sandquist, county agent, stated.

### To Hold Picnic—

The annual South Dakota picnic will be held in Memorial park in Caldwell Sunday August 18. Those attending are asked to furnish lunch baskets and table service. Ice cream will be furnished free. All former South and North Dakota residents are invited to attend.

## Erection Begun On Government Housing Project

### 24 Apartments Will be Available to War Veterans

Contractors have started erection of the government pre-fabricated houses which began arriving here by truck the first of the week.

The group of houses includes six apartment buildings, each containing four apartments. Each apartment, 21 by 25 feet, contains a kitchen, living room, two bedrooms and a bathroom. The apartments are furnished.

Foundations, 18 inches high with a skirting between the floor and the ground, had already been built by Wick and Dohlgren, contractors. The houses, which were used in Vancouver, will be repainted.

City Manager E. K. Burton said the apartments will probably rent for about \$30 a month. The city will collect the rent and give the net proceeds to the government after operating expenses are deducted. The houses are for veterans only.

## Certificates of Award are Given

One hundred and forty-four Ontario and Nyssa citizens received certificates of award August 1 from President Truman and the office of price administration as an expression of gratitude for 'selfless service in your country's need as a 'volunteer worker', reports J. L. Turnbull, chairman of the Ontario area price control board.

The certificates are signed by the president and were mailed to persons who had served as volunteers during rationing of 15 different commodities, and as price volunteers during the anti-inflation effort since the war.

In the entire Idaho OPA district, Chairman Turnbull said, 2500 persons received the certificates, which read as follows:

"On behalf of the grateful people of the United States, I thank you for your selfless service in your country's need as a volunteer worker for the office of price administration. With your help, our nation has been able to protect its economy against the impact of total war and to assure its consumers fair prices and a fair distribution of needed goods."

"As a patriotic citizen, you have demonstrated your loyalty and devotion in a period of great national danger. Your community and your country will not forget your contribution to victory over our enemies and look to you now for leadership and example in the continuing fight against inflation."

Nyssa residents receiving the award were A. L. Atkeson, Eva Boydell, Arthur Boydell, E. K. Burton, Burnall Brown, Ruth Chadd, Jean Cranney, Pauline Church, Mrs. W. T. Campbell, Bernard Eastman, Hazel Frost, Helen Frost, Sybil Eldredge, Bernard Frost, Dale Garrison, Mildred Hartley, Margery Ann Hillis, Frank D. Hall, George C. Henneman, Alice Jensen, Mrs. Desmond Jones, Genevieve Johnson, Merle Johnson, Joyce Lienkaemper, Samuel J. Lenson, Mary Myers, Charlene Morris, Helen McCarthy, Idaleen M. Maw, Frank T. Morgan, Frank Parr, Arlie Robertson, Joe Sutherland, Marilyn Stringfellow, Carl J. Seburn, Elsie Towne, Al Thompson, and Ward G. Wieneke.

## OSTROM TO BUILD CABINET SHOP HERE

John E. Ostrom has started construction of a cabinet shop and dwelling on his Nyssa Lumber company property on Good avenue.

The building, erected of cinder blocks, will be 32 by 80 feet, with concrete floors. The front part of the building will contain the cabinet shop and the rear part will contain an apartment to be occupied by Bart Ostrom and family. Bart Ostrom, who will operate the cabinet shop, is now in Portland buying machinery.

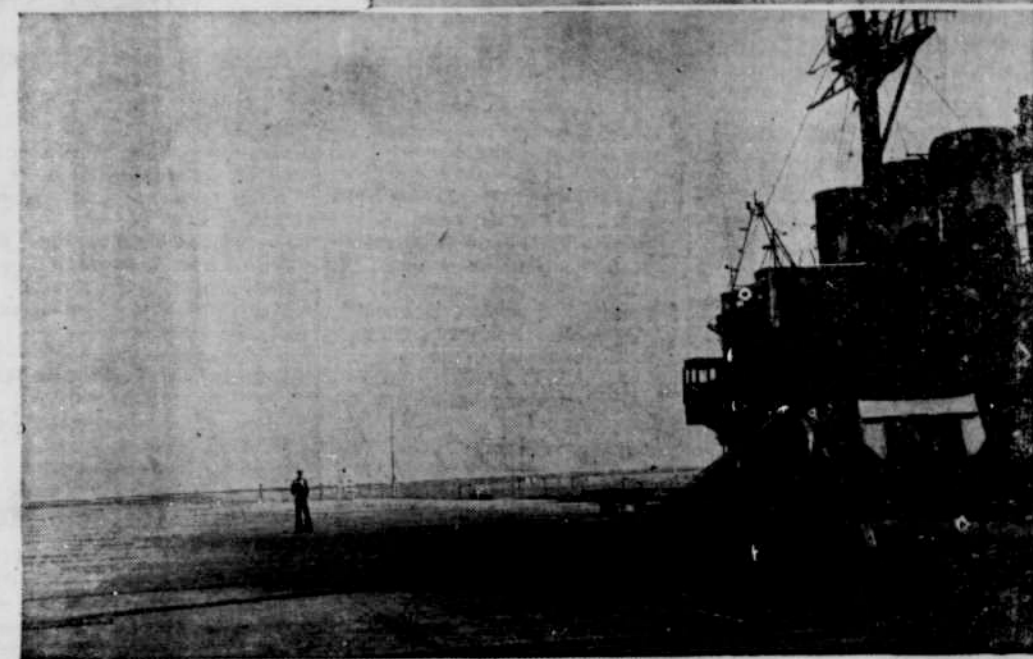
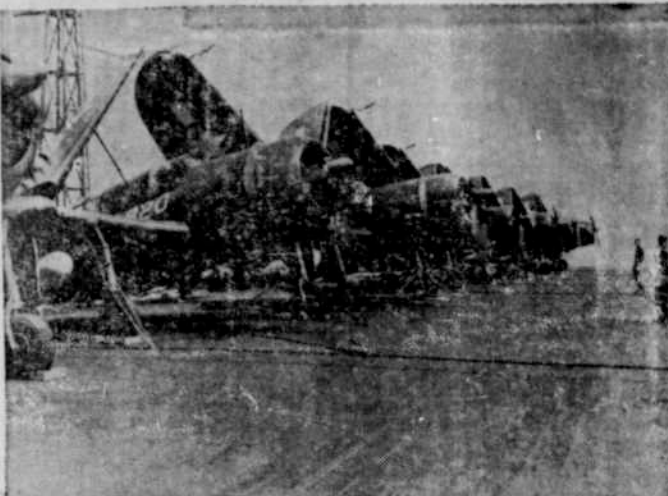
Mr. Ostrom hopes to have the shop in operation within the next two months.

### Visits Children—

Mrs. S. J. Cleaver of Mountain Grove, Missouri left Tuesday morning for her home after spending two weeks with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Arden Newsom, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reeder and Mr. and Mrs. George Cleaver.

THE FLAT TOP of "Fighting Lady" is a safer place today for the wandering sailor than it was a year ago. On the flight decks of many of the carriers that brought America's naval air might to the very soil of Japan itself, the visitor, like the Navyman (below), can walk without fear of thundering propellers or the spotting of squadrons ready to roar out over the sea to drop lethal loads on enemy targets. This V-J Day finds thousands of "the birds with folded wings" voiceless and at rest and their mother hens secured snugly to their piers, but ready for almost instant action should the unwanted time for their services come again.

(Official U. S. Navy photos)



## Calves Will Be Given At Fair

Fifteen Malheur county boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 15 years inclusive will be partners with Ontario business men in the ownership of a calf after Monday afternoon, September 2, the last day of the Malheur county fair.

These partnerships will result from a calf scramble sponsored that day by the Ontario Lions club. Here's how it will work: The Lions club will arrange for the purchase of 15 calves, weighing about 300 pounds each. Ontario businessmen will furnish the money for the purchase, and on the final day of the fair the animals will be liberated in a small arena in front of the fairgrounds grandstand. Youngsters entered in the scramble will be turned loose in the arena, too, and any youngster who succeeds in putting a halter on a calf will claim it. The youngster, boy or girl, automatically becomes a partner with the sponsor in the ownership of the calf.

The youngster will feed out the calf under extension service supervision and keep a record book on the animal. Next year at fair time the calves will be sold. One-third of the money derived from the sale of the calf will go to the sponsor and the remainder to the youngster who raised the calf.

Applications for the scramble must be accompanied by the written approval of the parent, and the applications must be submitted to E. M. Hauser, county club agent, at the office of the county agent in the city hall in Ontario.

## V-J DAY IS VERY QUIET IN NYSSA

As in most other towns in the nation, business was continued as usual in Nyssa yesterday, August 14, the first anniversary of the conclusion of the war with Japan. All of the business houses, the city hall and bank remained open. Only frequent comment would indicate that the people recalled that the day was the first anniversary of V-J day.

The attitude of the people was an emphatic contrast to the wild celebration that was staged a year ago this week.

### Visits Parents—

I. B. Allen, Jr., of the Little Buffalo basin oil field near Thermopolis, Wyoming visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Allen, Sr., Monday and Tuesday last. Mr. Allen, who was accompanied to Nyssa by his two sons, is production engineer for the Stanolind Oil company.

### To Hold Picnic—

Former residents of South Dakota will hold their annual picnic in the Memorial park in Caldwell Sunday, August 18. All former residents of South Dakota are invited to attend.

## EXECUTION OF KEN BAILEY IS RE-SET FOR SEPTEMBER 13

Execution of Kenneth Bailey, sentenced to pay with his life for the slaying of Sergeant T. R. Chambers of the state police in the Annex schoolhouse gun battle 16 months ago, has been re-set for Friday, September 13.

Bailey was returned to Vale last week to hear the date set by Circuit Judge M. A. Biggs, and was then returned to the "death house" at the state penitentiary at Salem.

Sergeant Chambers was killed Sunday, April 29, 1945, while engaged in a gun duel with Bailey and his companion, Ronald Duffy, who was killed a short time later by an officer while fleeing across an open field.

Bailey was convicted of first degree murder in circuit court at Vale and at the time his execution was set for a date last summer, but a stay of execution was granted when the case was appealed to the supreme court.

After hearing arguments in Pendleton several weeks ago the supreme court upheld the conviction.

## AUGUST 21 DEADLINE FOR SPECIAL TAGS

All applications for tags for the special deer and elk areas should be in the game commission office by August 21 in order to be included in any drawings that may be necessary. If, at the end of that day, applications exceed the number of tags authorized, drawings will be held.

Areas for which special tags will be issued are as follows:

- Burnt river area (Baker county) 100 tags for deer of either sex. September 22 to 27, open season.
- Summer lake area (Lake county) 500 tags for one deer of either sex. October 26 to November 2, open season.
- Crooked creek area (Lake county) 500 tags for one antlerless deer. November 4 to 10, open season.
- Cove area (Union county) 300 tags for one antlerless deer. November 16 to 20, open season.
- Devils Garden area (Lake county) 500 tags for one antlerless deer. November 30 to December 4, open season.
- Troy area (Wallowa county) 100 tags for one elk of either sex. October 24 to 28, open season.
- Ukiah area (Umatilla county) 200 tags for one elk of either sex. December 16 to 22, open season.

While applications may be filed for all areas, no hunter will be issued more than one special elk tag.

### Visits Relatives—

L. W. Clement of Charlotte, Michigan left Tuesday night for Portland after a two-weeks visit at the H. B. Sherwood home. Mr. Clement and Mrs. Sherwood are cousins.

## Water Fountains Will Be Placed On Nyssa Streets

### Other Matters Discussed At Meeting of City Council

The city council voted at a meeting Tuesday night to buy two drinking fountains for Nyssa's main street. One fountain will be installed between First and Second streets and one between Second and Third streets.

The fountains will be of the vitreous china round and pedestal type. They will be installed this fall.

Clet Sage presented plans for construction of a four-unit apartment house at Fifth and Emison streets. The area is in residential district No. 1 and the ordinance allows only one and two family dwellings there. The matter was referred to the city attorney, who said that the regular procedure of circulating petitions would have to be followed by Mr. Sage if he builds an apartment house in the district. Mr. Sage indicated to the council that he may build two duplexes.

Mr. Sheppard of the Idaho Refinery company asked for permission to install three 10,000-gallon gasoline tanks above ground on the Inland Oil company property at Sixth and Main streets. He was refused permission to install the tanks above ground, but was given permission to place them in the ground.

Leonard Marshall, representing the Owyhee Riding club, asked for city funds to help build bleachers and fences at the club's rodeo grounds. The council said there is no way in which the city can legally donate money for such a purpose.

Fire Chief Al Kuehn was instructed not to take the fire truck outside of the city limits because of the fact that the city has only one piece of fire-fighting equipment. Officials pointed out also that authorization for taking the truck outside the city limits would affect insurance rates in the city.

## Avoset To Give Away Good Calf

Avoset corporation has announced that it will give a heifer calf to an outstanding 4-H club boy or girl this fall. The calf will be selected within the next few days. The winner of the calf will carry the animal as a project during the next year and will exhibit it at the state fair in 1947. The Nyssa chamber of commerce has voted to pay the expenses of the boy or girl to the state fair.

Avoset plans to make the donation every year and will give a calf of a different breed each time.

## MALHEUR TO SHOW AT OREGON FAIR

Malheur county will be represented with booths at both the Oregon state fair and the Pacific International Livestock exposition this year upon the revival of these events following war-time suspensions.

As for many years in the past, M. E. Bain will have charge of the booth at the Portland show. Materials for the booth will be collected by the county staff and H. F. Logue, secretary of the Ontario Commercial club, which will sponsor the booth, will assist in setting up the display. In addition to agricultural products, it will feature the industrial progress underway in the county.

The state fair booth will feature dairying in Malheur county, including data showing the natural advantages existing here due to the availability of wild hay, alfalfa hay and grain feeds which reduce milk production costs to offset the nearness to markets of some other dairying sections. George Bain of the county agent's office will be in charge of the booth.

## CARPENTERS DRAW \$1.40 AN HOUR WAGE

Contractors meeting in Ontario last Thursday night voted to pay first class carpenters \$1.40 an hour. Representatives were present from Payette, Ontario, Vale and Nyssa.

The wage for carpenters has varied with different contractors. No wage schedule was drawn for carpenter's helpers and other less skilled men.