

Rural Taxpayers To Vote On Road District Tax Tues.

Property owners living within Nyssa Road Assessment district No. 2, will vote next Tuesday on whether or not the special 10-mill levy now in effect shall be continued, and for one director of the board. The term of E. H. "Shorty" Brandt expires and he will be a candidate to succeed himself. Other members of the board are S. E. Hartley and Neil Dimmick. The latter was appointed a few weeks ago to replace S. E. Flanagan who moved from this area to Quincy, Wash.

The special 10-mill levy is in addition to 10 mills, which existance of the district automatically imposes. The special levy must be voted each year by the taxpayers. A year ago the measure was approved by a vote of 168 to 30.

Total assessed valuation of real property within the district is \$3,012,505 and the total of 20 mills now being levied raises \$60,250 that is used for maintenance and improvements.

The area comprising the road district has approximately 300 miles of farm to market roads that are recognized as among the best in eastern Oregon. The district is unique in that special legislation was necessary by the state to organize the district, which is the only one of its kind in Oregon.

When Malheur county had a 10-mill levy on all real and personal property throughout the county, the district received all funds collected within the district on that basis, in addition to its own 20-mill tax. Having its own equipment and crews, the roads were built from "practically (Continued on page 12)

Californians Ask About Facilities At Owyhee Lake

That Nyssa is the Gateway to the Owyhee reservoir is known in southern California, it was revealed this week when an inquiry came from Escondido about boat launching facilities at the reservoir and tourist accommodations in Nyssa.

Ken Renstrom, secretary of the Nyssa Boat club and advocate of expansion of recreational facilities at the reservoir, received a letter from the Californians Monday. They described themselves as "ardent crappie and bass fans" who are always eager to find a good fishing place. The fishermen inquired about boat launching facilities, where they can buy supplies, food, gasoline, bait, etc. and stated they intend to bring their 17-foot outboard cabin cruiser here to spend about 10 days during June.

They stated that they had read about Owyhee reservoir in a recent issue of "Fisherman" that described the reservoir as "the most overstocked and underfished lake in Oregon."

Firemen Answer 5 Calls During Week

The Nyssa fire department answered calls to five fires during the past week.

The first was a call to Alberta and Grey to a farm worked by William Hepworth and sons. A shed containing an estimated \$800 worth of fertilizer caught fire when some weeds were being burned, reported assistant fire chief Ralph Laurence. Laurence stated that about \$500 worth of the fertilizer was saved.

Firemen answered a call last Saturday night at 10 p. m. to a small blaze at Ed's Hatchery caused by defective wiring. There was no damage reported.

Members of the department were routed out of bed 5:30 Tuesday morning for a run to 717 North Third street where a defective stove pipe had caused a blaze on the roof. A small amount of damage to the roof was reported.

The department was called to the lot back of the veterans housing project South of King avenue Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. where a fire had started in a dry slough filled with stumps, dead trees and other debris. They were called to the lot a second time Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. as the fire had blazed up again.

Airman Parker In Mock Maneuvers

A/2c Hubert L. Parker, route 2, Nyssa, took part in mock attack maneuvers held recently at Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, to provide base personnel with practice in defense tactics.

Airman Parker was part of the defense force that met "chutists" who were airlanded and moved in on the base.

HI-Y ASSEMBLY FRIDAY

The 16th annual Good Friday assembly sponsored by the Hi-Y of the Nyssa high school will be held Friday morning, beginning at 10:45. The Rev. John L. Briehl will be the speaker. The general public is invited to attend.

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Price Cut Brings Butter Shortage In Nyssa Stores

The 8-cent drop in the price of butter last Thursday resulted in a butter shortage in Nyssa, although there were no reported runs on grocery stores by over-eager housewives.

The shortage was due to some miscalculations of the supplies on hand between Tuesday of last week and Thursday, which was the first day of April when prices were cut to 75 percent of parity.

Some of Nyssa's retail food stores, knowing that the price would drop, ordered short Tuesday on their regular order day, so that no high-priced butter would be held over. Part of the supplies were depleted Wednesday, the last day of March, and several housewives who normally used butter, to resort to oleo.

Irrigation Water Supply Adequate Officials Report

Irrigation water supplies in southeastern Oregon lands served by reservoirs were forecast Saturday to be adequate for the next six months.

However, in areas using natural stream flow some shortages are expected.

At the annual water forecast meeting held in Vale, carry-over from last year in the Owyhee, Warm Springs and Agency Valley reservoirs is expected to make the difference in meeting agricultural needs during the season. Late rains may brighten the picture for water users depending on natural flow. Jordan Valley farmers and ranchers should have sufficient irrigation water but also will need late rains.

W. T. Frost, Soil Conservation Service, Portland and Dave Bauman of the Portland U. S. Weather Bureau river forecast center, conducted the forecast meeting. Frost reported snow covers in the Malheur river watershed is 66 percent of last year and 77 percent of the ten year average. On the 21 snow courses located in the Owyhee river watershed, snow cover is 74 percent of last year and 61 percent of the ten year average.

Precipitation in the area during the September-February period was reported by Bauman to have been below the ten year average. March precipitation in the area was spotty with the south receiving above average moisture and the remainder, near the ten year average.

Soil moisture conditions are better than those of last year but still not as good as the average, reported local irrigation and agricultural representatives at the meeting. Malheur county agent Leeds Bailey reported drying winds of the past month have caused a great deal of soil moisture to be lost.

A record low of the Malheur river flow this year was reported by Walter White of the Warm Springs and Vale irrigation project. (Continued on page 12)

Grand Opening For Owyhee Road

Grand opening of a new road into Owyhee reservoir and a resort area on Cherry creek has been set for Sunday, April 25, Ken Renstrom said this week. A special meeting of members of the Nyssa Boat club and the Nyssa Business Men's association has been called for 8 p. m. Thursday at the city hall.

The two groups are making plans for a celebration to commemorate the opening of the road and the new resort area. Anyone interested is invited to attend, Renstrom said.

ATTEND JACL MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nishitani were among those attending a Japanese-American Citizens' League banquet March 28th at the Eastside Cafe at Ontario honoring 44 recently naturalized citizens from throughout this area.

Arthur Kiesz, superintendent of Ontario school was main speaker of the event. Installation of officers for the J.A.C.L. was also held.

ATTEND CONVENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson and Bill Pearson returned Sunday after attending the Liquified Petroleum Gas convention in Spokane Wash. They stopped in McCall and Coeur d'Alene on the return trip.

Mrs. Grant Jones returned last Sunday after spending the week end in Utah where she visited Mr. and Mrs. William Coop and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johnson.



NYSSA'S ALL-COMMUNITY choir that will present the second annual Easter cantata Easter Sunday evening at the Nyssa high school auditorium. The choir, under the direction of June Wyckoff, has been practicing for several weeks and is made up primarily of church singers representing almost every denomination in the Nyssa community. Pictured

from left to right are back row, Lola Guthrie, Helen Stunz, Helen Peterson, Raymond Sager, Kenneth Cottle, Ned Snider, Dwight Wyckoff, Oscar Bratton, Henry Hartley, John Church, Dolores Duus, Audrey Wilson, Lois Wilson, Dorothy Bowers, Evva Keveren; third row, June Coleman, Ellen Sager, Carlos Buchner, Orville Olsen, George Blackwell, Evan

Tobler, Dan Pennie, Ralph Anderson, Melvin Spitz, Bonnie Ward, Jean Ricks, Janice Lewis, Karma Kesler, Letha Sager; second row, Marian Cheldelin, Verda Simpson, Erle Bertram, Gerrit Stam, Merle Dean Robinson, Ruth Buchner (accompanied), June Marie Wyckoff (director), Hugh Tobler, Janice Williams, Veleta Mason, Onna Pounds, Ida Miner, Phyllis Tal-

bot; first row, La Rue Church, Phyllis Cheldelin, Lyda Kohl, Parley Feik, Darrell Cartwright, Clifford Main, Jack Zittercob, Mary Terhune, Patricia House, Gloria Gonyer, Ruth Herrman. Absent from the picture were Gwen Pennie, Ruth Klinkenberg, Darlene Talbot, Irene Jayo, Alice Nishitani, Mary Lou Bateman and Keith Herrman.—Journal Photo

Ore. Development Commission Asked To Help Find Lending Agencies For \$8,500,000 Hog-Poultry Industry Here

Malheur county can have an additional farm income of \$8,500,000 if better means of obtaining loans is found and this county's many natural resources are put to use, Hugh Tobler told the Oregon Development commission at a meeting in Ontario Wednesday.

Tobler told members of the commission that approximately 80 percent of the income in the Nyssa-Ontario area is from beets, potatoes, onions and lettuce which are sold once each year. When there is a poor price for spuds, onions and lettuce everyone must live on the income from beets, hay and grain, he stated. In the past three years beef cattle and dairy cattle have helped to take up the slack, but that isn't enough, he went on to explain.

The Nyssa feed dealer asserted that Malheur county produces enough hay and grain and has enough waste land to feed 80,000 more hogs and there is a demand for 360,000 laying hens, 50,000 turkeys and 1,000,000 fryers. "Figuring this for one year's income would total about \$8,500,000 and this income would be monthly to the farmers instead of once a year—turkeys excepted," Tobler said. "In my opinion we will not be sound until we are getting at least 50 percent of our farm income from poultry, hogs and cattle. Then if we can't compete with California, Washington, Arizona and eastern states with our cash crops, we won't be hurt economically like we were this year," he went on to explain.

Giving more details about the swine industry, Tobler said that much of the waste land is too rough for row cropping and could be used for pasture. Grain that was sold and shipped out last year would feed approximately 225 pounds. Farmers received slightly more than \$1 million for the grain they shipped out, and if fed to hogs here and slaughtered in a meat packing plant that should be built here, the income would have been \$5 million, it was explained.

The influx of people to the northwest has created an almost unlimited demand for fresh eggs at prices that mean high profits

for the producer. There is a need for 360,000 hens just to supply the eggs that are shipped into the Snake river valley that is now supplied from other areas at a high shipping rate, Tobler said. "At the rate of the population increase in the U. S. it looks like we couldn't catch up with the demand for eggs in many years. What an opportunity for Malheur county! Just supplying the valley's needs would bring an extra \$3,600,000 in eggs," he went on to say.

To emphasize the need for serious consideration to his proposal, Tobler stated, "The current tendency is to side in with, or sympathize with all the depression talk, to dramatize the bad weather, so to speak, and to view the future with alarm. How can that even be considered when we need all of these industries so badly. Some say that hog prices might go down or that people might quit eating eggs. As long as I can remember and that is to 1935, there has been a good profit in hogs and poultry—more profit than any other kind of agriculture."

Tobler asked the Oregon Development commission to assist in getting financial aid, in the form of loans, for people wanting to get into the hog and poultry industries. He asserted that reluctance on the part of banks and government agencies to make such financing available is due to their lack of understanding of the poultry game.

"The climate is just right for these industries, the raw materials are here, the desire for a sounder economy is here and the extra eight million bucks are surely needed to help make Malheur county come into its own rightful place in the state of Oregon," Tobler said.

Wayne Chesnut also appeared before the commission and gave details of the new road being built into Owyhee reservoir and about the building of a privately operated resort area on Cherry creek.

Representatives from Vale gave the group details about diatomaceous earth deposits in that area, and Ontario's delegates reported on their quick-freeze industry.

City to Install New Water Mains

Work is expected to start Monday on the replacement of 1800 feet of Nyssa's water main on First street, City Manager Robert Applegate announced. The present line is four-inch pipe that has several bad breaks that have been repaired and numerous lengths that have been weakened by corrosion and rust.

The work will be completed before paving is placed on First street this summer.

Nyssa Lions Club Athletic Banquet To Be Held Apr. 15

The members of the Nyssa Lions club have set the date of their annual Athletic Banquet for Thursday, April 15, at 7 p. m.

The banquet, which will be held at the Oregon Trail school house, is the 15th of such annual dinners to be sponsored by the club for the betterment of Nyssa high school. The Lions will honor as their guests at the banquet those who have received their letter in sports at Nyssa high.

Speaker at the dinner will be Gerald Camman, Vale high school coach. The traditional humorous tailtwister program will be presented this year by tailtwisters Ron Campbell and Ray Larson.

University Head Named Speaker For '54 Graduates

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, will be commencement speaker for Nyssa's 1954 graduates at exercises scheduled for May 27, R. V. Wilson, high school principal announced.

Dr. Wilson was appointed University president last winter and prior to that had served as secretary for the Fund for Advancement of Education of the Ford Foundation. From 1948 until 1952 he was dean of University College at Utah State University.

Dr. Theodore Kratt, dean of the school of music at the University of Oregon and a well known pianist, will accompany Dr. Wilson to Nyssa and will present musical numbers as part of the commencement program.

Briehl Wins Area Toastmasters Meet

The Nyssa Toastmasters club came out ahead at the annual Area Speech contest and dinner last Friday night when Rev. John Briehl representing the Nyssa club, took top honors.

The area contest, held at Ontario, included Nyssa, Ontario, Payette and Baker. The talk with which Briehl won the contest was entitled "Shopping With the Wife." His success at the area meeting will qualify him to enter the district contest which is to be held at Pocatello. The date of the District meet will be announced later to the Nyssa club.

Those attending the area meeting from the Nyssa club were Rev. and Mrs. Briehl, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Mink, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Applegate, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hartman, Henry Hartley, Dr. George Coburn, Gus Liming and Don Engstrom.

There were two judges present from each of the clubs represented at the meeting. Judges from Nyssa were Cliff Mink and Henry Hartley. The Ontario group had charge of the arrangements and the contest was conducted by Richard Evans, Area Governor of Baker.

Ullman Visitor In Malheur County

Albert Ullman of Baker, Democratic candidate for second district Congressman, was a visitor in Nyssa last Thursday and was a guest of the Nyssa Democratic club at dinner that evening.

Following the dinner here Ullman was speaker at a county meeting at Boulevard Grange hall at Cairo where he warned that big business has taken over the national economy. He stated that farm subsidies must be maintained and that Hell's Canyon dam must be built by the federal government to insure full development of this area.

PFC HUFFMAN HAS LEAVE

Pfc Gene Huffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Huffman of Nyssa recently spent a seven day rest and recuperation leave on the Island of Okkido in Japan. Pfc Huffman is attending school in Korea.

Voters Give 5-1 Approval School Financing Plans

With more than five to one majority Monday, voters living within school district 26C approved the school board's request to be allowed to go beyond the six percent limitation to help make up the school budget for the next year. A total of 234 persons turned out to cast ballots; 196 favored the issue, 37 voted against it and one ballot was void.

A year ago when the same issue was placed before the voters, there was a margin of less than two to one, with a 207 to 107 vote being cast.

Monday's vote makes it possible for the school to raise \$105,587.85 outside the six percent limitation to complete the total budget of \$395,961 for the 1954-55 school term.

If the district's assessed valuation remains about the same as that of last year, no more than 52.2 mills—the current levy—will be needed for next year, Supt. Henry Hartley said.

New Sidewalk

A new sidewalk is being installed this week on the Main street side of Eder Hardware Co. The hardware is undergoing an expansion program announced several weeks ago when the grocery department was closed out. New display islands are being installed in the area formerly occupied by the grocery store and the entire interior is being redecorated.

Jaycee Members Attend Meeting

The District five board meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was held Sunday, April 4 at Ontario.

Attending from the Nyssa Jaycees were August Giraud, Dale Overstake, George Coburn, Joe Chamberlain, Bill Blodgett and Jim Nicholson.

The principle speakers at the meeting were Glen Eaton, national director; Ralph Cobb, state president; Duane Stiff, district five vice president, and Tom Fohl, district one vice president.

August Giraud, Jim Nicholson, Bill Blodgett, George Coburn and Tom Chandler were present at a joint Nyssa, Vale and Ontario meeting last Monday evening. National Director Glen Eaton conducted the meeting at Vale and spoke on solving problems and new ideas.

resignation of Lauren Wright as treasurer was accepted at the board meeting of April 6, and Tom Chandler was appointed in his place. Chandler will fill out the 53-54 term as treasurer and Dr. Edgel Wood was appointed director to replace him.

CHILDREN ESCAPE NARROW ACCIDENT

Big Bend—The two youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell English had a very narrow escape last Thursday, when the car they were sitting in started rolling and when it stopped, it had headed down the bank into the Riverside canal. The children were very fortunate that the car landed right side up and no one was hurt.

Business Exec Slated to Speak At Friday Meet

"Potatoes, Prices, Politics and Propaganda" will be discussed Friday night by Robert R. McKean, manager of Columbia Empire Industries, Inc., Portland, who will be the principal speaker at the joint banquet of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The banquet will be served by the Grange women at Oregon Trail hall and will begin at 7:30.

The affair is the annual meeting and banquet of the Chamber and will be the Jaycees' first presentation of the Distinguished Service award which will be presented at the banquet to an outstanding young man of the community for 1953. The winner will be presented a certificate and a key.

The winner has been chosen on the following points, contribution to community welfare, participation in all round community activities, exhibition of leadership ability and evidence of personal or business progress.

McKean was engaged in various types of manufacturing for several years, ranging from salesman to part owner and operator of the Knight Packing Co. He sold his interests in 1938 and became affiliated with the association of which he is now manager.

Well qualified as a practical businessman, McKean is familiar with problems of business including that of meeting payrolls as well as competition. The Columbia Empire Industries was organized to assist existing industry to succeed and to expand.

Jed Lewis, manager of the Amalgamated Sugar Co., made arrangements for the appearance of McKean in Nyssa.

Vandals Drive Car Through New Municipal Park

Nyssa's new municipal park and future playground located on a city block between Locust and Walnut on the north and south, and between Fourth and Fifth on the east and west, is entirely completed insofar as human arrangements are concerned.

The park will have to be watered and someone will have to keep vandals out of the area, but there's a better than an even chance that a large, grass-covered, shaded playground area will be available for public use within the next year or two.

After the area was leveled, a new irrigation system was installed, blue grass was seeded and numerous shade trees planted. City Manager Robert Applegate and Ed Stienke, under whose supervision the park was planned, thought most of the work and worry was behind them.

One night last week a car was driven through the park and one of the newly planted shade trees was knocked over.

Part of the work had to be redone and city officials had to resign themselves to the cynical viewpoint that human nature is involved in any efforts to provide facilities for a children's playground.

Attend Meet; Qualify for State

Nyssa's entries to the District speech tournament returned from La Grande with one first place and four second place ribbons. June Peterson, NHS senior, placed first in the panel discussion and fifth in oratory.

Ned Snider took second in impromptu and second in extemporaneous speaking. Carlee Kesler placed second in the humorous reading class. Members of the Nyssa debate team, Carlee Kesler, Ned Snider, Ruth Herrman, and Janice Williams, placed second among the A schools.

Others who placed were Irene Jayo, fourth in oratory; Kay Ballantyne, fourth in serious reading and Lois Wilson, sixth in poetry reading.

The students who placed first, second, third or fourth, are also eligible to enter the state meet in Eugene, April 9 and 10.

Soren Cox is advisor to the group and was district chairman of the meet.

National VFW Man Visits in Nyssa

Jim Govin, post activities director of the National Veterans of Foreign Wars serving eight western states, was a visitor in Nyssa Wednesday and was a guest of Don M. Graham at the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce meeting. Govin told the Chamber of the VFW projects, the most important of which is the work with and for youth.

He was accompanied to Nyssa by Frank Mowrer, commander of the Ontario VFW post.

The Rev. and Mrs. Henry Gernhardt of La Grande were overnight guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Main.