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Blood Bank Group Begins Handing Out 100% Participation Certificates To Business Firms; Aug. 5 Drive Date

First 100 percent participation certificate was awarded this week by the Nyssa Blood Bank committee to the one-man firm of Nyssa Insurance Agency, it was revealed Thursday by Hal Henigson, committee chairman.

Other firms which have quickly fallen into line in the appeal being made for blood donors to sign pledges for the drive, to be conducted here August 5, include the Bob Thompson for young mothers during the vice parts Co., Owyhee Barber Shop, Nyssa Theatre and Marshall-Weiss Store.

Henigson reported that more than 100 pledges have already been signed, the largest number from any one firm being 45 signers at the sugar factory.

Pre-campaign efforts are being made by the committee, Henigson said, to secure enough pledge signers to assure establishment of a new high mark in local blood donations. The standing record is 232 1/2 pints, set last January 8.

Since the Blood Bank program was started in Nyssa July 19, 1949, 640 1/2 pints of blood have been contributed locally, according to Henigson's figures.

Malheur Memorial hospital, since it opened its doors in October, 1950, has drawn 501 pints of whole blood from the Blood Bank through the early part of 1952. This figure, it was pointed out by Henigson, does not include blood plasma and other blood derivatives.

The blood donor drive on August 5 is for the purpose of replacing the blood used locally and to build a reserve.

A mobile Red Cross unit will be stationed in the gymnasium of Nyssa high school from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. Appointments will be arranged by Mrs. Henry H. Hartley.

To make it easier for donors, transportation will be provided within the city for those calling Nyssa 121 on the day of the drive. A radio dispatcher, Joe Carter, will be stationed at the high school gym to radio a roving car driven by Ted Morgan who will immediately transport the donor to the school.

A further aid to be provided by the committee is a bus-sitting service. Continued on Page 12

State Police Make 3 Hi-way Arrests

Three arrests were made on the highways in the Nyssa area by state police during the past week, with one case being tried in justice court and two hearings pending.

Frederick N. Mitchell, 18, of Route 2, Nyssa, was arrested at 10:15 a. m. last Sunday on Highway 27, and charged with operating a motor vehicle on a public highway without due caution and with disregard to the rights and safety of others.

He was fined \$10 and costs of \$4.50 by Justice of Peace Don Graham last Tuesday in justice court. His driver's license was also suspended by the court for 60 days.

A hearing was set for Thursday afternoon for Carl E. Lee, 36, farmer of Route 1, Ontario, who was arrested July 16 at the Cairo scales. He was charged by state police with having an axle overload of 2350 on his truck.

Charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol were lodged against Rex A. Anderson, 37, Nyssa, following his arrest at 12:50 p. m. last Wednesday on U. S. highway 20.

Trial date was set for July 26 in Nyssa justice court upon Anderson's plea of not guilty.

Farm Accidents Reach Total 356 In County, 1951

Malheur county had 356 farm accidents in 1951, of which two were fatal and 115 resulted in disabling injuries, hospital care and lost time, according to figures released this week by George Carlson.

Carlson's report went into detail to show that in the entire state there were 3218 accidents from farming, 21 fatal farm accidents, 126 persons totally disabled as the result of farming accidents and 1,752 had lost time or had hospital care.

The number of accidents on farms during 1951 came to a total of 2,252, of which 1,508 resulted in time lost and 649 with no time lost. Occupational diseases included poison ivy amounted to 92 and there were three fatalities.

In Carlson's report it was stated, "Accidents yearly toll cost the farmers many thousands of dollars and the same old story is always told after a farm accident, it can never happen to me because I never thought it would happen to me; I have always done the same thing the same way for years."

The report went on to state that the Governor's safety committee has been working throughout the state the past two years on farm safety. This work has been with various farm organizations and some cooperation has been noted, but in a small way. With the farmer going all out. Continued on page 12

1952 Senior Class Has Unique Project

The 1952 senior graduating class of Nyssa high school has chosen a rather unique gift to bequeath to the school. Under the chairmanship of Miss Donna Lee Wilson, they are taking the senior class pictures of former graduating groups which are unnamed and hanging in the hallway of the school, identifying each individual and placing the names under each.

Since there are pictures of graduating classes dating back as far as the early 1920's, the project may occupy the major part of the summer.

Implement Firm To Give Prizes Sat.

Names of two men and two women will be chosen from among more than 200 who have registered to be recipients of prizes to be awarded at 4:30 p. m. this Saturday by Hollingsworth's, Inc. It was announced Thursday by Earl W. Hollingsworth, local firm manager.

The Saturday affair is in connection with the display of the new model "60" John Deere tractor, which replaces the model "B" in the John Deere line.

A field demonstration is being planned for the tractor in the near future, it was stated by Hollingsworth, who said the piece of equipment would remain on display in his plant for 30 days.

Old Oregon Trail Tour Caravan To Receive Hearty Reception Here; Jackson To Narrate Local History

Pioneer Edition For Next Week

Last week the Journal announced that it would publish a special pioneer days edition. This will be in the interest of the Old Oregon Trail day program on Aug. 2, commemorating the centennial of the famous westward migration route of a hundred years ago.

The Journal is confident that business and professional people and merchants of Nyssa will want to join it in making the occasion a red-letter day for the community.

Here is a splendid opportunity for a mid-summer "Bargain Day" fair.

Advertisers are invited to avail themselves of the assistance of the Journal staff in laying out their ads. The Journal also offers the use of old frontier and pioneer day cuts for dressing up ads. Let's unite in putting Nyssa in the spot-light!

Postal Receipts Show Increase

Postal receipts at Nyssa for the fiscal year ending June 30 amounted to \$1,990.77 more than they did for the same period the year before. Postmaster Lloyd Lewis announced Tuesday, that the period ending last month's total receipts were \$34,224.41 and for the year ending June 30, 1951 total receipts were \$32,233.64.

Most postal rates were increased during the past fiscal year to account for part of the increased revenue, although some of the increase is due to a greater volume of business, the postmaster said. No book-keeping system has been set up to actually account for the number of sales made or to differentiate figures when the rate changes were made, it was explained.

Swimming Campaign Concluded Friday

The learn-to-swim campaign, carried on during the past two weeks at Ontario swimming pool as a city recreation program, will be concluded this Friday, according to Coach Howard Lovejoy, director of recreation activities. Forty-nine young people have been attending the classes.

Recreation-sponsored baseball will resume play next Monday, it was announced by Coach Lovejoy.

Boise-Payette Using New Platform Scale

Announcement was made today by Clifford Mink, manager of the Boise-Payette lumber company of the completion of the largest weighing scales in the city at the lumber yard. The Fairbanks-Morse scales have a 10x34 foot platform and a capacity of weighing 50,000 pounds. Mink said that although the scales are privately owned, they will weigh anything brought to them. The scales are located on the corner of first street and Bower avenue.

Drowning Child Saved By Action Quicker Than Inspiration

Quick action and proper application of artificial respiration by a neighbor saved the life of six-year-old Terry Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilson of near Mitchell Butte, Wednesday evening.

Jim Reed, the Wilson neighbor, pulled Terry from an irrigation ditch after he had gone beneath the water and became unconscious. The youngster was rushed to the Malheur Memorial hospital and artificial respiration rendered by Reed was credited by the attending physician with saving the boy's life.

The Nyssa fire department resuscitator and the special crew had been called for, but the child was breathing normally and had recovered consciousness upon arrival at the hospital.

Mrs. Wilson said that Terry and Russell Reed, 8, (no relation to Jim Reed) were wading in an irrigation ditch near the Wilson home. It is believed that Terry slipped on a cement ridge to cause him to go beneath the surface. His companion, Russell, ran for help and was responsible for getting Jim Reed in time to save the boy.

Brush Fire Calls Department Sunday

Firemen were called at 5:55 p.m. Sunday to a vacant lot on the north side of Locust avenue between third and fifth streets where a brush fire had started for the second time this summer. Instead of immediately dousing the flames, the fire department allowed grass and brush to burn in an effort to clear the vacant lot of a fire hazard.

Ralph Lawrence, assistant fire chief, reported that it is believed the fire was caused by youngsters playing in the vacant lot.

Sewage Disposal Plant Ready By Deadline Date

One of nine Oregon cities charged by the Sanitation Authority of Oregon with polluting its waters, Nyssa was represented at a hearing before the Authority, last Friday by City Manager E. K. Burton.

Only other Malheur county city cited before the Authority was Vale, Ontario is among three other cities of the state ordered to appear before the sanitation body October 17.

Of the nine answering the summons to the Friday hearing, Nyssa was the only one reporting any action taken to alleviate the pollution condition, according to Burton. This action, he said, constituted the building of a sewage disposal plant on the bank of the Snake river in 1939, following a warning issued by the Sanitation Authority in that same year.

The Nyssa plant has never operated, however, except for a short period, the last time in 1949.

Now in a state of disrepair it will take several thousands of dollars, according to Burton, to put it in operating condition again.

Burton claims he informed the Authority the Nyssa plant would be ready on or before the deadline of Dec. 31, 1952, set by the body. The state body threatened legal action, Burton said, against those cities not complying with its edict, but the nature of such action was not disclosed, Burton added.

At present, Nyssa's sewage empties directly into the Snake river on the south side of the labor camp. It is carried in a 12-inch pipe which by-passes the disposal plant. The city's drainage system is not a part of the sewage system, Burton pointed out.

Rapid Delivery On Iron Lung

Malheur county's all-out support of the March of Dimes has fruit this week in rapid service to supply additional equipment for the Malheur Memorial hospital to care for polio patients.

A tank-type iron lung, to supplement another tank-type and a portable iron lung on hand, was ordered through the Oregon unit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Tuesday evening. By 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the additional unit was at the Nyssa hospital ready to be installed. It was flown here from Portland by an Army plane.

New Marque Adds To Attractiveness Of Nyssa Theatre

Talk-of-the-town this week was the face-lifting being given to the front of the Nyssa Theatre. This was in the nature of a bright blue paint on the upper half of the building and the installation of a modernistic neon-lighted marquee.

Triangular in shape, the 36-foot marquee is lighted by both constant and flasher-type lights and replaces a straight V-type marquee. Centered, and eight feet above the marquee, is a lighted sign bearing the theatre's name. The race-way and letters of the sign are in constant-type lighting, with the front edge faced with flashers.

Rex Voeller, owner, said new eight-inch, three-dimensional letters of red plastic will be used in the changeable panel. The installation marks one more improvement to the down-town section of Nyssa, and Voeller is to be commended for doing his part.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sherwood and two sons from Minneapolis arrived in Nyssa Saturday and were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sherwood. Don is securing his Ph. D. from the University at Minneapolis this summer. He has accepted a position in Detroit, Michigan.

Nyssa Road Dist. In Jeopardy Unless 10-Mill Levy Voted at Fall Elections

Road District No. 2, comprising a local network of approximately 95 miles of county roads, stands in jeopardy unless Malheur county voters pass the 10-mill levy for road funds at the fall elections.

That is the warning sounded this week by Grant Rinehart, secretary of the road district, who stated further that if voters turn down the fund-creating levy that it could very easily be the death-knell to the \$3 million investment of the road district.

It requires between \$90 thousand and \$100 thousand annually to operate the district and to maintain its road system, according to Rinehart. Plans for 1953 call for the oiling of 10 miles, with a like mileage for each year thereafter. The district needs \$50 thousand additional revenue, Rinehart said, to make this possible. Of this amount, \$40 thousand are expected to come from the county tax fund and the remaining \$10 thousand from gas

Cleaver Wins Hot Rod Feature Race

Best qualifying time in the preliminaries, 20.84 seconds, was made by Herb Holton of Vale in the Wednesday night hot rod races, staged before a large crowd of rabid fans at the rodeo grounds.

Holton lost out in the trophy dash, however, to Jim Gerke, driver of car No. 0. A big kiss went along with the trophy, both of which were awarded by Jean Walker.

Allen Holbrook, driving car No. B-36 was winner of the first heat race. Second and third heat races were won by Don Hatch, driving car No. 222, and Gerke, respectively. Winner of the 20-lap event was Hatch.

Lloyd Cleaver, driving car No. 101-A, was winner of the feature race that saw track officials driving all the cars.

The Jalopy and hot-rod races are held each Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. at the rodeo grounds under sponsorship of the Owyhee Riding club.

Nyssa Pastor Back From Nebraska Trip

Th Rev. and Mrs. Austin J. Hollingsworth returned Thursday evening of last week from a month's vacation that took them to Nebraska and other midwestern points.

They visited in Sutherland and North Platte, Nebr., and in Lincoln, where they were guests of their daughter, Mrs. H. J. Carter and family, and their son, Wayne Lowe Hollingsworth. During their stay in Lincoln, a family reunion was held with another son, from Boston, Mass., attending the affair.

On their way home they went through Denver, Colo., and brought Mrs. Hollingsworth's sister, Mrs. Villa Newman, home for a two-week vacation.

Spud Bonanza Reported For Local Farmers As '52 Harvest Increases; Wheat Shipments Begin This Week

Woman Saved By Fire Department

Mrs. Huston Covington was revived late this afternoon by the Nyssa Fire department rescuer after she had been overcome with smoke from fire which broke out in her home. The department was called to 302 Bower avenue where fire had started in the back of aavenport from a defective extension cord.

According to Ralph Lawrence, Mrs. Covington had attempted to put out the fire with water from the kitchen and became asphyxiated. Neighbors seeing the smoke, turned in the alarm and carried Mrs. Covington and the burning material from the apartment. The fire was extinguished with a garden hose.

Mrs. Covington was revived within a few minutes when the department's special squad made use of the resuscitator.

Firemen Organize For New Training

A summer training program for the Nyssa Volunteer Fire department got underway Monday night when Elmer Cruse, Earl Purvis, Dick Tensen and Bob Wilson were named team captains.

The 25-man department is divided into four teams for complete training in all phases of fire prevention and fire fighting. The Nyssa department has gained wide-spread recognition for its efficiency, particularly from the standpoint of teamwork that has resulted from the continuous and intensive training sessions. Every man in the department is thoroughly trained to fill any job that must be done.

The Nyssa firemen are believed to be among the very few volunteer groups who receive no pay for either practice sessions or actual fires. The firemen recently voted down a proposal that they be paid from city funds.

Area Polio Epidemic Continues With Four New Cases; Well Controlled Treatment Given; No Nyssa Cases

Community Rallies To Purchase New Sterilizer

The Basque Ladies' Society of Ontario was Malheur county's first organization to respond to a plea for funds to purchase an autoclave for the Malheur Memorial hospital polio ward. The group notified Harold Henigson of Nyssa Wednesday that \$150 is available for a fund of approximately \$1500 needed for the sterilization machine.

Plans for the drive started Tuesday night at a meeting of the Malheur county chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Thursday morning Harold Henigson reported that definite and probable contributions amounted to \$700. Definitely committed are: Basque Ladies Society, \$150; Nyssa Eagles lodge, \$250; Dale Garrison, \$25; Arvel L. Child, \$25. After confirmation by board of directors, Nyssa Chamber, \$250.

The meeting was held at the hospital here with representatives present from the Vale, Ontario and Nyssa areas.

Clyde Snider, county chairman, made it clear that the drive for funds to purchase the autoclave has no connection with any fund drive sponsored by the NFIP or the March of Dimes. The new sterilizer is being purchased entirely with local funds and will be. Continued on Page 12

Nyssa Hospital Ward Rated As "One of Best"

Malheur county's polio cases were numbered as 15 Thursday morning, an increase of four over the number reported last Thursday morning.

The Malheur Memorial hospital has had a total of 11 admissions, of which one has been released and only one other classified as acute. Nine of the total admitted are convalescent. The Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario has two polio cases, one girl died in Ontario several days ago and one case is being treated at home, according to Ontario doctors.

The death of the 16-year-old Ontario girl early this month is definitely the only death from polio in Malheur county, health authorities stated.

The following is a complete list of patients admitted to the Malheur Memorial hospital, as taken from the hospital records:

June 30, boy, 8 years old, resident of Ontario; July 3, boy, 8, Ontario; July 7, girl, 8, Ontario; July 11, woman, 37, Payette; July 14, boy, 10, Parma; July 14, girl, 18, Payette; July 15, woman, 30, Parma; July 17, man, 32, Ontario; July 18, boy, 2, Ontario; July 19, boy, 5, Ontario; July 21, woman, 40, Ontario.

The five-year-old Ontario boy admitted Saturday is the only acute case. The 40-year-old Ontario woman admitted Monday has been released. All other patients are convalescent.

"Ideal" Polio Ward Because of the epidemic stage in this county and the fact that this hospital has what is described as an "ideal" polio ward as full-time physical therapist, Mrs. Marie Brown of Portland, has been sent here as a polio supervisor. Mrs. Brown, a registered nurse, is especially trained in caring for polio cases and has two nurses provided by the Red Cross serving in the polio ward and receiving training under her. Regular Malheur Memorial hospital staff nurses are also on duty. Continued on page 12

Raid Made Here On Illegal Club

Joining forces, the county sheriff's office and Nyssa police department conducted a raid on the premises at 801 Ehrhard avenue at 8 p. m., July 19, on a sheriff's warrant containing information that alcoholic liquor was being sold.

Deputy Sheriff Frank Elfering and Police Chief Orval Maze arrested Refugio Rodriguez on charges of knowingly permitting the sale of alcoholic liquor upon the premises.

Upon arraignment at 1 p. m. last Thursday in justice court, Rodriguez changed his plea of not guilty to that of guilty. He was fined \$400 and costs of \$4.50 and given a 60-day jail sentence.

Suspension of \$250 of the fine was granted by the court conditional on good behavior for one year. The court also suspended the jail sentence upon payment of \$154.50 of the total fine.

Rock Bed Slows Operations On New Owyhee Rd.

A new road into Owyhee reservoir, which will allow boatmen to launch their craft from a beach, has been virtually completed, it was announced this week by Bob Webster of Adrian. He stated that the road, of which eight miles was built from "scratch", is passable even with a car, but that it will have to be graded before it is suitable for regular traffic. Volunteers will be called upon to help remove large rocks when the road is bladed, but no definite date has been set.

Several weeks' delay in construction of the new road was encountered when volunteer crews hit a large amount of rock a few inches below the ground. At one time, equipment was able to build only 15 feet of road in two days because of the rock that had to be blasted out.

The new road is a project of the Nyssa Boat club and was planned by members who wanted a shorter route to the reservoir as well as an area from which boats can be launched without a boat lift. Long-range plans are also being made for a resort area on the slope of the hill extending down to the lake.

Members of the boat club were successful in creating wide-spread interest in the new road and in creating a large fund from contributions from organizations and individuals. Heavy road equipment has been used with rental fees based on actual cost of operation, while members of the club have provided manual labor.

The new road can be reached from the highway south of Adrian and the Succor creek road which extends southeast from the highway.

Hospital Auxiliary Meeting Is Monday

A special meeting of the Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary has been called for next Monday afternoon at the Parish hall, Mrs. Bernard Frost, the organization's president, announced. Several important matters of business will be discussed at the meeting Mrs. Frost said.

Hospital Receives Fresh Canned Fruit

Malheur Memorial Hospital received 100 quarts of home canned apricots following a canning bee by five members of the hospital auxiliary. The apricots were donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Reffett of Sunset valley and were picked by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Newgen.

Canning fruit Thursday were Mrs. Fred Guthrie, Mrs. Bert Lienkaemper, Mrs. Lloyd Tobler, Mrs. Bernard Frost and Mrs. Leonard Newgen.

Grangers Invite Chamber to Picnic

All members of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce are invited that they are to be guests of the Oregon Trail Grange at their annual picnic to be held Sunday in the Nyssa city park. Frank Sherwood told the Chamber Wednesday noon that all members are urged to attend and to bring "only their appetites."