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## Snow Reports For Owyhee Indicate Poor Conditions

The winter's first snow reports for the Owyhee watershed, received Tuesday, are "not favorable" although sudden weather changes at any time during January could completely change the picture, it was announced Tuesday by Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control.

The federal-state cooperative snow survey and water supply forecast issued by the Soil Conservation Service shows the Silver City station had 26 inches of snow with 4.5 inches of water content on Jan. 2. This compares with 26 inches of snow with 7.6 inches of water content a year ago. In 1953 the comparative measurement was 24 inches of snow with 6.6 inches of water and on Jan. 1, 1952 the readings were 54 inches of snow with 14.4 inches of water.

By comparison, this year's snow and moisture is only 67 percent of normal while a year ago it was 129 percent of normal. Two years ago the percentage was 102 percent and three years ago, when later spring rains caused water to overflow through the reservoir glory-hole, the condition on Jan. 1 was 282 percent normal.

House said that the North and South Boards of Control expect to complete plans for cloud-seeding within a short time and operations will likely get underway the latter part of the month. Moisture-containing clouds will be seeded with silver iodide in an effort to bring more snowfall throughout the Owyhee river drainage.

## Nyssa Co-op Sets Annual Meeting

The Nyssa Co-op will hold its second annual meeting starting at 10 p. m. Friday, Jan. 28, Oregon Trail Grange hall. President of the organization O. E. Cheldelin will call the meeting to order to start a full day of activities for the members, with a business meeting and election of officers on the agenda for the morning, while a banquet served by the Grange women will be served at noon. Guest speaker for the affair will be Carl Power, manager of the Pacific Supply fertilizer division.

Officers for the past year who will end their term unless re-elected are president, Cheldelin; vice president, Willis Bertram; secretary, A. P. Goodell, and the two directors, Earl Cochran and Ira Price.

All members are urged to turn out for this second annual vent.

## Heart Surgery For Nyssan Successful

Friends and relatives in Nyssa received word Tuesday that surgery performed on Mrs. Wayne Robb's heart was a success. Mrs. Robb left Nyssa last week for Cleveland, Ohio, where surgery was performed at Lakeside hospital, to close a hole in her heart. Friends may write Mrs. Robb at Lakeside hospital, 2065 Adelbert Rd., Cleveland 6, Ohio.

## Toastmasters

Nyssa Toastmasters' agenda for Friday has Wayne Chesnut as toastmaster and Dr. George Cobern and Don Engstrom as five-minute speakers. Topic master is James Hartman with Paul House slated to be the critic and Tom Jones the grammarian.

## County Red Cross Chairman Reminds Public of Financial-Blood Relationship

Denny Dyer of Ontario, Malheur county Red Cross chairman, called on residents of the county this week to consider the drastic need for funds before the annual drive opens in March.

Dyer called attention to the close tie-in with the Red Cross blood program which this county, and particularly Nyssa, has supported so well for several years. It was pointed out that each pint of blood costs the Red Cross about \$5 to obtain and process and it is furnished entirely free to patients in hospitals in this county. Malheur county is actually "in the hole" insofar as funds are concerned and it is possible that blood collections cannot be made here unless sufficient funds are obtained in the 1955 fund drive.

In the event blood is not collected here and made available to local hospitals, it will have to be obtained from Moscow, Idaho or Spokane at a cost of \$25 a pint, Dyer said.

A goal of \$6000 has been set for Malheur county and residents here are reminded that practically all of that money is used in the

## Dr. G. B. Hughes Plans Surgical Clinic In Nyssa

Dr. Grant B. Hughes, graduate of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., will arrive this week in Nyssa where he will open a new clinic in the Bybee building on North Main street, just west of the M & W Market.

The new doctor was released from the U. S. Navy Dec. 15 after serving 15 months as a Navy surgeon. Immediately following his graduation from Temple University, Dr. Hughes had two years internship at Salt Lake City hospital followed by a year's post-graduate work at the LDS hospital in Salt Lake where he served one year as chief surgical resident. He later had a private, surgical practice in Salt Lake City for three years.

Dr. and Mrs. Hughes and their two children, a boy and a girl, will make their home at 809 Reece avenue.

## Man Of Magic, Man of Year At Joint Chambers

Plans have been completed for the annual joint banquet meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce set for Tuesday night, Jan. 25, at Oregon Trail Grange hall. Grange women will serve the banquet and members of the Grange will join members of the two town organizations and their wives for the dinner.

The Chamber's part of the program is entirely entertainment, while the Jaycees will announce the winner of their Young Man of the Year award.

Prof. John Snoddy, public relations man for the Shell Oil Co., will stage a one-man show as an amateur magician. "All the tricks of the trade" with humorous banter during the performance are promised for a maximum of entertainment. Prof. Snoddy was a professor of physics at an eastern university before he became associated with the oil company.

Dr. George Cobern, chairman of the Jaycee award committee, said that the annual award to some outstanding man from the ages of 21 to 35 is presented in appreciation for civic work and service to the community. Anyone in the community can make a nomination for this award and official blanks are available from Dr. Cobern.

Merits of selection will be judged on the basis of achievements, leadership and service to the community or state, personal character and ability. Such matters as personal or business progress and cooperation with individuals and civic organizations are taken into consideration. Deadline for filing nominations is Jan. 20.

## Bill Gratton To Be Civic Club Speaker

Members of the Nyssa Civic club and their guests will hear Bill Gratton, KBOI-TV announcer, at their regular meeting Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 2 p. m. Mrs. Charley Grider, chairman of the program, said that Mr. Gratton will speak on "Behind The Scenes In TV." Special music will be arranged by Mrs. Kenneth Cottle.

Civic club meetings are held in the Episcopal Parish hall and are open to any interested Nyssa women.



GENE STUNZ, second from right, took over the reins of president of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday from Leonard Hewett, far left, who headed the organization during 1954. On the left is Ted Morgan, vice president, and Bernard Eastman, new board member. Other new board members, not available at the time the picture was taken, are the Rev. John Briehl and Bob Thompson. —Journal Photo



EMIL A. STUNZ was "caught" last Wednesday noon following the Nyssa chamber of commerce meeting and a few minutes before he and Mrs. Stunz left for Salem where he is attending the 1955 Oregon legislative session as representative from Malheur county. At a house caucus in Salem Sunday, Stunz was appointed to three important committees: elections and reapportionment, fish and game, and labor and industries. The new representative has shown extreme interest in all phases of the three committees, particularly reapportionment which has been proposed several times in the past to give rural counties such as those in Eastern Oregon better representation in state affairs. —Journal Photo

## First Call Made For Participants For Third All-Community Easter Choir

First call for participants for the Nyssa area's All-Community Easter Choir was made this week by Mrs. June Marie Wyckoff, who has directed the 60-voice singing group since it started in 1953. Mrs. Wyckoff emphasized that any person within convenient driving distance of Nyssa, regardless of any church affiliation, is welcome and urged to take part this year.

Although the 1953 and 1954 choirs, both organized and directed by Mrs. Wyckoff, had about 60 members, 80 or 90 voices will be welcome with no more effort involved in organizing a larger group than there is a smaller group, it was explained.

Theme for this year's Easter cantata is "Love Triumphant," and all music has arrived and ready for the first practice session.

Easter this year falls on April 10 and arrangements have already been made to present the cantata at the high school gym.

## Fischer Named To Associated Board

Jake Fischer has been named by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce board of directors as a member of the Associated Chambers board with Leonard Hewett as alternate member.

Jed Lewis, president of the Associated Chambers, announced that the next meeting is Monday evening at the Owyhee hotel in Boise with a member of the Idaho legislature as the principal speaker.

## Bank Deposits Up At Nyssa Branch

Year end statement of condition figures for the Nyssa branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on Dec. 31, deposits at the Nyssa bank were \$4,414,544 and loans were \$2,436,077, according to Manager G. J. Mitchell.

At the same time one year ago the Nyssa branch report deposits of \$4,210,963 and loans of \$2,535,609.

A new all time bank deposit and loan record was reported by the statewide First National Bank of Portland, underscoring other year-end business indexes that have pointed to a generally favorable economic outlook for Oregon, according to C. B. Stephenson, president of the bank.

## FIREMEN ANSWER CALL

Firemen were called to Collins trailer court last Friday afternoon, but found that the owner of a trailer house had doused an overheated oil stove with water before the department arrived. No damage was reported.

Approximately \$800 have been collected in the Nyssa area for the March of Dimes with a multitude of "gimmicks" being planned to raise more funds to fight polio, Chairman Rex Voeller announced Wednesday.

The Nyssa Future Farmers of America were responsible for \$201.22 of which \$151.22 was collected on their block of dimes tape last Saturday and \$50 was contributed by the FFA chapter.

As of Tuesday evening, Owyhee Drug Store had \$48 in one and five dollar bills in their mirror and counter, "acquired" by unrevealed techniques of girls operating the fountain. The Nyssa Pharmacy boasts 81 silver dollars marching around its fountain counter where high-pressure salesmanship has been evident for the March of Dimes.

Folders appealing for coins and currency were mailed out to 1700 residents of this community the latter part of December, but only

## Two Nyssa Men Army Volunteers

Phillip J. Wilson and Jackie Simpson, both of Nyssa, were among the volunteers who made up most of the induction call for January, it was announced by the selective service board. Others inducted into the Army Jan. 4, are Bruce M. Hiatt, Vale, Robert L. Gilliam, McMinnville and formerly of Ontario and Earl L. Anderson, Payette.

Other inductees during the past few months as reported Tuesday are Jimmie R. King, Gordon T. Grigg and George R. Lawrence, all volunteers of Ontario, Raymond D. Scott, Jimmie T. Morinaga and George Yanagawa, all of Ontario; Francis G. Tolman, Vale; James E. Murphy, Juntura, and Curtis J. Gibbs, route 3, Weiser, volunteer.

Three registrants were sent for pre-induction physical examinations this month. The call for February has not been received.

## GUESTS AT SUN VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. James Cook of Payette and Mrs. Angie Cook spent the New Year's weekend in Sun Valley and Idaho Falls.

## Paul House Named Mayor At Initial Meeting of New Council; Water System Report Shows Progress on New Source

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, and member of the city council since his appointment last summer, was elected mayor of Nyssa Tuesday night after new members were sworn in and the council organized. House succeeds Tom Jones who has served as mayor since he became a council member in January, 1953, and who will serve as councilman for two more years. Jones announced prior to election of the mayor that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself in that capacity.

Other newly elected members taking office at Tuesday night's meeting are Orin Sunner, Clifford Main and Frank Morris. Hugh Tobler, who was re-elected to the council at the November election, was also sworn in to serve a new term.

House, who was appointed to succeed Clifford Mink who moved from Nyssa last summer, and Walker Low, who was appointed in November to succeed Emil Stunz following his election as state representative, have served on the council since their appointments. However, both of these men were sworn into office by outgoing Mayor Jones at the same time the new members took their oaths.

Outgoing members of the council are Lloyd Wilson, Bob Thompson and Dale Bingman who declined to be candidates at the November general election.

City Manager Robert M. Applegate reported that new test wells drilled during the past two weeks gave a favorable outlook for an adequate water supply. Eight different sources have been thoroughly investigated during the past several weeks and since Cornell, Howland, Hakes & Merrifield, a consultant engineering firm, represented by Earl C. Reynolds, Jr. of Boise, was hired to study the city's entire water system. Reynolds told the council Tuesday night that sources investigated included Snake river water and a filtration plant, but that initial cost of the plant would be too great for the amount of water secured and operational costs are high. More deep wells were considered unsuitable because of the chemical content and high cost of operation for the amount of water required. Shallow wells were rejected because they are subject to contamination and chemical analysis indicated such water

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Special events chairman Wayne Chesnut said that an old-fashioned box social is being planned for the latter part of this month or forepart of February. Gene Grasty and Don Moss are making arrangements for this event and are arranging with all women's organizations to have a full attendance and each member to bring her husband to bid on the boxes of food. A dance is being arranged in conjunction with the box social and bingo games will be available for those not dancing.

Voeller said that the box social will replace Nyssa's participation in the Bucket of Bucks over KSRV, scheduled for later this month.

## Finger Severed In Tractor Accident

Newell Heights — Robert Hammon lost the end of the first finger of his left hand Saturday while he was working on a pump at the home where the Hammon family had just occupied. The finger was severed just below the nail. He lost the little finger on the same hand in a tractor accident several years ago, but was able to have it sewed back on.

The Hammons had just moved from the Charles Newbill house into a house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Grant Patterson, who moved to Nyssa. Hammon is unable to work at the sugar factory in Nyssa where he is employed.

## TROOPERS KNOWN HERE

Thirty-five paratroopers of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment parachuted to safety Tuesday evening when an engine of the C119 Boxcar caught fire. The group of men were enroute to winter maneuvers in Alaska when the mishap occurred, two men were still missing according to reports today. Ken Snodgrass formerly with F Co. 511th Air participated with the group last year on Airborne maneuvers.

## Train Schedule Changes Part of Mail Delivery

Union Pacific train schedules for Nyssa, and in turn some mail schedules, were changed effective Saturday according to U. P. Agent Thomas Jones and Postmaster Lloyd Lewis.

The major change is for westbound train 11 which formerly arrived here at 5:15 a. m. and has been changed to 8:03 a. m. The postmaster said that the change will allow some mail to be dispatched from here early in the morning instead of the need to dispatch it the evening before. Mail arriving from the east will come early enough for rural carriers and for city delivery if the train is on time. However, consistent delays beyond the schedule arrival time might necessitate changes in city delivery service to comply with the difference in time, Lewis said.

Another westbound train, No. 17, has been changed by only five minutes; the new time being 5:27 p. m. instead of 5:33 p. m.

There have been no changes for eastbound train 18 which arrives here at 10:33 a. m., nor for eastbound 12, which arrives here at 8:18 p. m.

Train 125, which formerly arrived in Nyssa at 9:14 a. m. has been discontinued as a mail train, as has train 126, which did not stop in Nyssa on the old schedule.

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## Chief Vacations

Chief of Police E. L. Hansen returned Friday from Preston, his former home, where he spent two weeks vacation from duties on the Nyssa police force. He reported the weather in Southern Idaho extremely cold, but far from uncomfortable along with an abundance of snow.