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City Park Program Gets Under Way With Greased Pig Chase and Games

It was a busy day at the Nyssa park Wednesday when the boys and girls summer recreation program got under way. After registering over 100 boys and girls for the program Monday and Tuesday, Director Dick Carrow and his assistant, Ann House were all set to supervise the summer activities.

Methodist Minister Reverend Ludlow Comes to Nyssa

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Ludlow made the newly renovated Methodist parsonage at 333 Emerson their new home last week.

Although both Reverend and Mrs. Ludlow are from Nampa, Nyssa seems quite a change from the big city of San Francisco, Calif., where they have been living for the past three years. While in San Francisco, Reverend Ludlow was pastor in a church while he was attending the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. This Sunday, Reverend Ludlow will travel to Walla Walla, Wash., where he will be ordained at the Pacific Northwest Conference. Rev. Charles Donaldson will serve in Reverend Ludlow's absence this Sunday.

Before attending seminary in Berkeley, both Reverend and Mrs. Ludlow taught in the public schools of Nampa for many years. Reverend and Mrs. Ludlow's son, Willis, graduated last week from Willamette University. Willis plans to enter the seminary at Berkeley, the same one his father graduated from, this fall.

Marilyn, the only daughter of the family, is staying with her parents in Nyssa, this summer. She plans to return to Willamette University in the fall where she will complete her final year of college work.

Assuming his new position as Methodist pastor in Nyssa, Reverend Ludlow replaces Rev. Vernon L. Taylor who left to attend school in Wisconsin to gain an advance degree.

School Trustee Election Monday

Voters living within school district 26C are reminded of the school election set for Monday between 2 and 8 p.m. at the Little Theater of the Nyssa high school. The election is being held to elect one board member for a five-year term.

Ralph Lawrence, who was appointed in March to fill the unexpired term of Carlos Buchner, is a candidate to succeed himself and the only person for whom a petition has been filed.

Nyssa Guardsmen On Encampment

With a squad of Nyssa reservists in the party, Ontario's National Guard unit, Company H, 186th Infantry, left for a two-week encampment at Fort Lewis at midnight last Friday.

They were joined by other companies of their battalion at LaGrande, after which the entire battalion moved forward in a body to the training post.

During the two weeks, they will go through a rigorous period of field training, after which they will parade for a Governors' Review, to be attended by Oregon's Gov. Patterson and Washington's Gov. Arthur Langley.

The guard unit is a segment of the famed 41st Infantry division.

Nyssa youngsters of all ages throng to sign up for summer recreation program Monday and Tuesday. At extreme left is Ann House, assistant director and Dick Carrow, director in the center. These eager youngsters will participate in planned recreational activities throughout the summer months.

—Journal Photo

Tests Scheduled For New Water System Thursday

Tests were scheduled for today (Thursday) to check the flow of water soon to be available through Nyssa's new water system.

Originally scheduled for yesterday, the testing was held up because of later delivery of a pump from Parma. It was due to arrive early this morning, and the testing will begin immediately.

Engineers of the Ranney Corporation, which is installing the patented system, were completely confident that the giant caisson will draw and deliver the 3,000,000 gallons of water per day that was specified in the contract.

As preparations were being made for the test, Contractor J. V. Van Nuy, of Ontario, was going ahead on construction details for the pump house which will be erected over the 35-foot-deep caisson, and was preparing to install transmission lines.

As soon as the tests are made, the Ranney concern will have completed its share of the job, and the workmen it imported will return to the home office.

Adrian Area Child Is Polio Victim; Health Department Adopts Policy of Not Revealing Names of Afflicted

A nine-months-old Adrian area child is being treated at home this week for acute paralytic polio, it was announced by Dr. L. A. Maulding, county health officer, who reported that his department has instigated a new policy of not revealing names of polio victims.

The Adrian case is the sixth in Malheur county this summer and the first since polio vaccine was administered to first and second graders throughout the county. Dr. Maulding said that no complications are expected and that one arm and the child's neck are involved with the case being described as moderately severe.

The county health department was emphatic in stating that there is no significance in reports of acquiring polio by means of association with persons who have been inoculated. He stated that there is no reason to consider whether or not any other members of the family had received the polio vaccine.

Court Decision Possible

Dr. Maulding, in explaining the new policy of not revealing polio victims' names, stated that there has been criticism at the county health department for making public the names of persons afflicted. He stated that there is "a fine line" that can be settled only by the courts. As a practicing physician, the name of a person and his illness cannot be made public. As a health officer the welfare of the community might be considered, but a supreme court decision will likely be necessary to clarify the issue, Dr. Maulding said.

Two polio cases were reported in Jordan Valley and three were reported in Ontario prior to the county-wide inoculation program. The Ontario cases were not made public until this week.

Emergency Water Usage Is Ordered For Entire City

Nyssa was placed on an emergency irrigation schedule this week as a means of conserving all possible water until the new system is put into operation some time next month.

As was done last year, the city was divided into three districts for scheduled irrigation, with adherence to the schedules being demanded under powers authorized by Section 27 of city Ordinance 355.

On Monday's there will be no lawn sprinkling or other irrigation in any section of the city, in a determined effort to give housewives enough water pressure for clothes washing.

District 1, which comprises the area north of Main street and west of third, will be permitted to irrigate on Wednesday's and Saturdays.

District 2, which includes all homes north of Main and east of Third, will do its irrigating on Thursdays and Sundays.

District 3, comprising the entire area south of Main street, will have the use of water for irrigating on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Whole City Notified

Residents of the city were notified of the emergency schedule by handbills distributed by the Journal last Saturday. City Manager Robert M. Applegate said yesterday that a high degree of cooperation is being evidenced by the people.

"The schedule seems to be helping everyone," he said. "A good degree of higher pressure is being noted throughout the city, and thus far, no infractions of the order have been found by city checkers."

Only exception to the scheduling requirement is in the case of new lawns which may be watered at discretion. It is pointed out that well rooted lawns should still thrive with just two days of watering.

Householders Help

Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence stated that excellent cooperation has been shown by householders turning off their water when the fire siren is sounded.

He called particular attention to a brisk fire that destroyed a shed on north Fourth last week. "Pressure was unusually high," he said, "which shows that our people are fully aware of their duty when a fire breaks out."

During the period of the emergency restriction, he said, all householders will be expected to turn off water being used, immediately after the fire siren is sounded.

To indicate that the fire has been extinguished, or is in a rural area not dependent on city water, there will be one long blast of the siren, he said.

Under the restrictions, the public is also asked to check air conditions and limit their use.

Raymond Ruff To Leave County Job

Raymond Ruff Jr., Malheur county sanitarian, Monday announced his resignation, effective June 25, to accept a post with the Oregon state board of health.

In a letter of resignation to the county court, Ruff expressed his appreciation to the people of Malheur county for their cooperation. Ruff stated that his new job would mean a salary boost and "about a 15-year advancement for me."

County Judge G. Y. Chester announced that a new sanitarian will not be hired by the county court at the present time and that efforts may be made to interest Harney and Grant counties in a combination sanitarian.

PTA Instruction Meet

Previously scheduled for this Thursday, the Malheur county P.T.A. school instruction program has been postponed until June 23. The meeting will still be held in the school administration building across from the Conklin school. All new P.T.A. officers are asked to attend the meeting next Thursday evening at 7:30.

Week's Temperature

There is no question but that summer has come to Nyssa with a warm Sunday when the high was 95 degrees. The total water storage in the Owyhee dam June 14 was 305,830 acre feet. This compares with 323,220 acre feet in the dam a week ago.

Following are the temperatures for the week ending June 14:

Date	Min.	Max.
June 8	55	94
June 9	61	88
June 10	56	91
June 11	55	94
June 12	60	95
June 13	57	88
June 14	60	95

Lila May Holmes Queen of Rodeo Here July 15-16

Lila May Holmes was chosen last Sunday afternoon to reign as queen of the annual Nyssa rodeo sponsored by the Owyhee Riding club. Miss Holmes, who has the distinction of being chosen queen for the second time, was chosen by the judges, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker of New Plymouth. She was chosen for her horsemanship, performance and appearance. Miss Holmes' attendants are Claudine Leavitt and Marlene Leavitt. The three girls will appear at the rodeo along with the many other specialty numbers.

Besides the business of choosing a queen, the riding club members enjoyed an exhibition of the talents of Mr. and Mrs. Baker's daughter, Barbara, and her trick horse, Nig. The horse daintily wheeled a baby buggy and performed other facts not ordinarily expected from a horse.

Red Cross Seeks Further Donors For Blood Bank

Plans for the June 27 blood drive are nearing completion. Mrs. Ralph Lawrence, in charge of securing local help, has indicated that refreshments will be served by the Jay-cettes. The Eagles club has furnished all the refreshments for a number of the latest blood drives.

Dale Overstake, general chairman for the Jaycees, said pledging of blood has been rather slow. The Red Cross has asked for 300 pints of blood at this drawing. If this quota is to be reached, the rural people are going to have to support this drive as well as they do the winter drives.

The committee stresses that giving a pint of blood may also mean taking some time off from work, but points out, if the people will stop and think what a Red Cross blood program does for the community, they will not or should not hesitate.

Need for the Red Cross blood program stresses two points:

(1) the blood is available when it is needed, meaning that a call for donors is not necessary when time is running short.

(2) the blood itself is free. The hospital makes a charge for administering and running checks on the blood, but the Red Cross does not sell the blood to the hospital.

Besides the local blood program, the Red Cross also supplies blood to the government and carries on its own research and through this research, several valuable contributions to the medical profession have been made, the local chapter states.

"It will be greatly appreciated," the committee says, "if one and all will think a little before saying no when asked to pledge a pint of blood. It is realized that some people just can't give blood; however, some very lame excuses have been heard. Any person 21 through 59 years of age can give blood. Persons 18 to 21 can give blood with their parents permission. Blood from individuals having had yellow jaundice or malaria will be accepted. The drawing hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, the bank will be here later than 5 so don't hesitate to come down if you don't get off work until 5."

Assistants Needed for Labor Camp Program

A call is being made this week for volunteer assistants for the summer recreation program at the labor camp. Any young people over junior high age or any adults who would be interested in assisting Reverend and Mrs. Reyes in this community project are encouraged to contact Mrs. Danford, phone 2022.

Long Gas War Ends After Threat of Further Cuts Brings Agreements

A "gas war" that has been fought in Nyssa for nearly four months came to an end Monday when gasoline prices returned to 33.2 cents for regular and 35.5 cents for ethyl. Those are prices prevailing throughout the Snake river valley.

During the gas war prices were 29.9 cents and 32.2 cents.

At all stations in Nyssa, it was reported that lower prices were made possible by cooperation of major oil companies that became involved when local negotiations failed to prevent the price war. According to several local operators, disagreement came about

City Eyes Overall Plan to Prepare For Big Population Increase; Zone Commission to Be Formed

Early activation of a City Zoning and Planning Commission, to enable Nyssa to keep step with an anticipated swift-growing population, was set in motion by City Council during its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Function of the commission will be to realize an overall plan for city beautification, proper zoning of residential, business and industrial areas, and development of utilities to properly serve the rapidly expanding community.

It will be a body of far-reaching influence toward creating in Nyssa a model community that will be a pattern to other communities faced with the same problems this city is faced with, if the present concept of the commission is carried out.

Tom Jones Named

To act as head of a steering committee in bringing about the formation of such a commission, council named Councilman Tom Jones, at Tuesday night's meeting. Authority for creation of the body is given in a city ordinance adopted in 1938, when Justice of the Peace Don Graham was mayor.

Present plans for personnel include a representative from each of the various civic organizations of the city, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber, Civic Club, Parent-Teachers association, Lions and the Council of Churches.

In addition, it is probable that two or three representative citizens, not affiliated with organized groups, will also be invited to serve. While Mayor Paul House will make the actual appointments, it is understood that he will accept recommendations from these groups and from his steering committee.

Carloadings Heavy

One barometer of growth to be expected has been the steady increase of freight car loadings here. Councilman Jones pointed out. During 1954, these loadings amounted to 21,127 cars — 11,207 cars received, and 9,920 forward.

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Tree, Shrubbery Spraying To Be Completed Soon

Moderately high winds have slowed city spraying operations during the past few days, but all work is expected to be completed by Saturday barring rain and more wind.

John Castator of Parma has the contract to spray all trees, shrubbery, lawns and buildings within the city limits to control all types of insects. Elm trees are being sprayed first, then lawns and shrubbery along with houses will receive the insect repellent.

Last summer was the first time the city had assumed the obligation of spraying the entire town, including private property.

City League Men Visit In Nyssa

Mark Westling and Tom Rigby, staff consultants for the league of Oregon Cities with headquarters in Eugene, met Monday morning with City Manager Robert M. Applegate and other city officials for an informal discussion on municipal affairs.

The two men were enroute home from McCall where they had attended a meeting of the Idaho Municipal League.

The group discussed the problem of expanding suburban areas and how other cities are meeting the problem, most of them by planning committees. The problem of unimproved city lots with low assessed valuations and high asking prices was discussed with recommendations made by the Eugene men that a county-wide effort be made to increase assessed valuations of such property.

School Building To Start Soon; Contracts Given

All detailed plans for Nyssa's new grade school addition and combination hot lunch, shop and music room are expected to be completed by Aug. 1, after which bids will be called for construction of the two buildings. Supt. R. V. Wilson talked with Graham B. Smith, Eugene architect, on Monday and was assured that a details will be completed to enable beginning of construction this fall.

Bonds in the amount of \$450,000 were approved by voters of district 26C, but it is possible that less than that amount will be expended for the two buildings, the superintendent said.

At Monday's school board meeting, the Boise Payette Lumber Co. was awarded the contract for approximately 500 tons of coal at a cost of \$12.75 delivered. Child Bros. Phillips 66 distributors were low bidders at 21.75 cents per gallon for approximately 15,000 gallons of gasoline.

The board approved the bid of Nyssa-Roberts for a GMC truck with a Carpenter custom body in the amount of \$5,696. The 60-passenger bus will replace a 48-passenger, 1944 model now in use.

Old Gym Renovation

Partial renovation of the school's old gym with money from a standing emergency fund was approved by the board. Supt. Wilson said that the building is "run down" and from a safety standpoint is not usable. New doors will be installed at the east end and south side, the furnace room will be enclosed with fire-resistant material and all wiring will be checked.

The building is in use two and three nights a week during the school term in addition to daytime school activities, and is used at least once a week during summer vacation, Wilson said. Holcomb and Main will do the remodeling.

Big New Grain Rolling Mill Is Going Up Here

A new rolling mill, designed to become one of the most modern and efficient mills in the entire Snake river valley, was in process of construction in Nyssa this week.

The mill, representing an investment of about \$35,000, is part of an expansion program laid out by Hugh Tobler to enable Tobler's Feed and Fuel, Inc. to give a streamlined service to farmers of the area.

Concrete was poured, and walls were beginning to rise on a new addition to the Tobler plant, to house the mill. The building will measure 60 by 30 feet.

Storage Plant Planned

At the same time, ground was being ready for another \$25,000 structure—a storage plant with a capacity of 245,000 bushels of grain. This building will be erected in the southeast section of town adjacent to the Union Pacific tracks.

One compartment of the big new storage building will be for wheat, and the other for barley. The rolling mill will have dump pits to dump a load of grain, and will be equipped with molasses sizing equipment. There will be nine bins overhead to load trucks, and automatic scales will be installed to weigh grain as it is being loaded. A seed cleaner will also be installed.

Push Button Controls

The entire process will be operated by push-button control switches to save time and unnecessary handling.

Tobler said that a farmer wanting rolled or chopped grain will be able to get it within 15 or 20 minutes, if he so desires. And instead of waiting for his own grain to be processed, Tobler said that arrangements will be made so that the grain a farmer brings to the mill can be traded for grain already processed.

Tobler estimated that his new plant will be ready for operations within another month.