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## Local Labor Camps Receive Workers; Painting and Construction Improve Grounds, Health Clinics to Visit

### Red Cross Totals For Nyssa Area To Exceed \$900

Residents of Nyssa and its immediate rural communities have contributed over \$900 to the current Red Cross campaign in response to their annual drive. Indications are that the total county figure may reach \$5500. Malheur county chairman Dennis Dyer of Ontario reported Wednesday.

Nyssa's chairman Frank Sherwood, solicitors and all contributors were highly commended by Dyer for making the drive a success. According to Sherwood, the Nyssa business district gave approximately \$320, as compared to \$181 last year, the residential area \$200 and the immediate rural vicinity over \$350. Included in the residential total which was under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Long, were \$25 from the Civic club and \$21 from the IOOF lodge.

The rural section was canvassed by a group of grange women with Mrs. Fern Runcorn, chairman. Mrs. S. P. Bybee is credited with personally soliciting over \$120 from a large area from Alberta to Klamath Ave. north of Nyssa.

Those soliciting the business district were Chet Bowns, Bob Wilson, Ken Pond, Lou Herriman, Lloyd Mackrill, Dillon Erickson, Fred Bracken and Sherwood.

A check for \$25 was contributed by the Sugar Factory Worker's union and \$25 was given by Dr. L. A. Maulding.

### R. Skinner Wins Scholarship Given By Teachers' Assn.

Adrian—Robert Skinner of Adrian high school was awarded the annual college scholarship presented by the Malheur county teacher's association. The announcement was made at a dinner meeting of the organization last Wednesday evening at the Eastside Cafe.

The scholarship which will pay one year's tuition of \$165 at the Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande is presented each year to a graduating senior in Malheur county who wishes to study for the teaching profession. Skinner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner of Owyhee corners, has been active in dramatics and athletics during his high school years, according to Athol Sayre, Adrian school principal. His ambition is to be a teacher of commercial subjects in high school.

### Public Water Meet At Ore. Trail Hall

All water users under the North Board of Control are urged to attend a public water meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8:30 at the Oregon Trail hall.

Paul House, manager of the North Board and members of the board of directors will be present to give a financial report and answer questions from those in attendance.

The meeting is sponsored by the Oregon Trail Grange. Each Grange member is requested to take salad and sandwiches for a potluck lunch to follow the meeting, according to Grange Master Frank Sherwood.

### Mrs. Nolan At Helm Of County Ed. Assn.

Members of the Malheur County Education association held their concluding meeting of the school year last Wednesday evening at the East Side Cafe. The dinner meeting was climaxed with election of officers.

Mrs. Dorothy Nolan of Nyssa was named president; Everett Cornet, Vale, vice president; Ruth Jones, Nyssa, secretary and Mary Weir, Adrian, treasurer.

Mrs. Victoria Schweizer of Nyssa, a past president of the county association was presented with her retirement pin and corsage.

Ralph Anderson presented a group from the Nyssa high school music department on the program. Included were violin quartet numbers by Garnet Ritchie, Bill Russell, Marilyn Whitaker and Nellie Van der Oord, with Ilene Moss as accompanist. Violin solos were played by each Ritchie and Russell.

During the meeting, Robert Skinner of Owyhee Corners was announced as winner of the annual scholarship presented by the association.

## Contracts Let For Nyssa Streets and Vale Highway

The contract for a Nyssa city street pavement project on North Third Street and Locust Avenue has been awarded to Russell Olson Construction Co., Inc., Pendleton for their low bid of \$12,930, according to an announcement from the Oregon State highway commission this week. The decision was made at a meeting of the commission in Portland last Thursday.

This paving will complete the second half of a street improvement project begun last year in Nyssa when a section of North First street and part of South First from Good Avenue to King were improved.

Also granted at the State Highway commission meeting Thursday was a contract for a shoulder oiling project on the Vale-Cairo section of the John Day highway and furnishing of crushed material in stockpiles. The project was awarded to the N. A. Toole Construction Co., Inc., of Ontario for their bid of \$40,000.

C. E. Leseberg of Nyssa was awarded the Lime-Porter Ferry rock production project on the Old Oregon Trail highway near Huntington for his bid of \$23,560.

## Mrs. Chesnut Is P.T.A. President; John Relk Speaks

Mrs. Wayne Chesnut was named president of the Nyssa Parent-Teachers Association at their annual election of officers held Thursday evening in the Little Theatre in conjunction with the April PTA meeting. Mrs. Chesnut succeeds Mrs. Leslie Ballantyne.

Other new officers elected and to be installed at the May 12 PTA meeting are Vice presidents, Mrs. Lester Lankford, Nyssa; Mrs. Darwin Jensen, Arcadia and Mrs. Lester Cleaver, Oregon Trail; secretary, Mrs. Victor Haburchak and treasurer, Carroll Roberts. Mrs. Ken Pond has been appointed program chairman.

Nancy Lytle sang a French song. Members voted to accept the recommendation of the executive committee to purchase a plaque for retiring teachers. Mrs. Victoria Schweizer, who retires in May after 43 years of teaching, is the first name to appear on the plaque which will be kept as a permanent fixture in the school.

A letter of appreciation was read from the county Health Department to the Nyssa PTA for purchase of 12 syringes to be used in the immunization clinic. Murl Lancaster, junior high principal gave a report on a PTA district meeting he attended at Baker. Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. Chesnut and Mrs. Dick Forbes represented the local PTA at the Baker meet.

According to the treasurer's report given by Brig Olsen, a net profit of \$428 was realized from the minstrel show sponsored by the PTA Feb. 24 and 25.

John Relk was guest speaker on the program entitled "International Friendliness", arranged by Mr. and Mrs. John Stam. He talked and showed colored slides of his recent visits to the French Riviera, Copenhagen, Switzerland and Germany while in the service.

Also included in the program were foreign songs by four children. Nancy Little sang a French number, Gail and Carol Hane, a French selection and D. L. Hife, an Indian song. Ralph Anderson led the singing with Mrs. Anderson as piano accompanist.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alexander were chairman of the refreshment committee.

## 400 Children in Lower Three Grades to Present Annual Music Festival Thurs.

Approximately 400 children of the first three grades in the Nyssa elementary school will participate in the annual spring music festival to be held next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Walter McPartland, grade school principal announced. The event will be held in the high school gymnasium.

The program this year is a departure from the usual one given in that it is an outgrowth of various music, rhythmic and art work accomplished in the school during the term. Each grade has taken a phase of their program and with some modifications has prepared their contribution to the festival. McPartland stated. It is more representative of actual school activities with a minimum of outside accessories.

There will be no costuming due to the necessary expense involved. The faculty hopes to determine the public sentiment toward this type of program, the principal also commented. An invitation is extended to the community.

The festival program will include, first grades: Rhythm band by Miss Emma Zwenke's room; "Lantern Parade" by students of Mrs. Lennie Berkley, Mrs. Zette Burgarner, Mrs. Gladys Engelhardt and Mrs. Naomi May and "Poor Little Robin" by Mrs. Opal Alcorn's room. Second grades: "Lili Marlene" and "Heel and Toe" by students of Mrs. Frances Bates and Mrs. Eulah McConnell; "Old Brass Wagon" and "The Blue Tail Fly" by children taught by Miss Anne Bauman, Mrs. Rosabelle Copeland, Mrs. Mildred Elliott and Mrs. Florence Roth.

## Health Dept. Has Changes In Polio Immunization

Mrs. Edna Farris, Malheur county public health nurse stated at noon Wednesday that no report had as yet reached her department regarding the date for the arrival of the Salk polio vaccine. Clinics and all other preliminary arrangements are in readiness for schedule of immunizations of first and second grade youngsters as soon as the official word is received, Mrs. Farris reported.

Of the 1028 children who have turned in parental consent slips to be eligible for the shots, approximately 400 children will be accommodated at the Nyssa clinic. Children from Adrian, Lower Bend, Arcadia and Ridgeview will be included here in addition to the 265 Nyssa students.

Vaccine Program Changed An official release was received this week from Dr. H. M. Erickson of the Oregon state health department listing changes in the polio vaccine program. It was originally planned, as recommended by Dr. Jonas Salk, to give a series of three injections of the vaccine. Now this report indicates that the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will supply at this time only sufficient vaccine for two doses to be given at intervals of two to four weeks for all children in the first and second grades (plus those third and fourth graders in Lane, Marion and Multnomah counties who participated in the 1954 vaccine trials but did not receive vaccine) who have parental request slips for the vaccination. The Oregon state medical society has recommended that these two doses be given this spring three or preferably four weeks apart.

Since the two doses of vaccine can provide only temporary protection against polio, parents are being strongly advised to take their children to their family physician next fall for the third or booster injection on a fee basis. The health department plans to supply parents of each child receiving the two injections this spring with a written record of vaccination.

Distribution Plans Altered The national foundation has announced that of the 27,000,000 cc of Salk polio vaccine for which they have contracted, approximately 9,000,000 cc will be returned to the manufacturers for commercial distribution in order that more children may receive the two doses schedule prior to the 1955 polio season.

The Oregon State Medical Society has recommended that a portion of this 9,000,000 cc be reserved by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for release to State and local health departments at cost for the purpose of vaccinating medically indigent children and expectant mothers. It is not yet known whether the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will accept this proposal.

## Draft Board Closed This Week; March Inductees Listed

The office of the local draft board, No. 22 at Ontario is closed this week from Wednesday through Friday, Mrs. Ruth Ingebritsen, clerk of the board announced.

The regular office hours of 8:30 to 5:30, Monday through Friday will be resumed Monday, April 25.

Percival Ray Parrish, Sweet Home, Ore., formerly of Nyssa and Ray Wallace Barklow of Ontario, both volunteers were inducted from the local board in March. There is no one called for induction from this board for April, Mrs. Ingebritsen stated.

Three will be called for induction for May.

## Council Checks Finished Water System Plan

The Nyssa City Council members viewed completed plans for the new water system at a meeting in the city hall Monday night.

City Manager Robert Applegate stated that specifications for the system will be completed shortly and the contract should be ready for release in about a week. This contract will cover the purchase and installation of a pump and about a mile of transmission line, said Applegate.

Present at the meeting was Eugene W. Silitch, president and technical director of the Ranney Method Western Corp. of Sacramento, Calif., who checked completed plans with the councilmen. The Ranney company will supply the source of water with a collector system to be sunk south of the Snake river bridge.

Silitch reported that his company would move in equipment this week and should begin construction some time next week. The collector will be in the form of a caisson sunk into the ground to a depth of 32 feet with the water collecting pipes radiating from the base.

Also present to check the plans was Earl Reynolds, consulting engineer from Boise.

Two ordinances were passed at the Monday meeting. The alley south of the Sinclair gas station was vacated and the councilmen passed an ordinance providing for the sale of bonds for the new water system.

## R. Stunz Reviews Many Bills Before Ore. Legislature

Tomorrow we will start our 15th week of the session and we hope to be through in a couple more weeks. Last week was one of the busiest we have had, going to work earlier and working later at night. Of the 1,177 bills being introduced, 201 have been tabled, 414 have passed both the House and Senate and 99 were sent to the governor for his signature this last week. Among those were: the onion bill and the cemetery bill, a bill which would legalize the use of radar to detect the speed of vehicles and use of such as basis for arrest; a bill to authorize county and state welfare officials to investigate public assistance cases; a bill which would redefine true cash value for tax purposes (it would be based upon current market value, starting in 1961); and bill which would limit damages collectible under libel law if libel is unintentional and a retraction is published. A bill passed the House Friday, which would give to the Bend Community College, a junior college \$1000 plus \$100 for each full time student enrollment.

The potato bill was introduced on the floor of the senate, by Sen. Leth, last week. There followed argument as to the legal wording of the bill, which would not, when corrected, effect the intent of the bill. Sen. Leth had it sent back to the committee for these amendments, rather than take a chance of having it defeated on the floor. It should be back in the senate the first of the week.

The reappointment bill came before the house for vote last Tuesday and was sent back to the committee by a 25 to 33 vote. We want to make the following amendments: Sherman, Gilliam, and Morrow counties combined. (Continued on Page 12)

## Cancer Crusade Laqs, County Total to \$685

Incomplete returns for the cancer crusade campaign which was launched in Malheur county April 1 indicated a total of \$685 contributed by Wednesday from the entire county, only about one-half of the approximate goal of \$1300 which has been set, according to Mrs. Paul Penrod, Nyssa drive chairman.

A portion of the Nyssa business houses were solicited under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Broad, resulting in \$110 being collected. All residents of the community are urged to place their donations in the cancer crusade envelopes which were mailed throughout the county and return them as soon as possible. Cannisters have also been placed in numerous business houses for convenience of donors.

Extensive research which is underway to curb cancer, the second largest killer, is made possible through cancer drive funds, Mrs. Penrod pointed out. In view of the sensational scientific work which resulted in development of the Salk vaccine to conquer polio, donors are urged to contribute generously so research in the fields of cancer may be accelerated that it too may be conquered in the near future.

## Irrigation Conditions Improved By Recent Precipitation; Meeting On Cloud Seeding Project Held Monday

### Summary of 2 Year Audit Shows Expense And Income of Board

Conditions for an increased irrigation allotment have improved with the recent precipitation increase, according to statements released yesterday by Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control.

"The precipitation on the area of the Owyhee watershed has all been in the form of snow," stated House. "This will have a tendency to increase the runoff, thereby making possible an increased allotment."

The report from Owyhee reservoir yesterday gave a water elevation of 2628.80 feet and the storage has increased to 278,550 acre-feet. The release to the canals was 76 cubic feet-per-second and there was no release to the river.

House said the runoff, though dependent on weather conditions, was holding steady. There is no available report on the amount of precipitation on the watershed so far this month but House said that precipitation here for April measures 1.09 day.

Meeting Held Monday Members of the North and South Boards of Control met with four officers of the North American Weather Consultants in the North Board office Monday afternoon to discuss the cloud seeding project being carried out over the Owyhee watershed.

Paul House, manager of the North Board, reported that plans were completed for the installation of five additional cloud seeding, silver iodide generators. These are to be placed in the central part of the watershed.

This expansion of the seeding program will bring the total number of generators operating on the Owyhee watershed to Twenty-five. House said that the additional generators will be installed as conditions permit.

Of the twenty now in operation, five were not operated during the month of March due to unsuitable weather conditions, said House.

According to figures released by the North American Weather Consultants, the remaining fifteen were operated during March for a total of 365 hours. (Continued on page 12)

## Three Nyssa Men Win VFW Offices

Members of Owyhee Post 3506 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars traveled to Huntington to attend the district 9 meeting and annual election Sunday.

Merton B. Tice of South Dakota, national commander-in-chief of the VFW was present and gave a talk on Americanism and community service. District 9, which comprises the posts in Nyssa, Ontario and Huntington won the state membership contest thus entitling the members to host the Commander-in-Chief during his official visit to Oregon.

In the election, three out of the eleven offices to be filled were won by Nyssa men. Douglas Flippence was elected Junior vice commander, Don Graham was chosen for the post of judge advocate and Ted Teske was elected district chaplain.

Dan Gallegos of Nyssa was sworn in as a member by Commander Tice. Discussion was held at the meeting on the various projects of the VFW.

## Wilson Speaks To Nyssa Lions Club

The members of the Nyssa Lions club heard a talk by R. V. Wilson, superintendent of Nyssa schools, at their regular luncheon meeting Monday in the dining room of Carl's Doll House.

Wilson told of the need for an expanded school system here and gave data on the increasing local population which is the reason for this need. He also discussed the necessity for raising funds for this expansion.

In the convention fund project, the prize of a key chain auto emblem was won by Walter McPartland. The prize was donated by Ray Larson.

## C. Grider Manages Adrian Labor Camp

Charley Grider assumed the management of the Adrian Labor camp Monday morning of this week, it has been reported. He will serve as coordinator between the laborers and farmers and is employed by the Oregon employment service at Ontario.

## Delegates of State Dairy Commission Visit Owyhee Dam

Four representatives of the Oregon Dairy Products commission were guests of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce for an excursion to the Owyhee dam and reservoir last Thursday afternoon and also toured the Nyssa Amalgamated Sugar Co. factory.

The delegation was composed of Glenn H. Lay, executive secretary of the commission, Miss Todd Hamilton and Dave Hennigh, manager of the Lucerne Milk Co., all of Portland, and Bill Fletcher, of Enterprise.

Dr. J. E. Long, president of the Isaac Walton league of Malheur county, led the excursion to the reservoir. Others accompanying the group were Al and Herschel Thompson, proprietors of a dairy at Adrian.

During the afternoon the group viewed the dam, the recently completed boat ramp and did a little fishing around the banks of the reservoir. Adverse weather prevented a planned boat trip on the reservoir. A picnic lunch was arranged by Jed Lewis, manager of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. and chairman of the chamber's committee in charge of the excursion.

The representatives of the dairy commission were in this area primarily in the interests of promoting June Dairy month.

## Four Persons Hurt In Accident Sun.

Four persons were injured seriously in an automobile accident Sunday morning at 11:40, when their car traveling west, went out of control at the east end of the Snake river bridge and careened over the steep embankment on the right hand side of the bridge to the water's edge.

The injured, all admitted to the Malheur Memorial hospital, were listed as Austin Kerby, 70, of Rt. 2, Boise, who suffered three fractured ribs and was released Wednesday afternoon; his wife, Mrs. Grace Kerby, 67, who suffered lacerations of the scalp, brain concussion, back sprain and bruises; Lois Smotherman, 75, of Springfield, Mo., listed with laceration of the forehead; fractured, dislocated right shoulder, fractured right ankle, brain concussion and bruises; and Mrs. Clara Davis, Boise, who suffered slight concussion, sprain of lower back and bruises about the hips and shoulders.

The three women were reported by Dr. K. A. Danford, Nyssa physician, as in fair condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerby of Boise are parents of Dr. Ken Kerby; Mrs. Davis is mother of Mrs. Clyde Snider and Mrs. Smotherman is a sister of Mrs. Kerby and Mrs. Davis. Those involved in the accident were en route here for a dinner party and family reunion with the Kerbys and Sniders at the Snider home.

## Honor Students Named At Adrian

Adrian—Students making the honor roll at the Adrian Union high school last term were announced by Athol Sayre, principal.

Named to the senior honor roll were Dede Connaugh, Junior McGinnis, Bob Montgomery, Anita Pratt, Ronald Peterson, Jim Stoker and Ronnie Thompson. Juniors, La Dawn Wolley, Vanee Stokes, Francene Peterson, Edith Matthews and George Jellinek. Sophomores, Earl Wilson, Edna Linville, Darlene Davis, Margaret Butler and Richard Lovitt. Freshman, Shirley Skinner and Karen Mitchell.

## C of C Plans Talk On Social Security

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, was speaker at the regular meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon at Brownie's cafe. He gave an extensive review of the water situation for this area.

Ham Chadderdon, secretary of the chamber, announced that the speaker for next Wednesday's meeting will be Ed Russell, field representative for the department of health, education and welfare of the social security administration. He will cover a detailed report on social security and its benefits.

## STAMS LEAVE FOR HOLLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Garrit Stam left Nyssa Wednesday morning for New York City and Holland for an extended trip to visit relatives and friends. They expect to spend the summer there.