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## Proper Irrigation, Conservation Of Water Expected To Help Short Supply Predicted for Farms Throughout Area

Proper irrigation methods can assure nearly normal crops on the Owyhee project in spite of water supplies reported to be less than a ten year average of normal, was the conclusion of several persons attending a meeting sponsored by the SCS, extension service and weather bureau in Vale last Wednesday.

## JCs Have Board Meeting; Plan Car Wash Apr. 2 and 3

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a car-wash Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3, at the Jay Bybee home at 17 North 6th, in an effort to raise money to sponsor youth activities. The washing will begin at 9 a. m. and run until 6 p. m. on Saturday and from 1 p. m. until all the cars in town are washed Sunday evening, according to Woodrow Sewell, general chairman of the committee. Assisting Sewell on the committee are Dayle Moss, Leroy Bair and George Oxnam.

Plans for the car-wash were made at a JC board directors meeting Tuesday evening. Tickets for the car-wash will be sold in advance to car owners and will also be good for raincheck, in case, something prevents the car owner from having his car washed on the dates set. Free pick-up and delivery will also be featured both days of the washing.

Plans were also made for annual Teen-age Road-E-O in May at the old school grounds under the general chairmanship of Dale Overstake. Men on Overstake's committee include Ed Mason and Dale Bingham, arrangements; Joe Chamberlain, finances and Dr. George Coburn, judges.

Dr. E. W. Wood, president of the Jaycees, announced that arrangements for lawn spraying in April are nearing completion. A Jaycee social is being planned for April. Dr. Wood and Dayle Moss, co-chairmen, will announce date and place later.

## NH Girls League Cinderella Ball Friday Evening

Ralph Castator's orchestra will furnish music Friday evening for the Nyssa high school annual Cinderella Ball, to be held in the high school gymnasium for students and the general public. Theme for the dance will be "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland."

Vieng for honors as Cinderella, Prince, Duke and Dutchess will be members of the court, Kay Ballantyne, Ronald Buchner, Sherma Banner, Ronald Forbess, Marlene Bergam, Rodney, Donna Butler, Gary Jones, Mary Jean House, John Lienkaemper, Peggy Hyde, Bill Lovejoy, Irene Jayo, Don Savage, Joretta Moeller, John Simianiar, Kris Rinehart, Kenny Toomb, Virginia Tucker and Carl Tyler.

Ticket stubs are ballots by which guests may vote for their choice for the honors at the formal affair.

## Nyssa Hi Presents Musical Concert

A large attendance was reported at pre-festival music concert held at the Nyssa high school gymnasium last Tuesday evening that featured musical numbers by the band, orchestra, and choral groups and also several solos.

A small charge was necessary to defray expenses at the district competition festival to be held at Payette, March 31 and April 1.

The high school orchestra led off with two numbers "The New World Sphynghom" and "The Shepherd King Overture" to open the concert. Several solos were featured next on the program which included a piano solo by Carolyn Duffin, Alto Sax solo by Jeanine Drown and coronet solo by Clair Anderson.

The mixed chorus sang two numbers "Cindy" and The Battle Hymn of the Republic and were followed by several more individual compositions by Garnet Ritchie, Billy Russell, Nellie Jean Vander Oord and Marilyn Whitaker who played a violin quartet number by Charlotte Reuzger accompanied by Barbara McPartland.

Two violin solos were also featured during this portion of the program by Nellie Jean Vander Oord and Billy Russell.

The band rounded out the musical performances with three numbers, Chimes of Victory March, Monte Cristo Overture and The Glass Slipper.

## 1955-56 School Budget Hearing Set Tuesday

A budget committee meeting for school district 26-c will be held Tuesday evening, March 29, at the junior high school building.

The meeting has been called for school board members, Henry Zobel, chairman; John Schenk, Wilton Jackson, Warren Farmer, Ralph Laurence and R. V. Wilson, clerk, and additional members who have been asked to serve on the special committee, Bob Thompson, Walker Low, Max Moore, John Stam and Fred Bracken.

A tentative budget for district 26-c for the 1955-56 school year will be reviewed and studied and a budget hearing will be held at a later date to be determined at that meeting.

## Easter Choir Practice Monday

The Easter community choir will practice Monday at 8 p. m. in the Methodist church. Pictures of the group will be taken at this practice and everyone is to wear a white blouse or shirt.

A second practice of the same week will be held Thursday evening.

Perfect attendance is urged by Mrs. Wyckoff for the few remaining practices. All sopranos that have signed up for participation in the cantata are urged to attend.

## Street Cleaning Program Planned

Arrangements are being made to institute full-time street cleaning service in Nyssa with special attention being given to Main street, which also serves as part of highways 201 and 20 and as a truck route.

City Manager Robert M. Applegate said that M. H. Whitlock will operate the city's street sweeper to cover 118 blocks of streets at least once a week and Main street at least twice a week and every morning, if possible. The street sweeper is equipped with a water flusher to eliminate dust and wash the pavement. Efforts will be made to flush the Main street each morning between 4 and 5 o'clock when all parking is prohibited.

Mileage and time records will be kept so that a definite schedule can be worked out, the city manager said.

## C of C Discusses New Senate Bill, Jersey Show

Members of the Nyssa chamber of commerce went on record Wednesday as opposing the Senate bill No. 121, which is a minimum freight rate bill, after a discussion was led by Tom Jones, UP agent for Nyssa.

Mrs. Hope Grider introduced to the group plans for the Spring Jersey show with a tentative date set for May 28. Mrs. Grider said that she was hoping to get George Harris of Kentucky to judge this year's show. She also said that she would like to see Nyssa tie-in this year with the national show and that a record of last spring's meet, showed eight states and 35 towns were represented and 1,000 people attended.

A suggestion was made that the merchants give merchandise certificates this year instead of trophies.

Dick Wilson, banquet chairman of the chamber, said that April 12 is the date set for the Nu Acres grange and chamber banquet at the Nu Acres hall.

Frank Sherwood, chairman of the Red Cross drive, announced that \$650 have been turned in to the drive to date.

## Meeting Set With School Architect

Graham B. Smith, state school architect, will be in Nyssa April 11 for a meeting with the school board at which time final plans will be made for the floor plans on the current building project, at the school which includes cafeteria, music room and a shop, according to R. V. Wilson, school superintendent.

Voters approved two bond issues at an election Dec. 10, one in the amount of \$275,000 for elementary class rooms and the other in the amount of \$175,000 for a cafeteria, shop and music room.

## Junior Class To Present Play March 31, April 1

The Junior class of Nyssa high school will present its annual three-act play entitled "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Keselring Mar. 31 and Apr. 1 at 8 p. m. at the high school gym.

The play has a spell-binding plot with qualities of both comedy and mystery. It has been presented on Broadway and also been produced in a movie. Two very eccentric old maids who live in a big house near the cemetery use their own formula in poisoning 12 old gentlemen whom they feel would be happier dead. This mystifying plot ends happily. The play will be presented under the direction of Miss Lois Bungum and Louie Attebery.

Practice progressed into the third act of the play this week with a double cast of girls for feminine roles. Included in the cast are Don Nolen as Mortimer Brewster, the male lead; Clea Belle Wernick and Sharon Glover as Martha, one of the two old maids; Janice Lewis and Carolyn Duffin as Abbie, the other old maid; Judy Hammond and Pat Nicholson play the role of Elaine Harper; John Sanders, Rev. Harper; Gary Bybee, a boarder; Dee Shuster, Darrel Cartwright, Richard Sweet and Jerry Leseberg, policemen; Lyle Anderson portrays Teddy Brewster who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt; Bill Low as Mr. Witherspoon; Glenn Griffiths as Dr. Einstein and Eugene Maxfield has the part of Jonathan Brewster.

## Adrian Boys Win State FFA Degrees

Adrian — Three Adrian high school FFA boys made the degree of state farmer at the state Future Farmers of America convention held at Central Point near Medford. Earning this honor were David Witty, Robert Montgomery and Robert Munn. Last year, Jimmy Stoker and Ronald Peterson earned state Farmer degrees, making a total of five boys out of seven in one class to attain this honor.

At the convention, Ronald Peterson also took first place in the project book contest and the Adrian chapter received the master chapter award.

Earl Wilson and David Witty were Adrian chapter delegates to the convention and Robert Munn and Robert Montgomery, alternates. They were accompanied by Henry Reuter, advisor.

James Smiley spent the spring vacation from EOCE at LaGrande in Nyssa with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smiley.

## Nyssa Host Mar. 30 Annual Track Meet For Five Schools

Schools from Adrian, Vale, Emmett, Weiser, Caldwell, Meridian and Nyssa will participate in the annual March track meet to be held at Hartley field in Nyssa Wednesday, Mar. 30.

The pole vault and high hurdles will start the afternoon's track and field events at 3:30 with the shot and mile run at 3:45; discus and 100 yard dash 4:00, high jump and 40 yard run 4:15, javelin and low hurdles 4:30, broad jump and 220 yard dash 4:45, 880 yard run 4:55 and the last event, the 880 relay at 5:00.

The winner of the meet will determine which team can compile the greater amount of points, with 5 points to be awarded for first place, 3 points for second, 2 for third place, and 1 point for fourth place.

Track judges for the events are Dick Tensen, Harry McGinley, Dwight Wyckoff, and E. Ballou.

Field judges are Dale Overstake and Lou Attebery, with K. E. Keveren who is the Nyssa track coach, the manager of the meet.

The Nyssa high school cinder pounders should field a good track team this year with several returning lettermen to strengthen the Bulldogs.

## Baseball Season Opens Tuesday, Practice Game

The Nyssa high school baseball squad will open their season against the Parma Panthers on the Parma diamond next Tuesday in a practice contest. The Bulldogs will be host to Homedale April 1 and follow up with two games with Nampa before opening SRV conference play with the Ontario Tigers at Ontario April 12.

Baseball mentor Howard Lovejoy stated that practice sessions were confined to fundamentals and conditioning during the first few days of training, but the team has started hitting practice and infield and outfield drill will be in order for the rest of the week in preparation for next Tuesday's game with Parma.

This year's team could have nine lettermen in the starting line up, Lovejoy stated, but some of the frosh-soph candidates may make a lot of the experienced players hustle for starting positions.

## SRV School Group Plans Activities

The Snake River Valley board of control executive group of the school masters' association met Wednesday afternoon at the Nyssa high school to set up the activities for the coming year. Athol Sayre, principal of Adrian high school is chairman and R. V. Wilson, superintendent of Nyssa schools, is a member of the group.

## Public Meeting Tonight to Discuss Proposed Water Works; Bond Election Monday; Water Rates Determined

A public meeting has been called for 8 o'clock tonight at the high school Little Theater where all details of the proposed new water system for Nyssa, Monday's bond election and new water rental rates will be explained and discussed.

Dick Forbess, who served as chairman of a 10-person citizens committee that studied and proposed new water rates to pay for the principal and interest on the \$183,000 bond issue, will preside at the meeting. Earl C. Reynolds, consulting engineer for a firm that has planned the system will give a general outline of the proposed new system, the water shortage, that has been increasing for several years and was climaxed last summer when gasoline contaminated one well, and all phases of a detailed study made by his firm. A member of the city council will explain proposed new rates that will affect domestic water, irrigation and commercial rentals.

The need has been apparent for several years of the inadequacy of the water supply for the city of Nyssa. Exhaustive studies of all angles of the situation had been made prior to the city council's decision to approve this new plan and call a bond election.

A consulting engineering firm has been doing exploratory work for several months in efforts to secure an abundance of water, of highest quality, in the most inexpensive way and to assure a long-time supply. It will employ the Rannen method, a patented system which "reaches out" for underground water with present tests indicating a large quantity of water available near the Snake River on Amalgamated Sugar Co. property. Among other sources investigated and ruled out were use of Snake river water and a filtration plant, more deep wells, springs on the Idaho side of the Snake River and transmission of water from Owyhee reservoir.

Nyssa's city council set new domestic and irrigation water rental rates, at a meeting last Thursday following recommendations made by a special committee chaired by Dick Forbess.

Domestic water rates will be increased from \$2 to \$2.75 per month and irrigation rates from 20 cents to 30 cents per front foot beginning July 1. Irrigation rates will be levied on the gross front footage and anyone not using water for irrigation must sign an affidavit.

Affidavits will also be necessary to indicate private pumps. The city will measure all lots from the city plant. Irrigation fees will begin April 1 and will be spread over a six-month period with monthly billing.

A provision was made that anyone has the option of going on a meter but a fee of \$50 must be paid and the city would own, operate and maintain the meter. The city also reserves the right to install meters anywhere for irrigation, domestic or business use.

## Stunz Reports Oregon House Votes 34 to 26 To Oppose Tax Clause

"We have now been ten weeks in session, 953 bills have been introduced, 174 have passed both Houses and 37 passed this past week. House members, worried because the legislature might last a couple of more months, are working on Saturdays and going to work earlier on week days. Speaker Ed Geary and President Elmo Smith have told the house and senate committees that they must get on the ball and speed things up.

"The Oregon house voted 34 to 26 Thursday, opposing a minority report on a senate joint resolution which would prevent the placing of an emergency tax clause on a tax measure. An emergency tax clause prevents referendum of a measure, and holds it as is, until the next general election. Those in favor of attaching the emergency tax clause pointed out that voters could initiate a repealer of such an act. Immediately after the legislature convenes Monday, as a special order of the day, final legislative action will be made on this resolution. Should it pass, as it seems likely, and unless the Governor vetoes it, this measure will be voted upon by the people of Oregon at the next general election. Should the people vote favoring this amendment to the constitution, it would mean that the 1957 legislators could pass a sales tax, a cigarette tax, or almost any kind of a tax that they saw fit, and by placing the emergency tax clause on the measure, it would immediately go into effect and remain so, until the general election of 1958, when the

people would have a chance to vote it out. In the voting on this minority report Thursday, four Democrats joined 30 Republicans and five Republicans voted with 21 Democrats, so you can see that the voting was very much along party lines.

"The Korean bonus bill which came out in the ways and means and would cost the state approximately \$11,000,000, was introduced on the floor with a "Do not pass" recommendation and was referred back to the taxation committee. We probably won't hear of it again.

"The veterans loan right was signed by the Governor which gives the Veteran the right to use a mortality insurance on state loans.

"A bill legalizing the use of radar as a method of checking speed was referred back to the house highway committee.

"The house local government committee, was asked Friday to approve a bill that would allow a policeman to make a traffic arrest when he had not seen the law violated, but had information and belief that it had been.

"A bill to allow the movement of farm implements on roads without flagmen was passed by the house and sent to the senate.

"The house bill relating to potatoes and the senate bill relating to onions are both in the senate agriculture committee and will probably be processed together.

"House bill 392, the road district bill, is in the senate highway committee.

## Red Cross Funds Expected to Pass \$700 For Area

Residents of Nyssa and its immediate rural communities contributed \$648 to the Red Cross during the annual drive two weeks ago and at least \$50 more is expected to come in, according to Frank Sherwood, chairman.

In the Nyssa business district, \$192 was contributed as compared with \$181 a year ago. In the residential area where the drive was conducted by women under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Long, contributions amounted to \$201, including \$25 from the Civic club and \$21 from the IOOF lodge. Last year's total was \$192.

Assisting Mrs. Long were Mmes. Leon Roberts, Jim Nicholson, Howard Myrick, W. D. Holcomb, Jake Fischer, R. M. Cochran, Campbell Baer, John Grottevit, Muri Lancaster, Bill Lemon and Grant Lewis.

A check for \$25 was given by the Sugar Factory worker's union. In the rural section a total of \$230 was given to Grange women canvassing the area. Those making solicitations were Mmes. Garrett Stam, Glen Hoffman, George Cleaver, Victor Marshall, Albert Bosche, Wilson Winter, La Vern Cleaver, Fern Runcorn, O. E. Cheldelin, Allen Jones, Roy Holmes, John Stam, Russell Gressley, Alva Goodell, Sr. and S. P. Bybee.

## Legion Honors Members At 36th Birthday Event

The 36th annual birthday party for the American Legion was held Thursday evening at the Veterans hall. Sixty persons attended the no-host dinner.

Donald Lytle, post commander, was in charge of the program given following the dinner. Don Graham and Kermit Lienkaemper were given awards for securing 10 or more new members for the Legion. Awards were given for 5, 10, 15, 25, and 35 years of continuous service to the Legion and Graham and LeRoy Herrman were presented 35 year awards.

Mrs. Don Graham, president of District 15 of American Legion auxiliary gave a short talk on the importance of the Auxiliary in helping the veterans and the Legion. Short talks were also given by Stanley Dettinger, of Vale, district commander and Don Graham, vice Commander, on the importance of keeping up the membership of the Legion and auxiliary.

Pinocle was played following the program.

Mrs. Arthur Rouse was in charge of Sue Marlin's gift table.

## Neighbors Save Hall From Fire

Fire, believed to have started from a cigaret dropped into a waste basket, did slight damage to the Oregon Trail hall south of Nyssa about 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

The smoke was seen by Jim Chadd, who was driving past the building, and Robert and Gilbert Holmes, who live nearby were called to help put out the fire. With the help of other residents of the community, the fire was put out by the time the rural fire department arrived. Damage was confined to the kitchen where paper plates and napkins from a Saturday night card party had been left.

A special committee composed of Loyd Adams, president, Roy Holmes, George Cleaver, Neil and Peg Dimmick, Bob Holmes and Alva Goodell met Sunday to make arrangements for immediate repairs.

## Nomads Plan Drag Strip For Rodders

Larry Schenk was voted into the Nomads Hot Rod club last Thursday evening when the group met at the city hall. The meeting was devoted to discussion of a drag strip for the local rodders and a dance to be held some time in the near future. Mike Eastman was elected reporter for the club at the meeting.

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