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Nyssa Again Takes Lead In Freight Shipments With 21,127 Rail Cars And New Record; Spuds 2,472 Cars

Nyssa's Union Pacific railroad station exceeded its previous year's shipping record in 1954 with a total of 21,127 cars of freight handled, it was announced by Thomas Jones, U. P. agent at Nyssa. During 1954 there were 2,965 more cars of freight handled than there were in 1953 when the figure stood at 18,162, a revised count from that announced a year ago at this time.

National VFW Week Observed

Doug Flippence, post commander of Owyhee post 3506, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has announced that members of the VFW are celebrating Jan. 23 through Jan. 29 as National VFW week. Slogan for the week is "Stand Up And Be Counted."

Flippence issued a welcome and urged men who are eligible to attend regular meetings of the group held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the Veterans hall, and to "stand up and be counted."

A dance has been planned to help observe National VFW week at the old Nyssa gym Saturday evening at 9 p. m. The proceeds of the dance will help finance Oregon cottage to be built at the National VFW home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Duncan Ferry To Be Proposed To Army Engineers

A request for approval of a Duncan Ferry dam on the Owyhee river, nine miles north of Rome, or about 70 river miles above the Owyhee dam, will be made at an Army Engineers hearing on a survey of the upper Snake river basin in Boise Feb. 18.

Plans to submit the proposal were made last Friday at Vale where members of the water resources committee of the Malheur Industrial and Development association met with Paul T. Rowell of Salem, executive secretary of the Upper Columbia River Basin commission.

Nyssa was represented by Paul House, Harold Henigson, Bob Thompson and Ken Renstrom. House, who is manager of the North Board of Control, said that the Duncan Ferry dam, first surveyed in 1903, would be for supplemental water storage and flood control. Drilling was done for the damsite in 1904 and 1905, but no final plans were submitted at that time. In 1909 further study was made by the Reclamation service and a survey was made by a private engineering company the same year.

In 1924, the Duncan Ferry site was considered as most desirable for water storage on the Owyhee, but pumping costs were said to be excessive for irrigation purposes if plans had been completed to bring water to what is now the upper canal and to a diversion dam at Mitchell Butte. The alternate plan to construct a combination diversion and storage dam at the Hole In the Ground site (Owyhee dam) was considered more feasible in view of pumping costs.

Estimated costs of the Duncan (Continued on Page 10)

Former Nyssa Girl Legislature Steno

Miss Mavis Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Carpenter of Wyoming, formerly of Nyssa, left on January 8 for Cheyenne, where she is employed as a stenographer in the House of Representatives during the 33rd Legislature session.

After Feb. 25, she will continue her studies at the Hulst high school where she is a senior and drum majorette for the school band.

Cub Scouts Tour Nyssa Train Depot

About 30 Cub Scouts and their den mothers, Mrs. Harold Henigson, Mrs. Boyd Wilson and Mrs. K. E. Kerby were conducted on an inspection tour of the Nyssa train depot Monday afternoon.

The boys were shown many interesting things about trains and the depot, which is the project for the Cub Scouts this month.

More Gallon Donors

New gallon-clubbers who donated their eighth pint of blood Jan. 11 when the Red Cross bloodmobile visited Nyssa and collected a total of 349 pints are Frederick Trost, Parma, Dale L. Overstake, Mrs. Opal R. Reed, Mrs. Pauline Roberts, Kenneth W. McDonald, Mrs. Veleta Rose Mason and Mrs. Thelma E. Parr, all of Nyssa.

County Housing Group Re-Elects Three Officers

Dudley Sitten, Vale; Jed Lewis, Nyssa, and William Shambaugh, Vale, were re-elected chairman, vice chairman and executive director, respectively, of the Malheur county Housing Authority at a meeting of the board of directors this week. The county Housing Authority operates the labor camp located at Nyssa through the Public Housing administration which has its headquarters in San Francisco.

In a letter to the local group, Shambaugh was commended for his work as executive director and the county Housing Authority was credited with making outstanding progress at the Nyssa camp during the past two years.

The San Francisco office urged that a recommendation made by Shambaugh for two additional men to supervise cleaning the camp during its occupancy, be carried out. Suggestions for repairs in some facilities were made and it was recommended that the area be planted to grass when the water supply is improved.

Grand Jury Is "Invited" To See Renovated Jail

Chief of Police E. L. Hansen was expressing hope this week that the Malheur county grand jury will meet soon to inspect Nyssa's newly renovated jail cell which came in for criticism by the grand jury several weeks ago.

One cell-block containing three cells and a third cell separate from the others, have been completely cleaned and painted along with the city hall's basement and upstairs approach. All bunks have been repaired and new covers have been ordered for the cell mattresses.

A January "lull" in misconduct in Nyssa has resulted in no prisoners for several days and made the renovating possible.

Chief Hansen ventured the statement that Nyssa's city jail is the cleanest in Malheur county.

Tanker Service For Jersey Milk

The first All-Jersey milk to leave Malheur county by tanker truck was picked up Tuesday from the Toombs & Phifer dairy and the Hillcrest Jersey farm operated by Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Bair, both in the Nyssa area.

The milk is processed at the Idaho Creameries in Boise and returned to Malheur county for sale in retail stores. Mrs. William Toombs said that pick-up service will be every other day and there will be between 2500 and 3000 pounds of milk for each call of the tanker.

Toombs and Phifer have been shipping milk by train since last Aug. 9. The two dairies are the only ones in the county supplying the All-Jersey milk so far, but several other Jersey milk producers are planning to join in the program within a short time.

Stunz Report Has Word of Sales Tax Proposal

This week's report from State Rep. Emil A. Stunz from Salem revealed that plans to reorganize Oregon's state government and a disagreement between the Republicans and the Democratic attorney general highlighted the second week of the Oregon legislature. However, the legislators continued a faster than usual pace with committees already studying Gov. Paul Patterson's program.

Stunz said that during the week numerous bills were introduced. A few of them are mentioned below:

A bill was introduced to have a constitutional convention in 1959, a bill to create a motor vehicle department under the governor and a bill to replace the three man tax commission with a single administrator. All of these changes have been endorsed by the governor.

A bill was introduced to transfer the inheritance and gift tax division from treasurer to the tax commission, a bill to have the public utilities commission elected by the people, a bill to replace the three member liquor commission by one administrator and a bill to have the attorney general appointed by the governor.

While the house tax committee continued its daily school sessions to learn all about taxes, there were two major developments. A 3 percent sales tax bill, to (Continued on Page 10)

Bernard Eastman Heads Malheur Hospital Assoc.

Bernard Eastman was elected president of the Malheur Memorial Hospital association Monday night by the reorganized board of directors following the annual meeting and election of four board members. Eastman succeeds Fred Bracken who served as president during 1954.

Other new officers are Robert Johnson, Parma, vice president, succeeding Jed Lewis, Mrs. Wesley J. Browne, secretary, succeeding Warren Farmer.

Bracken, Lewis, Mrs. Browne and Jake Fischer were re-elected to the board of directors by members of the association prior to the board's organization meeting. Holdover members are Farmer, Johnson, Eastman, Luit Stam, Grant Rinchart, Arvel Child and Richard A. Forbes.

At the business meeting, Rinchart gave a financial report which showed a \$3,487.04 operating loss during 1954, attributed to the small number of patients in the hospital from October through December. The patient load has increased during January, it was reported to indicate possibilities of overcoming the "slack period" last fall.

Last year's balance sheet showed a \$19,204.23 profit from which an additional \$6,000 was paid on the hospital mortgage to be deducted from the hospital's 1954 balance on hand.

Manager John O'Toole told the group that total patient days in hospitals in all parts of the United States are showing a decline as the result of antibiotics, new medications and new methods of treatment. He cited cases that formerly required as much as 14 days hospitalization now needed no more than three or four days of treatment in a hospital.

The Malheur Memorial hospital has overcome part of this situation by last year's new policy to accept nursing home patients who pay on a monthly basis. These patients are ambulatory and do not require service and attention of the hospital staff, but service is immediately available if needed.

Dale Bingman Chosen Man of Year By Jaycees At Meeting With Chamber; '54 Work Recalled, '55 Plans Voiced

Dale Bingman, Idaho Power Co. service man, was named Nyssa's Man of the Year Tuesday evening by the Junior Chamber of Commerce at a joint banquet meeting of the Jaycees and the Chamber at Oregon Trail hall.

The award was presented by the Rev. John L. Briehl, Man of the Year for 1953. In making the presentation, the Rev. Briehl said that numerous young men in the community are deserving of special recognition, but that Bingman's outstanding record for his work with youth through the Junior Legion baseball team, cub and boy scouts and PTA indicated that he has had the interests of "our most precious possessions—the boys and girls—at heart. In recounting a few of the many other activities of the 1954 Man of the Year, his willingness to help with all community activities, his contribution of hundreds of hours of his time in actual work and his association and work in organizations—a "list so long it would surprise even Dale Bingman"—were taken into account by judges who made the selection, the 1953 honoree said.

Storm Resigns From Scout Master Post

Members of Boy Scout troop 419 and their parents surprised Henry Storm, scout master of the troop at their Monday evening meeting at the Lutheran church basement with a party and social evening.

The boys presented Storm with a compass and the parents of the troop members presented him with a camping ice chest.

Storm has resigned as scout master of the troop and is going to become advisor of an Explorer post here for boys 14 years old and older.

In a short talk, Storm expressed his thanks to the boys and to the parents and special committee members for the help and cooperation and for the gifts they had given him.

City Announces Drive Against Stray Canines

A drive against all stray dogs in Nyssa will be staged for one week during February and dog owners are asked to buy their dog licenses at the city hall as soon as possible, City Manager Robert M. Applegate announced.

A deadline of Feb. 14 has been set for licensing of all dogs within the city limits, after which time a week will be spent rounding up and disposing of all unlicensed canines.

All dogs six months of age and older must be licensed and revenue is divided 80 percent for the city and 20 percent for the county. The county fund is used to pay livestock and poultry owners for animals killed by stray dogs, whether or not they are licensed. Only dogs within a municipality are required to be licensed.

Call Made For Minstrel Show Participants

A call is being made for all singers, performers, actors—and even acrobats—to take part in the Nyssa PTA minstrel show scheduled for Thursday and Saturday Feb. 17 and 19. Friday night is scheduled for a home basketball game between Nyssa and Ontario.

Harold Henigson, who is making arrangements for the show, said that several of last year's top stars have agreed to take part again this year. Ralph Castator, who served as interlocutor and director for the singing, will serve in the same capacity again this year.

Last year's event was highly successful from an entertainment standpoint and for additional funds for the PTA.

Henigson said that this year's minstrel for the PTA will be the last since most of the performers are "going into retirement."

Lions Meet Kids In Math Contest

The Nyssa Lions club at Monday's noon meeting answered a challenge from a group of students from the fifth and sixth grades of the Nyssa elementary school for a contest in mental arithmetic.

The school children found they were able to compete very successfully against some of the town's local business men. They had a lot of fun and sent several Lions home to practice. The two groups also had a contest of states and capitals. It is reported that the capital of Louisiana has changed to New Orleans according to one Lion.

The March of Dimes drive carried on by the Nyssa elementary schools now totals \$167.33, it was reported at the meeting.

Airman Visits Here

Airman 2nd class Bill Leseberg is now visiting his parents and friends, on a 16 day leave from Lowery Air Force base at Denver, Colo. Airman Leseberg is enroute from Lowery AFB to Ellis Air Force base at Fairbanks, Alaska.

City Council Approves Plan For New Water System To Be Completed This Summer; No Property Tax For Bonds

Tentative plans were made Tuesday by the Nyssa city council to sign contracts for a complete, new water system and the Ranney Method Western corporation of Sacramento, Calif. was engaged to start immediately on preliminary work for a source of supply that will guarantee a minimum of 3,000,000 gallons of water a day.

The decision was made at a special council meeting Tuesday afternoon following several months of exploratory work to determine the most adequate and feasible water system that can be installed. The Howland, Hayes & Merrifield engineering firm, represented by Earl C. Reynolds, Jr. of Boise has had charge of all engineering and exploratory work for the survey.

City Manager Robert M. Applegate said that Reynolds' firm is now preparing a report which will include the means of presenting a bond issue to Nyssa voters, additions and improvements to existing water lines and total costs.

One thing is certain, it was emphasized by Applegate and Mayor Paul House, there will be no additional tax levy for the bond issue. Revenue bonds, in the amount of approximately \$150,000, will be voted on and, if approved, will be paid entirely from water rentals. It was explained that according to state law, the present situation would not allow payment from a property tax levy.

The contract with the Ranney company will call for the expenditure of \$70,000 for the collector system. The company guarantees a minimum of 3,000,000 gallons a day and it expects 30 percent more than that amount during summer months, but no additional charge is made if the greater quantity is secured. It is also guaranteed that the water will be no harder than that now being used and the standard of quality will be high enough to make only simple chlorination, as now used, necessary to meet state health standards.

Two clauses will appear in the contract; one providing that a series of new test holes to be drilled by the Ranney company will assure within 10 percent of the quantity guaranteed, or the company can break the contract before installation with no charges to the city. The city is protected in the event voters fail to approve the bonds. If bonds are rejected services so far performed by Ranney would not be charged to the city.

Failure to approve bonds, which would involve no cost to the city for services rendered by Ranney.

It is expected that all plans will be completed in time to call a bond issue sometime next month. If the bonds are approved, it is possible that the entire system, including additions and repairs, will be completed by June 1, Applegate said.

The Ranney system consists of one well drilled to a casing depth of about 40 feet, from which 300 feet of lateral pipe will extend in five directions to cover a 100,000 (Continued on Page 10)

Spud Growers Get 1955 Price Views; Election

The Malheur County Potato Growers association met at the Boulevard grange hall Tuesday. One hundred growers attended.

A report on the outlook for 1955 was telephoned in by the Agriculture economics department of Oregon state college indicating that summer potato prices for the next year will not be as good as 1954 prices but better than the low prices of 1953. They base this on the fact that late spring potato plantings in California are up about 23 percent according to intentions of the growers. Late spring potatoes on the nationwide basis are up 14 percent. They figure that late potatoes may be somewhat better than in 1954 but cautioned growers to check the last planting intentions report to be out the middle of March.

During the business meeting, the members voted to continue helping to finance the labor camp program, the work of the county potato specialist and to continue to finance a daily market news service to growers during the summer.

Plans were also made to go into an advertising program on potatoes as far as funds permitted.

A resolution was passed that market agreement rules be amended to include the power to restrict cull potatoes from processing.

Directors elected were Harold Hart, Oregon Slope, D. Hubert Christensen, Nyssa, and Dudley Sitten, of Willowcreek, director at large.

Sugar Scientists Attend Meeting

Dr. George Rush and Don Oldemeyer, who have charge of the research plant at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. factory in Nyssa, plan to leave Saturday for Salt Lake City to attend the annual meeting of the beet sugar development foundation.

The meeting will be conducted Monday through Thursday next week at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake. The two Nyssa men and Vern Jensen of Ogden who are representing the Amalgamated Sugar Co., will join delegates from all sugar companies in the United States and Canada for the four-day session.

Included in the program will be a sugar beet breeders' forum, a subdivision of the Development foundation, and panel discussions on all phases of sugar beet growing and development, Dr. Rush stated.

Polio Receipts Now \$1700; More Events Planned

Bank deposits for the current polio drive had reached a total of \$1,703.08 by Wednesday, although returns from folders sent to all residents in the area are about 50 percent behind last year, Chairman Rex Voeller announced.

New contributions announced by Voeller include \$200 from the Eagles lodge which sponsored a dinner and bingo party last Saturday night. So far, only 275 folders have been returned with an average of \$2.79 in each of them. Last Thursday evening members of the Hi-Y of the high school canvassed the residential section with the aid of the Nyssa fire department and collected \$81.70. Not included in this week's total is the sum of \$165 at the Owyhee Drug Store where coffee-drinking customers have been invited into having dollar bills pasted on the backboard, and the Nyssa Pharmacy where \$171.10 have been donated by coffee drinkers and fountain patrons.

Coming events include the high school Girls Athletic association Blue Crutch day Saturday when the emblems will be sold on the streets of Nyssa for a new source of revenue this year.

Nyssa's shoeshine service will be available at the First National Bank again Friday and Saturday of this week.

Gene Grasty said that enthusiasm is mounting for the bingo party and box social Feb. 5. The affair will start at 8 p. m. at the old gym with bingo being in play under the auspices of the Eagles lodge. Between 9:30 and 10 o'clock the box lunch auction will get underway and in addition to revenue from all boxes brought by each woman present, a prize will be given for the prettiest box. There will be dancing to the music of Charles Steffens orchestra until 1 o'clock.

Ground Observer Need Announced

A meeting of the Ground Observer Corps was held last Thursday evening in the city hall, with Ted Teske, assistant chief observer in charge. Sgt. A. J. Welshire and Sgt. R. F. Weber of the Boise Filter Center were guests of the local group and showed a motion picture, "Disaster On Main Street." Sgt. Weber also explained the correct way to report an air craft flash.

Teske announced that the next meeting of the GOC will be held in the City hall, Feb. 3 and is open to the general public. He stated that there is a great need of more observers, and that anyone interested or wanting information, should contact him.

Richesin Sustains Fracture In Fall

Apple Valley—Bert Richesin sustained a fractured collar bone in a fall from a molasses tank Thursday evening.

He was taken to the Malheur Memorial hospital at Nyssa Thursday evening where he was treated for the fracture and shock. He was released from the hospital Friday and is convalescing at home.