

## Nyssa Chamber Passes Resolution Opposing Telephone Rate Increase On Protest of Financing Methods

Nyssa Chamber of Commerce went on record Wednesday noon opposing a rate increase which has been asked by the Malheur Home Telephone Co. through the public utilities commission. It was emphasized by Chamber officials that the opposition is based on the method used by the telephone company to finance its capital investment by issuance of stock in the company, which it is claimed requires an 8 percent annual dividend, instead of by financing such improvements with bonded indebtedness. It was asserted that such bonded indebtedness would result in a considerable savings to the company.

Harold Henigson, city attorney for Nyssa which earlier opposed the increase, explained that the Malheur Home Telephone Co. is principally controlled by the Mountain States Telephone Co. which owns a majority of its corporate stock and funds borrowed from the parent organization are paid back with stock in the Malheur Telephone Co.

According to information available, Henigson said, the public utilities commission suggested that the telephone company assume a 40 percent bonded indebtedness by issuing treasury stock to finance capital improvements instead of financing the borrowing from the Mountain States. By this method, the interest paid on bonds would be a legitimate income tax deduction, while earnings paid as dividends on capital stock issued to the Mountain States cannot be deducted, it was explained.

Henigson said that financial reports have not been made available, although such reports have been requested from the Mountain States headquarters in Denver.

Gene Grasty, Nyssa manager of the Malheur Home Telephone Co. said the capital investment in Malheur county is approximately \$1,000,000. Henigson stated that although depreciation is taken each year on the basis of this investment, the amount has not been used for capital improvements, but is placed in the general fund.

Another protest brought out in discussion at the Chamber meeting, but not specified in the official report of the organization, is that previous information had indicated that toll charges between the three towns in the county would be eliminated when dial systems are installed. Further information is that toll charges now cost the company one and one-half cents more than the revenue, Henigson said.

Grasty pointed out that even though cost for toll calls to the company is now greater than the revenue, an additional investment of approximately \$50,000 would be necessary for cable. In addition to that, the increased calls to other towns would be terrific, if there were no tolls, thus increasing the company's expense, Grasty said.

Henigson said that the Malheur (Continued on Page 16)

## Journal Staffer Speaks At Adrian

Dick Yost, member of the Gate City Journal staff, will speak to the Adrian high school sociology class at 12:45 p. m. Friday. He has been invited by the class to discuss charitable organizations and the functions of the Community Chest and the United Fund Drive.

While in Tacoma, Wash., Yost was secretary of the board for five years of a Chest agency, the Tacoma Rescue Mission, and was for 18 months public relations director of another social welfare agency, the Tacoma Goodwill Industries.

Just prior to coming to Nyssa last July, Yost was appointed publicity director for the newly-incorporated United Fund Drive of Tacoma, but chose to return to newspaper work instead.

## Henneman Hdwe. Stock Goes on Sale; Bracken's Will Occupy Building

In a move to expand his fast-growing dry goods and wearing apparel business, Fred Bracken this week announced that the entire stock of Henneman Hardware Co., which he bought early in September, will go on sale this week at drastically reduced prices.

The complete stock of Henneman Hardware Co., Bracken said, "has been placed in the hands of the E. A. Crockett & Co., liquidators of Seattle, with instructions to close it out completely."

A representative of the liquidating company, in Nyssa this week to conduct the sales promotion personally, said the sale would commence at 10 a. m. Friday and would continue until the last piece of merchandise is sold.

Announcement of the purchase of the hardware stock and building was made in the Gate City Journal Sept. 11. The sale is being conducted to empty the building so that it can be occupied by Bracken's Department Store in an expansion move.

Following an extensive remodeling program, the new store is scheduled to open early in January.

Incomplete returns on the Boy Scout fund drive for the Idaho-Oregon Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, conducted Oct. 15, reveal that \$691.60 were raised in Nyssa, in a statement made Wednesday by Mel Beck, local drive chairman.

A full report on the area drive has not been made available to the Journal. Goal for the drive was \$40,000.

## Firemen Routed Out Twice In Early Hours

Nyssa firemen were routed out twice during the early hours of Thursday to combat two rural fires, both starting in hay stacks.

First alarm was sounded at 3 a. m. sending fire equipment on a 15-mile run to the A. R. Roberts and Norman Hipp ranch in the Owyhee district. Eight tons of hay burned to the ground, but firemen succeeded in saving adjacent buildings. Cause of the fire was thought to be a faulty electric fence control.

Three hours later firemen were routed out again on a call to the George Huss ranch, six miles out on Imperial avenue. Sixty tons of baled hay were destroyed by the flames set, it is believed, by an electric fence after the hay pile toppled onto it. One out-building was partially destroyed also.

## 3 Speakers Listed For Toastmasters

Five-minute speakers at the Friday-morning meeting of Nyssa Toastmasters club will be Cliff Main, Bill Wahlert and Dick Yost, each speaking on a subject of his own choice.

Introductions will be made by Ken Renstrom, toastmaster, and their efforts criticized and evaluated by Gus Liming. Mistaken use of grammar will be pointed out by Tom Jones.

The table topic, on which all present will comment, will be presented by Cliff Mink, topicmaster.

## Eight-Day Period Sees No Polio Admissions to Hospital; No Patients In Isolation; 16 Convalescing

No admission of polio victims to the Malheur Memorial hospital since Wednesday of last week, no patients in isolation and only 16 remaining in convalescence, indicated this week that this area's polio epidemic is subsiding. John O'Toole, manager of the hospital, stated that extreme optimism is not evident, however, and "We all have our fingers crossed, hoping the epidemic will soon be over, but anything can happen on very short notice."

The last patient to be admitted for polio treatment was two-year-

old Robert "Joe" Gowey of Adrian, who was the 78th to be admitted during the current epidemic, and his condition is reported to be good. Several of the 16 remaining patients are expected to be released Saturday, O'Toole stated.

The eight-day interval with no admissions is the longest period of time with no new cases since the epidemic started the forepart of July, the hospital manager said. Polio hit first in Ontario where three children afflicted there were hospitalized at Nyssa where special attention is given to such diseases. Other cases came in from outlying areas and from adjoining counties, including Payette county in Idaho. In September the epidemic moved to Vale and during the past few weeks several Nyssa area youngsters and adults have been admitted here for treatment.

During the epidemic, special nurses have been imported to assist the local staff and it has been necessary to ship iron lungs from Portland to take care of many of the cases. During this time, hospital personnel have disregarded "hours of work" and remained on duty to take care of the patients under treatment.

## Solicitation for Oregon Chest to Start on Monday

Next Monday has been set as opening day for the 1952-53 Red Feather, Oregon chest drive in Malheur county, according to co-chairmen Bernard H. Rader and J. W. Leslie, both of Ontario.

The county goal has been set at \$5600 and the Nyssa area quota is \$1200 with plans to complete the drives in the three communities within ten days.

Funds collected will be used for Oregon's child welfare agencies supported by this united fund, and for the USO serving men in the armed forces. The co-chairmen stated that during 1951 a total of 13 Malheur county children received a total of 3,669 days of care from the child welfare agencies and there are now more than 25,000 Oregon men in the armed forces.

The campaign plan will combine personal and mail solicitation and volunteer workers are sought for each community. Volunteers are asked to get in touch with the local chairman for each community who will assign them campaign duties.

As of Thursday morning, no chairman had been chosen for Nyssa, according to information received from Ontario. In Ontario, men heading the drive are L. P. Patrick, Hap Logue and Don Lynch. Vale's chairman is Charles W. Crittenden; Jordan Valley, Domingo Yturri, and Juntura, F. G. Gurney.

## JOE'S DAUGHTERS TO SERVE MERCHANTS' LUNCH

Nyssa Joe's Daughters will serve a merchants' lunch Saturday from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. at the Masonic hall, it was announced by Miss Doris Rigney, honored queen. Under supervision of the guardian council, the project has met with excellent response in the past and provides funds for the Joe's Daughters' activities.

## Holmes Renamed Grange Master

Robert Holmes was elected master of the Oregon Trail Grange to succeed himself Thursday evening at a regular meeting and annual election of officers for the organization.

Other officers named by the Grangers are Frank Sherwood, overseer; Frank Parr, lecturer; George Cleaver, steward; Garrit Stam, assistant steward; Mrs. Alice Holmes, chaplain; Lloyd Adams, treasurer; Fern Runicorn, secretary; Nelson Herrman, gate keeper; Mrs. George Cleaver, Pomona; Mrs. Frank Parr, Arles; Mrs. Fern Runicorn, Florida; Mrs. Wilson Winter, musician, and Tom Jones, LeRoy Herrman and Alva Goodell, executive committee.

During the entire meeting the charter was draped in memory of the late Mrs. E. L. Jamieson.

During the business meeting Loyd Adams told of meeting with the public utilities commission at its hearing on the requested telephone rate increase and Mrs. Alva Goodell, newly elected home economics chairman, told of plans for a card party to be held Dec. 9.

Leona Winter told of plans for booster night scheduled for Dec. 4 with potluck dinner. The event is in connection with 4-H achievement night.

Frank Sherwood reported on a mysterious cattle disease thought to be caused by cattle licking grease and oil from tractors and other farm machinery. George Cleaver reported on a PMA school which he attended at Ontario and announced that hand books will soon be available.

Garrit Stam told of a speech given by Sen. Cooley who cited the profit made by the government on buying surplus commodities, and explained a new law on welfare work.

## Light Showers Bring End to Long Dry Spell

Nyssa's long dry spell was broken Wednesday by a "trace" of rain that was measured at .17 of an inch, most of which fell in light showers during the early evening hours.

Temperatures for the past week, Thursday through Wednesday, held steady with but eight degree variation between the high of 66 on Saturday and the low of 48 Sunday. Mean average was 52.5.

Sunday night's thermometer reading was the lowest for the fall at 15 degrees, the highest being 34 Wednesday.

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Nov. 6	53	25	
Nov. 7	54	20	
Nov. 8	56	29	
Nov. 9	46	18	
Nov. 10	51	18	
Nov. 11	52	19	Trace
Nov. 12	53	26	.17

## Launch Campaign for More Readers Bicycles and Cash Await Boys, Girls Who Work In Subscription Campaign



With a list of prizes attractive to all boys and girls—young and old—The Nyssa Gate City Journal today announces a three-week drive and will start Saturday of this week, November 15th and ends Saturday, December 6th. Many local boys and girls will find circulation building campaign a source of education, pleasure and financial gain.

## Nyssa P.T.A. Sets Harvest Party

Plans have been made by the Nyssa Parent-Teachers association for a harvest party to be held Nov. 20, 8 p. m., at the high school gymnasium. A short program and games are planned for the evening of family fun.

Admission to the funfest will be food, according to co-chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rinehart, such as pies, cakes, frozen foods from lockers, or such farm produce as 25 pounds of potatoes or onions, eggs, chickens, butter and other dairy products. Anyone without food for admission will be fined, they further stated.

A small charge to participate in various games will be made with food donations as prizes. Unusual ways of bidding on food will complete the evening.

All proceeds will go to the P.T.A. fund to promote other activities for the remainder of the year.

## 2,352 X-Rays In Nyssa During 12 Day's Visit Here

There were 2,352 people x-rayed in Nyssa during the 12 days the portable and mobile x-ray units were operating here, County Health Nurse Edna Faris announced Wednesday. The county total is 7,089 at the present time and a report from Ontario's portable unit Nov. 8 is still to come in, Miss Faris said. In the entire county only 178 "retakes" were necessary and 34 failed to appear for a retake.

The largest number to appear in any one day was Oct. 17, the first day of the campaign when the portable unit x-rayed 348 people at Henneman Hardware. During the four-day period there a total of 867 were x-rayed.

During the eight days the mobile unit was in Nyssa, a total of 1,485 persons were x-rayed and the largest number was Oct. 28 when 286 students and school employees were processed at Nyssa high school. Oct. 31 there were 225 x-ray pictures taken by the mobile unit at the Amalgamated Sugar Co.

The other six days, the mobile unit was on Nyssa's Main street. The first day on Main was Oct. 25 when 228 persons were x-rayed. On Oct. 29 and 30, 206 x-rays were taken each day and on Nov. 5 and 6, 111 were x-rayed each day. The last day the mobile unit was in Nyssa was last Friday when 112 persons appeared and were x-rayed.

## Nyssans Give \$308 in Salvation Army Drive

Nyssa's total contribution to the recent Salvation Army fund drive was \$308 according to figures released this week in the Ontario Argus-Observer.

Total amount raised in the Malheur county fund drive was \$1,200 by Maj. R. P. Stevens was \$2188. Of this sum, 20 percent or \$437.60 will be kept in the county for emergency welfare use here, 25 percent of which has been allocated to Nyssa and the south part of the county.

## National Education Week Observed; Displays in Many Business Windows

All departments of the local school system were open for inspection Thursday evening when the Parent-Teachers association in cooperation with the Nyssa Education association held the annual school visitation night.

Daily radio programs followed the national theme, "The Child and His World." Monday's speaker was Mrs. Frank Skeen, P.T.A. president, who spoke on "The Child and His Home," with the sixth grade singing under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Nolen. Tuesday Clyde Snider spoke on "The Child and His Heritage," with a musical number by the junior high chorus, directed by Patricia Kinter.

"The Child and His Country" was the theme of the talk by Legion Commander Dale Bingham, on Thursday. Music was a choral selection by a group of third graders trained by Miss Eva Boydell and Mrs. Veta Frisner.

Friday, Tom Jones spoke on "The Child and His Opportunity."

Displays of educational materials were featured during the week in the windows of local business firms. The elementary school window at the Idaho Power Co. office was arranged by a committee including Miss Anna Bauman, Mrs. Eva Chadwick, Miss Viola Fothergill, Miss Emma Zwenke, Miss Virginia Voigt, Mrs. Tressie King and Mrs. Rosanelle Copeland.

## Chet, Joe Corfield Lose Lives When Owyhee Bridge Collapses; Coroner's Jury Fails to Pin Blame



STATE POLICE OFFICER G. T. MAGEE, seated in the bow of the rowboat in the above photograph, is being rowed to the middle of Owyhee river where he made unsuccessful attempts to recover the bodies of Joe and Chet Corfield, victims of a bridge collapse last Friday.—Photo by Dick Yost.

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Two brothers, employed by the state highway department, met death late last Friday when the bridge over the Owyhee river collapsed while being repaired and carried them into the water below, pinning them beneath the wreckage.

The dead were Chester E. Corfield, 35, who lived near the Owyhee Junction, and Harold Lee (Joe) Corfield, 29, of Nyssa.

Three other workmen narrowly missed the same fate when they were thrown into the river by the buckling bridge, but managed to clear themselves and swim to shore.

These were John Westfall, Burns, foreman; Ralph Boyd of Union and Clyde Pollard of LaGrande.

With some disagreement as to the time of the accident, it is generally believed to have occurred shortly after 4 p. m., just a few minutes before the 4:30 quitting hour.

State Police Take Charge

Within minutes state police were on hand to direct the heavy influx of cars attracted by reports of the accident and to help in the recovery of the bodies of the two victims.

One state police officer, G. T. Magee, stripped to his shorts and dived repeatedly into the murky, cold waters near one of the upended sections but was unable to locate the bodies.

With darkness, all work seems to have halted until portable power plants were set up at 7 p. m. by the power company. This lighting was augmented later when the power line was tapped and lights strung across (Continued on Page 10)

## No Losers In Campaign

There will be no losers, as the number of candidates is limited and each active candidate is guaranteed one of the major prizes of latest model bicycles or a liberal cash commission.

This campaign will not start until Saturday, November 15th, and no candidates will be allowed to start until that time. However, any boy or girl interested in being one of the workers in the campaign should call at the Journal office as soon as possible.

Under the campaign rules each entry may get one subscription before Saturday, but that is all. Any candidate who gets promises, or does any advance work on the campaign before Saturday (except getting the one subscription allowed by the rules) will be barred from the campaign. This rule is made in fairness to all candidates and it will be strictly enforced.

On another page of today's paper is a large advertisement telling all about this campaign. It shows what the prizes are; how the prizes will be awarded; number of votes given for each subscription and other details.

Enter Now! Your name immediately by filling in the nomination coupon and bringing or mailing it to the Journal office. If you are one of those to become active and work throughout the short campaign, you are sure of one of the prizes or commissions.

Do this now—you know there will be only as many candidates allowed to enter this campaign as there are prizes and commissions. Act at once, for we do not want you to blame us if you put off sending in your nomination until after the campaign is under way.

In the large campaign advertisement is also a nomination or entry coupon. If you are interested in being in the campaign see that your nomination coupon reaches the Journal office in Nyssa, immediately. The campaign will not start until Saturday and no one will be allowed (Continued on Page 10)

## TB Bonds, Seals To Go On Sale

Health bonds, in \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$25 denominations went on sale in Nyssa this week among business firms in a campaign predated the annual Christmas Seal drive of the Malheur County Tuberculosis and Health association, which starts next Monday.

Gene Stanley has been appointed by Walter McPartland, president of the county TB association, to head the Health Bond drive.

McPartland said Wednesday that the mailing of the regular \$2 sheets of Christmas Seals would be made Monday. This mailing will be made from the TB association's Ontario office by Basil Osborne, executive secretary.

Those receiving the seals are urged to make prompt payment for them.

## Visual Education Materials Displayed in Window of Gate City Journal by Soren Cox

Safety education was the theme in the window of Powell Service, where safety education materials were provided by Dale Overstake, driving instructor, and arranged by Meline Findling, June Coleman and Harriet Brumbach.