

Days Gone By in Nyssa Community

From the Journal Files

10 Years Ago—July 20, 1924

The amount of water flowing in the north canal of the Owyhee irrigation system, is the highest on record, bureau of reclamation officials stated. — The city council has voted to employ L. R. Stockman, Baker engineer to draft a master plan of the city water system of Nyssa. — Glen Strickland and Verna Greenlee have accepted positions as substitute clerks in the post office. Betty Adams resigned as clerk to be married. — Lightning struck 2 lines of the Idaho Power company. One strike occurred at the S. P. Bybee ranch and the other on the Arvel Child place. — The temperature reached a maximum of 100 degrees in Nyssa this week. — Keith Moss and Charles Ninemire, of the Moss-Ninemire Motor company have purchased the building in which their garage is located from E. B. Nelson of Weiser. J. C. Smith, a local plumber, has purchased a brick building located between the Moss-Ninemire Motor Co. and the Thompson Oil company station.

15 Years Ago—July 20, 1919

The Nyssa high school board announced that a school meeting will be held in the Nyssa City hall, for the purpose of considering the budget for the school year ending June 30, 1940. Those serving on the committee were Wesley J. Browne, chairman, A. H. Boydell, secretary, and A. P. Goodell, Gerritt Stam and F. G. Holmes. — The Epworth League of the Nyssa Methodist church for the second time, took the high honors of the assembly held at Wallowa Lake. The trophy was a picture of Wallowa Lake and surrounding mountains. Dwight Wyckoff of Nyssa was chosen as vice president for the new year out of a group of 249 delegates. — The danger of water shortage to farms served by the north canal is now eliminated, with the completion of an emergency canal. — Fire destroyed a haystack, barns, hay derrick and feed racks on the Frank Wilbur ranch.

25 Years Ago—July 19, 1909

Mrs. Addie Wilson and daughter, Gertrude and Marlin left for Tennessee to visit Mrs. Wilson's sister whom she hadn't seen for 26 years. — L. B. Kelley discovered a fire on the Nyssa bridge which was thought was started by a cigarette, it was put out before any damage was done. — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pounds returned from a ten-day fishing trip in Stanley Basin. — Delegates from Nyssa to the American Legion convention held in Salem, were Donald Graham, Charles McCles, Charles Flegal and Arthur Cockburn. — Mal-

heur county leads the wool producing counties of Oregon by 3 to 1 margin. Malheur had about a sixth of the state's total, sheep and lambs. — The Nyssa Civic club plans to hold a flower show the 3rd week in August.

30 Years Ago—July 18, 1924

M. M. Mitchell sustained a broken arm when his Ford kicked back during the process of cranking it. — Harry Sharp is remodeling his property opposite the Methodist church and has leased it to Frank Leuck who intends to use it for a blacksmith shop. — The Gem State Lumber Co., which for the past 6 years has been doing business here, has been sold to the Boise Payette Lumber Co. — Construction of the Ward Drainage ditch has started. The big steam shovel which will be used on the job was unloaded by the Morrison-Knudson company contractors. A mishap at the Nyssa Garage, resulted in a section of the double brick wall being knocked out. An inexperienced driver while maneuvering a brand new Chevrolet car, inadvertently stepped on the wrong pedal, with the result that the machine shot against the wall scattering brick and mortar all over the place.

35 Years Ago—July 18, 1919

A family reunion of early settlers gathered at Curtis park near Caldwell as a half-way meeting place of the G. G. Brown family of Nyssa and relatives who live at Boise. Mr. Brown is one of the oldest residents of this section, having crossed the plains by team 31 years ago with his wife and 4 children, his mother, Mrs. J. J. Brown and J. T. Ray and H. C. Austin, just boys in their teens at that time. — A state highway surveying party was in Nyssa this week surveying the state highway between the Nyssa bridge and Cairo, the last unit of the John Day highway. — The supply of water in the Shoestring ditch is more abundant than usual. It is pumped from Snake river. — Sidney Burbridge returned to Nyssa from his old home in England. — A. J. Pinkston and children had a runaway while driving along the road, the team became frightened and turned over the rig spilling out the occupants who were not seriously injured.

40 Years Ago—July 15, 1914

E. L. Merritt, business manager of the Gate City Journal, was in Vale Monday, filing on a home-stand about 4 miles from Nyssa. — W. H. Davison, hooked a 154 pound sturgeon in the Snake river about a mile from Nyssa on the Idaho side. He made the mile back to town for help to land the monster fish. — Gus Schweizer is hauling lumber to his ranch on the Owyhee where he is building a fine new home. He teams hauling large loads. — The house on the George Ransom ranch in Arcadia occupied by the Wallace family, caught fire and burned with most of the contents. — Wm Peutz sends word from the Owyhee section that he has corn 10 feet high on 8 acres of land, compared to the report of 3 feet high in the Vale area. — H. D. Holmes has started a new dry service in Nyssa. — July 1, the railroad known as the Payette Valley railroad was taken over by the Oregon Short Line. — Ernest Wilson and Harry Goshert took advantage of the OSL seashore excursion and left for Long Beach, Wash., for a two weeks vacation.

Remember When - - ?



LIKE OTHER TOWNS in the lower Snake river valley, Nyssa had a top-notch semi-pro baseball team back in the early 20s with inter-city games every Sunday afternoon. Most of this group of hard-hitters are remembered in Nyssa and several of them are still here. Aden Wilson recalls that this team, photographed about 1920, was responsible for what is now the Nyssa city park. At the end of the season the club treasury had a small balance and it was used

to purchase the property from the county for a ball park. The lots were up for sale for back taxes and Fred Young, now of Portland, was instrumental in bringing about the sale to the ball club. Wilson states that the deed on file in the county court-house limits the use of the property for anything but a park. After interest in baseball lapsed, the area was seeded and landscaped and now is a popular playground for all age groups. Records of Bob Thompson, from

whose collection the picture was taken, shows the players as standing, left to right: J. Hutchison, Slim Woodruff, Harley Diven, Harry Goshert, (manager), Hank Teutsch, Fred Young, and Delmo Gibson (manager). Seated are Bill Lyle, Bert Davis, Elmer Stradley, Olson, Aden Wilson, Felton Duncan and Art Servoss, mascot. Woodruff and Olson were residents of Portland and came to Nyssa each summer to play with the Nyssa team.

Meaning of Wheat Referendum Vote Outlined By OSC

Effects of the marketing quota referendum for wheat growers July 23 have been summarized by Ralph Beck, assistant director of the Oregon State college extension service. He represents the extension service on the state agricultural stabilization and conservation committee.

If two-thirds of the nation's wheat growers who cast ballots in the referendum vote yes:

1. Marketing quotas will be in effect for all farms with more than 15 acres of wheat for grain.
2. Marketing penalties will apply to all "excess" wheat—that is wheat that exceeds individual farm allotments.
3. Price support will be given to farmers who comply with wheat acreage allotments—if they also comply with other crop allotments and total acreage allotments that might be set up for their farms.

If the vote is no:

1. There will be no marketing quotas and no marketing penalties on "excess" wheat.
2. Price support, under law, will be 50 percent of parity.
3. Any producers who fail to comply with allotments for wheat, other crops or total acreage if any is set for their farms, will not be eligible for price support.

Acreage allotments in both Oregon and the nation have been cut 11 percent from last year because of holdover supplies of wheat. Oregon's allotment for 1935 is 799,603 acres.

On Vacation

Mrs. Nora L. Jackson left Monday morning on a month's vacation visiting friends and relatives in Lubbock and Temple, Texas.

Your Library

New novels, a book about Pugat Sound, and an account of German counter-espionage in the last world war are books topping the list of those going into circulation on Saturday, July 17, at the Malheur County Library.

Rendezvous, by Rose Franken, is a novel of the conflict arising from ancient hates and passionate loyalties, when the brother of Josephine, a French peasant girl, brings home a German bride. Archie Binns, presents bits of history, descriptions, and legends of the Puget Sound area in Sea in the Forest.

Pictures from an Institution, by Randall Jarrell is both a comic and a satirical picture of the American progressive college for women.

How for twenty months in 1942 and 1943 the British radio links with their agents and the Dutch resistance movement were under German control through counter-espionage is the account given by H. J. Giskes in London Calling North Pole.

Voyages of adventure and discovery including the discovery of Tahiti, the rescue of Alexander Selkirk (Robinson Crusoe), and Captain Bligh's own story of the open-boat voyage, are the subject of Beyond Horizons, by Carleton Mitchell.

Paradise Bay, by John Brodie (writing under the name of Guthrie) is the story of a New Zealand town about to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the first landing at Paradise Bay.

Silver Rock, by Luke Short tells how Tully Gibbs hoped to make a quick fortune through an abandoned mine in Azurite, Colo., but didn't find what he expected.

A family story in which Tony and Zelda who grew up in the twenties and in an age of youthful rebellion now find it hard to understand their own children's struggle for security, is The Young People, by Gertrude Schweizer.

Maud Martha, is a story about a young Negro girl growing up in Chicago's Bronzeville. Its author, Gwendolyn Brooks, won a Pulitzer prize in 1949 for her volume of poetry, Annie Allen. This is her first novel.

Virginia Cowles writes the life story of a statesman in her book, Winston Churchill, picking out main strands in his personality.

Roger Williams; His Contribution to the American Tradition, is a study of this prophet of religious freedom, presenting for the first time a large selection from his works and correcting a misinterpretation of his motives.

An Outline of French History, by Rene Sedillot deals concisely with the subject beginning with prehistoric times and going through the mid-1940's. The life of the people and their culture, changes in manners and ideas, and technical advances are part of this readable account.

"Builders of the Quaker Road" by Caroline Jacob is a collection of biographical sketches

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Visitors View Crop Response at Demonstration

High-yielding crop varieties for the Snake river valley, weed control, and crop response from commercial fertilizers were viewed Thursday by more than 100 visitors at the Malheur branch experiment station field day.

Topping the list of best yielders were Orestan alfalfa that has averaged seven tons per acre in four cropping years, Bonneville barley with a 91 bushel average for eight years, and Overland and Cody oats with an eight year average of 110 and 119 bushels respectively.

Neil Hoffman, station superintendent, stated that while adequate supplies of Overland seed are available there is no local seed supply of Cody other than at the experiment station.

A practical demonstration in the value of certified potato seed was shown on test plots under supervision of Turner Bond, Malheur county extension agent.

Plots of Bliss Triumph, White Rose, and Nettle Gem potatoes growing from seed "one year out" of certification showed approximately 20 percent disease damage from leafroll, mosaic, and green dwarf. There was no damage on adjoining plots of the same varieties growing from certified seed.

Bond estimated that comparable damage on a commercial basis might cost growers nearly \$100 an acre this year. Traditionally, growers in the area plant top-quality certified seed one year and then select seed from the harvest for second-year planting. In some cases, Bond noted, growers will get by with as little as five percent disease the second year.

Last year's heavy insect population spread disease that resulted in 20 percent plant damage based on greenhouse observation of seed sampled from 175 acres grown locally for seed.

Seed from the 175 acres alone, had it all been planted, would have given the area 1800 acres of potatoes with a probable yield loss of 50 sacks per acre. Bond said, however, that many of these lots were discarded following the greenhouse tests at Oregon State college.

The county extension agent stated that the \$1 per hundred savings in buying uncertified seed—about \$15 an acre—is false

economy even when potato prices are low.

Winter wheat variety trials, now in the second year, showed Brevor again leading with an estimated 70 bushels per acre on soil that received 60 pounds of nitrogen (actual) per acre. Fertilizer trials on winter wheat with 80 pounds of nitrogen (actual) are expected to nearly double yields over unfertilized plots.

Hoffman said recent mild winters have increased interest among farmers in winter wheat as a means of distributing the year's work load by planting in the fall rather than in the busy spring season. Other winter varieties under test are Rex, Elmar, Rio, Golden, and Orford.

Federation and Lemhi retained the lead as favorite spring varieties in nursery comparisons with eight other varieties.

Hay tonnage from grass seeded with Ladak alfalfa in four year trials has equaled, and in some cases exceeded, harvest of straight Ladak with three cuttings a year. Most suitable grasses appear to be Manchur Smooth Bromegrass, Cornell 177 Timothy, Meadow foxtail, and Alta fescue.

All grasses tested were effective in holding out "cheatgrass" from alfalfa stands, appear to reduce lodging of alfalfa, and should reduce bloat hazard of high quality alfalfa hay.

Hoffman recommends use of Orestan rather than Ladak alfalfa and says it should be seeded at normal rate to maintain a full stand if the grass goes out.

Orestan has outyielded eight other popular varieties each year since the first harvest in 1930 when it produced 7.39 tons per acre in three cuttings. Resistant to bacterial wilt, Orestan has remained vigorous.

Chemical weed control trials in field corn showed effective weed kills with two pounds per acre of 2, 4-D (amine form) with no damage to the corn. One group of test plots was sprayed June 22 when the corn was knee-high; a second group was sprayed July 2 immediately following irrigation when leaf-growth was rapid and the plants would be most susceptible to damage. Comparable weed control trials last year showed no corn plant injury or reduction in yields.

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