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State Highway Commission Changes Fund's Plan for Street Improvements; Local Project to Continue This Spring

A change in Oregon State Highway commission policies regarding the allotment of state funds for city street improvements, will result in some delay in the completion of Nyssa's current street project, City Manager Robert Applegate announced this week.

Scouts, Cubs See Jet Planes, Fire Fighting Saturday

Three Nyssa Boy Scouts from troop 419 and ten Cub Scouts were given the title of "Jet Aces" and helped make up a group of 183 Scouts from this area who attended a monthly open house at Mountain Home airbase last Saturday. Each boy was being rewarded for getting a new member for the Scouts or Cubs.

They were accompanied to the airbase by Harold "Dusty" Rhodes, Cubmaster Harry Nakishima and Dale Bingman, who furnished cars. The boys had lunch in the officers' mess and were treated to an exciting demonstration of the fire fighting technique of the Air Force. An old plane was set afire and the fire fighters demonstrated a realistic rescue of the pilot, going into the blazing plane with their special equipment before putting out the fire.

Scouts making the trip were Dick Thomas, Forrest Hoffman and Lloyd Cartwright. Cubs attending from Nyssa were Dale Lankford, Butch Bingman, Dick McPartland, Max Long, David Walker, Walter Cannon, Barry Chesnut, David Pound, Dale Lawrence and Skipper Nakishima. Harlan Sager and Ricky Richards also brought in new Cub Scout members, but were unable to make the trip because of illness.

2,681 Children Get Audiometer Tests In County

The Nyssa grade school and junior high, six Ontario schools, Jefferson and Annex were ten Malheur county schools where 2,681 children were given audiometer tests by two audiometrists from the Oregon State Board of Health from Oct. 26 to Nov. 3, 1953. Public Health Nurse Edna Farris announced. High school students were taken only through teacher nurse referrals.

This completes a three-year program which began with a mass test of children in Vale and schools north and west in 1951 and in the Adrian schools and south to McDermitt in 1952.

Of the 34 children in the Adrian school and schools south who were referred for follow-up in 1952, 24 were given retests in 1953, and ten had moved out of the county.

In all, 2,705 children were given an audiometer test in October and November, 1953. There were 129, or 4 percent of the 2,705 tested, who were found to have hearing losses of various degrees and were referred to the Malheur County Public Health department for follow-up.

Follow-ups were started Dec. 7 by asking the parents to meet with health department officials at the school and home visits were made if the parents failed to keep the appointment. Interviews with parents of all 129 pupils were completed Jan. 11.

Mrs. Farris said that some of the parents were aware of the hearing loss of their children and most of them were under a physician's care. A few of the parents, whose children had mild high-tone losses only, wanted to defer medical attention until the children were rechecked in the fall of 1954.

County health department records show that parents of 111 children of the 129 either made appointments with their physicians at once or promised to do so after the holidays. (Continued on Page 10)

Jaycees Seeking Talent For Variety Show to Be Presented January 29-30

A cast of more than 50 Nyssans will present a musical variety show, "On Stage America," sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, at the high school gym Jan. 29 and 30.

Proceeds from the show will be used for various civic projects including the March of Dimes and the Jaycees' annual Easter egg hunt. Chorus routines in colorful costumes add a touch of glamor to the show and local business men will appear in an old-fashioned minstrel line. Prizes will be awarded to outstanding amateur talent acts with winners to be selected by the audience. Auditions for those interested in singing, instrumental presentations, imitations or tap dancing will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Anyone wanting to take part is urged to make arrangements with

28 Sheep Killed At Apple Valley

A total of 28 sheep were killed and five were seriously injured when they were struck by an automobile one and one half miles north of Apple Valley school house Saturday about noon.

The sheep were part of a large band being moved along a road when they were hit by a car driven by Francis Blaine Russell, 21, of Parma route 2, son of Frank Russell. Russell told officers that he ran into the band when his car went over a steep grade and he was unable to stop it in time to avoid the collision.

G. W. Stringer, of the Fine Sheep Co., owners of the band, reported that there was a man stationed behind and in front of the sheep at the time of the accident.

Large Group Corn Growers Attend Annual Banquet

Wilbur Atherton and J. McNinch and Son were first and second prize winners, respectively, for top tonnage growers of first-grade corn, awarded last Thursday night by the Idaho Canning Co.

The annual get-together for growers of the company in the Nyssa district was at the Oregon Trail hall with 178 growers and their wives in attendance. A turkey dinner was served and table decorations prepared by women of the Oregon Trail Hall association, composed of the Grange and Oxyhee Riding club.

Entertainment and technical program of crop studies and growing practices was headed by Dr. Bullard of the University of Idaho, Parma branch extension department. He reported on fertilizer experiments made in conjunction with the Idaho Canning Co. program for increasing production and the quality of the products.

Trial plots for the experiments were located on the Fretwell and Pitman ranches at Parma and Apple Valley. Dr. Bullard explained some significant results of fertilizer applications compared with top yields.

An interesting film in color with music proved outstanding to the group, as did a short picture in color given on the improved methods of corn harvesting.

Fred Moss, manager of the company, explained that the programs are set up as an annual event, sponsored by the field department, to gain knowledge of actual practices, growers' experiences and to work for higher yields and greater returns.

According to comments here, growers are vitally interested in any program that will place them in a more secure and profitable position. The company representatives expressed themselves as being well pleased with the progress and increased returns to the growers of sweet corn in keeping with the projected program which was started three years ago. Since that time it has assisted in making sweet corn a major and profitable crop in the lower Snake river valley.

In addition to the displays, the walk to the Corey home is lined with mineral specimens of many kinds, while literally "tons" of rocks are near the "rock shop" ready for cutting and polishing.

Overnight Trip Taken By Scouts

Nyssa scout troop 419 went on an overnight hike and camping trip last Saturday. The camp was made in the vicinity of Mitchell Butte southwest of Nyssa.

Scouts making the trip were Vernon Pond, Bob Storm, Dennis Forbes, Mike Eastman, Tom Sallee, Stanley Jamison, Ronny Lowtrip and Scoutmaster Henry Storm.

The boys were lucky in that it was a warm night. They enjoyed hill climbing and night games. Mitchell butte was climbed and some of the scouts completed a 10 mile hike toward their hiking merit badge.

Tumbling Class Gives Performance

A group of 12 Nyssa grade school girls and their principal, Walter McPartland, were in Caldwell Saturday evening where the girls put on a tumbling exhibition between halves at the Pacific University-College of Idaho basketball game.

The girls were Joy Peterson, Wynona Ashby, Christina Vendrell, Geraldine Morinaka, Joane Young, Sharon Jacques, Katherine Klinkenberg, Glendora Benoit, Marlene Cooper, Kay Hastings, Marlene Adams and Elaine Smith.

Noble Morinaka also accompanied the girls.

Card Party At Hall

There will be a card party at the Oregon Trail hall on Jan. 26. Host and hostess will be O. E. Cheldelin. Mrs. A. P. Goodell, Mrs. George Cleaver and Mrs. James Stephen, Jr. The party will be open to the public.

Mrs. L. E. Pounds has been ill the past week.

Coffee Day Here Saturday For March of Dimes

Saturday will be "Coffee Day" in Nyssa when money paid for those pauses for a cup of coffee at all restaurants and lunch counters will go into the March of Dimes fund.

Lou Herriman, Nyssa chairman of the 1954 campaign, said that innumerable money-raising schemes are being worked out and Wilton Jackson reported that he and Fred Bracken have nearly completed plans for the Bucket of Bucks to be staged later in the month. This event involves hundreds of dollars for the fund when individuals are "framed" and forced to sing over KSRV for a certain sum of money to go to March of Dimes and paid for by the "framers", or pay an equal amount if the singing engagement is not kept.

Mrs. Henry Hartley has charge of the March of Mothers which will take place Jan. 28 between 7 and 8 p. m. Groups of mothers have been organized in all sections of town and will go from house to house to collect money for the cause.

Numerous social clubs are holding coffee hours to raise special funds. Herriman is making a special appeal to every resident of the community to turn in their cards—with money, preferably in bills—that were mailed out the first of the month. He stated that only a small amount of money has been returned to the bank and funds from the direct mail appeal are badly needed to meet the quota necessary for this community.

Many Visitors Appear To See Rock Display

Fifty "rock hounds" and interested visitors from western Idaho and eastern Oregon were guests Sunday during open house at the J. M. Corey home where the huge Corey collection of gems and ores were on display most of the day. Mrs. Corey is president of the Snake River Gem club composed of members in Malheur, Payette and Washington counties.

The open house and display Sunday was the first of a series to be held by various members of the club.

Mr. and Mrs. Corey's collection is recognized as one of the largest and most unique in this area. Sunday, visitors were able to view four large cabinets containing large specimens, polished rocks and gems, fossils and minerals, respectively. These displays are a permanent part of the home. In the kitchen 15 drawers of minerals and a large cabinet with a variety of specimens were on special display.

Another room was devoted entirely to phosphorescent and fluorescent rocks and minerals including, uranium and manganese, which glowed in a variety of colors under special lights. Many of these specimens were found on Succor creek and in Idaho.

An interesting fossil specimen is the teeth and a portion of the jaw of an Eocene horse, described as a three-toed horse that lived millions of years ago, and another was the jaw of a Pleistocene horse, much larger than present day animals.

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Potato Growers Hear Bright Outlook On Prices From OSC Agriculturist

Potato growers hear an optimistic note on prospects for 1954 when Marion Thomas, agriculture economist from Oregon state college told them this season was one to stay with potatoes. He predicted that prices will not reach 1952 levels but will be as favorable as any other season of the last 5 years. Thomas spoke at the annual meeting of the Malheur County Potato and Onion Growers association Jan. 19 at the Boulevard Grange.

It is an economic fact that good years follow bad, Thomas told the association members, and showed figures on California planting and planting intentions that showed a trend to a smaller crop has started already. Acreage there will be reduced by 25 percent according to latest USDA reports from there. Thomas pointed out that a small surplus can demoralize a market and a small shortage can insure good prices, in pointing in probability to a better market as a result of last year's disastrous prices.

R. T. Hart of Pocatello, manager of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon marketing agreement commission, in explaining the governing market agreement outlined three steps to establish a new agreement or amend an existing one. (1) presentation of an interested group of the need for an agreement and the things to be done under it. (2) a hearing conducted by USDA and (3) a referendum of producers to authorize an agreement being set up.

Nephi Grigg, manager of the Oregon Following completion of these steps, Hart said, there remains the setting up of the administration committee and the establishment of any marketing regulation by the group. He pointed out that the existence of the market agreement did not mean that restriction would have to be imposed but that the machinery stand in readiness when producers feel the need to regulate marketing of their product.

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Three Year Basis For Immunizing

Because the immunization program was so heavy in 1952 for the personnel of the health department, an attempt is being made to put the schools of the county on a three-year program, it was announced this week by Mrs. Edna Farris, county health nurse.

In 1955 the immunization program will be repeated in ten schools where students were immunized in 1952, including Nyssa, Arcadia, Adrian and Lower Bend.

Ten schools where youngsters were immunized in 1953 will have repeat immunizations in 1956.

Children at Ridgeview, Big Bend, Jefferson, Jamison and Brogan will be immunized in February and March of this year and will have their repeat immunizations in 1957.

County Politics Quiet As Primary Race Approaches

Little or no interest has been indicated in Malheur county politics, although candidates for nomination to run at the general election in November must file their intentions before March 12. The primary election will be held May 21.

Malheur county will elect only three county officials this year, which is believed to have caused the "lack of interest" in local political affairs.

Voters must elect a county judge next November, although the term of the late Judge Sewell Stanton did not expire until January, 1957. G. Y. Chester was appointed to the position last year following the death of Judge Stanton and it will be necessary to elect a judge this year to start the term in January, 1955.

Judge Chester has indicated that he will seek the Republican nomination in the May primaries, although he has not filed. There have been no public announcements of other Republicans who will file for nomination and no members of the Democratic party have announced their intentions to file.

The term of Alva Goodell, county commissioner, expires in January, 1955, and he told the Journal Wednesday that he is undecided about seeking the Republican nomination. W. E. Leggett, county school superintendent, has indicated that he will be a candidate for nomination in the Republican primaries, although he has not yet filed his intentions with the county clerk.

District Attorney Charles Swan reported unofficially several weeks ago that he would not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for that post and there have been no public announcements of other attorneys who will seek either the Republican or Democratic nominations.

State politics are reported to be "rumbling" in central and western Oregon where Democrats and Republicans have started making their public announcements on policy, along with a few lawmakers being hurled at possible opponents they will face, both in the primaries in May and in the general election next November.

MRS. FISHER HAS SURGERY

Mrs. Herb Fisher is in the Malheur Memorial hospital following major surgery there last Wednesday.

All-Out Effort Community Groups Indicate Nyssa Will Meet Blood Quota Of 402 Pints Monday; Jaycees to Help

Plans for Nyssa's blood drive next Monday when Red Cross bloodmobile visits here are being completed with almost all organizations in the community recruiting donors from their memberships. Harold Henigson, chairman of the drive, said that indications are the drive will be the greatest ever had and it is probable that Nyssa will excel its quota of 402 pints.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is taking an active part with each member pledged to give a pint of blood and to give at least one hour of time during the day to various phases of the work. In addition, the Jaycees will provide taxi service to and from the high school gym, will provide baby sitting service, they are collecting pledge sheets, contacting former delinquent pledgers and serving in any capacity to assure a large turnout.

For any of the Jaycee services Monday, prospective donors can call 2215.

Miss Pat Casey, director of the Jaycee talent show to be staged Jan. 29 and 30, and Joe Carter announced that one free ticket for either night of the show will be given to every 50th donor appearing at the gym Monday.

Keith Bybee reported that 102 members of the LDS second ward church have signed pledges to give blood and in the first ward, Dean Fife has so far recruited 30 donors.

Five Nyssa area residents will become members of the Gallon club after they donate a pint Monday. Those who have already given seven pints are Jake Fischer, Henry Hartley, Harold Henigson, Everett D. Michaelson and Betty S. Norland.

Those already members of the Gallon club, who have given eight pints or more are Dorothy T. Nolen, Paul H. Penrod, Sam C. Parks, Charles W. Farmer, Sam C. Phillips, Betty T. Rinehart, Everett C. Heldt, (10), Frank Sherwood, Edward J. Wilson, J. R. Winchell (14), Ralph G. Lawrence (9), Robert F. Thompson (9), Thomas V. Moore (9) and Ethel L. Lawrence (10).

Henigson said that operators of the mobile unit have rearranged their facilities for taking blood so the drawing can be done in less time than in the past. Heretofore the average time required for completing the taking of blood from each donor has been less than 30 minutes.

Nyssa medical authorities have advised that anyone in good health can give blood without lowering their resistance. Anyone who has not signed a pledge sheet can make an appointment by calling Harold Henigson, phone 6696, or Ralph Lawrence, phone 2544.

Word was received from Roseberg that Mrs. N. K. Bleakman, the former Greta Stutz of Nyssa, was called on recently to give a 15-minute radio talk over a Roseberg radio station about her former hometown. Mrs. Bleakman city Nyssa's outstanding record for blood donations which resulted in a large increase in the number of donors in that city. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stutz.

Vacation Trip to California Taken

A winter vacation trip to California was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Hollingsworth during the past two weeks. The Hollingsworths left on their trip on Dec. 31 and returned last Sunday evening.

They visited Mrs. Hollingsworth's sister, Mrs. Ward Hoover and stayed at their home over New Year's day. They continued to Guatay, Calif., where they stayed with their son, Robert Dean Pearce. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Hal Bowen, relatives of Mrs. Hollingsworth, at Long Beach.

Hollingsworth reported good weather and dry roads for the duration of the trip.

Annual Hospital Meeting and Election Slated for Next Monday at High School

Members of the Malheur Memorial Hospital association will elect three directors and hear the annual financial report next Monday evening at 8 p. m. when the association holds its annual meeting at the high school Little Theater.

Board members whose terms expire this year are Warren Farmer, M. C. Seuell and George Schiemer. Directors to be elected for those posts will serve for three years. Hold-over members of the board are Gled Billings, 1953 president of the association, Grant Rinehart, Jake Fischer, Arvel Child, Bernard Eastman, Mrs. Wesley Browne, Jed Lewis and Fred Bracken.

Voting members of the association are those who have contributed \$100 to the hospital. Manager John O'Toole emphasized that attendance is not restricted to voting members, however, and urged everyone in this

10-Year-Old Girl Rescues Infant From Home Fire

A ten-year-old girl saved her smaller brothers and sisters from possible death Tuesday afternoon after she was unsuccessful in her efforts to put out a fire that partially destroyed a home at 822 North Second street.

The fire started at the Gilbey Gallegos home from an overheated coal stove while Mrs. Gallegos had gone to a store. The flames and smoke were coming through a door before neighbors noticed the fire and turned in the alarm.

Elby Gallegos, 10, attempted to douse the blaze, and upon seeing the fire was making headway where it was burning the wallboard, the child carried an infant to safety and led two other small children from the house.

Firemen were successful in overcoming the blaze before the entire building was destroyed, but the interior was badly damaged and a large part of the furniture was destroyed and extensively burned.

Tuesday's alarm was the first residential fire in Nyssa since Aug. 13 when the volunteers were called to the Lyle Bartron home.

Rural fireman were called last Friday to the Mel Beck home south of town where a grass fire was whipped by a strong wind along the right-of-way. The dry grass was burning toward the Simplot packing house and had burned on three sides of a frame building at the Beck farm by the time the firemen arrived.

County Teachers Hear Boise Man Extol Democracy

Gerald Wallace, associate superintendent of the Boise school system was the principal speaker last Wednesday evening at the regular meeting of the Malheur county Teachers' association at the East Side Cafe in Ontario.

In his address, "Five Challenges," the Boise schoolman challenged every citizen to teach by word and example the dignity of hard work. "A nation is doomed when it fails to honor duties and responsibilities," Wallace commented.

"Every citizen should work to restore the sanctity of the home and teach true values of character," he went on to say. "We should preach our belief in the democratic way to live, teach the obligations of citizenship and re-establish the spiritual ideals and faith of our fathers."

Special guests of the association were the mayors of Ontario, Vale and Nyssa as well as presidents of the Lions clubs and chairmen of the school boards of Ontario, Vale, Adrian and Nyssa.

Robert Patterson of Adrian, president of the association, introduced the Rev. Carl H. Gross of Nyssa, who gave the invocation.

During the dinner a quartet composed of Hugh Tobler, John Church, Evan Tobler and the Rev. Gross, all of Nyssa sang two numbers.

Following a brief business session, James Atteberry showed a film entitled, "Skippy and the Three Rs," which depicted modern methods of teaching first grade pupils.

The next meeting of the association will be April 14.

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