

Economic Impact Noted In Sugar Beet Industry As Area Pays Tribute; More Usage Would Increase Growers' Profit

Sugar Beet Sugar Week being observed throughout the Northwest is receiving special emphasis in the Nyssa area and Malheur county where the value of the sugar beet and its ultimate transformation into White Satin Sugar gives its full impact.

Rail Activity Here Shows Gain Over Year Ago

Both incoming and outgoing freight at the Nyssa Union Pacific station increased extensively during the first 26 days of June over the entire month of June a year ago, Tom Jones announced. A total of 139,000 pounds of less than carload freight was handled from June 1 until last Saturday as compared with 35,842 pounds during June, 1953, and the increase for the entire month is expected to be well over 115,000 pounds, Jones said.

Carload freight also showed a large increase for the two comparable periods, with 43 more cars received up to last Saturday over the entire month of June a year ago, and 17 more cars forwarded during the same period in June this year.

Liquor License Approved For Brownie's Cafe

Approval of an application for a liquor-by-the-drink license for Nick Rudelick was reported to have been received this week from the Oregon Liquor Control commission.

The liquor-by-the-drink establishment will be operated in connection with Brownie's Cafe and will be located in the room now occupied by the Owyhee Barber Shop. The barber shop will be moved to the Bernard Eastman building constructed last fall at 315 Main.

W. E. Kohl, who with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Butcher, own and operate Brownie's Cafe, stated that extensive remodeling will start at the cafe soon after July 4th.

The dining room will be extended to the back of the building with more seating capacity, ceilings will be lowered and the entire establishment redecorated and new furnishings added. The bar will be connected with the banquet room by a doorway at the south end of the bar.

Kohl said that approximately one month will be required for the entire remodeling and redecorating job.

Political Group Holds Meeting

Final organization meeting of the Malheur county Republican Central committee in Nyssa Monday evening resulted in the election of Edward Boydell, Nyssa; Max Taggart, Ontario, and Mrs. W. O. Shambaugh, Vale, to the executive committee. Other members are officers of the organization elected June 15: Dyer Bennett, Ontario, county chairman; Mrs. Robert Thurston, Vale, vice chairman; Mrs. Alba B. Cruzon, Ontario, secretary, and Bob Thompson, Nyssa, treasurer.

W. O. Shambaugh, Vale and Nyssa; Ivan Patrick, Ontario; Mrs. Robert Marquis, Ontario, and Boydell were elected members of the appointment committee which serves as a liaison group with other county and state organizations.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Nyssa will stage its eighth annual Nyssa Nite Rodeo on July 9 and 10, and,

WHEREAS, the spirit of the Old West will be re-lived in this area during the next two weeks, and,

WHEREAS, as mayor of the City of Nyssa, I have the authority to make proclamations in the best interests of the city, I hereby

PROCLAIM that the period of time from July 6, 1954, to and including July 10, 1954, be observed in the City of Nyssa as "Rodeo Days," when all residents of Nyssa must wear in combination at least two articles of western attire when appearing on the streets of Nyssa.

SIGNED:

THOS. G. JONES,
Mayor of the
CITY OF NYSSA.

Tree Is Refuge From Bull During Fishing Trip

Fishing from a tree didn't prove too successful for a Nyssa woman insofar as "the big ones" were concerned, but the tree afforded a certain amount of protection and was an excellent excuse for those that got away.

Two weeks ago a Nyssa man and his wife were fishing along the Snake river and had the misfortune to get their car stuck in the mud on a side road. The fisherman had his line in the water and decided to go for help to move the car and left his pole in the care of his wife. Upon his return, his wife was not immediately present at the fishing spot, but was soon discovered in a nearby tree where she had taken refuge from a bull that had questioned the fisherman's rights to invade the area where he was grazing.

Union High Vote Elects Stoker, Rejects Issue

Adrian—Voters in Adrian's Union high school district re-elected Lee Stoker as a member of the board over two other candidates, Laurance Kreager and Eugene Pratt. In district 47, Tom Jones led Robert W. Callahan a vote of 90 to 89, according to information received Tuesday.

A majority of the 269 voters casting ballots rejected a proposal for the expenditure of \$20,500 to purchase the Holley theatre building for a music room and for the purchase of other equipment.

According to County School Supt. William E. Leggett there is a possibility that a few votes cast may be protested if official notice is received within 10 days of the election. No particulars were available at press time this week.

Large Sturgeon Caught Sunday

The largest Snake river sturgeon taken hereabouts for some time was caught last Sunday by Dr. J. E. Long.

Dr. Long reported that the big fish was six feet in length and weighed 120 pounds. The catch was made out of Purdy's sturgeon hole near Adrian. Dr. Long stated that after hooking the fish it took a quarter of an hour to land it. The bait used was night crawlers.

The head of the sturgeon was placed on display in the window of Bob Thompson's real estate office all day Monday.

Water Users Will Take Responsibility For Operation-Maintenance Owyhee

Water users in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho, served by the Owyhee Irrigation project, will take complete responsibility for operation and maintenance of Owyhee dam and all facilities to points of delivery, it was announced Friday by Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay in Washington, D. C. No specific date has been announced for the transfer, but it is expected to take place within the near future.

Farmers served by water from Owyhee reservoir took over operation of the 110,000 acre project insofar as delivery of water and operation of the project was concerned, on Jan. 1, 1952. At that time the Bureau of Reclamation, which had operated the entire project since it was completed in 1935, retained control of the dam, the reservoir and the main tunnel at the dam. The North Board of Control and the South Board of Control were organized in 1952 to handle the two divisions of the project.

It was announced in Nyssa

Monday that arrangements are now being made for a joint committee of the two divisions to control management of the dam, reservoir and tunnel. The contract, when signed and the transfer executed, will result in replacement of the Bureau of Reclamation at the dam with employees of the project, it was explained.

Project officials expressed the opinion that the ultimate operation of the dam, reservoir and other facilities will provide more practical handling of the entire project and probably will result in effective economies in the overall operations, it was stated.

Nyssa Men Earn High OTI Honors

Three Nyssa students won honors at Oregon Technical Institute during the term which ended at the school June 11. General point averages of 4.0 for work above minimum standards were achieved by Dick Hart, who is majoring in farm technology, W. Glenn Marcum, gunsmithing, and Marion E. Osborn, watch repair technology. The 4.0 average is the highest grade given at the Institute. Students at the Institute are graded on the basis of their practical work, related technical studies, attitude and application.

School Instruments Made Available

Ralph Anderson, Nyssa high school band and orchestra leader made the announcement this week that there are several musical instruments available for students who would like to study this summer and be eligible for the band and orchestra when school opens this fall.

Students with a musical background or a special aptitude for music are welcome to borrow a bass violin, cello, oboe or viola if they are interested in learning to play them. Mr. Anderson stated that these four instruments are of the highest quality.

Nyssan Elected To State Office

Mrs. Faye Collins of Nyssa, was elected state outside guard at the state convention of the Oregon Eagles auxiliary in LaGrande June 24, 25 and 26. Mrs. Collins



Mrs. Faye Collins is past president of the Nyssa auxiliary No. 2134.

Others from Nyssa who attended the convention were Mrs. Elmer Jaques, official delegate, Mrs. Elmer Cruson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Renstrom, Mrs. Carl Barclay, Claude Wilson, Irene Lane, Bob Tombs and Earl Bingham.

Spud Regulations For Shipping Are Announced Here

Word has been received that the Department of Agriculture has issued an order, effective June 28, regulating shipment of potatoes from Idaho and Eastern Oregon, according to Roy Hiral of Nyssa, member of the Idaho and Eastern Oregon Potato committee.

Regulations recommended include that during the period from 12:01 a. m. June 28 and ending at 12:01 a. m. June 1, 1955, no handler shall ship potatoes of any variety size unless potatoes of the red skin varieties meet requirements of the U. S. No. 2 or better grade. One and 7/8ths inches is the minimum diameter. Potatoes of any other varieties must meet the requirements of the U. S. No. 2 or better grade, size A for both U. S. No. 1 and U. S. No. 2, two inches minimum or larger diameter, or four ounces minimum weight.

Each handler may ship not in excess of five-hundred-weight per week without regard to the limitation set forth in the regulations.

Beginning at the same time on June 28, and ending at 12:01 a. m. Oct. 31, no handler can ship potatoes of the red skin varieties if more than 10 percent of the potatoes in any lot have more than one-half of the skin missing or feathered. The white rose or Kennebec varieties cannot be shipped if more than 35 percent of the potatoes in any lot have more than one-half of the skin missing or feathered.

Other restrictions include those of other varieties which are more than moderately skinned as defined by U. S. standards, which means that not more than 10 percent in any lot have more than half the skin missing or feathered. During that period not more than 100 hundred-weight of each variety of such potatoes may be handled for any producer without regard to the above mentioned skinning requirements.

GRASS FIRE MONDAY

Nyssa's first alarm in several weeks called firemen to an area adjacent to the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way in the north part of town Monday afternoon. Fire had spread to dry grass, but did not immediately endanger any buildings.

Adrian Area PTA Members Attend Meeting In Vale

Newell Heights—Mrs. Jake Borge and Mrs. Durlin Hammon attended the Malheur County PTA county council and planning meeting at the John Elfering home in Vale last Friday. Mrs. Hammon is county treasurer and Mrs. Borge is county chairwoman as well as vice president of the Adrian high PTA.

Eight units of the county were represented. Plans were made to send delegates to the PTA school of instruction at the University of Oregon July 6 and 7 with the county paying car expenses.

A school of instruction for hot lunches will be held Oct. 1 at the Ontario high school cafeteria with the state instructor in charge. The next county PTA meeting will be Aug. 27 at 8 p. m. at Nyssa with a potluck supper following the meeting.

Early News Copy Needed For Holiday Monday

All community correspondents for the Gate City Journal are asked to send in as much of their news as possible on Saturday of this week or make arrangements to have it at the Journal office early Monday. There will be no rural mail service Monday in observance of the Fourth of July, which falls on Sunday this year.

Others having news for publication in next week's paper, July 8, are asked to give special consideration to early copy because of the holiday Monday.

Mink Promoted To Colo. Job; Resigns Council

Clifford Mink, who has been manager of the Boise Payette Lumber Co. at Nyssa for the past five and one-half years, has been promoted to manager of the same company's retail yard at Greeley, Colo., it was announced Tuesday. The Greeley yard is one of the largest of the Boise Payette chain. Mink expects to go to the Colorado city next week to take over the new position and will return to make arrangements to move his family.

Succeeding Mink as manager at Nyssa, will be Carroll Roberts, assistant manager of the Boise Payette at Emmett for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and three children expect to move here as soon as housing can be found.

Mink was elected a member of the Nyssa city council in November, 1952 and has served one and one-half years of a four-year term. At a special council meeting Wednesday, Mink's resignation was accepted, effective July 12. The council will appoint a successor within the next few days to fill the unexpired term.

Adrian Firm Has Large Expansion

Adrian—Work is expected to be completed in about one week on a 50 by 90 foot concrete coal yard and a 300-foot spur railroad track at the Adrian Feed Store, operated by Earl Winn. In addition to transporting coal to the yard, the track will be used for cash wheat shipments.

An all-metal grain storage, 50 by 70 feet with a 25-foot peak was completed two weeks ago for the storage of government wheat. Last week's Journal incorrectly stated that plans had been made for construction of the storage.

Delegation Appears At Fri. Hearing To Protest Assessor Payroll Cuts

Malheur county's budget hearing last Friday in Vale brought a large delegation of Ontario taxpayers to protest budget cuts, particularly in the assessor's office and sheriff's office, and resulted in a completely new budget with some funds restored to those two and some other departments. The Nyssa Chamber of Commerce was represented by Emil Stunz, Jake Fischer and Duane Alters.

Speaking for the Ontario delegation composed of business men from that city, Dyer Bennett stated they felt the cut in personnel in the sheriff's office and assessor's office would hurt tax collection. R. L. Kirby, Ontario,

Budget Board Re-Instates Portion of Funds of Five Malheur Departments; Reduce Two; Overall \$700 Increase

Malheur county's proposed budget of \$717,302.61 for the fiscal year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955, was thrown out last Friday following an official public hearing and a new budget set by the budget board on Saturday. District Attorney Charles A. Swan said that a legal technicality regarding the date of the hearing, June 25, and the last date of publication of the official budget made a complete new budget necessary.

Only a few changes were made by the board Saturday, however, making the new budget \$700 greater than that prepared and adopted May 26. The new budget calls for appropriations of \$718,302.61 with increases totaling \$9,405 allowed for the offices of sheriff, clerk, auditor, assessor and two justice courts. Reductions totaling \$8,705 were made for the automobile purchase fund in the amount of \$2,705 and the miscellaneous fund in the amount of \$6,000.

The \$700 overall addition was balanced by adding that amount to estimated income for state transportation which was included in sheriff's fees.

Increases for three departments were made as the result of last Friday's public hearing when an Ontario delegation appeared to protest cuts made from last year's appropriations for the sheriff's office and the assessor's office. The department heads themselves and Justices of the Peace Don M. Graham of Nyssa and Mary Graham of Vale appeared on their own behalf.

For the sheriff's office, \$4,000 was allowed for travel expense and car, although that fund had not been cut from last year's budget of \$3,300. In the same department, office and tax collection expense was upped to \$4,200 from \$3,000 set at the May meeting and the same amount a year ago. The sum of \$1,800 for tax clerks allowed for the year just ending was not re-instated at Saturday's meeting. The overall total for the sheriff's office is \$25,150, just \$100 less than the 1953-54 amount.

The clerk's office was allowed a \$2,100 increase from the original amount set in May for a stenographer, leaving the department's budget \$750 below that for the fiscal year just ending.

The amount of \$1,800 was re-instated for the assessor's office which had been reduced \$3,600 from the 1953-54 amount when the budget board met May 26. For the year just ending, the budget was \$14,300 for field deputies and travel expense and \$12,500 has been budgeted for the 1954-55.

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National Guard Men Back From 2-Weeks Camp

Nyssa and the immediate surrounding communities had 26 men and one officer making up the 75 mm Recoilless Rifle platoon of Co. H, 186th Infantry of the Oregon National Guard that returned last Saturday from two weeks' encampment at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

The men reported intensive military training during the two weeks' period, including firing of weapons, extensive rifle practice, an overnight bivouac and general training. A total of 97 men from Malheur county attended guard camp as compared with 45 a year ago.

The Nyssa platoon was headed by Lt. Paul Hiral. Enlisted men attending were Sgt. Leon C. Haney; Cpls. Robert Baker and Dean Lancaster; Pfc. Don Bowler, Robert Hartley, Don Bullard, Jack Duncan, Clifford Mefford, Stanley Mefford, Pat Patterson, Harlan Fox, Don Poulson, James Points, Gene Servoss, John Ward, Robert Hale, Delwin Mace, Mickey Coate, Richard Gustavson, Allen Gustavson and Jerry Smiley, and Pvt. John Focht, Kenny Tombs, Aaron Cuttler, Ronnie Cooper and Byron Caldwell.

Drunk Drivers Given Fines In Justice Court

Two drunken driving cases were handled in Don M. Graham's justice court this week following their arrest by state police.

James A. Wilson of Payette was arrested Saturday and charged with driving while under the influence on Southwest street in Ontario. He was fined \$150 and costs and allowed to pay the fine in installments. Arrested at the same time and charged with being drunk on a public highway was Austin L. McWilliams of Boise. He was fined \$25 and costs.

Dewey A. Ray, Nyssa, was arrested Sunday and appeared in justice court Monday to enter a plea of guilty to driving while under the influence of liquor on highway 201 between Ontario and Nyssa, near Cairo junction. He was fined \$150 and costs. William A. Ward, Ontario, a passenger in Ray's car, was charged with being drunk on a public highway and was fined \$25 and costs.

Additional Land For Labor Camp

Three acres of land west of the administration office at the Nyssa labor camp will be added to the Malheur Housing Authority for a recreational area, according to Bill Shambaugh, manager of the camp. The addition was part of the land acquired by the federal government through the Public Housing authority in 1952.

Congressman Sam Coon has been making arrangements for the transfer to the Malheur county labor group and notified Nyssa authorities Monday.

Shambaugh said that although no funds are available for development of a recreational area, plans are being made to build an athletic field and other recreational facilities adjacent to the labor camp.

"Rodeo Days" Featured In Nyssa All Next Week; Kids Free Show and Prizes

The forthcoming eighth annual Nyssa Night-Rodeo which will be held on July 9 and 10 promises to be one of the best shows of its kind in the Snake River Valley.

The rodeo this year will feature the outstanding stock of Harley Tucker, reputedly one of the roughest rodeo strings in the country. Famous riders and contestants from the Northwest will enter the show. The contestants this year will compete for a purse of \$1000 in prize money.

All children under 12 years of age will be admitted with free tickets which they can pick up from the Nyssa merchants. A drawing will be held on these free tickets at the show for a prize each night. Special meetings of the Nyssa Business men's association have been held to plan the promotion of the show.

A ticket committee was appointed to take charge of the distribution and sale of the tickets. Those on the committee are chairman Bob Thompson, Fred Bracken, Jay Bunn, and Lloyd MacKrell. Special advertising and "Rodeo Days" bargains will be employed during rodeo week to foster interest in the show.

Nyssa Mayor Thomas G. Jones has issued a proclamation to the effect that Western clothing shall be worn in Nyssa for the week of the rodeo. A Nyssa Nite Rodeo Queen and two Princesses were chosen. They are Betty Morton of Nyssa, Queen; and Dede Connaughy of Adrian and Susan Stringer of Nyssa, Princesses.

A special rodeo edition of the Nyssa Gate City Journal will be published on July 8.