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Idaho Newsmen Dies In Auto Mishap Sunday

Ray N. Alters, New Plymouth newspaperman and father of the publisher of the Gate City Journal, passed away at the Holy Rosary hospital at Ontario last Sunday evening, three and one-half hours following a two car collision on the Idaho side. Mrs. Alters was confined to the Ontario hospital as well as her brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lockhart, of Sacramento, California. Their injuries were reported as not serious. Occupants of the other car involved in the accident, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Jensen and two children, of Emmett were not seriously injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart were on their honeymoon, having recently been married in California. They were visiting at the Alters home at New Plymouth. All four had been at Nyssa visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Duane Alters and were returning to New Plymouth at the time of the two car collision.

The accident occurred at a county road intersection about three and one-half miles west of New Plymouth. The impact of the two automobiles resulted in the Alters car being overturned twice.

The ambulance of the Shaffer Memory chapel at Payette took the injured to the Ontario hospital, where Mr. Alters passed away.

Ray N. Alters was born July 21, 1890. He was married to Ethel Lockhart at Grand Island, Nebraska in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Alters came to Idaho in 1925 and engaged in newspaper work in Weiser for a number of years. Later, in 1935 he moved to Payette where he published the Payette Independent for a year and later was foreman for the Independent-Enterprise for several years. He re-opened the Idaho City Mountaineer at Idaho City which he with his son, Duane, published until 1945. In 1946 he returned to Weiser and was employed by the Weiser American for several years. In December of 1946 Mr. Alters and Duane purchased the New Plymouth Sentinel which they operated until approximately one year ago.

Deceased was a member of the Weiser IOOF Lodge.

Ray Alters is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ethel Alters, of New Plymouth and one son, Duane Alters, of Nyssa; three brothers, Chalmers Alters, of Sheffield, Ill., Chester O., of Los Angeles and Roscoe Alters, of Pasadena, California, and one sister, Mrs. Coe Robbins of Belle Plaine, Kansas and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 2 p. m. at the Shaffer Memory Chapel at Payette with Rev. John Lowery, of the New Plymouth Congregational church in charge. Interment will be at Riverside cemetery, Payette, with graveside rites by the Weiser IOOF Lodge.

Yellow Fever of Cattle Confined To Open Range

Concern over the persistent rumors of there being a serious epidemic of fever among cattle of this area are unfounded. It was stated Wednesday by James Yost, brand inspector.

Yost admitted, though, that there is an ailment that is prevalent among cattle at this time of year that is taking a considerable toll. This is known to veterinarians as "animal plague," or yellow fever.

Yellow fever is carried by horseflies, mosquitoes and other blood-sucking insects. It gets its name from the yellowed skin of the afflicted cow.

The fever is common to the open range of Harper, Jordan Valley, Harney and other places. Very few cases of it have been reported off the range, Yost stated. The fever usually subsides with the coming of cool weather.

Yellow fever is making inroads on cattle in Malheur county apparently in the Sunset Valley area according to information received from there this week. Charles Schweizer, well known resident of the section, reports following a trip into the hills last week-end that the fever is taking its toll. He reports that in excess of one hundred and fifty head have fallen victims to the disease.

Tentative Dates Set For TB X-ray Unit

Dr. L. A. Maulding, county health officer of Nyssa, was among those attending a special meeting of the Malheur County Tuberculosis and Health association Tuesday night at Ontario.

Other health officials attending were Edna Farris, county nurse; Dr. Francis Rierison, state director of health; Portland, Miss Ruth Peffley, nursing consultant, Portland, and Dr. Ruth Scott, director on the state board of health.

It was decided to set the date of October 11 to November 14 for the appearance of the T. B. X-ray unit in Malheur county.

Exact locations and dates will be announced later after community meetings are held, the group decided.

Journal Office Closed For Ray Alters Funeral

The office of the Nyssa Gate City Journal will be closed from 1 p. m. Friday, Aug. 23, to allow employees to attend the funeral of Ray N. Alters, father of the publisher, Duane R. Alters. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. at Shaffer Memory chapel, Payette. The Rev. John Lowery, of New Plymouth Congregational church, will officiate. Burial will be at Riverside cemetery, Payette, with graveside rites under direction of the Weiser IOOF lodge.

Gift of Building To Boy Scouts; Now Need Lot

Boy Scout troop No. 19 has the promise of a new home, if...

And here is the situation: Mrs. Weldon Ferguson, of Walla Walla, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. Norcott, former residents of Nyssa, has offered to donate to the Boy Scout troop a building from the estate of her parents.

The offer is contingent, however, on the troop's ability to remove the building from its present location just north of the Shell service station on Second street.

Roy Hoff, scout master, says the troop is financially able to do the moving job—but, "where will we put it?" he asks.

The troop is in need of a lot, and is hopeful of a second benefactor making himself known in the near future. The city, Hoff stated, is desirous of having the structure removed from the area since it constitutes a fire hazard as defined in the zoning regulations of the fire district.

At one time the building was used by Aubrey Fletcher as a law office. Later, it was the home of Mrs. Willie Flannery. If taken over by the scouts, the property, building and lot, would be tax free and would be made available to the Boy Scout troops and Girl Scout units, Hoff said, as a meeting place.

Remodeling of the building would provide several merit badge projects for the members of troop 19, which is sponsored by Nyssa Lions club.

MRS. BEERS RETURNS FROM VANCOUVER, W.N.

Mrs. David Beers, Nyssa, recently returned to her home from a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Merrill (Davis) Firestone, of Vancouver, Wash. Purpose of her visit was to care for her month-old twin grandsons.

Upon her return Mrs. Beers entertained out-of-state guests. Among these were the Kett brothers and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Beers and son, Donald, all of Sausalito, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell, of Richland, Wash.

Nyssa Building On The Upgrade

Building in the City of Nyssa is on the upgrade according to the records of city recording clerk, Mrs. Hilda Tensen. Building permits for August to date total \$23,900 as compared to \$17,600 for the same month of last year. Building permits for the year 1952 up to August 1 totaled \$50,925. Building permits for the month of July this year totaled \$9,400.

Largest permit issued for August was for the new telephone building at the corner of Bower and Second street for \$21,000. The building is to be concrete block construction. Other permits issued during August include: C. K. Olson, 707 King street, new cinder block garage, \$1200. Mrs. Fale Duffin, Block 4 Teutich Addition, small frame building, \$500. Hilda M. Leavitt, Park Addition, remodeling \$200.

Spud Shipments Drop; Incoming Freight Increases

Nyssa rail shipments for the week dropped almost 50 percent over those of the previous week, according to figures released by Tom Jones, freight agent.

His report showed that 109 cars of potatoes left here during the week as compared to 161 the week before. The week's shipments included six cars of wheat and two of onions.

To date, 1,807 cars of spuds have been shipped for the season and 1,849 cars for the calendar year. Jones said that in spite of the sudden slow-down there is every likelihood that the all-time high for spud shipments from Nyssa would be cracked. It will take but 182 more cars to do so, he said.

Thursday morning shipments took a little spurt, lending veracity to his prediction of the greatest shipping year on record.

Incoming shipments were heavy during the past week, according to Jones. These consisted mainly of seasonal items, such as coal, linseed oil, sugar beans, etc., for the sugar factory and tin cans for the cannery, totaling 92 cars.



THAT'S A CHECK for \$2,739.65 John O'Toole, right, manager of Malheur Memorial hospital, is handing to Phil Moll, left, manager of Shaw Surgical Co., of Boise. Clyde Snider is a witness to the transaction, which is in payment of the recent purchase of the autoclave (sterilizer) shown in the picture, and a whirlpool bath now in use at the hospital for treatment of polio. Funds for the equipment were raised by popular subscription among Nyssa organizations and business firms. Hal Henigson headed the drive.—Yost photo.

Polio Epidemic Subsides; Health Officials Warn Against Flare-up

It appeared Wednesday that Nyssa and the county might soon be free of the polio epidemic stage with no new cases being reported since the admission of the Kirby child of Baker, to Malheur Memorial hospital on August 14. The child succumbed to the disease on August 18, making the second polio victim for the local hospital.

Dr. L. A. Maulding, county health doctor, warned, however, that now is no time to relax vigilance against the dread disease.

He stated that there must be a period of six weeks elapsing without the reporting of a new case before the epidemic can safely be declared to be ended. There is still a good possibility of epidemic period being extended, he said.

Health officials have been puzzled by the trend of this epidemic this year. Dr. Maulding said, pointing out that normally its peak does not come until late August or September. This year it appears that the peak will have been reached in July, he pointed out, thus upsetting the usual pattern.

For the statistics, there have been 18 confirmed cases of polio, according to Dr. Maulding. Except for the

Tobler's Announce New Business Policy

Tobler's Feed and Fuel this week announced a new business policy which unquestionably will result in material savings to their many customers throughout the Nyssa area. Due to many credit losses and the constant increase in the cost of materials and operations, the firm has found it necessary to convert their business activities to a cash basis effective on September 1. However those who do not care to adopt the strictly cash basis the firm will issue coupon books which will entitle customers to a two per cent cash discount.

In addition Tobler's have found it necessary to change the normal operation by the discontinue of routes, inasmuch as it would be impossible to operate the routes on a strictly cash basis. Other services normally offered by the firm however will be continued.

Catches 21 Trout, Law Takes 'Em

Having too many fish in his creel was looked upon with disfavor by State Police Officer Raymond Brown, who arrested Harold R. Newman, of Adrian, at 8:25 p. m. Saturday on a charge of exceeding the bag limit on trout.

The arrest took place at mile post 295 on the Idaho-Oregon cut-off highway. Twenty-one trout were confiscated by Officer Brown and presented in Judge Don Graham's justice court Monday as evidence.

Newman was fined \$25 and costs of \$4.50. He picked up his creel Wednesday morning—empty.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jones and daughter of LeRoyville, Ore. were over the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elzi Purvis.

Be Sure You Contact Gate City Journal for Photos

It has been brought to the attention of the Gate City Journal that a few news stories, announcements and pictures have failed to appear in this newspaper when reported to an individual or individuals erroneously identified with the Journal.

The public is reminded that Duane R. Alters, editor and publisher, Dick Yost, advertising manager and reporter, and Pat House, society reporter, are the official representatives, in addition to the rural correspondents whose names appear at the heading of community news columns. When information regarding news is sought by telephone, the person calling always identifies himself or herself as calling for the Gate City Journal.

Yost, a professional photographer, is on duty to take pictures for both advertising and for news. However, the choice of subjects and selections of pictures for news publication is determined entirely by the Journal staff.

The Journal regrets the omission of news and pictures resulting from misrepresentation, and every effort will be made to prevent future discrepancies.

Change of Name, Increase of Capital Stock Announced By Ontario Bank

Two important changes were made at the State Bank of Malheur county as a result of action taken by the stockholders and board of directors of the bank, it was announced this week.

By a unanimous vote, and with the approval of A. A. Rogers, superintendent of the banks of the State of Oregon, the stockholders officially changed the name of the bank from State Bank of Malheur County to First Ontario Bank, and increased the capital from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Following the action, the bank's new capital structure is as follows: capital, \$75,000; surplus, \$35,000; undivided profits, \$22,000.

The changes were announced by J. W. Leslie, vice president, who reported that the increase in capital and adoption of the new name were part of the bank's expansion program.

Leslie said that the change in name to First Ontario Bank is effective immediately. Commenting on the capital in-

Cooler Days, Nights Harbinger of Fall

Definitely sliding down the temperature scale, proof of Nyssa's cooling weather was posted this week with an average of 87.4 degrees.

Hottest day was Aug. 21, when the mercury reached 91. Since that day the glass reading has dropped an even 15 degrees, registered both on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

More noticeable, however, has been the decided change in night temperatures, the lowest being for Aug. 21 when the mercury skidded to 49. Wednesday night was but three degrees warmer at 52.

Daily temperature recordings are:

	Max.	Min.
Aug. 21	95	49
Aug. 22	92	56
Aug. 23	90	62
Aug. 24	94	54
Aug. 25	81	58
Aug. 26	80	54
Aug. 27	80	52

Lynnette Hickman Cow Is Champion Of County Fair

Lynnette Hickman, Nyssa high school junior, won honors Wednesday at the Malheur county fair when she received senior champion female Hereford award for her cow.

As a result of judging of garden clubs Wednesday afternoon, the A. N. K. Garden club of Nyssa was awarded the blue ribbon for garden clubs. The Ontario Garden club won second place and Vale Garden club third.

Blue ribbon winners for Grange and Farm Bureau Center exhibits went to Boulevard and Willow Creek granges, the red ribbon to Harper grange and white ribbons to Ontario Heights and Vale granges and Adrian Farm Bureau center.

The annual fat stock auction sale of the junior division, including 4-H and FFA clubs, is scheduled for 7 p. m. Friday.

Opening day attendance was good, fair officials reported.

OREGON TRAIL GRANGE HEARS TOM JONES

Tom Jones gave a report on the new proposed trucking bill that is to appear on the November ballot before the Oregon Trail grange at its recent meeting. He also gave a talk on the hoof and mouth disease.

Betty Ann Boenig told of her experiences while attending the 4-H club summer school at Corvallis. A watermelon feed concluded the meeting.

Who Power Rate Increase Hearing Brings No Protests; Seeking 15%

Peace and harmony reigned at the public rate adjustment hearing of the Idaho Power Co., conducted by the Oregon public utilities commissioner at Ontario Tuesday, according to Bernard Frost, division manager for the company.

David Don, chief engineer; J. L. Kennedy, chief accountant, and Sam Maerz, assistant engineer, all of the staff of the Oregon public utilities commissioner, conducted the hearing.

The hearing was for the purpose of giving consideration to the company's upward rate adjustment of approximately 13 percent, Frost said. He said further that this is the first time in 36 years that the company has made application for a rate increase.

Frost said the rate adjustment would apply to all the company's general service rates, except for street lighting and irrigation pumping.

The company's reason for seeking the increase, according to Frost, are predicated on three economic factors: (1) the increase of wages 106 percent since 1940, (2) an increase of 230 percent in taxes during the same period, and (3) a sharp rise of as much as 280 percent in the cost of materials.

If granted, Frost said the rate increase would make available to the

Idaho Power Co. less than a half of the expected revenue derived from the higher rates, more than half of that amount going for taxes.

It was pointed out by Frost that the company's domestic rate is now 42 percent below the national average. With the rate increase asked, the company would still be operating 31 percent below the national average for household purposes, he stated.

A similar hearing has been held in Idaho. The hearings were for the purpose of giving the commissions needed data for determining validity of the application for rate increases. The commissions' decisions are expected to be handed down in about 30 days.

Charge Against Marion Ditty Ordered Dismissed

Suppression of prostitution in Malheur county gained impetus this week with the raids of two houses in Ontario last Friday night. Ten women were arrested and taken to the county jail at Vale. Two were charged with being "madams" and eight were charged with vagrancy, according to District Attorney Charles Swan.

A clean-up of a reportedly similar condition in Nyssa was started some time ago. The prosecution of Marion Rena Ditty on a charge of operating a bawdy house took a set-back this week when Justice of the Peace Don Graham ordered the dismissal of the action against her.

According to Graham, the Ditty woman was charged with the operation of a bawdy house. This fact was disproved when counsel for the accused woman produced a lease which indicated that she was the owner of the Rainbow Motel, but had leased the premises on April 5 to Norma McMillan, who is charged with vagrancy. This evidence was adduced at a hearing in Justice of the Peace Graham's court on August 19 and he issued the dismissal order on August 22. Further evidence in this particular action may be uncovered by the grand jury investigation which is now in progress in Vale.

A motion to suppress evidence in the case was introduced in Graham's court on August 14, but as yet a decision has not as yet been rendered. The charges of vagrancy directed at Norma McMillan, Susan Walker and Ann Reed have not as yet been up for hearing in the justice court.

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Nyssans Attend Homedale Meet

Representatives of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the U. S. 30 South Highway association, held last Friday at Homedale, were Elmer Crumson, president; Tom Jones, secretary; Ormond Thomas, chairman, highways committee, and Dick Yost.

Other Chambers of Commerce, representing towns along the route of the proposed thoroughfare, had delegates at the meeting, which was held under sponsorship of the Homedale Chamber.

Purpose of the meeting was to whip up enthusiasm for the highway, which is proposed by the association to be built from Buhl to Homedale, with the Homedale end to connect with Nyssa, Adrian and Vale points west and north in Oregon and Idaho.

Action was taken at the Homedale session to petition the Idaho state highway commission to designate the proposed highway as a primary U. S. highway at the commission's next meeting in September.

Other meetings will be called at future dates along the route.

Sept. 4 Announced as Calif Selection Day By Committee

Sept. 4 will be "Holstein Calf Selection Day" at the state fair in Salem, announces Cal Monroe, state 4-H agent at Oregon State college.

Top quality registered Holstein-Friesian heifer calves have been chosen throughout the state by members of the Oregon State Holstein association. These animals will be on display at the fair dairy barn from Sept. 1 until noon of September 4.

An impartial judge will study the animals and their pedigrees, and then set prices on them ranging from \$150 to \$300. All 4-H and FFA members and veterans who are eligible to buy will draw numbers to determine the order of selection.

To be eligible to buy one of these foundation heifers, the boy or girl must not own more than one registered Holstein female, must be able to use a female and her future offspring to good advantage and must have registered for the event in advance.

Upon its completion within a month, work will be started by the highway department on the construction of a permanent bridge with steel pilings on the location of the present span. This is expected to be completed by the middle of December, according to Henigson who conferred personally with Gov. McKay and State Highway Commissioner Baldock on the matter.

Beet haulers will not be affected, it was pointed out, as the temporary span will be strong enough for the heaviest load.