

Days Gone By in Nyssa Community

From the Journal Files

10 Years Ago—July 6, 1944

The city of Nyssa has made application to the war production board in Washington, D. C., for priority to buy a new fire truck. The city plans to buy a 1½ ton V-8 chassis, according to Mayor Herschal Thompson. A pump and all the accessories will be mounted at Walla Walla. The pumper will have a capacity of 500 gallons. — The number of carloads of lettuce shipped from Nyssa during June was more than twice the normal shipments of spring lettuce. — Because of the holidays and illness among the staff, the Gate City Journal was reduced this week from the usual 6 pages to 4 pages. — Mrs. Russell Clithero of Sitka, Alaska is visiting with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hall. — Major E. B. Cole has been made squadron commander in the air forces at Hendricks Field, Fla., according to word received by Mrs. Cole of Nyssa.

15 Years Ago—July 6, 1939

Some 51 patrons extending over 7 miles was added to rural route 1 of the Nyssa postoffice July 1. — Two Nyssa firms last week changed ownership. C. E. Taylor of Nampa announced that he had bought the Texaco Service station, and Sid Smith purchased the Owyhee Drug store. — William De Groot was named chairman of the board when district No. 5 held its first meeting Wednesday night. Don Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilson returned from a two-year and five months sojourn at Corrigador, Philippine Islands. — Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Davis were surprised when 20 old time friends and pupils of Tennessee came to visit them. More than 50 years ago some of them were taught by the Davis'. Mrs. Davis having taught some of them to read. — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miner and son, Lyle left on a 3-weeks trip to their former home in Highmore, S. D.

25 Years Ago—July 5, 1929

For the second time in succession Nyssa furnished the Goddess of Liberty for the Fourth of July celebration at Vale. Last year the successful candidate was Miss Verna Thompson and this year Miss Vivienne Becker of the Journal staff, was elected to preside over the celebration. — O. H. Hite was badly injured when the cable holding the big hay fork unhooked as he was getting down from a stack of hay. — Malheur county made a better crop average production record than any other county in Oregon in 1928 in all staple crops. — The state highway commission ordered a survey made on the Harper-Burns highway link. Malheur county road boosters are jubilant that Central Oregon highway work will be expedited on this end this year.

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IF YOU'RE DELAYED when crossing the Snake river bridge, think of the old days when the only access to and from Idaho was by ferry. The above picture is from the collection of Bob Thompson. The scene, photographed about 1906, is from what has become known as the Nyssa Airport hill. In the background is the city of Nyssa when just a

few stores on Main street, between First and Second, made up the business district and only a few houses comprised the residential area. This was long before the desert was made to bloom by the Owyhee project and before the Amalgamated Sugar Co. established one of the nation's largest refineries in Nyssa. Expansion of Nyssa and the sur-

rounding area cannot be credited solely to the unlimited natural resources, since much credit must be given those pioneers who had faith to establish farms, businesses and homes in this community. This is the first of a series of old time pictures from the Thompson collection that will appear at regular intervals in the Gate City Journal.

Schools To Study Ways of Relieving Lumps on Spuds

A series of schools to relieve the lumps of potatoes will be conducted in Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon early in July. Jim Watson, Parma, president of the Idaho Shippers' association, announced today.

The loading and grading clinic will roll into the potato area so that warehouse foremen, leaders of sorting crews, potato loaders, and other key men in the job of moving the crop will have a chance to learn the best methods of avoiding the jolts and bruises that knock out many spuds every year. Experts in the field of loss prevention will give the instruction on the agricultural improvement car of the Union Pacific railroad.

Five places have been chosen for the schools. The first will be at Nyssa, July 6 at 1 p. m. The second is at Ontario, July 7 at 1 p. m. The car will be at Payette, July 8 at 1 p. m. Other classes will be at Homedale, July 9 at 1 p. m. and at Nampa, July 10 at 9 a. m. The program will be the same at each stop.

Watson and Ralph McDonald, Parma, assistant secretary of the shippers' association, said the school is a cooperative project offered through the assistance of the University of Idaho, Oregon State college, the federal-state inspection service, Union Pacific railroad, Pacific Fruit Express, Railway Perishable Inspection agency, and the Western Weighing and Inspection bureau.

"This is the first attempt at such a class in this district," Watson said in urging potato handlers to attend. "Success can be only as good as the participation. The committee has obtained instructors well qualified to discuss the most important problems of potato handling. Their ideas should pave the way to a good season."

Non-Advertised Merchandise Is Found Too Late

One red-faced homemaker, an embarrassed sales woman, a razing husband and a department store manager with a sense of humor were telling a story about themselves last week that should have some significance insofar as a lesson to be learned in trading at home is concerned.

It seems that the homemaker, conscious of the value of shopping in Nyssa first, was unable to find a certain kind of curtain material here. She reported that a trip to three of the larger "trading centers" brought the same results—no material like she wanted. An order to a mail-order house brought merchandise unlike that glorified in the catalog, as is often the case, so it was returned and a refund requested.

Finally, a trip to Idaho's capital city was slightly more fruitful in that the material wanted was in stock, only there was not enough. The order was placed for later shipment and the merchandise paid for at \$1.49 a yard.

A few days later, the identical material was found in stock in one of the Nyssa stores, only it had been accidentally placed in the wrong sales department and was not found by the sales woman when the first inquiry was made. Ironically enough, the material in Nyssa sold for 98 cents a yard instead of the big city price of \$1.49.

Week End Guest
Miss Linda Schurr of Caldwell spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cochran.

Ontario; J. R. Hailey, Western Weighing and Inspection bureau, Denver; Bill Close, Salem, and Victor Nygren, Ontario, both of the federal-state inspection service in Oregon; Karl Winsor and Wilson Kellogg, Boise, federal-state inspection service in Idaho.

Canned Fruit May Be Good Buy This Year, OSC Reports

Short crops of Oregon fruits this summer may make it more economical for cost-conscious homemakers to buy those that are commercially processed rather than to can or freeze their own, according to Oregon State college extension economists.

The small peach crop in Oregon and Washington is almost certain to mean high prices at local markets and roadside stands, they said. On the other hand, the large crop in California and other peach canning states is greater than average and will help to hold down commercial prices. Economists said the housewife will probably find commercially canned peaches a better buy.

Bartlett pears are also short in Oregon, but California has a good crop, according to the economists. For the entire Pacific Coast, Bartlett pears are up one-sixth from last year. The OSC economists said this situation will tend to keep canned pear prices near last year's level, but in Oregon fresh pears will be higher than last year.

Generally high prices on sweet and sour cherries are forecast. Economists said cherries will be more costly this year both locally and elsewhere because of short crops here and throughout the country.

A bright spot on the fruit market is brought by strawberries. Economists said they are actually a little cheaper this year. They also suggest that the budget-minded will be able to save more by picking their own patches damaged earlier by the weather, especially in the northern Willamette valley counties.

Dinner Guests
Mrs. Anna West was a dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ersal Beus.

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White Top Weed Can Be Stopped From Seeding

White top, one of Malheur county's major noxious weeds, can still be prevented from seeding, according to George Bain, county extension agent.

The easiest and cheapest way of preventing seed formation is to spray with 2,4-D at the rate of three pounds of actual acid per acre. Bain explains that most formulations of this weedicide contain one pound of the actual 2,4-D acid per quart. The volume of water mixed with this amount of the weed killer depends on the amount each individual's spray unit applies per acre.

To calibrate a sprayer which has a boom, Bain says to fill the unit with plain water, spray a known distance at the speed at which you wish to spray, and figure the square feet covered. This figure, when divided into 43,560, gives the portion of an acre sprayed. By accurately measuring the water need to refill the tank it is easy to determine the per acre rate of application.

In most cases, white top seed formation is too far advanced to be sure of stopping unless the weeds are raked and burned. There is usually enough stamina in the stems now to produce viable seed even if the plants are cut off. This characteristic of white top makes it especially important to control it in hay. The seeds of white top go through the digestive systems of cattle without damaging their viability. This, then, gives them an opportunity to spread over large areas of range and pasture land many miles from the source of the seed.

Court Cases . . .

June 15, John H. Laroda, Nyssa, no operator's license, \$3.
June 16, Johnny L. Lopez, Nyssa, more than three persons over 12 years of age in front seat of car, \$3.
June 18, Kenneth B. Castleberry, Vale, reckless driving, \$25.
June 19, Daniel R. Martin, Parma, no clearance lights, \$3.
June 21, Carlos Rios, Nyssa no operator's license, \$3. David Stohr, Payette, angling without an Oregon license, \$25.
Police Court
June 19, Jesse A. Norman, reckless driving, \$50 fine, confined until June 21 when payment made.
June 20, John E. Cooper, public intoxication, \$25.
June 21, William G. Gorrell, vagrancy, floated.

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