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County, City, School Valuations Are Greater Than Year Ago; Personal Down to Indicate Increase In Building

Assessed valuation of property in Malheur county, Nyssa and school district 26C is up from that of a year ago, it was announced by the county assessor's office.

The county's assessed valuation amounts to \$22,672,705 as compared with \$22,483,155 a year ago. The valuations exclude public utilities which are set by the state PUC and will be announced later.

More Gas Tests Due At Well North of Nyssa

A maintenance crew was put to work Monday at the gas exploratory well three miles north of Nyssa where preparations are being made to sink 4800 feet of steel casing for further exploratory work. Machinery was being repaired and made ready for operations and at noon Wednesday there was a reported delay in delivery of pipe.

H. K. Riddle, president of what is now Orco Oil and Gas, set up his first operations in Malheur county on the Keisel estate north of Nyssa. Drilling stopped at a depth of 5200 feet where "traces" of gas were reported and Riddle stated last fall that his Nyssa operations were good indications that gas and possibly oil are present in commercial quantities.

Work halted at the Nyssa well last fall and the crew was moved to Payette where little or no favorable results were found. From Payette, Riddle moved his interests to the Johnson ranch near New Plymouth where gas, described by Riddle as being in commercial quantities, was found. Efforts are now being made by Riddle to distribute natural gas to cities in the Snake river valley.

C of C Luncheon Greets Hartley

Henry Hartley, former superintendent of Nyssa schools but now at North Bend, was an honored guest at Wednesday's Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting in Brownie's cafe, where he met many of his old friends, including his successor, Richard V. Wilson, present school superintendent.

At the meeting, resignation of Bob Applegate as Nyssa city manager was announced, as reported in today's Journal, and Applegate made a brief farewell talk to the men with whom he has worked closely during the past two years.

Members Jake Fischer and Ted Morgan reported on the associated Chamber of Commerce annual dinner in Ontario last Monday night, which they attended as delegates of the Nyssa Chamber.

Wheat Quota Plan Faces Referendum Here on June 25

Fate of the wheat marketing quota program for 1956 will be decided June 25, when a referendum will be held in the commercial wheat states.

All wheat growers in Malheur county who will have more than 15 acres in wheat for harvest as grain in 1956 are entitled to vote in the referendum.

Growers of the Nyssa and Adrian community will do their voting at Nyssa City Hall on Saturday the 25th. Similar polling places will be set up at the Vale and Ontario city halls, and in the Arook irrigation district building, for growers of those areas.

Two-Thirds Votes Needed

A two-thirds favorable vote is necessary if the program is to continue in operation.

In his proclamation calling for a wheat referendum as required by law, Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture, also announced that the national wheat acreage allotment for the 1956 wheat crop would be 55 million acres, the legal minimum. The minimum average support the 1955 crop in the commercial wheat states is \$2.06 per bushel, based on 82 1/2 percent of parity.

In Malheur county the minimum announced rate for soft white wheat grading No. 1 is \$1.85 per bushel.

12 States' Noncommercial

The noncommercial wheat states, where the support will be 75 percent of the rate in commercial states and where acreage allotments will not be in effect, are those with 25,000 acres or less of wheat in the preceding year.

For the 1955 crop the states of Arizona, Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Maine, New Hampshire, Nevada, Rhode Island, and Vermont were designated as "non-commercial."

Nyssa's new valuation is \$1,434,235, an increase over the total real and personal values of \$1,411,155 last year. School district 26C also showed an increase with a new valuation of \$4,234,190 as compared with last year's \$4,066,780.

In the county, real property values amount to \$16,347,215 as compared with \$15,715,585. The personal property rolls amount to \$6,325,490 as compared with \$6,767,570 in 1954.

This is the third consecutive year that livestock has been increased, but their value has been declining, according to the assessor's office. The 1955 count is 111,207 with a value of \$2,202,925 as compared with 106,002 head valued at \$2,679,265 a year ago. The 1953 count was 102,000 head valued at \$3,584,245.

At Ontario all valuations within the city declined from last year's total of \$3,894,395 to the 1955 value of \$3,863,165.

Construction Up

Since county-wide personal property valuations, including livestock and farm machinery, showed a slight decline from that of a year ago, new construction was credited with most of the overall increase in valuations in the county, Nyssa school district and city of Nyssa.

Taxes to be paid this fall should, in some instances, be less than in the past, although overall levies might be as much if not greater because of increases in the county and a new \$450,000 building program for school district 26C. In Nyssa, approximately \$5,000 was lopped from the city budget and values have increased, but even though county-wide values have increased the county budget board set a grand total of \$348,752 to be raised by local taxes as compared with \$327,588 from that source for the current year.

Ralph Lawrence Board Member

Voters cast a total of thirty votes in the district 26-C school trustee election held last Monday. All thirty votes were for Ralph Lawrence.

Henry Zobel, who has served on the school board for the longest period of time and who will serve one more year, will act as chairman this year. Jack Schenk, who has two more years as a board member, will act as vice chairman. Other members are Warren Farmer, who will be on the board for three more years and Wilton Jackson who will serve four more years. Ralph Lawrence begins a five year term.

J.C.s Concentrate On Officers, Ballgame

Election of Junior Chamber of Commerce officers will be held at the JC building next Tuesday at 8 p.m. Balloting will begin at 8:45 and the new officers will be installed immediately following the election.

Tonight (Thursday) the JC's will leave the Doll House at 6:30 to travel to Boise where they will be guests of the Boise Braves. Thirty or forty JC members are planning to enjoy the game between Boise and Great Falls.

Lions Take Jaunt To New Drive-In

Lions club members of both Nyssa and Adrian joined Wednesday to give a friendly welcome to the opening of this city's newest business concern.

They journeyed over to North Main street to be the first official guests at Kwicurb, the new drive-in which is observing its grand opening today (Thursday).

Kwicurb, operated by Finley Schuster, has been in process of construction for several months, and has been installed with the most modern equipment available for the ready serving of good things to eat and drink, specializing in quick drive-in service for motorists.

Schuster promises a wide selection of fountain drinks, ice cream, snacks, sandwiches and full lunch and dinner menus, with both day and night service.

The Lions who visited Kwicurb Wednesday for a preview expressed themselves as well pleased with this newest attraction, and equally pleased with the foods which Schuster insisted they stay



PRECIOUS WATER gushed from the earth to give Nyssa more than three times its present supply as the new system, which collects water from five different underground pools near the banks of the Snake river, was tested out for the

first time this week. The tests showed production lacking 500,000 gallons of the guaranteed yield of three million gallons a day. However, engineers of the Ranney Corporation set to work immediately to sink one more pipe line. In this picture, rear,

are City Manager Robert M. Applegate, Earle Reynolds, Tom Jones, Carl Topness and Engineer Fred Klare. In the foreground are City Attorney Hal Henigson and Mayor Paul House. —Journal Photo

Donors Reminded Of Blood Bank's Visit To Nyssa

Now is the time for all potential blood donors to tie a string around their fingers to remind them of the blood drawing, Monday, June 27. The drawing will commence at 9 a.m. at the Nyssa high school gymnasium and will continue until sometime after 5 p.m.

If the Nyssa-Adrian community is to fill its quota of 300 pints, it is essential that all possible donors make a concentrated effort to get to the blood bank at the high school. Those who have signed pledge sheets will have post cards sent to them as reminders. It would be helpful if each person receiving a post card would endeavor to bring a neighbor to the drawing. Only by such cooperation will the quota be met.

Any person between the ages of 21 and 59 is a potential donor. Individuals between the ages of 18 to 20 can give blood with their parents consent or if they are married. This means that many recent high school graduates who are eager to shoulder some of their responsibilities of community citizenship can do so by donating blood.

As in past drawings, taxi service and baby sitting will be supplied. Taxi service can be obtained by calling 3113.

4-Acre-Foot Irrigation Continuance Seems Assured for Area This Summer

Farmers of this area can confidently expect a continuation of 4 acre feet of irrigation water through the summer, it seemed certain here this week.

This corresponds with a project average of 4.6 acre feet last year, but drop is not expected to do serious damage to southeast Oregon's crop prospects, is opinion of experts.

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control offices in Nyssa, expressed no alarm after a five-day tour of the Owyhee water sheds, as a member of a party that penetrated the wildest upland watershed country by jeep and on foot.

Purpose of the tour was to measure the amount of water flowing in each of the main tributaries of the Owyhee, to get an idea of the runoff, and to locate sites for additional snow courses, for use in estimating the spring runoff.

Will Help Area

Establishment of these new sites will be particularly valuable to the area surrounding Nyssa, House said. There are currently 22 such sites, but these are situated in Nevada and South Mountain areas.

The tour House just returned from was through the intermedial areas, which will make far more accurate estimates of spring runoffs to be made as applied to the local areas.

The party on the trip through the rugged areas included W. T. (Jack) Frost, hydraulic engineer for the Soil Conservation Service,

Bob Applegate Resigns Post as Nyssa City Manager in Surprise Decision; Will Take Over Manager Job at Baker

Robert M. Applegate, for the past two years city manager of the City of Nyssa, officially tendered his resignation in a surprise announcement to City Council last Tuesday morning. He asked that he be relieved of his duties here not later than July 15.

Reason for his resignation, he told the councilmen, is that he was approached and has accepted an offer to become city manager of Baker, Ore.

The offer is considered to be a feather in the energetic young executive's cap, since Baker has a population more than thrice that of Nyssa.

Announcement Stuns Council

Applegate made his announcement at the end of a special Council meeting, called for a progress report on the new water system now being installed. While a motion for adjournment was in order, he said, in a quiet voice:

"There is one more piece of business. I find it necessary to officially offer you my resignation as your city manager."

There was a moment of stunned silence, for aside from a few back room whispers, there was no inkling that there was any thought of a change in the city manager's mind.

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Soren Cox Plans Leaving Nyssa Hi For Post at BYU

Soren Cox, one of Nyssa's best known and respected educators, will leave Nyssa high school to take an important post at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, it was announced this week by



Soren Cox

Richard V. Wilson, superintendent of schools. He has been offered and accepted the position of English instructor at the university.

Students and fellow faculty members alike expressed their regret that Cox is leaving the high school, but gave hearty congratulations to him on his promotion to an institution of higher learning.

He plans to leave Nyssa for Provo around the end of this month, and his wife and two children will join him there in September, prior to beginning of the fall semester.

Active Here

Cox is president of the Nyssa Teachers association and is one of the most popular and active faculty members of the local school system.

Here he has taught speech, senior American problems, sophomore English, and acted as coordinator of audio-visual aids. He was also senior class advisor.

Superintendent Wilson said that while his many local friends dislike the thought of his leaving, he will go to his important new task with the warm wishes for success from the many friends made during the three years he has occupied his post in the Nyssa school system.

Water Gushes Out of Earth at Rate Of 2.5 Million Gallons During First Well Test; Further Digging Planned

Water gushed out of the earth at twice the rate of the existing Nyssa water supply during tests of the new city well last week — but still not at a rate swift enough to please the engineers teasing Mother Nature out of her vital fluid.

A flowage rate of two and one-half million gallons per day was clocked by the Ranney corporation's engineer, Fred Klare, and other experts—the whole flow, at present, spouting into the Snake river pending completion of the pumphouse which will steer it into the city mains.

But the engineers had promised 3,000,000 gallons, and they insisted that was the figure it was going to be.

Start Further Digging

After sinking several new test holes, they immediately began work drilling a new lateral, to extend more than 100 feet beyond the huge caisson into which the water is fed.

Installation of this lateral line will require about one week longer than the estimated completion date of the job, they figured.

A special meeting of City Council was called Tuesday morning for discussion of the big job, and it was decided that the added flowage will more than compensate for the week's delay.

The Ranney company, which is installing the patented process for supplying water to a city, had guaranteed in its contract that it would deliver the 3,000,000 gallons considered necessary to supply the needs of Nyssa's fast-growing population and industrial requirements for a minimum of 10 years to come.

More Than Enough

The present flow, although 500,000 short of the promised delivery, would still give Nyssa three times as much water, at a correspondingly higher pressure, than the present water system does. City Manager Robert M. Applegate told the council.

"And while that will more than serve you for quite a few years, it doesn't coincide with the long-range program for the growth of Nyssa," he said.

The councilmen agreed with that.

"We want to get water into the mains as quick as we can," said Councilman Tom Jones, acting mayor in the absence of Mayor Paul House. "But the week's delay in the guaranteed delivery minimum is well worth waiting through."

Work Started in May

Work on the new system started in early May, when the Ranney concern imported its own

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Local Temperature Soars to High 90s As Summer Begins

Old Man Summer poked at Nyssa with a vengeance this week and gave the city temperatures nearing the 100 degree mark.

Official temperature Tuesday, the first day of summer according to the calendar, was 98, but reliable street-level thermometers bubbled at degrees exceeding 100. On Monday, it was 96.

Townpeople took it all in good stride, realizing that the warm spell was doing a lot of good for crops, all of which were reported in excellent shape, with fine prospects if there is a tapering off.

Following are the temperatures for the past week:

Date	Max.	Min.
June 15	75	56
June 16	76	52
June 17	81	51
June 18	84	52
June 19	87	58
June 20	96	54
June 21	98	56
June 22	98	64

Prisoners Walk Away From Jail

Two prisoners, being held by the city awaiting a review of their cases by the district attorney prior to their transfer to the county jail, walked away from their cleanup job at the city hall Monday evening, according to Chief of Police E. L. Hansen.

Virgil C. Whitley and John Chavez were arrested June 7 and Whitley was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in the county jail for giving liquor to Chavez, an interdicted person. Chavez was given a \$500 suspended fine and sentenced to six months in the county jail for being intoxicated while interdicted.

The chief of police said that E. Otis Smith, district attorney, has been out of the county and has not appeared to review the cases. In the meantime the two men were being held in the city jail, the chief said.

Chavez had appeared in the Nyssa police court 17 times on public intoxication charges.

Year's Recreation Program Proceeds For 195 Children

As the summer recreation program in the city park progresses, more and more activities make the summer days interesting for the boys and girls. The 195 registered children really had an exciting day last Wednesday when the program had its official opening.

In the contests held on the opening day, excitement was high and the winners of the event were justly proud. Lamont Burningham struggled to win in the greased pig contest. Glen Anderson peddled his way to victory in the bicycle race with Lamont Burningham and Steve Duchnick running him a close 2nd and 3rd. Eating their way into winners in the pie eating contest were Paul Wilson in the 6 to 10 group and Billy Hughes in the 11 to 14 group. Dale Lankford and Connie McCrady were winners in the egg toss event. Winners of the sack relay, girl's division, were Marilyn Lewis in the 6 to 7 group, Alice Wilson in the 8 to 10 group, and Janice Sweet in the 11 to 14 group. In the boy's division of the event, Lamont Burningham was a winner, Teddy Peterson won in the 8 to 10 group and Ronnie Skow won in the 6 to 7 group.

The swimming began Tuesday. Buses will leave for the Ontario pool every Tuesday and Friday at 12:30.

Baseball activity included instruction for the first few days. Now the ball players have been divided into four teams that began their series of games on Wednesday.

The group participates in hand-icraft activities on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Democrats Will Meet

The Malheur Democratic club, No. 1, will have a meeting next Monday evening at 8:15 in the dining room of Brownie's cafe. Representative Emil Stunz will speak on legislative problems. A round table discussion will follow his speech. Mrs. Earl Larsen is in charge of the program for the evening.

Potato Growers Will Plan Here On Year's Crop

Potato growers of the early district of both Oregon and Idaho will meet in Nyssa Monday to make final recommendations on maturity standards for this year's crop, according to Lawren King, local grower representative on the Market Control Committee. The growers meeting has been scheduled for 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre room of Nyssa High school, and will be directed by King and Mel Stratford, manager of the Idaho Potato Producers association.

Local growers recommendations will be passed to the Control Committee for the market agreement district, who will vote on rules to be actually put into effect in a meeting at Boise, June 28.

Skinning Standards

Of most concern to growers at this time, King says, are the minimum standards for skinning to be allowed for this year's crop. Skinning allowances have been periodically tightened since such standards were first set up under the market agreement, but the lateness of the crop this year has brought about some feeling in the industry that stringent rules on skinning might unduly delay harvest.

Growers to Review

Potato growers meeting in Parma in March recommended maturity standards for this season to allow a tolerance of 10% for Triumph potatoes with half or more of the skin missing, and a tolerance of 30% for White Rose with half or more of the skins removed.

On Netted Gems, the tolerance was recommended at 10% for potatoes with more than one-fourth of the skin missing.

Failure of the potato crop to develop on schedule due to the cold spring has brought about the need to review growers opinion again before the control committee passes on the maturity regulations, according to King.