

Nyssa—The Sugar  
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## 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 Ironside.

According to information received here, McNulty was hauling a truck load of cattle from his ranch near Ironside 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 grandsons.

## 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 Storn were the four youths reaching the highest rank in scouting. Just behind this quartet are Dan Wilson,

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## 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 Elfering 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

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## 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 Bucher, Kay Ballantyne, Larry Baumman, Barbara Baker, Stan Thompson, Gary Jones, Lynn Lankford, Irene Jayo, Janet Medlock and Wayne Adams.

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## 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 Elfering, 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.

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## 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

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## 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 now 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

issue of the Journal.

In addition to the special sales event, free turkeys will be given away Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. Local merchants have been giving tickets out since last Friday and each ticket entitles the holder to an opportunity to receive one of three turkeys given at 2 o'clock; three more at 3 o'clock; three at 4 o'clock and the last trio of gobblers at 5 o'clock. A committee composed of A. C. Sallee, Edward Boydell and Chet Bowns has made arrangements for the free turkey event.

The turkey give-away events will take place at various locations on Nyssa's Main street. Sallee said.

## 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 Homedale.

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The attention received was almost amusing, Henigson said in relating numerous incidents such as the hotel caterers asking for onions, Texans expressing amazement that "anything could be grown as big as that" and efforts to "swipe" the few unattended onions. Marshall Dana, president of the First National Bank of Portland, was presented with a sack of the onions by the Nyssa delegation.

Approximately 750 persons attended the Nov. 9 banquet and not one onion and no place cards were left on the tables when the guests left the room, Henigson said.

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, 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 that the training youths receive.

Rhodes, who has moved to Milton-Freewater, returned to Nyssa Monday to participate in the court of honor. He has been an active member of the Ore-Ida council for several years and has personally promoted all phases of scouting.

He was presented a specially engraved plaque by members of the Lions troop in appreciation for the work he has done.

At Monday's meeting of the Lions club Bob Storn and Dan Wilson were honored for each having sold 13 brooms as part of the total sale of 65 brooms in one week. The scouts had taken on the project from the Lions club.

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