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TOP PICTURE shows the laboratory of the Amalgamated Sugar Co., where miracles in bending sugar beet seeds to mankind's needs are being performed. The lab is equipped with the most advanced research apparatus.



AT LEFT: Dr. George Rush and Dr. Donald Oldemeyer of the company's agricultural research department are shown examining a beet, each of which is labeled for identification purposes in a broad scale seed breeding program.

AT RIGHT: Jared Lewis, the company's Nyssa-Nampa district manager, Dr. Oldemeyer and Dr. Rush, enter the experimental hot house to index annual sugar beet plants for male sterility.

Union Pacific To Expand Yard For Added Freight

At least one new siding track and other improvements at the Union Pacific yards in Nyssa have been approved at a cost of between \$12,000 and \$15,000, it was announced Tuesday by Tom Jones, U.P. agent.

Kay Johnson, division traffic manager of the U.P. with headquarters in Boise, was in Nyssa Tuesday to assist with some of the preliminary work. Jones said that application was made several months ago for two new tracks to take care of the rapidly increasing in and out freight from the Nyssa station. Although approval of the original request has been delayed, it is possible that the extensive improvements will be made at a later date, Jones said.

The new track that has been approved will serve produce packing houses at the west end of the yard.

In 1954 the Nyssa station handled 21,127 cars of freight to surpass all previous records here and to exceed all shipping points in the lower Snake river valley.

Bag Company To Open Offices Here To Serve Farmers

Nyssa's central location and business potentials attracted a new firm to the city this week.

The Pacific Diamond Bag Co., one of the nation's largest manufacturers and distributors of bags for every farm need, are opening Nyssa headquarters on North Main street, in the building formerly occupied by Newell's Body Shop, near the old Morocco club.

The deal was handled through Mel Beck, realtor, who helped the concern find quarters and get settled for an expected large flow of business.

Primary factor in the company's decision to enter this area was Nyssa's position as a principal shipping center. Nyssa leads the county in freight shipments, with more than 20,000 cars being loaded here last year, with an increase expected this year.

District Manager Here

Named as district manager for the concern is Deane S. Shipley, of Twin Falls, Ida., while Ralph Banner, of Idaho Falls will be office manager. Shipley is already in Nyssa, laying groundwork for the start of business.

Mel Beck said the company anticipates a heavy flow of business. The advantageous location of the company's new offices, he said, will result in faster service to area farmers in the packaging of their crops.

'Winter Overcoats' for Sugar Beet Seeds to Withstand Frost, and Thinning Elimination Studied by Scientists

Out of a small-sized seed, a new era of prosperity for the Nyssa area seemed probable this week.

The seed is a prickly little pellet, not very impressive in appearance or size, but it is just about ready to burst with a secret that has occupied the best thought of Science working in the interest of Mankind.

It is the seed of the sugar beet, which scientific men are now adapting into one of the most potent economic forces this section of the nation has ever known.

Without fanfare, a pair of scientists of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. have just solved the mysteries of the seed, after two years of painstaking experiments.

The two men are Dr. George Rush and Dr. Donald Oldemeyer, of the sugar company's agricultural research department, and Jared Lewis, company manager for the Nyssa-Nampa district, has high hopes that they have a lot of problems licked.

One of these problems has been to give a winter 'Overcoat' to

seeds — in short, to make them impervious to killing Spring frosts so that they will retain their fertility.

Another has been to control their germination, so that any given seed will yield a prescribed number of plants.

Still another has been to create a hybrid particularly adapted to the wide-varying climate of these parts, designed to produce sturdy plants under all conditions.

With microscopes, with a "cold room" that can duplicate any climate desired, with test tubes, re-torts and baffling scientific equipment, and with final field tests on the company's acreage and on neighboring farms, Oldemeyer

and Rush feel they are just about ready to release their findings to the farmer.

How a Seed Works

They didn't have much to begin with. The sugar beet holds its secrets in a seed that is just about the size of this:

They took it apart, analyzed it, put it together again and caused it to grow. They took the seeds reproduced and crossed them to perfect the goal they were striving for.

Their first aim, it is reported, was controlled fertility. The uncontrolled sugar beet seed yields an average of six plants. And anybody who has ever gone through the back-breaking process of thinning beets, knows what a handicap this profusion is to an ultimate good crop.

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Hospital Lab and Technician Get High Ratings

William D. Parkinson, Malheur Memorial hospital laboratory and x-ray technician, was given full certification by the Oregon State Board of Health as the result of tests taken when he first arrived in Nyssa the forepart of May.

From 30 different laboratories and technicians evaluated, the Malheur Memorial lab and Parkinson were rated the highest of the entire group, according to John O'Toole, manager of the hospital.

Parkinson came here from Gooding where he had served in a similar capacity following work on the staff of the St. Luke's and St. Alphonsus hospitals in Boise.

Construction Up, Permits Indicate

During the past eight months, building permits totalling \$164,450 were issued, according to figures just released by the city. This is in addition to an approximate million dollars worth of work planned by the city, school district and state.

The permits included a \$17,000 filling station and a building to house a feed rolling mill at a cost of about \$20,000. In addition, permits were secured for construction of 10 badly needed houses.

A \$20,000 alteration job for the Nazarene church was one of the projects, and extensive remodeling was done on eight other houses in the city.

Fred E. Bennett Is New Legion Head

Fred E. Bennett was installed as commander of Nyssa Post 79, American Legion, at a meeting in Veterans Hall last Thursday night, succeeding Don Lytle, who became past commander.

C. M. Pounds was installed as vice commander, while K. K. Lienkaemper became adjutant and finance officer.

Other officers installed were H. O. Hopkins, chaplain; John Refett, service officer; and Albert Heldt, sergeant at arms.

Surinder Singh, Kashmir, India, Visits Sugar Plant; Tells of Farm Progress

Surinder Singh of Kashmir, India, was a Nyssa visitor Wednesday to inspect the Amalgamated Sugar Co. laboratory for information on sugar beet production.

The 23-year-old man is spending six months in this country as an International Farm Youth Exchange student and is spending the current period at the Arlie Parkins farm at Marsing and came to Nyssa with Parkins.

Surinder's surname of Singh is the same as that of all men of the Sikh religion which worships only one God, does not believe in the caste system and forbids the cutting of hair or beards.

The young man from India told the Journal that he is particularly impressed with mechanized farming here and explained that in India, farming is only 30 percent mechanized. India is progressing, however, with more farm machines, more extensive use of fertilizer and numerous irrigation projects.

Houston Wilson left Friday for an army reserve engineering camp in Yakima, Wash.

City Water Yield Still Short of Goal; New Drilling Starts Toward New Pool After Emergency Meeting of Council

A stubborn Mother Nature continued her refusal to give Nyssa an added three million gallons of water this week, while equally stubborn engineers began drilling new lateral lines to boost the yield by about 150,000 gallons a day.

Tests held over the July Fourth weekend showed that while the goal was tantalizing close, the output of water now flowing back into Snake River was not as much as had been promised.

Fred H. Klaer, Jr., acting president of the Ranney Method Western Corporation, which is installing the new water system here, made a report on the evening of the Fourth of July, asking permission to continue drilling.

Emergency Council Meeting

An emergency meeting of City Council was immediately called, and Councilmen Jones, Low, Main and Tobler met with Klaer and City Manager Robert M. Applegate to discuss a possible delay in putting the new water into the city mains.

This delay might carry the completion date up to August 1st, it was agreed at the meeting.

The Ranney company, it is understood, has already spent more than \$10,000 above the contract price in the installation of the new system — a loss it is voluntarily accepting itself.

"We are not interested in spending more money," Klaer candidly told the councilmen, "but we are interested in doing a good job."

"We are putting in this system, not for the next couple of years, but for many years to come."

Asks a Continuation

He asserted that the water is there and that all that remains is to find the exact spot for a new lateral. With a smile, he added: "Sometimes we think we are pretty smart. But Mother Nature is just a little bit smarter than we are."

The engineers are searching, not alone for quantity, but for quality of the water to be supplied Nyssa. Tests have shown that the output is of high higher quality than the present output, it is said, and a much softer water is coming from the earth.

Klaer told the councilmen he hopes to raise the yield by 200 gallons a minute.

"That's much more than we need," Applegate said, "but after all, we're looking ahead 10 to 20 years, when our population will be vastly increased."

Water To Be Needed

"That extra 200 gallons would serve about 100 residents, as the city grows. We've got to think of that."

Councilman Hugh Tobler proposed that an increased delay be granted the Ranney concern as it continues its self-imposed quest for an additional supply, and the councilmen agreed.

The new lateral, Klaer said, will head somewhat closer to the river than existing lines. Plans are to extend it out about 80 feet from the caisson into which the feeder lines flow.

Meanwhile, J. V. Van Noy, contractor who will build the new pump house, has his forms built for the reinforced concrete structure and will commence erection of the building as soon as the concrete lid is laid over the caisson.

Phone Operators Plan Open House

Mysteries that enable you to pick up a telephone and talk to somebody in a jiffy will be described to the public during an Open House to be conducted by the Malheur Home Telephone Co. next Thursday night.

Starting at 7 p.m., the company's plant here will be open for inspection, and company personnel will be on hand to explain how everything works.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served to everyone who attends the display, phone officials said.

Old Man Stork Wins Him A Race

The winnah! Old man stork!

Once again the stork wins the race. Mrs. Pablo Hora, 114 Emison, gave birth to a baby son 6:30 Tuesday morning at her home while waiting for the ambulance to arrive to take her to the hospital. Mrs. Hora and new arrival was rushed to the hospital by Lienkaemper's ambulance and mother and baby are doing fine.

Other births at the hospital this past week are a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Rodriguez, Adrian on July 1; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin of Parma on July 4 and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Archuleta of Nyssa on July 5.

Rodeo May Draw Record Throngs Here July 15-16

Advance sales of tickets for the Nyssa Nite Rodeo, to be held at the rodeo grounds here the nights of July 15 and 16, indicate that this ninth annual presentation will be the most successful in the rodeo's history, according to Lynn Snodgrass, chairman of the Owyhee Riding club committee sponsoring the event.

Visitors are expected to come to Nyssa from many miles around to attend the big show.

Horses, Brahma bulls and other livestock will be shipped here Monday or Tuesday, to freshen them up for the two gruelling nights of combat between man and beast, Snodgrass said.

Rodeo cowboys planning to enter the events were already arriving in the city Wednesday, and some of the best riders, ropers and bulldozers in the West will probably be here to add color to a thrill-packed show.

Merchants Cooperate

Meanwhile, Nyssa merchants, members of the Business Men's committee of the Chamber of Commerce, were planning toward a weekend of exciting sales events during rodeo week.

"The city's predominance as a shopping center for our large area will be stressed during next week," said Don Moss, chairman of the committee.

"Our merchants are cooperating wholeheartedly, and are planning to slash prices to the bone to attract visitors from surrounding localities as well as giving our local residents the benefit of rare price reductions."

Special Edition

The Journal will participate by publishing a special edition which will be mailed to some 5,000 residents of the rural communities of the area to accent the rodeo and the part local merchants will play.

On both Friday and Saturday nights of the rodeo, there will be a parade of horsemen and women, starting at First and Main and continuing out Main to the rodeo grounds.

The parade will start at 8 p.m. on both nights and the rodeo will get under way immediately after conclusion of the parade.

Plea to Council Planned to Stop 'Buzzing' by Jets

Irate citizens, some of whom were shaken by fright by jet planes flying dangerously low over Nyssa, were organizing this week to ask the City Council to lay a protest before the Air Force and other branches of the armed services.

Citizens were being asked to appear in a body at the next regular council meeting, scheduled for next Tuesday night, to voice their alarm over continued "buzzing" of the speedy craft over the city.

Last Saturday morning, a jet plane flew so low over Nyssa that windows on Main street rattled from the blast.

"It was so low that it might have hit the chimney on the sugar factory," said one spectator. Instead, the plane shot ahead on a course about parallel with Second street, and almost frightened a prize calf in Tobler's Feed and Fuel store out of its wits.

On June 28, a rainy day, heavily overcast, another jet buzzed over the city, not more than 200 feet above the Union Pacific station, spectators said.

About seven weeks ago, two jet planes made three passes at the town one evening, indicating that they were saluting friends or relatives of the pilots.

Citizens argue that a crash landing of a jet could easily wipe out the entire city. In addition, they say, the noisy, close-to-earth flights are frightening livestock. The owner of a flock of 9,000 turkeys on the Snake river bank asserted he is worried that buzzing planes may alarm his flock to the extent that they may take to the river and drown in an attempt to escape.

DARLENE TALBOT PASSES COSMETIC THERAPY TEST

Mrs. Darlene Talbot spent last week in Portland where she took and passed her Oregon state board test in cosmetic therapy. She is now employed at the Beauty Nook.