

## Gas Search May Continue Near Nyssa, Is Report

Future activities at a prospective oil-gas well being drilled three miles north of Nyssa are uncertain, H. K. Riddle told the Journal Wednesday when asked about numerous rumors of striking gas as well as the other extreme rumors of plans to abandon all operations.

Riddle said that the rig had drilled to a depth of slightly more than 5100 feet and that no oil had been discovered. There were indications of gas, however, he reported, but the amount of gas has not yet been determined.

The well was cemented from the bottom up to about 1900 feet where a large amount of water was flowing Wednesday morning with some traces of gas. Riddle said that as long as the water is entering the shaft, tests cannot be made on the gas and that it might or might not be present in commercial quantities.

The prospects are not at all encouraging at the present site, Riddle said, but there are several other angles to be explored.

No plans are yet being made either to move the rig to another location on property under lease or to move out of this region altogether, he said.

## Vale Area Woman Electrocuted In Freak Accident

Mrs. John A. McNulty, Ontario route 2, was accidentally electrocuted Monday afternoon and her husband was injured when their truck came in contact with an electric wire that had come loose from a power pole southwest of Irontside.

According to information received here, McNulty was hauling a truck load of cattle from his ranch near Irontside to Ontario. The dangling wire touched the cab and McNulty got out to investigate. The electric charge knocked him down and Mrs. McNulty attempted to get out to help him and was electrocuted when she touched the ground.

McNulty walked nearly three miles to report the accident and get assistance.

Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Vale Christian church with the Rev. Eldon Belton officiating. Mrs. McNulty is survived by her husband, one daughter, one son, two brothers, a sister and two grandchildren.

### NATIONAL GUARD DANCE

The annual Thanksgiving dance staged by the Malheur county National Guard unit is scheduled for Wednesday evening of next week at the armory in Ontario, Leon Haney announced. The general public is invited and tickets can be obtained from Haney at Herriman Motor Co.

### NO FIRES

Ralph Lawrence, Nyssa fire chief, said that there had been no fire calls for the department during the past week.

## Eagle Scout Badges Presented Four Boys, 12 Others Advance One Rank

Four members of Nyssa Lions club Boy Scout troop 419 became eagle scouts, 12 were promoted one rank in scouting and 45 received merit badges for various phases of specialized study at a court of honor held Monday night at the Nyssa high school gymnasium.

Dennis Forbes, Vernon Pond, Tom Sallee and Bob Storm were the four youths reaching the highest rank in scouting. Just behind this quartet are Dan Wilson,

## Pet Burro Shot In Adrian Pasture

A pet burro, owned by Vern Parker at Adrian, was shot one day this week while it was grazing in a pasture near the Snake river. The incident was reported to Sheriff John Effering who said that it was not known whether the shooting was accidental or deliberate and that he doubted if any hunter had mistaken the animal for a deer.

## Councilmen Hear New Proposal For City Water Supply

A special city council meeting was held Tuesday night to hear a report from a Mr. Silitch regarding a patented water well being considered for Nyssa. Introduced by Earl Reynolds, hired by the city as representative of a consulting engineering firm, Silitch told councilmen that his system known as the Raney well would be sunk below the surface of the earth and spread out in various directions to obtain different flows of water.

Cost of such a well is expensive, councilmen were told and an estimate of \$100,000 total cost was given, but the company guarantees the amount of water available with no charges made for less than the guaranteed amount.

No action was taken by the council.

Efforts to locate a source of supply southeast of the city were abandoned several weeks ago after test holes were drilled by an Ontario firm and only a small amount of water could be located.

## Senior Class Will Present Drama Soon

The senior class of the Nyssa high school will present its annual play Friday, Dec. 3, in the gymnasium. The play will be "The Curious Savage." Theme of the play is mental illness and the locale is a private home for the mentally ill.

Taking part in the production are Kris Rinehart, Ronald Buchner, Kay Ballantyne, Larry Bauman, Barbara Baker, Stan Thompson, Gary Jones, Lynn Lankford, Irene Jayo, Janet Medlock and Wayne Adams.

## Stage Set For Lions Club Carnival At Old Gym This Saturday Night

The annual Lions club carnival is set for Saturday night of this week beginning at 8 o'clock in the old school gymnasium, according to Ron Campbell, general chairman of this year's event. Door prizes which include an expensive Argus C4 camera with flash and case and a fry pan with a total value of approximately \$125 will be given during the carnival festivities.

Advance ticket sales are being made by members of the Lions club this week and they must be purchased prior to opening of the doors at 8 p. m. All tickets purchased before carnival time will be exchanged for script for use as money at any of the booths, games and concession stands.

This annual event is intended for all ages and "there will be fun for all," Campbell stated. Any profit will be used by the local Lions club for further benefit of the community of Nyssa.

## Briehl Gives Talk At Toastmasters

John Briehl gave the only scheduled address at the Friday breakfast meeting of the Nyssa Toastmaster club. His topic was "I Am Concerned About the Young Men of This Community."

Toastmaster of the morning was Joe Carter; Wayne Chesnut was topicmaster; Walter Bock was general evaluator.

Briehl, in his address, blamed no group nor any individual but asked the question as to the cause for the non-support of the Jaycees and other civic-minded groups of young men.

In addition to honors for the new ranks attained, 45 merit badges were presented to boys of the troop.

Jerry Thorne of Ontario and Stuart Norton of Nampa, scout executives, had charge of the program and Dusty Rhodes gave a talk on all phases of scouting, the value to boys participating and the benefit to society from the training youths receive.

## Twirp Week At Nyssa Hi School

Don't look now—but twirps are loose again in Nyssa.

And big girls are masquerading as little girls . . . and the woman pays, financially, that is.

Sound crazy? Nays, 'tis youthful, just hi-jinks at Nyssa high school as twirp week is here again. Twirp—translated—the woman is requested to pay—means that the sweet young things pay the bills when the couples go a-courtin'. On one day to school entirely miss will go to school entirely without make-up of any kind—natural, that is, the way she got up. And the miss will wait upon the lord and master boy because this is twirp week. It ends with a big Twirp Twirl Friday evening.

## Tax Collections Believed Better Than Year Ago

County tax payments on or before Nov. 15 when 3 percent discount was allowed have been as good, if not slightly greater than in past years, Sheriff John Effering, county tax collector, announced Wednesday.

The sheriff said that thousands of dollars came into the office during the last few days of grace and there are "boxes and boxes" of letters, presumably containing checks, which have not yet been opened.

Last Friday was a record day in collections with \$110,000 brought into the office in the courthouse and on Monday \$96,000 was paid over the counter. The sheriff said that his staff has not yet had an opportunity to catch up with postings so that the amount of taxes so far collected can be estimated.

## Former Principal Receives Promotion

Dennis W. Patch, formerly principal of Nyssa high school, has been appointed consultant in transportation, federal assistance and Indian education in the state department of education, it has been announced. Patch served as Nyssa principal for four years until 1951 when he was appointed to the department of education staff.

## State Commander Speaks At District American Legion Meeting Held Mon.

During its 36 years of existence the American Legion has never deviated from its program of service for community, state and nation and it will continue in 1960, in 1970 and many years beyond that, Department Commander Carl Moser told 75 Legionnaires and auxiliary members Monday night at a district banquet and meeting in Nyssa. The state commander gave an enthusiastic account of the Legion's activities and asserted that the men and women of the organization are speaking for things that are right.

Moser stated that there never has been any beneficial federal or state legislation that has not been written or had not been endorsed by the Legion. The Oregon department has played an important part in the national picture and it was Oregon that wrote the amendment to the constitution admitting veterans of world war two to the organization.

The speaker praised the Legion's child welfare program which was started in 1925 and for which \$117 million has been expended. The Legion pledged back in the '20s never to ask for anything for able-bodied men until every disabled veteran and every child of disabled and deceased veterans were cared for, Moser said.

The state commander reviewed his organization's fight for the nation to keep itself armed, its fight against communism and its fight for more patriotism.

Prior to Moser's speech, Mrs. Marie Wilcox, department president of the auxiliary, spoke on the value of the women's organization and expressed her group's appreciation to the Legion for the recognition received.

Other state dignitaries present included Jack Larson, state vice commander; Joe McDonald, adjutant, and George Shaw, rehabilitation officer. Donald M. Graham, district adjutant, served as toastmaster for the evening and introduced the guests. Delegations were present from Adrian, Ontario and Vale. Nora Graham is district president of the auxiliary.

## Heavy Rainfall During Past Week

"This is good weather—for ducks" was the expression heard in Nyssa frequently during the last week.

The weather has been quite damp the past week with a perceptible moisture on four days. Last Saturday the drain clogged at the underpass and cars splashed through water to their fenders. Some cars did not make it and had to be pulled or pushed through.

One driver, stalled, had his window open and was peering out when another car, gunned by its driver, passed through. A sheet of the dirty water cascaded into the stalled car through the open window, drenching the driver, and soaking the interior of the car.

## Telephone Books Go To All Users

Residents of Nyssa and vicinity received the new telephone directories issued by the Malheur Home Telephone company last week. The new directory is a large sized quarto volume, 9 inches by 11 inches, instead of the small volume, 6 inches by 8 inches, issued earlier.

The new directory, Fall of 1954 issue, contains the listed numbers in eight cities of this region: Nyssa, Ontario and Vale, Ore., and Council, Fruitland, New Plymouth, Payette and Weiser, Idaho.

## Nyssa Merchants Offer Merchandise At Low Prices; Give Away 12 Turkeys

Nyssa area residents have the opportunity to save thousands of dollars Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week by making a list of all their needs from the ads in the Gate City Journal, then coming to Nyssa to make their purchases.

The city's new famed Dollar Days event is once more on with a majority of Nyssa's retail stores offering merchandise at far lower than average prices. While many of them are following the \$1 theme by reducing some items from as much as twice that amount, others are joining in the special sales event by large reductions from the regular retail price. Examples of the special prices can be found throughout this week's

## Pair Arrested For Theft of Coal

Jose Garaey and Genaro C. Rodriguez were arrested Monday afternoon by city police for allegedly stealing coal from a commercial coal car on a railroad siding at Nyssa. The pair were reported by members of the Union Pacific signal crew and it was discovered that they had taken 560 pounds of coal destined for Home-lands.

Garaey and Rodriguez were scheduled to appear in the Nyssa justice court Wednesday afternoon for a hearing.

## Local Guard Unit Wins High Rating At Inspection

Malheur County's National Guard unit, Co. H, 186th Infantry, received a rating of superior at the annual federal inspection held at the armory in Ontario Oct. 15, it was learned this week by Capt. L. B. Brown, commanding officer of the unit.

The inspection was made by the regular army inspector general's corps and is an inspection comparing training and facilities of national guard units with those of the regular army.

The local guard company is the only unit in Eastern Oregon this year to receive the honor, which is the highest possible rating, and it is the second unit in the state to receive a superior rating during the past two years.

Twenty-six youths from the Nyssa community are members of the guard unit and make up the 75 mm recoilless rifle platoon of which Lt. Roy Hirai is platoon leader.

## Car Improvement Schedules Visit In Nyssa

The agricultural improvement car of the Union Pacific will visit Nyssa on Monday, Dec. 6, it was announced here. The car will bring a college curricula on weeds and weed control.

The visit in Nyssa is part of the tour of western Idaho and eastern Oregon during November and December. The program has been coordinated with the work of several firms, including Amalgamated Sugar company and Idaho Power company.

Professors of the course will be Eugene Whitman and Howard Roylance, Boise, agronomy specialists of the University of Idaho extension division, and Clarence I. Seely, Moscow, also an agronomy specialist of the University of Idaho.

## Chamber Promotion With Onions And Place Cards at NRA Meet "Terrific"

The Nyssa Chamber of Commerce promotion to gain recognition for this community at the National Reclamation association meeting in Portland last week was "terrific," Harold Henigson reported. Henigson, secretary of the North Board of Control, and Manager and Mrs. Paul House went to the convention Nov. 6 and were joined by Wilton Jackson who went to Portland Sunday with a truckload of onions. Jumbo onions were wrapped

## Chamber Makes Ready For Annual Officer Election

Gene Stunz was nominated as a candidate for president of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce this week by a special nominating committee headed by Jake Fischer. Ted Morgan was named the candidate for vice president and Paul Penrod was nominated to succeed himself as secretary of the organization.

The nomination by a special committee is virtually election to office since other nominations can be from the floor and none were made at the Wednesday noon meeting.

Election of officers will be at the first meeting in December when three new directors will be elected. Nominated for director candidates were Bob Thompson, Robert Wilson, Ralph Lawrence, John Briehl, Bernard Eastman and Lloyd Mackrill.

Incumbent officers are Leonard Hewett, president and Emil Stunz, vice president.

## School District Voters Will Decide Two Bond Proposals For Expansion Program At Special Election Dec. 10

Legal voters of Nyssa school district 26C will be asked to vote Friday, Dec. 10, on two questions concerning a building program, it was announced by Supt. Richard V. Wilson following a school board meeting Monday night.

The two questions, as they will be presented to the voters, are:

"Shall school district 26C issue bonds in the amount of \$275,000 for the construction, equipping and furnishing a shop, cafeteria and music room addition to the present high school building?"

The superintendent said the decision to present the election to the voters in two separate questions was made at the regular November school board meeting. The first question concerning the building of more elementary rooms is considered by the school board and members of the citizens building committee as an absolute necessity, while the proposed addition of a shop, cafeteria and music room is not considered an absolute necessity, but would add greatly to the effectiveness of the educational program of this community, Wilson commented. The value of the latter proposal is evidenced by the success of such programs in other Oregon schools, it was explained.

Present attendance figures at school and number of births in Malheur county the last five years, indicate that the present Nyssa grade schools will not be adequate to house the number of youngsters who will attend in the fall of 1956, the superintendent said.

With this problem confronting it, the school board has solicited the advice and counsel of a large representative group of citizens of the area in arriving at a plan of action.

The bond vote called for Dec. 10 is the result of the combined thinking of the board of education and that group of citizens called in for consultation.

## Cage Practice Starts Wednesday For Bulldogs

Basketball practice was scheduled to get under way Wednesday night with only one regular player from last year's team and four lettermen around which a ball club can be built. Coach Harry McGinley stated that he would make no predictions about this year's prospects, but said he doubted if the team could live up to the 53-54 record.

Regular player from last year is Rodney Holcomb supported by Kenny Toomb, Bill Lovejoy, John Siminair and Melvin Ballantyne.

The SRV schedule calls for the first game Dec. 7 with Adrian on the Nyssa floor followed by a Dec. 11 game with John Day in John Day. A total of 19 games have been scheduled and 10 of them are home games. Three dates have been left open and possibly will be filled with extra or exhibition games.

## Kingman Grange Elects Officers

Noel Tuppenny was elected master of the Kingman Grange No. 863 at the last regular meeting Monday at the Adrian grade school. Other officers elected were:

Luit Stam, overseer; Jo Thomas, lecturer; W. E. Piercey, steward; Art Sparks, assistant steward; Bernice Toombs, chaplain; Herb Thomas, treasurer; Mable Piercey, secretary; K. I. Peterson, gatekeeper; Minnie Stam, Ceres; Myrtle Tuppenny, Pomona; Erma Sparks, Flora; Thelma Hamman, lady assistant steward; Dale Ashcraft, Luit Stam and K. I. Peterson, executive committee.

## More Automobile Dealers Display New Model Cars; Excellent Response

Two more automobile dealers are showing their 1955 model cars this week and receiving greater and more abundant response than they have in recent years, according to reports.

Waggoner Motor Co. had its new Chrysler and 1955 Plymouth on display Wednesday with the public making regular calls most of the day to inspect the cars. The Plymouth has been completely changed both in body design and in almost all phases of its mechanics, the biggest of which

is the addition of an eight-cylinder motor.

The new 1955 Buick will be displayed in Nyssa Friday and Saturday at the Roberts-Nyssa showrooms. Manager Boyd Wilson said that free coffee and doughnuts will be served and favors will be given for the children. In addition, cash and service prizes will be awarded.

Wilson said that Buick is presenting a complete new line of cars, featuring all-new styling and more powerful V-8 engines.

The showrooms will be open until 9 p. m. each day.

Nyssa Motors, Inc., which had its new Chevrolet showing the latter part of October, and Herriman Motor Co., which displayed the 1955 Fords last Friday, reported excellent response to their new models.

Herriman said that the number of persons appearing at his showrooms and the enthusiastic response exceeded any year since 1949.

All dealers agreed that the showings coming this time of year and close together has been beneficial for prospective sales and in arousing public interest in the 1955 automobiles.

## Magazine Gives Nyssa Publicity

The December issue of Railroad Magazine, a national publication for both professional and amateur railroaders, included Nyssa's Union Pacific station in a feature section of the December issue.

Ken Lorensen of Nyssa called attention to the special picture section of the magazine which showed, and briefly described, old and new railroad stations. The modernistic design of the Nyssa station emphasized in the full-page picture which was contrasted by many old time buildings, many of which are still in use.

## License Suspended

The Oregon Liquor control commission ordered the retail malt beverage license of the Smoke Shop at Nyssa suspended for 15 days beginning Monday of this week, according to a notice from the commission's Portland office. The report stated that the licensee was charged with selling alcoholic beverages to a minor.

	Max.	Min.	Pre.
Wed., Nov. 10	62	39	
Thurs., Nov. 11	58	39	
Fri., Nov. 12	58	45	.62
Sat., Nov. 13	47	32	.07
Sun., Nov. 14	53	31	
Mon., Nov. 15	54	42	.32
Tue., Nov. 16	59	39	.11
Wed., Nov. 17	40	40	.05

### SEASON'S GREETINGS

Cpl. Gene Huffman, stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, called from there Tuesday evening to wish his parents a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Huffman of Nyssa.