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County Schools Await Salk Vaccine For Polio Immunization; Allotment For Oregon Reported To Be Short

J.V. Polio Victim Second in Malheur County for 1955

Malheur county's second polio victim in the first four months of 1955 was reported to Dr. L. A. Maulding, county health officer last week.

Robert Meuschke, 30, a teacher in the Jordan Valley high school was stricken with bulbar polio last Tuesday. He was reportedly admitted to a hospital in Nampa, then transferred to St. Luke's hospital in Boise.

Ruth Cline, a 16-year old Jordan Valley high school student was the county's first victim of polio for this year. Her illness with bulbar polio was reported to the public health office in Vale March 5.

Dr. Maulding indicated that if Salk vaccine were available, the entire Jordan Valley school should be immunized but to date no vaccine has been received in Oregon even for such emergencies. Gamma globulin is available for immunization but the cost per individual would be very high.

First Pre-school Meeting of Series Set For May 5th

Three meetings for pre-school parents have been scheduled for Friday May 13 and Thursday, May 19 in the Little Theatre of the Jr. high school. These meetings are planned to give the parents of next year's first graders information about the school for the success of their first grade pupils. Walter McPartland, grade school principal announced.

The first meeting will be concerned with the physical development of your 6-year-old. Dr. Grant B. Hughes will be our guest speaker for the evening. Mrs. George Rush, the pre-school chairman, will explain the use and procedure in getting the golden rod sheet completed by the dentist and doctor, and returned. The information from this physical check-up is recorded by the health department on the child's health card. This information follows the child through school.

The second meeting will be held Friday, May 13 and will consist of a panel composed of W. L. McPartland, chairman, R. V. Wilson, supt., Mrs. Wayne Chesnut, PTA president-elect, and Mrs. Darwin Jensen. This group will discuss and answer questions about school and school organizations as they directly effect first grade children.

The last meeting, held May 19, will feature the six first grade teachers, Mrs. Zette Bumgarner, Mrs. Opal Alcorn, Mrs. Gladys Engelhardt, Mrs. Lennie Berkeley, Mrs. Naomi May, Mrs. Emma Zwemke and Mrs. Josephine Rigney, special education chairman. This group will use as their discussion guide, "Are You Ready for School?" They will explain some of the things they would like children to know when they enter school.

A committee of mothers, under the leadership of Mrs. Lester Cleaver, is being organized to get every pre-school parent out for all these meetings. "Only as we know one another's problems, can we have the best school possible for your child," Mr. McPartland stated.

Budget Hearing Fri. For District 26-C

There will be a public hearing on the 1955-56 budget for school district 26C at 8 p. m. Friday in the junior high school, superintendent of schools R. V. Wilson announced.

All interested people are encouraged to attend.

Attend Associated Chamber at N.P.

Jed Lewis and Jake Fischer of Nyssa attended the Associated Chamber of Commerce meeting held at New Plymouth last Monday evening.

Ned Harlan gave an informative talk on employee public relations.

CARL HILL ON ADRIAN HIGH HONOR ROLL

Carl Lee Hill, a senior at Adrian high school and son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hill of Newell Heights, was omitted from the honor roll list published last week.

Riding Club Sets Horse Sale Sun. at Rodeo Grounds

A big horse sale sponsored by the Owyhee Riding club will begin at one o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Nyssa rodeo grounds.

According to Willis Bertram, chairman of the sale, horses of all kinds, including Neil Dimmick's famous Arabian stallion, two registered quarterhorses, saddle horses, pack and work horses, kid's ponies and "chicken feeders" will be auctioned. Saddles and bridles are also included.

Auctioneers will be Bob Chenault, Ellis White and Fred Howell with Loren F. Mesler, clerk. Lunch will be served on the grounds by the riding club women.

The Arabian stallion, Wisok No. 4006, belonging to Dimmick, president of the Owyhee Riding club, will be sold under saddle. His sire, Witez 2nd has been grand champion at the California Arabian show several times. His six-generation pedigree includes 21 ancestors from Arabia.

"Pirate Joe," owned by Stewart Elsinor of Owyhee is registered both in the quarter horse association and the N.Q.H.A. He is eight years old. "Cue Ball Van," a six-year old quarter horse owned by Dan Collins is also permanently registered. These three outstanding horses are included in this big sale that promises to attract buyers and horse enthusiasts from all over the area just as last year's successful sale held April 19, '54.

Afternoon Music Concert Slated By School Groups

The spring music concert of the junior high and high school band, orchestra and choruses is tentatively set for Monday afternoon, May 9 at 2:30, Ralph Anderson, music instructor announced.

Approximately 300 students will participate in the concert to be held in the high school auditorium. Selections will be presented by the beginning band and orchestra, Junior orchestra, junior high chorus, high school band, orchestra and chorus. Mrs. Irl Nolen will direct the junior high choruses. All instrumental groups and the high school chorus will be under the direction of Mr. Anderson.

This is the third concert of the year, an earlier concert was given March 12 just prior to the Snake River Valley music festival and one last fall.

Ed Russell Speaks At Chamber Meet

Ed Russell of LaGrande, field representative for the department of health, education and welfare of the Social Security administration, was the guest speaker at the chamber of commerce meeting Wednesday noon at Brownie's Cafe.

Different phases of social security and how it could effect different members of the chamber were discussed.

Announcement was made of a Business Men's meeting Friday noon at the Doll House. R. V. Wilson, superintendent of schools, invited members of the chamber to attend the SRV track meet Saturday; the music concert at the high school auditorium Thursday night and a public hearing Friday evening on the school budget.

Tribute to Malheur Memorial Hospital In Fifth Year of Community Service; National Hospital Week Be Observed

(Editors note—This is the first in a series of three articles to be published on the Malheur Memorial hospital prepared and written by a representative of the hospital association.)

"Your Hospital—A Tradition of Service" is the theme being used this year for the observance of National Hospital Week May 8-12. All over the nation hospitals are making preparation for observing this special week and Nyssa is also arranging an open house in the Malheur Memorial Hospital.

Residents in this area realize that they are fortunate to be living in a district that has adequate hospital facilities, particularly since the opening of the Malheur Memorial Hospital in 1950. Years ago the building of this hospital was an ambition in the hearts of many people here and in October 1950 that dream became a reality when the doors of the Malheur Memorial Hospital were opened to receive patients.

The 200 or more donors from the surrounding communities

proudly inspected the living memorial they had erected in honor of those who served and sacrificed in World War II. A building dedicated to the protection of life and health of our citizens. A building that was made possible by those who generously gave because they realized the value of human lives when health is endangered or unforeseen tragedy strikes. A building owned and financed by the citizens in the district to be served.

The American accredited general hospitals as a whole are rated as creating the fifth most important service industry in the United States. The services of a hospital to a community cannot be computed in dollars and cents, because their value is beyond monetary figures. The value of a hospital to a community is measured in lives that are saved, suffering that is lessened or avoided, and the peace of mind that comes with better health. Your hospital—truly a tradition of service.

Mitchell, Hewett Promoted on First Natl. Bank Staff

Two important changes in the administrative staff of the Nyssa branch of First National Bank of Portland were announced this week by C. B. Stephenson, president of the statewide banking system.

George J. Mitchell, manager of the branch since 1935, has been elevated to assistant vice president, Stephenson said. At the same time he announced the promotion of Leonard L. Hewett to manager of the Nyssa banking office.

Mitchell's election to assistant vice president comes after 35 years in the banking field. He was with the State Bank of Echo for many years before taking over as manager of the Nyssa branch of First National 20 years ago.

Stephenson said that Mitchell's promotion was made in recognition of his many years of fine banking service to the residents of the area served by the Nyssa branch. In his new post, Mitchell will spend considerable time on outside work for the bank.

Hewett has had a wide variety of experience in banking and is well qualified to take over as manager of the important Oregon branch, Stephenson added. He has been with First National for 19 years, beginning as messenger at the bank's main office in Portland.

He also served at First National branches at East Portland, North Bend and Woodburn before coming to Nyssa in 1951 as a general loan officer.

He was promoted to assistant cashier while working at the North Bend branch.

Wins Scholarship



Robert Skinner, a senior at Adrian Union high school, was announced winner of the annual college scholarship presented by the Malheur county teacher's association. The scholarship pays one year's tuition to a college of his choice and is presented to a graduating senior in the county who wishes to study for the teaching profession.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner of Owyhee Corners.

Adrian PTA Staff Installed for Year

Adrian—Mrs. Charles Newbill served as installing officer for the new executive staff of the Adrian elementary PTA at a meeting last Thursday evening at the grade school.

Mrs. Oscar Haney is president; Mrs. Verli Bishop, first vice president; Mrs. Phil Lucas, second vice president; Mrs. Don Brewer, secretary; and Mrs. Homer Brewer, treasurer. Mrs. Roger Norland is outgoing president.

Harold Newman, principal, introduced members of the evaluation program assisting committee who were special guests. Newman also explained details of the past week's evaluation program for Adrian schools.

Equipment Arrives For Water System

The Ranney Method Western Corp. of Sacramento, Calif., began moving equipment in to Nyssa Wednesday morning in preparation for construction of the new city water system according to City Manager Robert M. Applegate.

Representatives of the firm indicated that equipment would be set up and construction of the collector system should be underway next week. The collector will be sunk south of the Snake river bridge.

The Ranney Corp. transported the equipment here from the Seattle, Wash. area where they had just completed construction of two collectors.

Lovejoy Resigns Head Coach Spot On Nyssa Staff

The resignation of Howard Lovejoy, head football and baseball coach at Nyssa high school was announced this week by superintendent of schools R. V. Wilson. No successor has been named for the position.

Lovejoy has been with the Nyssa schools the past 11 years and in addition to his coaching duties has been director of athletics, physical education and advanced algebra instructor. His resignation will be effective at the end of the school term at which time he plans to move his family to the Idaho Falls area where he will enter the farming business.

Prior to his teaching position at Nyssa, Lovejoy taught one year each at Adrian, Lava, Idaho and Edmunds, Idaho; three years at Rigby, Idaho and five years at the Industrial Institute at St. Anthony, Idaho.

The resignation of Lovejoy makes the fourth vacancy to occur in the Nyssa school system this spring. Dwight Wyckoff, vocational agricultural instructor recently announced his resignation to accept employment with a Nyssa business firm, Mrs. Victoria Schweizer retires at the close of this term and Mrs. Ruth Looney is leaving the teaching field. Contracts for their successors have not been signed as yet, Wilson indicated.

Nyssa Jaycees to State Conclave May 14 and 15

Bend or bust will be the topic of conversation for all local Nyssa Jaycees as they prepare to motor to Bend for the annual state Jaycee convention May 14-15.

Dr. Engel Wood president of the Jaycees stated that approximately 10 members of the organization are planning to attend the convention which will feature a general election of new state officers, various awards to outstanding chapters in the state, and an amendment to the state constitution which would add four more districts to the present five, making state coverage better.

The Nyssa Jaycees are one of the more notable chapters that are active in the state due to their outstanding work on the blood drive and they also are the only Jaycees which sponsor a Economy Run in the United States.

Members of the organization have been working on the news club house on Tuesday evenings according to Dr. Wood.

\$1345 Realized In County Drive

Malheur county returns from sale of Easter Seals and from canisters for Crippled Children had reached \$1345.84 Tuesday, Louis J. Yturri of Ontario, county chairman, announced.

People are urged to respond to the purchase of Easter seals they received from the Oregon Society for Crippled Children. Major projects of the society are the Children's hospital school in Eugene, Oregon's only summer camp for crippled children near Reedsport and the Craft shop of the handicapped in Portland.

Oregon's 48th Legislature May Close Nearly Four Month's Session Sat.; Resolution for Federal Plan Tabled

By Rep. Emil A. Stunz

Last week I told you that 1,117 bills had been introduced here during the 48th legislative session. During the past week that number has been raised to 1,246 and new bills are still coming in. Most of these are appropriation and budget bills. One hundred and twenty-one bills were passed last week and I will mention some of them which are of special interest to Malheur county residents.

SB 389 permits courts to close on Saturdays.

HB 160 limits prizes in fishing derbies to a value of \$15.

HB 400 requires workmen's compensation extended to cover employees who are injured in connection with their work while in another state.

HB 454 requires voters to sign poll books to verify their address.

HB 475 requires persons registering to vote to list where in Oregon they have lived during the last six months and requires them to read a warning that false statements would subject them to fine and imprisonment.

HB 566 prohibits women wrestling matches in Oregon.

We will now tell you about some of the other bills.

HB 99, the meat inspection bill, is becoming one of the most traveled bills. Originating in the

Irrigation Water Outlook Improved By April Showers; Allotments May Be Increased By Boards of Control

Hopes for adequate irrigation water supplies for the Owyhee area were strengthened this week after nearly a month of abnormal rainfall in the valley and reported snow storms in the hills that drain into Owyhee reservoir. During April a total of 1.53 inches of rain has fallen in the immediate Nyssa area with precipitation reported on 14 of the 27 days.

Storage in the reservoir had reached a total of 313,320 acre feet by Wednesday morning. This compares with 278,550 acre feet reported a week ago. Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, stated that the present storage is approximately 44 percent of its capacity of 715,000 acre feet.

The additional storage water has come primarily from precipitation and last winter's snow on elevations below 5000 feet. Limited snow at higher elevations has contributed but very little to the runoff as yet.

Farmers generally, have been complaining about too much rain that has prevented spring seeding and brings the possibility that crops could be retarded. Because of the large amount of rainfall no water has been used from the reservoir which normally has supplied about 10 percent of the water requirement for the year by this time, House said.

At present it appears that an additional allocation of water may be made over the initial allotment of three acre feet approved by the Owyhee project committee April 5, House pointed out.

Public Water Meeting

Approximately 90 people attended the water users meeting held at the Oregon Trail hall last Thursday evening. House gave a detailed account of the organization and operation of the North and South boards of control, irrigation water conditions and a detailed financial report. Harold Henigson, secretary of the board, also appeared before the group and covered the social security set-up for employees and gave highlights of conventions and meetings attended.

In reviewing the organization of the boards of control, House (Continued on page 12)

Awards Presented To Scout Leaders

Walter McPartland, Nyssa grade school principal and district leadership and training chairman, and John Alsip of Nampa were presented Silver Beaver awards at the annual meeting of the Ore-Ida Scout council last Thursday evening in Caldwell at the IOOF hall. The awards are the highest the council gives to a Scouter for distinguished services to boyhood.

During the business meeting, Alsip was re-elected president of the council. Dr. Fred Koehne of Nampa and Don Cox of Emmett were elected vice presidents of the council and Jared Lewis of Nyssa was re-elected as a vice president. Others elected to office were Hawley Taylor, Nampa treasurer and Joe Kinader, re-elected council commissioner.

A no-host dinner was served preceding the business meeting.

Legislators Get Sugar Samples, Data By Stunz

A Nyssa industrial product received new publicity this week and Oregon legislators were given a special treat by Representative Emil Stunz of Nyssa and the Amalgamated Sugar Co.

Complimentary packages of White Satin Sugar were distributed by Rep. Stunz this week to each senator and representative in the Oregon Legislature, to Governor Paul Patterson, his office secretaries and the house and senate chief clerks and their staffs. Pamphlets entitled, "Get on Board an Oregon Line", enumerating highlights of the sugar industry in Oregon accompanied each package. The sugar was delivered to Salem by Ronald Whitaker, former head bookkeeper at the Nyssa Amalgamated Sugar Co. plant, now northwest sales manager for the company with headquarters at Portland.

Rep. Stunz expressed to the legislators that the sugar samples were furnished by the Amalgamated Sugar Co. with the compliments of the beet growers of Eastern Oregon. He explained that the sugar beet growers of Eastern Oregon received over 4 and 1/2 million dollars for last year's crop. If all the sugar beets grown in Eastern Oregon last year, were loaded on railroad cars, 40,000 pounds to each car, they would make up a train 151 miles long, and if all the sugar manufactured at this only sugar factory in Oregon, was loaded on cars, it would add another 36.5 miles to the train. Now, if the three by-products, which are molasses, wet and dry pulp, were put on cars it would add another 46 miles to this train, making a train 233 miles long.

Most important of all is that, if all the White Satin produced in Oregon was consumed in Oregon, the beet growers of Oregon would receive annually, \$66,000 - 00 more for their beet crops, Stunz pointed out.

Grand Opening of Hardware-Lumber Firm at Adrian

Eder Hardware Co. and Van Patten Lumber Co. of Adrian are having a grand opening of their newly remodeled buildings Friday. People are invited to view the new, modern stores and register for many valuable prizes to be given away.

Vernon E. Parker, manager stated that in addition to new store fronts, the interiors have been completely remodeled, modernized and new fixtures installed. Facilities have been enlarged in the lumber yard and include one new lumber shed. Hardware stock has been considerably expanded. The store now offers a complete line of General Electric appliances and everything from builder's hardware, complete plumbing supplies and miscellaneous hardware items to a large sporting goods department.

Remodeling has been underway the past three months by G. W. McGinnis, Adrian contractor.

IC's Slate Road-e-o May 7 at School

The second annual Teen age Road-E-O sponsored by the Nyssa Jaycees will start at 1:00 p. m. Saturday, May 7 with over 20 contestants entering this year's competition. The written examination will start at 1 p. m. at the high school with the test of driving skill slated immediately following the completion of the examination.

Judges selected for the driving event include Bob Webster of Adrian; Sheriff Elfering, Vale; Police Chief Hall of Parma, and a representative present from the Oregon state police. The judges will be assisted by local Jaycees and the recorders for the events will be Dick Tensen and Ray Larson.

The winners are determined on a point basis with the written and driving parts of the contest counting equally toward the total. The first three winners will be awarded trophies donated by the Nyssa Automobile Insurance agents. The awards will be presented to the winners at the annual high school award night to be held the last week of school.