

Judge G. Chester Asks Support for County Road Tax

County Judge G. Y. Chester urged members of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday to support the county-wide 10-mill road tax proposal which will appear on the ballot at the November election. Malheur county had such a road tax for a five-year period, but when continuation of the tax was asked at a special election early in 1952 and later at the 1952 general election, a majority of voters in the Nyssa area precincts voted in favor of the county-wide tax, but overwhelming dissenting votes in other areas defeated the issue.

A county-wide road tax would be placed on both personal and real property, while road taxes such as those in the Nyssa Road Improvement district covers only real property. Following defeat of the county-wide tax, residents of the road district voted overwhelmingly for an additional 10 mills to partly make up the loss.

Five mills of a county-wide tax are returned to municipalities for street work and following defeat of the county tax, Nyssans voted themselves a special 5-mill street tax.

The county judge said that some funds still remain in the county road fund, but that they will soon be expended and it will be impossible to carry on any county road program without the 10-mill levy.

The county is divided into 11 districts and the funds are supposed to be divided proportionately. There were numerous discrepancies in the past and efforts will be made to correct that situation if voters approve the issue at the general election, Chester said.

Judge Chester commented briefly on the proposed purchase of Vale's Union high school building for a courthouse and stated that an architect's plan and an estimate of remodeling costs will be made available before a transaction is completed.



MIDSHIPMAN RONALD J. JENSEN, a student at the U. S. Naval Academy, takes a sextant reading of the sun's position during his navigational phase of summer training aboard the heavy cruiser USS Des Moines, Midn. Jensen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton S. Jensen, 217 South Third street, Nyssa, and graduated from Nyssa high school in 1951. He was among more than 3,000 midshipmen who embarked at Norfolk, Va. June 7 when 19 ships left for a cruise to European waters. They will visit ports in Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium and The Netherlands before returning to Norfolk Aug. 3.

Malheur Demo Club Will Meet Monday

The members of the Malheur Democratic club will hold their regular monthly meeting next Monday at Brownies cafe.

Club members will discuss the different issues and various candidates for the coming election campaigns. Reports will be heard from those members who traveled to Eugene to attend the speech given there by Adlai Stevenson on July 10.

These meetings are held on the last Monday of each month and the members invite all interested parties to attend.

Nyssa Makes Early Start On Plans for Second Harvest Festival September 25

The first of detailed planning for Nyssa's second annual Harvest Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25, got underway Friday noon at a luncheon meeting of committee heads, it was announced by Wayne Chesnut and Wilton Jackson, co-chairmen of the 1954 event.

The free barbecue with all the trimmings and "all on the house" which attracted about 5,000 people last fall, will be given special attention with plans already being made for this year. However, special entertainment, specialty acts, a Harvest Queen and a Queen's ball are not being overlooked and will be more elaborate than ever, the two chairmen reported.

One of the big features that was decided a few minutes after last year's Harvest Festival got underway, is that at least six serving lines will be formed to take care of the town's guests in a matter of a few minutes. Last fall, only two lines were in operation and the crowd exceeded all expectations, although the food held out to feed 5,000 people. "While no one actually complained about having to stand in line, we were kidded about underestimating the response and people stood four and five abreast from the serving tables next to the old school gym clear out to Main street," Chesnut commented. "This year we want to make cer-

tain that we can feed everyone in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho in just a few minutes, if they all will come," he went on to say.

Wilton Jackson commented that so many enthusiastic comments had been voiced, that the Chamber of Commerce and its committee, the Nyssa Business Men's association, had decided to get an early start to perfect as many flaws as possible. "We all know that and the public enjoyed last year's show and the chance to come to town and 'have one on us,' and their favorable comments make us want to do an even better job this year," he said.

Committee heads named by the co-chairmen are: H. O. Hopkins, meat; Houston Wilson, other food; Fred Bracken, queen; J. L. Herriman, band and specialty acts; Junior Chamber of Commerce, decorations; Lions club, kid's program; Bob Thompson, sports events; Jay Bunn, tables; Duane Alters, publicity; Paul Penrod, lights and sound, and Bernard Eastman, finances.

Each committee chairman will name others to work with him and another meeting will be called the latter part of July for more detailed reports.

Jaycees Hear Talk On Safety Program

At a meeting of the Nyssa Jaycees held last Tuesday night at 8:00 in the Lutheran church members heard a talk on safety by Wayne Lesh from Weiser.

Lesh will help the Nyssa Jaycees to organize a safety program here. He is the vice president of the Weiser Safety League whose purpose is to reduce the traffic accidents and injuries in that locality.

Lesh spoke on the organization of the program here, the benefits to be derived from such a program and the duties of the sponsors.

Weather Break Seen In Cooler Tuesday, Wed.

The first break in this community's "heat wave" came Tuesday night when the temperature dropped to 52 degrees for the lowest minimum temperature since the night of July 2. The first two days of the month had maximum temperatures below 90 degrees and July 9 was a "cool" 85, while all other maximum temperatures since July 1 have been 90 or more. Tuesday of last week was 101 for the hottest day so far this summer.

Average maximum temperature for the first 20 days of July was 94.1 and average minimum was 61.4. The same period a year ago had an average high of 92.8 and an average low of 59.5, while two years ago the 20-day average was 94.4 and 54.1.

According to North Board of Control weather records, this year's temperatures are comparable to those of previous years. A year ago a maximum for the year climbed to 105 on July 12 and in 1952, 104 was the record on July 30, while 1951 had a 103 reading July 13.

No barometer readings are taken in Nyssa, but reports are that air moisture content for this area has been far greater than average for July during the past several years.

Temperature readings for the past week are:	
Wed., July 14	97
Thurs., July 15	94
Fri., July 16	97
Sat., July 17	97
Sun., July 18	95
Mon., July 19	99
Tues., July 20	89
Wed., July 21	82

Ceremonies For Mission Closing

Bishop Liepez of Baker was in Nyssa Sunday where he conducted closing ceremonies for the Spanish Mission held for the past week at the St. Hubert's Catholic church. Others present for the ceremonies were Father Ramon, who had conducted the mission, Father Gaire of Ontario, Father O'Brien of Vale and Father Rembert.

Following the services, Bishop Liepez held a blessing of the cars. The Bishop and his party attended a dinner at the Tom Jones home following the ceremonies, that had been prepared by church members.

JUDY ROBERTS GETS NEW BRACES

Miss Judith Ann Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roberts was in Boise Saturday to have her brace changed preparatory to entering the first grade this fall.

Miss Roberts is a polio patient.

Nyssa Chamber to Fete Members of Grassland Tour

Malheur county's Grassland of the Year contest for 1954, sponsored by the county Farm Bureau, will be expanded to include a public tour with judges who will select the honored farmer, it was announced Wednesday by Ted Morgan.

In the past, judges toured farms competing and made their selection, but this year the general public and Chambers of Commerce are being invited to accompany the judging team and hear comments of Oregon State College authorities on pasture and rangeland.

Selection will be made Aug. 12 when possibly 100 people will tour the best farms and plats in the county. The group will be guests of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce which will serve lunch in the city park during the noon hour. Arrangements will be made to present the awards at that time.

Morgan told the Chamber Wednesday that almost all other types of crops grown in Malheur county are thoroughly developed, such as potatoes, sugar beets and hay, the average yield of which is comparable to similar crops grown on department of agriculture experimental farms. Grassland on both range and pasture are not developed and have a long way to go to meet the output possible under existing conditions, he said.

The Farm Bureau's sponsorship of the annual contest is for the purpose of creating more interest in range and pasture improvement.

Labor Camp Forms Organized Sports Club For Games

Organization of an athletic club known as the Spanish Americans, was completed Sunday at the Nyssa Farm Labor camp. The new organization succeeds a group known as the Latin American club. Officers to function from July, 1954 to July, 1955, are Emilio Vela, president; Adrian Oliva, vice president; Alfredo Cruz, secretary; William Shambaugh, treasurer, and the Rev. Frank F. Reyes, counselor. Team managers are Jesus Ajala and Jose Loera.

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Adrian Voters To Decide Issue Of School Purchases

Adrian — Voters in Adrian's Union high school district will go to the polls between 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. Friday to vote on a proposal to provide funds for the purchase of bleachers for the high school gym, library books, typewriters and home economics equipment. The proposal is handled in the same manner as that for giving the board permission to exceed the 6 percent limitation, which has been changed for rural high school districts, it was explained.

A similar issue was rejected by voters at a June 28 election when directors were elected and another issue was asked for the purchase of the Holly theatre building for a music room.

A special meeting will be held at 8 p. m. Friday following the election for discussion of future needs of the school's music department. The meeting will be held at the high school building.

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Cpl. Vigil Takes Part In Program

Cpl. John A. Vigil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leandro Vigil, 112 East Second street, Nyssa, recently took part in dedication ceremonies of a Korean school, tenth and largest project completed under the 7th Infantry division's Armed Forces Assistance to Korea program.

Cpl. Vigil is an assistant squad leader in Co. F of the division's 32d regiment, which sponsored construction of the six-room primary school at Osan-ni. He arrived in Korea 14 months ago and holds the combat infantryman badge. He entered the Army in November, 1952.

Railroad Donates Gravel For City

Five cars of crushed rock were shipped to Nyssa this week by the Union Pacific railroad, two of which were donated to the city for repairs on the east end of West Bower and on alleys adjacent to packing houses where potato trucks are hauling spuds to market. City crews are spreading the gravel on the unpaved areas.

The remaining three cars of gravel are being spread in the area adjacent to the Union Pacific station here, according to Tom Jones, agent.

Potato Harvest Makes Preliminary Start With Plans For Full-Scale Operations Next Week; Big Payroll

Good Sanitation Report For Camp

Improvement of sanitary conditions at the Nyssa Farm Labor camp over previous years has been terrific, it was announced this week by Raymond Ruff, county sanitarian. Individual dwelling units are good, but utility rooms need a large amount of improvement and still present a problem.

Routine inspections are made of each cabin, grounds, toilets and wash rooms.

Ruff attributed this year's improvements to efforts of William camp, who has arranged for camp, who has arranged for prizes to be given later in the season.

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Nyssa Teams Win 3 Ore-Ida Games

The Ore-Ida league baseball games which were played here last Thursday ended with the Nyssa teams scoring wins in all three games.

The games were played against teams from Huntington at the Nyssa city park. In the first contest The Midgets, 10 years and under, ended with Nyssa 8, Huntington 3. Nyssa pitcher was Ron Hansen and catcher was Butch Bingham.

In the Pee-wee game, 11 and 12 year olds, Nyssa won 9-8. The Nyssa pitcher was Clark Jaques and Leo Gallegos was catcher. The Juniors, ages 12 and 13, finished their game with Nyssa in the lead 12-3. Winning pitchers were Frank Parr and Jim Settler.

The next game of the league will be played here between Nyssa and Payette this Thursday at 10:00 in the morning.

DAVE CHRISTENSEN SERIOUSLY ILL

Dave Christensen is confined to his home where he is seriously ill.

Mrs. Stella Church of Rocky Ford, Colo., arrived last week to spend the summer in Nyssa at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Church.

The Nyssa area potato harvest is expected to get into full swing next week when capacity crews will be working at eight packing houses in Nyssa and at least one in Adrian. More than 300 people will be employed at the packing sheds, in addition to many others in the fields and on trucks. Packing shed payrolls are expected to exceed \$15,000 a week, as nearly as could be ascertained by local operators.

Shipments so far this year had surpassed 200 cars through Wednesday of this week, which was slightly greater than the total shipments a year ago at this time.

The peak so far this year was reached Monday when 40 cars were shipped, of which 19 were from the J. C. Watson Co. that got into full-scale production before other shippers.

Total potato shipments in 1953 were 2,285 cars and this year's carloadings are expected to compare favorably with that figure.

Rumors early this week of a break in the potato market failed to halt plans of growers and shippers to prepare for next week's rush and there were wide and varied differences of opinion on the part of the shippers. Last week's report of \$2.35 net to grower for early reds changed Monday when unofficial reports were that growers were receiving \$1.75. By Tuesday "sidewalk officials" reported further price breaks, but only one shipper interviewed indicated the price was below \$1.75 and he expressed belief that a change in mid-west weather conditions could boost the price back near the \$2.00 mark. A few white potatoes being packed this week were reported to be bringing \$2.65.

Shippers said that the continued mid-west heat wave "has spoiled the market there for everything but water and beer" and reported that residents of that area actually have reduced purchases of heavy foods, including potatoes where most of this area's early potatoes are sold.

In any event, most growers and shippers were unanimous in expressing opinions that this year's potato crop will bring many thousands of dollars more revenue to the valley than did that of 1953 when prices ranged in the neighborhood of \$1.00 after the first few hundred cars were shipped.

Jaycees Plan For Blood Campaign Slated August 10

Plans for the coming blood drive are progressing satisfactorily, it was reported this week by Ronald Schoen, co-chairman of the drive with George Cobern.

The drive, which is to be held on August 10 at the Nyssa high school from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., is the first to be sponsored by the Nyssa Junior Chamber of Commerce, Ralph Lawrence and Hal Henigson have heretofore been in charge of the Nyssa blood campaigns. Responsibility for the drives was turned over to the Jaycees last week and Schoen and Cobern were then appointed co-chairmen of the August 10 drive.

The Jaycees will also be in charge of all future drives here under the present arrangements. Pledges will be distributed to all Nyssa business houses and social and civic organizations and the Jaycees hope to have these returned by July 27 so that they may estimate the number of donors.

Schoen stated that those persons who have pledged in the past to donate to future drives will be sent a stamped addressed postcard which they are requested to fill out and mail in. The information received from these postcards combined with totals of the pledge lists will enable the Jaycees to cooperate with the Red Cross in efficiently organizing the drive.

Navy Man Home From Service

Newell Heights—Richard Fenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fenn, received his discharge from the U. S. Navy June 17 at San Diego, and arrived here last week with his wife and son, Douglas, for a visit at his parents home. They were accompanied by his sister, Avanelle Fenn, who had spent two weeks in San Diego with her brother and family.

A daughter, born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fenn in San Diego June 26, died at birth.

Dairymen Form Political Group

A group of dairymen, representing the dairy industry over Malheur county met Tuesday evening at the Moore Hotel in Ontario, where they organized a "Dairymen for Ullman Club."

Purpose of the club, according to Mrs. Charley Grider, who was elected chairman, is to support Al Ullman, who is running for congressman for this district.

Other officers elected were Jane Larson, Adrian, secretary, and directors Calvin Hughes of Ontario, Jake Borge of Adrian, A. R. Terry of Harper and Eugene Pratt of Nyssa.

ANNUAL PICNIC THIS SUNDAY

The Oddfellows and Rebekah lodges will hold their annual picnic next Sunday at the Nyssa city park.

The picnic will begin at 1:00 in the afternoon and members of the lodges have been asked that those who attend take their own table service and lunch.

City Water Supply Receiving Detailed Study Preparatory To Bond Issue For New System

Nyssa's domestic water supply, which also serves for irrigating purposes, has presented a definite problem for the past several summers. However, more people are affected this summer than ever before and the subject of water has replaced the weather for the subject "everybody talks about."

Unlike the weather, the city council and City Manager Robert M. Applegate are attempting to do something about it.

Rather than build up the hopes of the general public that the problem will be solved immediately with ways and means effected to solve the current lack of pressure and what appears to be a water shortage, plans are being made for a new system to take care of needs for next summer and many seasons to follow regardless of future growth of the town.

Want Quantity, Quality

Applegate said that the city wants quantity and quality in water plus a fair return in revenue. The problem is not yet considered critical, but it is objectionable and could reach the critical stage soon if new sources of supply are not developed.

At the present time, studies are being made of water usage to determine the needs of the town without needlessly spending thousands of dollars in experimenting in the hope of arriving at some temporary solution. Applegate commented. Water is being supplied by four city wells and from the Idaho Canning Co. are being purchased.

Basing estimates on figures being compiled for the first time this summer, each man, woman and child is using between 500 and 600 gallons of water every day. This is based on usage for domestic purposes, irrigating and commercial establishments. The four pumps and the cannery are supplying about 1,500,000 gallons per day, but the supply is considered inadequate because of the extremely low pressure at certain periods of the day.

System Inadequate

The present system was designed to supply 100 gallons a day for each person now living in Nyssa and variations in pressure in various parts of town are attributed to differences in the size of the water mains and feed-

er lines leading from the mains.

It has been found that water pressure varies between 28 and 40 pounds at 8 a. m. and will drop to 20 pounds and under by 10 o'clock because of extensive use. The 40 pound pressure is considered necessary for proper distribution to all users.

Irrigating restrictions attempted in past years have not solved the problem, since as much or more water is being distributed and far more people are using it for lawns than ever before. Unlike last summer, there have been no reports of taps being completely "dry", although more residents are complaining about low pressure.

Experiments Costly

The city council has discussed the possibility of sinking more shallow wells, but that solution is considered only a temporary means of relief and is expensive along with no assurance that the supply can be increased. The city engineer said that shallow wells can also drain water on one another if they are too close together and feeding from the same underground source. A health problem is also involved in

shallow wells with sudden changes in the supply sometimes bringing about the need for extensive chemical treatment.

Other sources of a new supply are extensive, such as more deep wells, but here a study must be given because of the types of water that might be obtained. There are about three levels of deep well water which can be sought. The present deep wells provide an adequate supply as far as they go, but considerable amounts of sand damage the equipment and frequently fill up the mains and private facilities, all of which cuts down on the amount of water that can be pumped. The deep well water is extremely hard, bringing more maintenance problems for both the city and users.

Study Underway

Applegate said that figures are being supplied from the U. S. Geological Survey regarding the various sources of underground water in this area. In addition, a water engineering firm is studying the data obtained by the city and it can be obtained before another summer rolls around, but the public's help is needed.

ings will be used to take definite steps this fall to solve the problem once and for all, the city manager said.

It is likely that resident voters will be called upon to approve a bond issue sometime this fall to modernize and complete the entire system. Such an expenditure might amount to \$100,000, but it could be paid for from water revenue, rather than by property assessment.

There would have to be an adjustment of water rates, after an adequate supply of water was furnished to users, but average costs would not be much greater than they are now. Heavy users probably would pay more than they pay now, but in most instances those needing more water than they now receive have indicated they are willing to pay for it.

City officials are asking users to cooperate in every way possible this summer to prevent needless expenditures to solve the problem temporarily. There is an abundance of water to be had and it can be obtained before another summer rolls around, but the public's help is needed.