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Malheur Farmers Ask for Continued Wheat Supports

Growers In Line With the Nation Asking U. S. Aid

Continuation of the government's wheat quota program for the 1956 crops seemed likely here this week, in spite of a slim vote that brought out only about 10 per cent of the entire county's eligible voters.

A vote on the question whether the marketing quotas should be approved was called for at Nyssa city hall last Saturday, with all growers raising 15 acres or more of wheat being eligible to vote. Similar voting was done throughout the nation.

Approval of the quota system means that a support price of \$1.81, which is 76 per cent of parity, will be maintained by the government.

Voters Are Lax

There are an estimated 460 wheat growers in Malheur county who were qualified to take part in Saturday's voting, according to Alan Jacobs, office manager for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Of these, just 46 farmers turned out to express their views on the much-debated question over price supports versus supply and demand.

Jacobs said that 32 of the Malheur farmers voting are for continued price supports, with 14 following the old-line belief in supply and demand.

In Line With Nation

While complete returns were not yet available, it was indicated that Malheur is in line with the rest of the commercial wheat growing states in favoring government supports.

Throughout the nation, an extremely light vote was polled, Jacobs said, but this vote was largely in favor of keeping U.S. quota controls. Jacobs said he had been advised that continued supports will carry, on a national basis, with a 77 per cent majority.

In the Nyssa-Adrian area, 9 voters favored supports, with 3 in opposition.

Another 9 voted for supports in Ontario, with 4 against. Vale also numbered 9 voters for and 6 against the program. In Jordan Valley, 5 wheat growers were in favor of continuation, with just one against it.

Chamber Favors Early Mail To Homes Vs Stores

Members of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce voted Wednesday to deny themselves two hours speed-up in business mail delivery rather than delay the delivery to residences on the south side of town.

Postmaster Lloyd Lewis told the chamber that the matter rested with the business firms regarding their afternoon mail delivery. Since only two full-time carriers are on duty, the afternoon business mail is held until all residential mail is delivered. The schedule could be reversed if the chamber should so vote, the postmaster said.

Prior to the vote which leaves delivery as it is now, comments were made that homes receive mail only once a day while business firms receive it both morning and afternoon, thus entitling the residential area to as early mail delivery as possible.

Rep. Emil Stunz and Duane Alters, who attended a re-apportionment meeting in Pendleton Saturday, reported on action taken to start circulation of petitions for the initiative measure.

Dale Bingman Is Named President Of Jaycee Body

Dale Bingman was elected president of the Nyssa Junior Chamber of Commerce — the Jaycees — at a meeting Tuesday night, succeeding Dr. Edgel Wood, who takes the post of past president.

George Oxman was elected first vice president of the club, while Gerald Curry was named second vice president.

The secretary's job went to Marvin Wilson, while Roger Sheen was elected treasurer.

Members of the board of directors elected were Woodrow Seuell, Ray Fox, Welbert Malloy and Leroy Bair. Holdover members of the board are Dale Overstake and Jay Bybee.

Resignation of two "exhausted roosters" was accepted. The title is given those who pass the age of 36, age limit for membership in the organization.

A special party is to be arranged for the two, though. They are Elmer Jacques and Earl Purvis.



Merchants Join Two-Week Shopping Campaign to Draw Visitors to Rodeo

Nyssa merchants, members of the Business Men's Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, were this week beginning a united campaign to promote Nyssa Night Rodeo, to be held at the rodeo grounds under sponsorship of the Owyhee Riding club on July 15 and 16.

In determination to bring an influx of visitors to the city for the event, the merchants are featuring a series of special sales to attract attention to Nyssa's ideal situation as a shopping center.

These sales, the merchants decided, will continue through the first half of July, and will offer shoppers many outstanding opportunities to save money.

Anticipate Crowd

It was believed that these specials, plus the attractions of the rodeo itself, will bring an unprecedented number of visitors to Nyssa, not alone on rodeo days, but throughout the two-week period of the campaign.

"The merchant members of our committee are cooperating 100 per cent to offer outstanding values to both city and county visitors during this campaign," said Don Moss, chairman of the business men's group.

"This reacts to the interest of every resident, since it helps keep

where it belongs — at home." the money of our entire area right

Lew Herriman has been named chairman of the sub-committee which will handle promotion of the rodeo.

First action taken was to arrange for free tickets for drawings for merchandise coupons, each night of the rodeo. Two such tickets, each with a face value of \$50 at the business house of any member of the committee, will be given away on Friday night, July 15, and two more \$50 tickets will be given away on Saturday night.

These tickets can be secured, free, from any merchant who is a member of the Business Men's Committee.

Meanwhile, plans for the rodeo are going forward swiftly, according to Lynn Snodgrass, chairman of the Riding Club's rodeo committee.

The most spirited range of livestock ever brought here will be on hand to match wits with the daring riders, Snodgrass said, and a thrill packed show is assured.

To add to the entertainment, there will also be a carnival produced by the Davis Amusement Co., of Portland, which will open Thursday, July 14, the night prior to the rodeo.

THE PRETTY GIRL in the center, above, is Lila Mae Holmes, picked as queen of the 1955 Nyssa Night Rodeo scheduled for July 15 and 16. Lila Mae was chosen in a contest held at the rodeo grounds at which Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker were the judges. Flanking her are two equally pretty young horsewomen, Marlene and Claudine Leavitt, who will act as the members of the queen's court.

Lynn Snodgrass, chairman of the Owyhee Riding club committee sponsoring the event, said this ninth annual rodeo will be the biggest and most spectacular of all. Fine riders and spirited stock will be on the program in profusion.

Last Feeder Line Nears Completion For Water Works

Work of sinking another lateral feeder line, to bring output of the new water system up to the promised three million gallons a day was going forward this week.

It was estimated that the line will be completed and attached to the big caisson early next week, after which construction of the reinforced concrete pump-house will begin.

When tests were made last week, a flow of 2,500,000 gallons of water daily was averaged. This is twice as much water as is available through the existing system.

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Nyssa to Relax For Celebration Of July Fourth

This weekend will be one of relaxation for many Nyssa folks, with an extra day given them through observance of the July Fourth holiday Monday.

The bank and post office, virtually every mercantile establishment, and most business offices will be closed over Monday.

There will be no formal celebration here, and with fireworks banned, a quiet Fourth is anticipated.

Nearest organized celebration will be at Vale, where there will be a fireworks display Monday night in connection with the three-night rodeo there.

There will be plenty of informal observance in Nyssa, though.

Many Trips Planned

Auto repair shops, tire and appliance stores and service stations reported a booming business during this week, indicating that many Nyssans are planning trips into other sections over the long weekend.

Sporting goods dealers were likewise active, with anglers getting their equipment in shape for some serious fishing.

And the markets were featuring special sales on picnic items for the many expected to have outdoor family get-togethers during the holiday.

While clear, warm weather was confidently expected for the holiday, the weather bureau reported another storm headed eastward and expected to reach the Cascades last night (Wednesday).

City Tops Region In Blood Drawn For Red Cross

The Nyssa blood drawing last Monday failed to reach its quota of 300 pints, but it wasn't far short, and exceeded the total amount drawn by the regional Red Cross the week before.

A total of 243 pints of blood were donated in the one-day campaign conducted by the Jaycees. The drawings were taken at the high school, and from 3 a.m. until long past 5, volunteers in every walk of life went to the clinic.

The drawing placed 20 additional individuals into the group of "gallon" donors.

New members of this "gallon club" include:

Dale Bingman, John Briehl, Opal Reed, Ernest Keiselhorst, Harry McGinley, Marvin Jefferies, Frank Morris, Frances Focht, Lyla Houston, Arlene Kochsmeier, Arthur Cartwright, Thomas Church, Betty Jean Burbridge, William Schireman, Edna Barclay, Hope Grider, John A. Church, Pauline Roberts, May Long and O. P. Williams.

Counting these 20, there are now 55 men and women who have donated a gallon or more of blood to the Red Cross here.

Helping the Jaycees conduct the one-day drawing Monday were a women's committee led by Mrs. Ralph Lawrence. The Eagles Lodge provided funds for refreshments served the donors after the blood was drawn.

The Jaycees issued a statement of thanks to the donors.

"We realize the hardships on many rural folks," the statement read, "We wish to express our sincere thanks to those who found it possible to get in for the drawing. Many thanks are also offered to all the other donors who gave of their time and blood."

Bank Debts Up For Area Over May Last Year

The Burns-Ontario-Nyssa area reported an increase of 12.6 per cent in bank debts for May 1955 over May of last year, but a 10 per cent decrease over April.

The debts, tabulated by the bureau of business research at the University of Oregon, represent the dollar value of checks drawn against accounts of individuals and business firms. They are considered good indicators of current business trends.

Totals for the state from 120 reporting banks show debts amounting to \$1,350,707,985. This was an increase of 9.5 per cent over last May, but a drop of 2.2 per cent over a month ago. Debts were down in nine out of 12 reporting Oregon marketing districts over April, but up in 11 out of the 12 over May 1954.

Driver Tests Friday

A driver license examiner will be on duty in Nyssa between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, July 1.

Applications may be filed at city hall during those hours by persons wishing licenses or permits to drive.

Emil Stunz to Act as City Manager Of Nyssa for Interim Period Until Man Is Found to Replace Applegate

State Rep. Emil Stunz, civic leader and one of Nyssa's most influential business men, agreed to act as city manager pro tem at emergency meeting of city council last Friday morning.

Stunz will take over the reins of the city's boss job upon the departure of City Manager Robert M. Applegate, who has resigned, effective July 15, to become city manager of Baker.

He made it plain he will take the job as a civic duty, only until council can find the right man to become Applegate's successor on a permanent basis.

It was generally agreed that this might take a good two months.

Was Approached Informally

Faced with the predicament of being without an administrative head of government for this period, the councilmen informally put their problems up to Stunz and proposed that he give a loan of his services to bridge the gap until a new city manager can be appointed.

With hesitancy, Rep. Stunz agreed to attend the special council meeting, held in the private dining room of Brownie's cafe at 10 a. m., for an official discussion of the proposal.

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Tuesday Rain Is Greater Than One-Day Average

Tuesday and Tuesday night rainfall broke at least a 15-year record for the amount of rain at one time during the latter part of the month. However, there is little hope that June can reach its normal amount of precipitation of .97 inches.

North Board of Control records showed .65 inches of rain fell Tuesday with no other precipitation noted during the month. In June, 1952 the total rainfall was 1.75 with June 7 beating this beating this year's one-day record with .67 inches. The only other time during the 15-year period that there has been an excessive amount of rain at one time was June 8, 1941 when .83 inches fell here, but that too, was the forepart of the month. There was a total of 2.38 inches during June, 1941.

It was coincidental that in 1950, 1951 and 1952 the greatest rainfall for any one day of June was on June 7. The driest June was in 1940 when a total of only .20 fell, followed by June, 1945 when only .28 fell. Eight of the Junes during the past 15 years have had below normal rainfall.

	Max.	Min.
June 22	95	64
June 23	80	58
June 24	70	55
June 25	78	47
June 26	82	54
June 27	83	47
June 28	76	58
June 29		49

Grain Storage Built At Adrian

Adrian — Earl Winn, owner of the Adrian Feed Store, is building an all-steel structure for government grain. The building will have a storage capacity of 30,000 bushels and is located on the east side of the railroad track in Adrian. Plans include a permanent elevator with truck hoist facilities.

All work is expected to be completed within a week, Winn said.

Rodeo Headlines 3-Night Holiday Weekend at Vale

The community of Vale is preparing this week for its 37th annual Fourth-of-July celebration which will feature three night rodeos this year, July 2, 3 and 4.

The hard-hitting stock of Marvin Meyers of Winnemucca, Nev. will furnish plenty of spills and thrills for the grandstand crowds at the Riverside park with seven events scheduled, including Braham bull riding on 12 bulls new this year to the rodeo string. Cowboys will compete for a \$1200 purse, six silver buckles and a \$150 saddle.

Other events scheduled for the celebration include a fireworks display the night of the "Fourth," a parade at 1 o'clock the same day, American Legion baseball in the afternoon and dancing at the Vale Community hall each night.

As an added incentive for a good opening night crowd, children under 12 years will be admitted free that night if accompanied by their parents.

Wahlert Is Veep Seed Association

Bill Wahlert, manager of Desert Seed Co.'s Nyssa plant, was elected second vice president of the associations annual convention last week at Sun Valley. Wahlert has served as secretary for the past two years.

Among important accomplishments was formation of a seed council composed of the seed trade, University of Idaho and the extension services including experiment stations. Wahlert said the council will be of primary importance to Idaho for the time being, but will eventually bring beneficial results to Oregon seed growers and dealers.

The council will work cooperatively on numerous problems that affect everyone from the farmer on up, and on insect control, marketing and production.

Mrs. Wahlert and daughter, Ione, accompanied him.

Car Wrecked In Rain But No One Is Hurt

One rain casualty here resulted in a lot of damage to a car, but none to its occupants, early Tuesday night.

Kenneth R. Jensen's Plymouth skidded on the wet road to Adrian, about 4 miles southwest of the city, and was extensively damaged. No one was hurt.

Max Blaycock left Nyssa last Saturday for an A. F. R. O. T. C. camp in Sacramento, California, where he will be stationed for 28 days.



Emil Stunz

themselves had taken turns sitting in the driver's seat.

Today's Situation Differs

But Mayor House quickly pointed out that today's situation is different. The pressing demands

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Group Attends Meeting To Get Senate Change

Six Malheur county residents attended a re-apportionment meeting Saturday in Pendleton where organization of a statewide group was formed to initiate a federal plan for election of state senators in Oregon.

Giles L. French, publisher of the Sherman County Journal at Moro, was elected permanent chairman of the group. French, together with Rep. Emil Stunz and Carroll Loecey, former state representative, has been among the leading exponents for adoption of the federal plan of representation.

It was explained at Saturday's meeting that support is being gained throughout the state for the proposal. French said that groups in Multnomah county, which formerly had the strongest opposition, are swinging their support to the federal plan.

Oregon now has 30 senators for its 36 counties. The senators are apportioned on a population basis with Malheur county sharing its senator with Grant and Harney counties. Multnomah county, because of its large population resulting from the city of Portland, has seven senators.

The federal plan would allow one senator from each county, regardless of the county's area or population, and number of representatives would be based on population as they are now.

Rep. Stunz introduced a similar measure in the house of representatives at the last session, but it died in committee after one member changed his vote.

Plans were made for printing petitions and circulating them for signatures throughout the state. If sufficient signatures are obtained, the issue will appear on the general election ballot in November, 1956.

Those attending the Pendleton meeting were Rep. Stunz and Duane Alters, Nyssa; H. F. Logue, Ontario chamber manager, and Lewis Bean, Ontario; Howard Fujii, Oregon Slope, and Carroll Loecey, Ironside.

Potato Growers Early Crop Rules Remain the Same

Early potato crop regulations will remain virtually the same as last year's, it was decided by the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Potato Control committee after a meeting in the Little Theater of Nyssa high school last Monday night.

The growers met here with Lawren King, local grower representative of the Market Control committee, with Mel Straford, manager of the Idaho Potato Producers association, present as an advisor.

Voicing their approval to present regulations, the growers accepted just one change, affecting maturity requirements, and this change was formally authorized at a meeting of the Control committee in Boise yesterday.

New Requirement

Emanuel Nelson, chairman of the committee, said Kennebeca and long whites may not be shipped if more than 30 per cent have more than one-half of the skin missing. Last year's maximum was 35 per cent, so the change makes it easier on the farmer.

The maximum skinned or feathered potatoes for Triumph and other varieties give a tolerance of just 10 per cent.

Under the maturity requirements, each grower will still be allowed a 100-sack exemption per variety. Nelson said his committee agreed. For redskin potatoes, the minimum diameter for U. S. No. 2 grade or better was held at 1 7/8 inches, while for other varieties, the minimum for U. S. No. 2 grade or better, size A, was set at two inches or four ounces.

No Late Crop Rules

The committee made no regulations for the late crop, which had not been discussed at the Nyssa meeting.

It was indicated that late crop regulations will be subject to scanning as crops move further along and the growers have opportunity to lay their recommendations before the committee, subject to growing conditions.

The meetings have been deemed necessary because of failure of the potato crops to mature on schedule, due to the cold spring, and it was felt needed to review growers' opinion again.

Nelson, in making public the new regulations, said the committee established a policy of not issuing disaster exemptions to the regulations for any purpose.

Democrats Gird For Next Election At Meeting Here