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Cloud Seeding Plans For Area Near Completion

Generators for a five-months cloud seeding program are expected to be moved into the Owyhee river drainage area later this week to induce more precipitation from moisture bearing clouds and increase water in the Owyhee reservoir and moisture on grazing land.

A tentative contract between the North and South Boards of Control of the Owyhee Irrigation district and the North American Weather Consultants of Altadena, Calif. were agreed upon earlier this month. At a meeting Tuesday of the two irrigation boards, the Jordan Valley Irrigation Co. and the Owyhee county and Jordan Valley Stockmen's association with company representatives, tentative agreements were made for the five-months' program with a contract to be signed within a few days.

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, said that the company will install not less than 18 generators, part of them 20 miles back of the actual watershed, some of them in the center and a few south of the watershed in Nevada to seed moisture bearing clouds with silver iodide to induce rain—or snowfall. The area involved includes approximately 10,000 square miles of land, part of which is grazing land for cattle and sheep. More generators will be put to use if they are needed.

House said that the Boards of Control, the Jordan Valley Irrigation Co. and the Stockmen's association are prepared to sign the contract as soon as minor technicalities can be worked out by all groups involved.

Falls From Stack

William Nicholson, 50, is reported to be improving at the Malheur Memorial hospital where he was confined Saturday afternoon after he was injured when he fell from a haystack. According to attendants, Nicholson suffered a strained left shoulder and possible rib fractures, but is able to leave his hospital bed for short periods.

Emil A. Stunz Reports Activities of First Week In Oregon Legislature

"The first week of the legislative session is over and we newcomers all seem to have much in common," State Representative Emil A. Stunz reported from Salem this week. "For one thing, we are a little less confused now than we were at the beginning, which brings to mind a remark I heard Phil Brady, veteran legislator, make at a meeting prior to the beginning of the session. He said, 'Don't express yourself at

great length until you get used to the noise,' and so far it is plenty noisy."

As announced last week, Malheur county's freshman representative is on the fish and game committee, the labor and industries committee and the elections and reapportionment committee. He was named vice chairman of the elections and reapportionment committee—one phase of state government in which Stunz expressed extreme interest prior to his election.

Stunz reported that the fish and game committee is the only one that has had any activity to date. They have asked that eight propositions be written up into the form of bills and they have also decided to meet Wednesday and Thursday of this week as a group with the state of Washington at Olympia on fish and game. At this meeting interstate problems will be discussed and it is expected that these problems will pertain mostly to Columbia river fishing, Stunz said.

The state representative went on to comment that the committee on taxation is to be commended for the fact that they have secured the services of tax experts to conduct a tax school, which started last Wednesday and will continue for three weeks. "We report at 8:30 a. m. and finish at 9:45, in time to attend daily sessions," Stunz reported. In addition to members of the taxation committee, a large percentage of the legislators and their secretaries (Continued on page 12)

Stores Announce Early Closing

Changes in closing hours for most Nyssa retail stores were announced this week with grocers setting a new week-day schedule, effective this week. The M & W, Taylor's Food Market and Wilson's Super Market announced that week-day closing will be 7 p. m. instead of 8 p. m. as it has been in the past for each evening except Saturday. On Saturday nights the food stores will remain open until 8 o'clock.

Bracken's Department Store and Everybody's, Inc. announced that beginning Saturday, closing hours will be 6 p. m. instead of 8 p. m. with the early closing continuing until further notice. All Nyssa food stores remain closed all day each Sunday as announced several weeks ago.

VFW Plan Dance Here On Jan. 29

Nyssa post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor a public dance Saturday night, Jan. 29, at the old gym, according to Commander Douglas Flippence. Advance ticket sales are now being made and all proceeds will be used for the VFW national home at Eaton Rapids, Mich. The local post's quota for 1955 is \$55.



SHOESHINE BOYS did a land office business Friday, Saturday and Monday at the two shine booths set up in the First National Bank lobby to raise funds for the March of Dimes. On the left is John Broad who "got taken" when a "mystery man—or woman" demanded a complete shine for his or her high top boots. Frank Morris

touches up Ham Chadderdon's shoes to help fill the gallon jug with shoeshine money. On the right, Bernard Eastman found that beet pulp and other foreign matter could be removed from Ted Morgan's boots, while Morgan learned that his shoes could be cleaned. On the extreme right Rex Voeller, Nyssa March of Dimes chairman,

demonstrates to Houston Wilson the proper way to make a shine cloth sing. During the three-day shoe-shine enterprise, \$170 were dropped in the jugs to fight polio. Managed by Bob Thompson, a total of 36 men took their turns in one-half hour shifts to shine the shoes of all comers.

Journal Photo.

Annual Hospital Meeting Set For Monday Night

The annual meeting of the Malheur Hospital association will be held Monday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, at the Little Theater of the Nyssa high school. All members of the association, in addition to any interested individuals who are not members, are invited to attend the meeting and hear the annual report regarding operation of the Malheur Memorial hospital.

On the agenda is the election of four directors followed by the election of officers by the 11-person board. Directors whose terms expire are Jake Fischer, Mrs. Wesley J. Browne, Jed Lewis and Fred Bracken.

Officers of the association for 1954 were Fred Bracken, president, Jed Lewis, vice president, and Warren Farmer, secretary. Holdover members of the board are Warren Farmer, Robert Johnson, Luit Stam, Grant Rinehart, Arvel Child, Bernard Eastman and Richard A. Forbess.

Voting members of the association are those who have contributed \$100 or more to the hospital.

Polio Funds Increase; Box Social Other "Gimmicks" Planned In Drive

Contributions for the March of Dimes from all sources in the Nyssa area had reached a total of \$1,228.15 by Wednesday noon. Drive Chairman Rex Voeller announced. Several important money-raising plans are in the offing, including a box social scheduled for Saturday evening, Feb. 4.

Shoe shine stands operated at the First National Bank by 38 different business men and farmers, raised a total of \$171.65, or an average of \$4.62 an hour while on duty. The shoe shiners are on duty again today and Father Rembert Ahles, scheduled to man one of the stands for an hour, already as received \$2 for polio from Herman Towne if he agrees not to shine Towne's shoes. Bob Thompson made all arrangements for the shoe shine phase of the drive.

Voeller said that only 230 folders have been received so far with a total of \$620.71, or an average of \$2.69 each. Several hundred more are expected to be returned before the drive is completed. Other new funds during the past week include \$81.37 from money tossed into a blanket at two basketball games and donations at a Lettermen's dance, a total of \$109.35 from the grade school, \$17.58 from Arcadia school and a donation of \$10 by the Our Out Way club.

At Adrian, high school varsity yell leaders, Bobby Jo Webster, Kaye Hammon and Bernadine Price announced that \$15 was collected when they passed the blanket at the Adrian-Homedale basketball game. The money was turned over to Vernon Parker, drive chairman for the Adrian community.

Box Social
Gene Grasty, who with Don Moss and Wayne Chesnut are arranging for a box social, said that the event will be held Feb. 5 at

Industrial Group Seek Owyhee Road, Other Work

Tom Jones, newly elected president of the reorganized Malheur County Industrial and Development association, said that several matters of extreme importance were discussed at a meeting Friday in Nyssa. The group, made up of representatives of all parts of Malheur county, will attempt to secure the present Snake river bridge at Nyssa, after a new bridge is constructed, for the Owyhee reservoir.

County Judge G. Y. Chester told the group that the county court already had recommended such action to the state highway department and such action would enhance the possibilities of state aid for a road to the reservoir.

Jones said that the association will also work with the county court to make complete plans for the county's needed farm to market roads in an effort to obtain federal aid if President Eisenhower (Continued on page 12)

Good Ticket Sales For Chambers Meet

Advance ticket sales indicate a large turnout for the annual Chamber and Junior Chamber banquet at Oregon Trail hall next Tuesday evening, R. V. Wilson, banquet chairman reported. Prof. John Snoddy, an amateur magician, will provide entertainment in addition to musical numbers and the Jaycees' winner of the Young Man of the Year award will be announced.

Jake Fischer will serve as toastmaster. The dinner will be served by women of Oregon Trail Grange.

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NYSSA'S NEW MAYOR, Paul House, receives the gavel from Mayor Tom Jones who served as head of the city council during 1953 and 1954. House was elected mayor by other council members at an organization meeting Jan. 11 after new councilmen were sworn into office. Jones was elected to the

city council in November, 1952 and was named mayor at the January, 1953 meeting. He has two more years to serve on his current four-year council term. House was appointed to the council last summer following the resignation of Clifford Mink, who moved from Nyssa. —Journal Photo.

Coon Announces Budget Funds For Owyhee Project

A total of \$247,000 has been recommended in the federal budget by President Eisenhower for repairs on the Owyhee project, Congressman Sam Coon told the Gate City Journal in a telephone call from Washington, D. C. Monday noon. Repr. Coon said that he had just come from a joint meeting of the house and senate where the president had presented his budget message which included \$2,125,000 for the entire state for reclamation projects.

Funds to be expended on the Owyhee, pending approval of the budget committee and congress which is almost certain, will include overhauling and replacement of facilities on Gem Irrigation, repairs on two tunnels and on the main canal. A total of \$56,000 will be expended this year and the remainder in 1956, Coon said.

According to information in Nyssa, the two Boards of Control of the Owyhee project had requested \$500,000 for repair and replacement work on the project.

Adrian Legion Initiates; Plans Polio Benefit

Adrian—The American Legion held a special meeting Monday night of last week at the Legion hall to initiate new members into the organization. District Commander Stanley Dettinger of Vale performed the ritual for 12 new members representing Big Bend, Ridgeview, Owyhee, Newell Heights, Kingman Colony and Adrian. Luncheon was served by the Legion Auxiliary.

The Legion will sponsor a benefit pinocle party Saturday evening, Jan. 29, beginning at 8 o'clock at the Legion hall. All funds from the card party will be donated to the polio fund. The general public is invited. Prizes will be given and lunch will be served following the card games.

Music Students Play For Nurses

Ralph Anderson, Nyssa high school music instructor took a group of students to the Malheur Nurses association meeting at Ontario Tuesday night. Students who participated in the program were Vernon Pond, who played a coronet solo accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Kenneth Pond, Dennis Spitz who played his French horn accompanied by Clair Anderson, and Irene Jayo who sang two numbers accompanied by Carolyn Duffin.

Anderson highlighted the program with a baritone horn solo accompanied by Clair Anderson. The high school music instructor stated that the Nyssa group was shown good appreciation for the performance.

FATHER AHLES ILL

Father Rembert Ahles, pastor of St. Hubert's Catholic church, was released from the hospital last Friday after confinement with mumps and other complications. His condition this week was reported greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Billings of Nampa, former Nyssa residents, were in Nyssa Wednesday on business and visiting friends.

Snow Storms Add To Hopes For Sufficient Water

The heaviest covering of snow since the winter of 1949-50 was in the lower Snake river valley following four inches of snow Saturday when four inches fell, and again Monday and Tuesday which brought another inch, all on top of last week's blanket.

Along with snowfall Tuesday were high winds that drifted the snow in various places throughout the area to make country roads difficult for driving and slowed traffic on highways. In some isolated parts of the county, schools were closed because of transportation problems, but all Nyssa school bus drivers were

An "old fashioned winter" was demonstrated Tuesday afternoon when a jackrabbit was seen running the full length of Sixth street onto Main. It is believed the rabbit, scarce even in higher hills during the past few years, had been driven into town by the snow and high winds, then became "confused" when vehicles were encountered.

able to maintain their regular schedules. Adrian schools were closed early Tuesday afternoon to insure delivery of students to their rural homes, but Wednesday's classes were reported to be back on schedule.

Although no official reports have been received about snow depths and water content of the Owyhee watershed, farmers were confident that valley storms indicated proportionate snowfall in the higher mountains to discharge fears of a water shortage next summer. A recent report received by the North Board of Control showed conditions still below normal, but it was believed that measurements following recent storms had not been included.

Rural mail carriers, Artie Robertson on route 1, and Walter (Continued on page 12)

Proposed Bills On File At Journal Office

Copies of house and senate bills introduced in Oregon's 48th legislative assembly will be on file at the Gate City Journal and available for scrutiny of the general public.

Received Monday were 47 senate bills and 23 house bills that have been introduced. Although several more bills have been introduced in both bodies, time for printing and mailing must be allowed, it was explained.

These bills are made available for inspection through the Gate City Journal by Sen. Elmo Smith and Rep. Emil A. Stunz.

Chadderdon Named Paid Secretary for Chamber Commerce, Business Group

Ham Chadderdon was elected secretary of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon to serve in a near-fulltime capacity for the organization and its committee known as the business men's committee. He has served as secretary of the retail promotion group since it was formed nearly two years ago to sponsor various trade promotions.

The new post was actually created early this year following the resignation of Paul Penrod as secretary because of ill health. Penrod had been serving as secretary in a limited capacity, but the new arrangements allows a salary of \$100 a month, half being provided by each the Chamber and the business men's committee.

The new secretary will maintain his headquarters at the Intermountain Furniture, which he operates, and will be available to carry out such duties as making personal contacts with business firms, which in the past frequently involved hiring special employees. Chadderdon will handle all correspondence and work closely with the board of directors and committee heads.

Duties for the business men's committee will include those Chadderdon has handled in the past, such as making arrangements for special promotions through special committeemen and keeping complete records for that group.

President Gene Stunz announced that Wilton Jackson has been appointed to head a special committee to encourage incoming workers for various construction jobs to be underway here soon, to make Nyssa their headquarters.

Adrian Student Body Officers Take Oath

Adrian—Junior McGinnis, outgoing student body president of Adrian high school administered the oath of office to new student body officers for the coming year, at an assembly meeting Friday at the school.

Those taking office were Jerry Cleverly, president; Catherine Thiel, vice president; Kaye Hammon, secretary; George Jelenk, treasurer; Dick Schenk, student-at-arms; and Fred Schafer, student representative on the school board. These officers will serve until January, 1956.

Mrs. Waynard Talbot served as president of the group last year.

Singers Reminded Of Monday Practice

Mrs. June Marie Wyckoff reminded all interested persons that the first choir practice for the Easter cantata will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Nyssa Methodist church. All music has arrived for this year's presentation and actual practice will get underway immediately following election of officers for the choir.

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