

Plan To Attend the  
Nyssa Nite Rodeo  
Friday and Saturday

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## Nyssa Nite Rodeo Set Friday and Saturday ... Rodeo Specials Being Offered

### Packers Prepare For Early Spud Work Next Week

At least five produce houses are expected to start early potato packing and shipping next week with several thousands of dollars in weekly payrolls to begin for scores of workers. The J. C. Watson Co. expected to ship a few onions this week end and will be among the first to start on potatoes next week, with tentative plans to begin Monday.

Muir-Roberts & Burningham, Simplot Produce which operate two packing houses here, Bybee Produce, Western Idaho Potato Growers, Josephson Produce, and Owyhee Produce are others here that will be operating this summer and fall. Roy Hiral and Roy Satamora are constructing a new warehouse in the south part of town for late potato packing and storage.

Prices this week for potatoes were being quoted at \$2.15 and higher, although several growers expected even higher prices later. Onions were being sought at above \$2.00 with indications of higher prices as the season progressed.

Acres in the Nyssa area is comparable to that of last year, according to the county agent's office, in spite of last year's low prices. This year's yield is expected to be exceptionally good with record shipments predicted if the market continues strong and No. 2s can be marketed. The new potato inspection law is expected to hold down early shipments and in turn bring about more mature potatoes and even higher net returns for growers.

### Youngsters Admit Union Livestock Yard Break-In

Three juveniles were taken into custody by Oregon State Police Sunday morning after a break-in sometime Saturday night was reported at the Union Livestock Co. sales yard.

The youngsters, ages 10, 13 and 14, admitted to police that they had stolen softdrinks, candy bars, cigarettes a can of tuna fish and a .22 rifle from the sales yard, said that she heard the rifle being fired Sunday morning and investigated before reporting the break-in to police.

The 14-year-old appeared before County Judge G. Y. Chester Tuesday and was turned over to the custody of his parents. The other two will appear in juvenile court later. Parents of the youngsters had gone on a week end fishing trip and had left the children in the care of a 17-year-old boy, State police reported.

Sometime during the week end the Idaho Canning Co. and Simplot's Produce Co. were entered and miscellaneous items were taken from the offices. City police are working on the two latter break-ins and reported they didn't know whether there was any connection with the sales yard entry.

### NEW CREDIT MANAGER

Richard F. Tunks, formerly of South Dakota, started work Monday of last week as credit and office manager at Tobler's Feed & Fuel Co. Mr. and Mrs. Tunks and family are living at Fruitland at the present time and will move to Nyssa as soon as housing can be found.

### 40 Boy Scouts From Three Nyssa Troops Return From Summer Camp

Approximately 40 Boy Scouts from three Nyssa troops attended their annual summer camp at Camp Billy Rice at Warm Lake from June 28 until July 5.

The largest delegation was reported for Troop No. 419 with Dick Forbes accompanying them as adult leader. In this group were Dick Lawrence, Vernon and Bobby Pond, Bob Storm, Dan Wilson, Dick Thomas, Mike Eastman, Jimmy and Stanley Jameson, Dennis Forbes, Tom Sallee, Lloyd Cartwright, Leon Tobler, David Ingebritsen, and Forrest Huffman.

The seven members of the newly organized troop No. 454 sponsored by the Eagles lodge, who attended camp, all passed their second class tests while there, according to their scoutmaster, Robert Toombs, Jr. Earning this rating were Jack Meyers, Dennis Toombs, Larry Cox, Jimmy Ostrom, Roger Morris, Ronald Woody and Bill Wahlert.

Among the men furnishing cars

### Car Thief Does Thorough Job To Assure Escape

No trace of a 1953 Plymouth sedan, stolen last Friday night from Fred Morton of Cow Hollow has been found, Oregon State Police reported Wednesday morning.

Morton said that he and his family had gone to the Vale rodeo and were there when the theft occurred. He had left the car keys in his work trousers' pocket and the Morton house was entered, the keys taken from the trousers and a desk drawer broken open to secure the car's certificate of title.

In addition to the car and its title, a five-gallon can was filled with gasoline from a barrel and taken, Morton said.

### JCs and JC-ettes Hold Installation For New Officers

The installation of officers of the Nyssa Junior Chamber of Commerce for the coming year was held last Thursday at the Payette Country club.

Those new officers installed for the coming year are Edgel Wood, president; Joe Chamberlain, first vice president; Elmer Jaques, second vice president; Ronald Schoen, secretary and Tom Chandler, treasurer. George Shimomeda was installed as one year member and Dale Overstake and Jay Bybee as two year directors.

Glen Burton presided over the meeting and a humorous talk was given by John Briehl. The meeting was held at a joint installation meeting by the Jaycees and the Jaycee-ettes.

Jaycee-ettes who were installed in office at the meeting were Mrs. Gerald Curry, president; Mrs. Elmer Jaques, vice president; Mrs. Jim Nicholson, treasurer; Mrs. Edgel Wood, secretary; Mrs. George Oxnem, one year director, and Mrs. Jack Church and Mrs. Bill Blodgett, two year directors.

The outgoing presidents, Augie Girard and Mrs. George Oxnem were presented gifts in appreciation of their services during the past year. The evening dinner was attended by about 40 persons.

### Boy Injured In Jump From Auto

Michael Haney, 10-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Haney of Seattle, Wash., is confined at Malheur Memorial hospital, Nyssa, with injuries sustained when he attempted to jump from a moving car at the Oscar Haney farm last Thursday. He received a concussion, scalp wounds and body bruises.

The car had slowed for calves in the lane when Michael and Wayne jumped onto the back of it. They reportedly rode for approximately 400 feet when Michael attempted to jump off. He slipped and fell, resulting in the injuries.

### Seed Specialist To Work In County

Norman D. Dobie, certification specialist of the extension department at Corvallis arrived in this area Tuesday for work in Malheur county.

Dobie was accompanied by Joey Clarkson who plans to spend some time at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Brady of Nyssa.



1954 NYSSA NITE RODEO QUEEN Betty Morton with Princess Susan Stringer on her right and Princess Dede Connaughy on her left, as they took time out for a picture at the Fred Morton ranch in Cow Hollow. All three girls, who would

add charm and beauty to any show, are not only accomplished riders, they can give professional cowboys lessons in handling livestock. Miss Morton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morton; Miss Stringer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stringer

of Nyssa, and Miss Connaughy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Connaughy of the Adrian community, have all "grown up in the saddle" and have had many years of practical experience in helping with fathers' livestock. —Journal Photo

### Local Chairmen Reveal Enthusiastic Response to Migrant Worker Program

A report issued jointly this week by the Rev. John L. Briehl, chairman, and the Rev. Carl H. Gross, vice president, of the migrant program at the Nyssa Farm Labor camp revealed that hundreds of different people of all age groups are participating in

the program being offered. The program is under the auspices of the Oregon Council of Churches through the same national organization and with the support of local religious, fraternal and civic groups as well as individuals.

Classes are held each morning, afternoon and evening, Monday through Friday. They are divided into groups for pre-school children, youngsters 7 to 11, teenage girls, teenage boys, women, men and classes in English.

### Newport Man Is New Member City Police Force

Donald F. Brown, 29, of Newport, Ore., has been hired as a fourth member of the Nyssa police force, Chief of Police E. L. Hansen announced Saturday. Brown, who is 6 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 240 pounds, was a member of the Marine Corps serving as a military police during World War II and has been employed as a logger in Western Oregon for several months.

He is expected to arrive in Nyssa this week to assume his new duties. His wife and two children will come here to make their home when housing facilities are available.

An extra policeman was provided by the city council last month and approved by the city budget board when expenditures for the current fiscal year, beginning July 1, were established.

In addition to the chief, other members of the police force are Marvin Wilson and Clem De Vinespre, all of whom have been serving a minimum average of 56 hours a week and frequently longer periods when special duty is required.

The sports program can now be carried through much more effectively, the Rev. Briehl reported, due to volleyball and softball equipment purchased by the Chamber of Commerce. Softball equipment was also loaned to the camp by the Waggoner Motor Co. team. The camp's softball team, "The Latin-Americans," recently played the Junior Chamber of Commerce team and another game is planned for next Wednesday night at 7:30 at the rodeo grounds. The Jaycees report that this game was one of the best attended in recent years and that a fine spirit of friendly competition prevailed.

Each week a movie program is presented. (Continued on Page 8)

### Chain Of Events Results In Enthusiastic Support For Once - Cancelled 1954 Two - Performance Nyssa Rodeo

The Eighth Annual Nyssa Nite Rodeo July 9 and 10 promises to be one of the most outstanding of any yet staged, mainly because of the unique circumstances surrounding events leading up to preliminary plans.

One of the founders, Lynn Snodgrass, who was instrumental in starting the annual rodeo back in 1947 can be credited with the final decision to have the 1954 show and with rallying unlimited support in Nyssa and the surrounding rural communities.

It was late last winter that the Owyhee Riding club and the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsors the past two years through the Nyssa Nite Rodeo association, began speculating on whether or not a show should be staged this year. Each organization in sizing up the situation individually, seemed to feel that a rodeo was overly expensive and required too many hundreds of free man-hours work involving too few people.

Neither the Riding club nor the Chamber wanted to offend the other by voting to forego the 1954 show, so the discussions continued for several weeks with only a few members of the two groups expressing themselves. During that period there was a certain amount of apprehension about economic conditions nationally, what with politicians warming up for the 1954 elections with press releases

about a coming recession or depression.

Finally, the Chamber took the bull by the horns and diplomatically suggested that the 1954 rodeo be forgone for one year on a "wait and see" basis. This action met with the approval of the Riding club and no one expressed any public disapproval.

However, one man did express strong regrets that there would be no rodeo this year, but instead of condemning those who had taken action, he decided to do something about it. Snodgrass practically lives rodeos just like some people live for hunting, fishing, baseball or golf. He toured the town and found numerous business men who didn't want to see an end to the annual event, but who had failed to commit themselves earlier because of the expense involved. Several others wanted the show to go on and still others continued to express opinions that it should be brought to a close.

Snodgrass kept on talking, persuading and making plans, always turning a deaf ear to pessimistic views and maintaining a positive approach with no criticism toward anyone or anything that might have happened in past years to prevent a financially sound celebration. While he was building up the community for one more whirl at a rodeo, enthusiasm began to spread like a fever and more and more towns-

### Parking Areas Painted By City

Parking spaces were repainted in the Nyssa business district Tuesday to enable motorists to park their cars with less difficulty and to allow more vehicles to be parked on the streets at one time for shopping purposes. The white "T" sections permit a reasonable space for each car to enter or leave, yet prevents large "gaps" or crowding if motorists observe the marked areas.

At the same time street crews including several of the city's "guests" are repairing broken paving and removing weeds and grass from parking areas and next to the curbing in the outlying districts of town.

City Manager Robert M. Applegate said that every effort is being made to "polish up the town" in preparation for the rodeo Friday and Saturday.

### Nebraska Picnic Set For Sunday

Final plans were made last Wednesday afternoon for the annual Nebraska picnic to be held next Sunday at the Nyssa park. Members of the committee meeting at the home of S. B. Hoffman, picnic committee president, are Mrs. Frank Whipple, Mrs. Henry Day, Mrs. Roy Rookstool, Mrs. Freeman Rookstool, Mrs. Ira Price, Mrs. Glen Hoffman, Mrs. Orville Hickman and Mrs. Clyde Hoke.

The traditional basket dinner will begin at 12:00 p. m. and each family is asked to bring their own table service. Coffee will be furnished by the association. All those persons from Nebraska are invited to attend.

### Rodeo Stock, Cowboys Arriving For Two-Day Event; Volunteers Work Long Hours To Make Preparations

Top cowboys began arriving Tuesday, all of Harley Tucker's bucking horses and brahma bulls are in the corrals, cows and calves are being brought in from nearby ranches and finishing touches are being put on the rodeo grounds in preparation for the two-night Nyssa Nite Rodeo Friday and Saturday.

Lynn Snodgrass, general manager of this year's show, said that several top cowboys including Harry Hart, Seattle; Ike Fernandez, Pueblo, Colo.; Bill Hancock, Gene Lancaster and several other professional cowboys already have arrived and will participate. The RCA approved events are expected to draw professionals from all over the northwest. Hart was awarded a silver buckle for being all-round champion cowboy at the four-day Mollala rodeo.

The first night's performance will get under way with a parade down Main street featuring the Owyhee Riding club, riding clubs from other communities, matched pairs, and of course Queen Betty Morton and her princesses, Susan Stringer and Dede Connaughy.

Immediately following the grand entry Friday night, the Caldwell Junior Riding club and the Ada county Sheriff's posse will be featured in special drills. The second night's featured opening event will be drills by the Indian Head Riding club of Weiser and the Canyon county Sheriff's posse. Saturday's night's show will also be preceded by a parade down Main street and to the rodeo grounds. Don Collins is chairman of the parade and has arranged for special prizes to be given.

### Clown, Bull-Fighter

Clark Schultz has been engaged as a clown and bull-fighter to stage performances with Tucker's wild brahmas that have gained western fame as "ornery critters." Schultz also has a special performance with a car and mule acts to entertain the audience.

Marion Osborn of Nyssa will be the announcer and Skinny Tensen is in charge of cow-cutting contests and has announced that several dollars worth of merchandise has been donated by Nyssa merchants for prizes for this event. Pickup men again this year are Fay Corn of Nyssa along with (Continued on Page 8)

### Delroy Ashby of Owyhee Receives Eagle Scout Rank

A Boy Scout court of honor was held Sunday evening in the Owyhee ward for Scout troop No. 438. Thirteen boys received awards of higher rank.

Ross Butler and Cliff Saunders of Vale, scout executives, were present and assisted with the presentations.

Highlight of the evening was the awarding of the cherished Eagle award to Delroy Ashby, son of Nathaniel T. Ashby, former scoutmaster, by Ross Butler. Delroy has a list of 40 merit badges to his credit and is now acting as assistant patrol leader to the troop.

The seven boys receiving tenderfoot awards were Clyde Smith, Alfred Wilson, Omar Hite, Ronnie Smith, Ronald Anderson, Marvin Besendorfer and Steven Patterson. Second class awards were presented to Raymond Draper, John Stam, Don Walker, Ronald Rookstool and Jeff Parker.

### Catholic Mission Begins Month's Mission School for Latin-Americans

The Rev. Father Ramon Varela, Order of Franciscan Monks, Mexican missionary, will be in Nyssa during July to conduct a mission for Spanish-speaking people of the area, according to Father Rembert Ahles, O.F.M., pastor of St. Hubert's Catholic church. The mission will open Sunday.

The mission will be for the benefit of the local Spanish-speaking people as well as for migrant workers of the Nyssa Labor camp and other camps of this area.

The missionary explained that since the Catholic church has been hampered in the religious education of the Mexican people due to a long series of anti-God revolutions in Mexico and South America, there is need of much effort to help the people of Latin American descent in their struggle for better living.

The purpose of the mission is to help the migrant worker, while he is here, and the local Latin American, to realize the Christian value of his vocation, Father Ahles said. "He is a factor to the material

### Nyssa Merchants Offer Specials For Rodeo Week

Nyssa Merchants, through the Business Men's association, committee of the Chamber of Commerce, are going all out this week in a special sales event on just about every line of merchandise that is needed. Food, department, variety, furniture and hardware stores in particular, along with automobile and farm implement dealers are offering "extra-special" prices on various items as advertised in this week's Journal. Numerous business firms are calling attention to their services and a variety of special events with free prizes in merchandise are being given away at individual stores. Full information of free prizes is given in several of the ads in this issue of the Journal.

### Bird Commission Member Ins Malheur County

Delbert Gildersleeve, a member of the Oregon State Game Commission, Bill Lightfoot of Burns, district five superintendent and Cecil Langdon, district agent of the OSGC, representative of the Malheur County Farm Bureau toured the rural areas of Malheur county Wednesday to determine extent of damage caused each spring by pheasants.

Farmers in the county claim that each year, time and money is spent because of damage caused by pheasants scratching out corrugates in beet fields, eating seed and other ways trying to make their survival.

Gildersleeve pointed out that farmers in Malheur county definitely have a problem of serious economic loss and unnecessary work caused by the pheasants and their young in the spring. A meeting of the Oregon State Game commission has been set for July 9 in Portland, where tentative laws and changes in the game regulations will be set up and a hearing made of suggested changes and additions.

The final meeting will be held later this summer.

### M-R-B- Manager Aids Utah Operations

Maylin Maxfield, manager of Muir-Roberts and Burningham Produce at Nyssa, returned Monday from two weeks in Bountiful, Utah where he supervised the brining of cherries at the company's warehouse. During that time, 4500 barrels of cherries were brined for maraschinos and shipped to a food wholesaler in California.

Mrs. Maxfield, Gene, Vicki and Bradley accompanied Maxfield to Utah where they spent one week with relatives and friends in Salt Lake City and southern Utah.

wealth of this community, as well as an individual, spiritual personality, contributing his part of the welfare of the community." Father Ahles went on to explain. Morning mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock each day and evening devotions and sermon will be held each evening at 7:30 at St. Hubert's church.

Bishop Francis P. Leipsig, D.D., bishop of the Baker Catholic diocese, will preside at the closing of the mission.

Father Varela is a native of Silver City, N. M. He has been conducting missions throughout the San Joaquin Valley in California continuously during the past four years. The California missions are held at labor camps in his famous trailer chapel which he tows from camp to camp. He stated that his "accommodations here at St. Hubert's are almost luxurious."

The mission is sponsored by the club Latino-Americano of St. Hubert's church.