

Days Gone By in Nyssa Community

From the Journal Files

10 Years Ago—May 11, 1944

B. A. Adkins, employed by the war production board baled two tons of scrap paper at the city dump grounds. Bernard Frost, chairman of the scrap paper committee, working with the Boy Scouts and Cubs, believes that 6 or 7 tons of paper has been gathered — Glen Strickland, Maurice Judd and Jewell Wilson of Adrian and Keith Blackburn of Nyssa were given the FFA Farmer degree at the 16th annual state FFA convention held in the Imperial hotel in Portland. — The city is installing a new pump at No. 1 well this week. The old pump was removed as it is not large enough. The 20-horsepower pump will furnish more water. Watermaster Claude Wilson said. — Wild horses on the range in the Jordan Valley section, will be rounded up and sold under the terms of a resolution adopted by the Malheur county court. It is estimated by grazing officials in that area that there are 3000 wild horses grazing in that part of the county and that 90 percent of them can be rounded up. Several 100 horsemen have volunteered for the big roundup. The horses are the property of the county and any funds realized will go into the county's general fund. An "award for wartime service to agriculture" has been received by Al Thompson and son of Nyssa. — Three Malheur county boys qualified at the eastern Oregon track meet held in La Grande, for the state meet to be held in Corvallis. They were Fisk of Vale, Ted Nelson and Kenneth Elliott of Adrian. — Fifty-eight pupils are finishing their 8th grade work in the Nyssa grade schools. Principal Walter McPartland announced.

15 Years Ago—May 11, 1939

Councilman J. C. Olsen located 120 trees at the CCC camp and they were planted at 9 foot intervals at the cemetery. Olsen is now looking forward to having a sprinkling system in by this fall. Oscar C. Olsen has opened a real estate office in the Fry building. Tentative plans have been prepared for a high school gymnasium which is under consideration by the Union high school board. During 1938 Idaho Power Co., spent \$1,340,000 for property additions including 249 miles of new electric lines. — The Valley Owyhee Land Settlement association gave a dinner to the press of Malheur county and the county court. Frank Morgan, H. C. Boyer, Ray Larsen, R. M. McKennon, Robert Lytle and Judge Graham were speakers. George Aiken, Ontario publisher spoke for the county press.

20 Years Ago—May 10, 1934

Newell Construction Company is making good progress on the grading of 22 miles of the ION highway. Nevada has completed the ION to the Oregon line. — Jack Howe had a narrow escape at Dunaway when 40 yards of gravel struck him and buried him beneath its weight for a few moments. Men nearby lost no time in digging him out. —

In order that they can be used for plays and entertainments, 300 new model folding chairs have been ordered for the Nyssa gym, according to Supt., Leo Hollenberg. — Mrs. E. H. Brumbach of Big Bend was re-elected president of the county PTA. — Hubert Leuck in naval training at San Diego, was selected with several other young sailors to serve as extras for the coming talkie "Hey Sailor."

25 Years Ago—May 10, 1929

George Hill of Atlantic City, N. J. who purchased the famous Idanha prune orchard, arrived to take charge of his property. The Idanha orchard is one of the largest prune orchards in Oregon, and has long been the "show place" of the Nyssa section. — The Owyhee Project derives its name from the Owyhee river, which with its contiguous drainage area of volcanic origin, was named Hawaii by Trappers of the Hudson Bay Co., in the 19th century. Succeeding scouts, Indians and pioneers developed the word "Owyhee." — Graduation exercises will be held at the Liberty Theatre next week for 13 members of the senior class. "Adam and Eva" is the name of the comedy-drama to be presented by the junior class at the Liberty Theatre.

30 Years Ago—May 9, 1924

Miss Mildred De Bord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. De Bord of the Owyhee was elected into the National Honor Society at the Walla Walla high school. It holds the same place in the high school as the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society holds in college. — The Wind Jammers convention on Sunday was a success in spite of the extremely bad weather. The main attraction was Spies' 100 piece band. The quality of music dispensed was certainly very creditable to both players and instructor. Remarkable proficiency was attained by the boys during the comparatively short time they have been under Prof. Spies' instruction.

40 Years Ago—May 7, 1914

The 2000-foot drainage ditch on the J. F. Reece place was finished Saturday. Mr. Reece and Ed Christensen were caught in a cave-in just before the ditch was finished and narrowly escaped serious injury. — That the sanitary conditions at the Nyssa public schools are not what they should be is the opinion by Miss Rosine Vreeland, school nurse representing the state board of health. "You have a school building, but it is sadly lacking modern sanitary arrangements," said Miss Vreeland. Miss Vreeland recommends the installation of modern sanitary facilities including a septic tank. There is no reason why Nyssa should not have proper sanitation with the present city water works, she said. — The Misses Blodgett have opened an ice cream parlor and confectionary store in the Pounds building recently vacated by the Nyssa Meat Market.

Note of Optimism Found In Cattle Number Increases

Considerable optimism in feeding cattle has been shown since the first of the year, reports Ed Coles, extension livestock marketing specialist at Oregon State college. Although the number of cattle in the nation's feed lots on April 1 was about 2 percent below a year ago, replacements have increased since January 1.

The specialist says reports from the corn belt feeding states show most of the cattle in the area are being fed a shorter period and marketed at lighter weights and younger age.

In the three important cattle feeding states of Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, the number of cattle on feed less than three months is estimated to be 72 percent larger than a year ago. However, the number on feed for three to six months is 21 percent less than last year. There is a decrease also in the number being fed over six months. Marketing intentions show that about 45 percent of the cattle now on feed will be sold by July 1.

Coles explains these figures and intentions seem to indicate some optimism on the part of feeders who see a stable market for feeder cattle based on present supply. These feed lot operators are likely influenced also by past profits made already this season in feeding cattle and the prospective large supply of feed this fall.

Barring a widespread drought in cattle feeding areas, this optimism could prevail throughout the summer and fall months and result in an increased demand for feeder steers over what it was a year ago, the marketing specialist continues. Any increase in demand would likely be accompanied by a relatively smaller supply of steers available for feeding—due to the 11 percent decrease in the number of steers in the January 1 inventory for the nation.

OSC Specialist Gives Hints For Gardeners

Better vegetable gardens with a minimum of hard work are possible by following a few sound gardening rules, says Ralph Clark, Oregon State college extension horticulturist.

Don't work the soil until it is in proper condition, since working a wet soil results in clods all summer, Clark advises. Allow weeds time to germinate after the soil is worked—then you can easily kill many of them before planting.

Use a plant food booster and starter solution on all transplants, and remember that phosphate is the root developer. Fertilizer placed in the root zone feeds only the plant—placed on the surface, it also feeds weeds. Go slow with nitrogen fertilizer, using tomato plants until after the fruit sets.

Try some new recommended varieties this year, he adds. Clark recommends Salad Bowl leaf lettuce, Red Cored Chantenay carrot, Topcrop or Wade green bush beans, and Sweet Meat winter squash.

Soil Covers Reduce Under-House Damp Decay, OSC Reports

Owners of basementless houses can reduce crawl-space dampness that often leads to decay of sub-floor timbers by laying roll roofing or other moisture barriers on the soil beneath the building, reports an Oregon State college agricultural engineer.

L. W. Bonnicksen says the cheap effective soil cover is easiest to apply after the foundation is laid and before the flooring is put down, but isn't too big a job even on finished homes. The method has proved out in extensive 11-year experiments by the U. S. department of agriculture.

High relative humidity—75 percent or over—in the crawl space is responsible for most of the decay of subflooring. This can be reduced in some cases by better ventilation or by eliminating sources of water under the building through grading or installing gutters and downspouts. But where seepage water is the chief source

Your Library

James Michener's new novel "Sayonara" heads the list of new books going into circulation on Saturday, May 8, at the Malheur County Library. It concerns a Japanese-American romance.

Also topping the list is Ruth McKinney's latest book "Far, Far From Home," the story of how a family of five Americans learned to feel at home abroad.

"The Mind Alive" is a book by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet describing obstacles to mental health and showing how to prevent them from causing tensions that block the healthy expression of our personalities.

"Hell on Horses and Women" by Alice Marriott refers to the cattle business. The author interviewed ranch women from Florida to Wyoming learning their reactions to cattle ranch life.

Home life in Persia is described in the personal life of the daughter of a great Persian family in the autobiography "Persia Is My Heart" by Najmeh Najafi.

Nadine Gordimer writes a novel of South Africa in the book "The Lying Days." Helen Shaw, whose parents are English, lives a sheltered life until she goes to the University of Johannesburg, where she finds love, conflict, and youthful rebelliousness.

"A King Reluctant" is the story of how the nine-year-old dauphin of France arrived in a Welsh village in 1794, the key in a mysterious chain of events involving murder and attempts to capture him.

A novel of Napoleon by Frances Wiliwar, "The Eagle and the Rock," tells the story of the emperor as seen through the eyes of a life-long friend.

"Heather Mary" is a suspense story by James Scott about a yachting trip from England to Bermuda on which the crew of four becomes increasingly conscious of mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of the skipper's wife.

Charmain Clift and George Johnston are joint authors of "The Big Chariot," a historical novel of 17th century China in which the fall of the Ming dynasty and the Manchurian triumph are seen by twin brothers on opposing sides over the years.

"The Last Husband, and Other Stories" is a collection of short stories by William Humphrey.

A novel of Sir Thomas More is the work of Charles Brady in "Stage of Fools," wherein is depicted the dramatic clash between the viewpoints of More and Henry VIII.

"Effective Business Writing" by Cecil Williams and John Ball is an up-to-date guide to business letters, physiology in writing, and business reports and advertising.

"Archery Handbook" by Edmund Burke presents the history of archery and discusses equipment and its use, giving special sections on how to make bows, arrows, and bowstrings and on hunting, games, and accessories.

of moisture, Bonnicksen says installation of a soil cover is a practical way of lowering humidity to a safe level.

The most effective soil covers include a single layer of 30 to 110 pound roll roofing, a double layer of 15 pound roofing, 15 pound asphalt-saturated felt, laminated reinforced asphalt-saturated paper, and unmounted aluminum foils. A single layer of 15 pound roll roofing or a water emulsion of asphalt sprayed on the soil also proved effective in the trials.

In laying the soil cover, it is not necessary to level the soil or overlap the cover strips. Nor is it necessary to place the cover flush against the foundation or secure a tight fit around piers. The method does not help to control termites, which call for chemical poisoning.

OSC Summarizes Seed Certification Changes For 1954

Several important changes have been made in seed certification standards for Oregon in 1954 according to Harold Finnell, extension certification specialist at Oregon State college.

Here is a brief summary of them.

Land requirements for the certified class of red clover specify that the field must have been free of red clover for three years. Under the 1954 standards, this three-year period may be shortened one year if there was one cultivated row crop or clean fallow in between. Length of stand requirements of red clover certification state only two seed crops are possible of any given generation. In addition, minimum pure seed requirements have been raised to 99 percent in all three classes of red clover and green fescue has been added to the objectionable weed list.

A change in seed certification standards for Merion bluegrass regards crop content requirements. A maximum of 1 percent total of other crops will be permitted and one-quarter of 1 percent of other grass species.

Finnell says no red tag grade of fescues will be permitted in 1954. Special requirements have been placed this year on sorrel and docks. They now have the same tolerance as buckhorn — or 27 seeds per pound—in the seed standards. Sorrel and dock content in certified blue tag perennial ryegrass is limited to 45 seeds per pound—the same as buckhorn plantain.

Less varietal mixture is to be allowed in small grains, the

specialist continues. No rye, morning glory or quackgrass patches will be allowed. Less smut will be permitted in the field and wild oats will be included in the total field count along with other small grains.

Finnell says the new varieties approved for certification in 1954 are Narragansett alfalfa, Vernal alfalfa, Pennscott red clover, Goar tall fescue and Cody oats. All are under the generation system. In Vernal alfalfa, there is no registered class.

Further information concerning these changes and all crop standards is available from county extension offices and the Oregon State college certification office.

CHARLES AND SADIE BURRIS BUY GUERNSEY SIRE
Charles and Sadie Burris, Nyssa, have just purchased the young Guernsey sire, Sugar City Noble's Sunny, from H. E. and Francis Hight, Nyssa.

This richly bred young bull is out of the well-bred cow, Sunbeam 2, of Sugar City, that has two production records of 9,542 pounds of milk and 414 pounds of butterfat made as a junior two year-old, and 9,182 pounds of milk and 429 pounds of butterfat made as a junior four year-old. He is sired by Sugar City Curtiss Noble.

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