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Dismal Prices Slowing Up Harvest Of Early Potato Crops; Shipments Curtailed in Hope of Market Rise

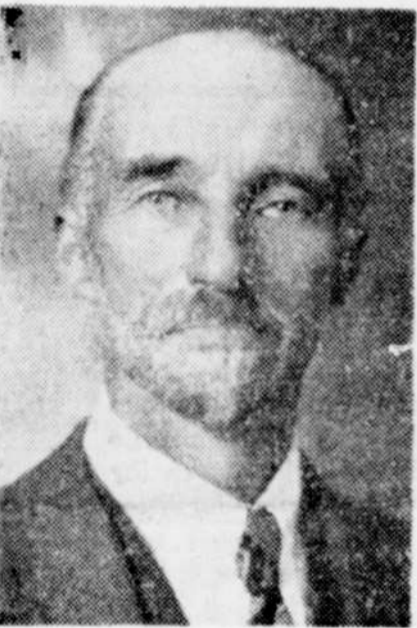
Prospects for Malheur county's early potato crop were teetering like a seesaw this week as growers kept their eyes glued to the fluctuating market prices.

Pieter Tensen, Pioneer Leader In Farming Dies

One of the Northwest's most colorful and determined advocates of modern farming methods was laid to rest in Nyssa last Saturday, after 55 years of constructive work to introduce modern farming methods to Malheur county.

Moves From Holland

Pieter Tensen moved to Nyssa, Oregon from Holland in 1900. His wife, Elizabeth, and two



Pieter Tensen

small sons made the long journey from their native land to this new land.

They settled on land southwest of Nyssa and immediately started farming. This land is still part of the fine farm that Pieter Tensen developed in his lifetime.

Folks point out that he brought with him a desire to make this new land one of the finest farming communities in the west. Through his foresight and desire to see that this land was made productive through the years, he developed practices in farming that have been recognized and

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Grass Growers To Compete for Best Pasturage

Grasslands of Malheur county will be closely scanned by experts during the next month to focus attention on the need for improved pasturage throughout the county.

It is the county's annual grass-growing contest, sponsored by the Malheur County Farm Bureau in an effort to induce farmers to pay closer attention to their pasture problems.

Farmers are asked to send in names of neighbors who have a good stand of grass prior to August 12, when an agricultural committee will visit farms named, and score fields for various awards to be given.

Winner of the county contest will be further judged in a regional contest, and in the finals for the state, which will be held in Portland this fall.

Awards will range from supplies of grass seed up to cash prizes up to \$300.

Demos Name Ed Case And Mrs. Grider to Their County Body

Ed Case, of Nyssa, has been elected treasurer of the Malheur Democratic General committee, while Mrs. Hope Grider, also of Nyssa has been named secretary, it is announced by Tom Jones, secretary of the committee.

Mrs. Earl Larsen of Adrian and O. D. Fulwyler of Vale will serve as committee members of the 2nd Congressional District. A nominating committee of five include Dr. C. R. Van Patten and Austin Robbins of Ontario; O. D. Fulwyler of Vale, W. B. Russell of Nyssa and Gene Pratt of Adrian.

For the past two weeks, the market has been sagging, but began to strengthen a bit by Wednesday, with prices of from \$1.35 to \$1.50 being quoted.

While farmers were complaining of this low price, it was agreed that a small margin of profit could be made at the figure.

But with California potatoes now flooding the market, it was argued, there was little hope of any substantial increase in the immediate future.

Shipments Small

The J. C. Watson company was the first shipper to dispatch spuds again this year, with two carloads of early reds leaving the local yard Tuesday.

How many more cars will go out was a moot question that even had Union Pacific railroad officials pondering, since Nyssa is the county's principal shipping point for potatoes.

The Watson company had another refrigerated car on order, which was laying in the yards yesterday. But in the course of the day, the car was released by the company.

However, Tom Jones, Union Pacific Nyssa agent, said he is maintaining additional crews of workers and trainmen, on call for a possible increase.

Labor Plentiful

Growers report that they foresee little likelihood of a labor shortage for early crop digging. With having going on, as well as potato digging and onion weeding, there was an influx of farm labor over last weekend.

In spite of the increase of manpower, employment figures were high, farmers reported.

As far as spuds go, several firms were operating on a small scale as of last evening, but growers and shippers alike lacked enthusiasm.

A few shippers expressed hope that late potatoes will see a greatly improved market, but there were others pessimistically predicting that low prices will prevail all the way through the year.

The majority, however, feel that produce markets are so uncertain that no predictions can be made any way.

Onion Planters Seeking Relaxed Minimum Grades

A hearing on regulations to be established under the new onion grading and labeling law has been called by the State Department of Agriculture for next Wednesday in Ontario. Hearing time has been set for 2 p.m. at the Moore Hotel.

Purpose of the hearing, according to Turner Bond, county extension agent, is to reach agreement on minimum grades to be established by the State Department, who have the authority to establish grades under the law passed by the legislature.

All interested onion growers and shippers are invited to participate in the hearing. The county onion growers' association has scheduled a meeting of directors of that organization with a committee of the Idaho Shippers' association prior to the hearing to formulate recommendations to be made to the state department.

Establishment of onion grades under the new law, Bond says, will climax a program begun almost a year ago by the local onion growers' association to get more flexibility into the onion grades, and allow for more orderly marketing of the local crop in seasons when invisible defects make it impossible to pack straight U. S. No. 1 onions.

The growers' association supported change of the law in the legislature and have worked closely with growers of the Lake Labish district and the state department on practical means to maintain quality and still get the onions to market.

Tea Planned to Honor Mrs. Emil Stunz July 28

Mrs. Emil Stunz, wife of the state representative who acted as his secretary during the last session of the Legislature, will be honored at a tea to be given by Democratic women at 2 o'clock next Thursday afternoon, July 28.

The tea will be held at the home of Mrs. Lauren King, one and a half miles north of the Lincoln school house on the Vale highway. The committee in charge includes Mrs. J. P. Williams, of Vale; Mrs. Fred Jaden, of Ontario, and Mrs. Hope Grider, Nyssa.



Engineers Watch With Bated Breath As Water Starts Flow in New Lines

"A poor time of year and a bad season for Ranney corporation, but an excellent time of year and a good season for the city of Nyssa," was the comment of a Ranney corporation engineer this week as final efforts were being made to secure a minimum of three millions of gallons of water a day for domestic, industrial and irrigation purposes.

Tests were started Tuesday night to determine the amount of flow from eight laterals that have been driven at the bottom of a 38-foot caisson near the Snake river just east of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. The Ranney corporation, which has guaranteed the city three million gallons of water a day, started their tests more than a month ago after installation of five laterals. Each time that it was discovered an insufficient amount was being obtained, a new lateral was driven to obtain additional water.

Emil Stunz, city manager pro tem, said that city officials are not discouraged since the Ranney corporation is making every effort to secure the minimum amount guaranteed. Even if a settlement has to be made for the amount now being pumped, the city will have more and better water than it has ever had at any time in history, Stunz indicated.

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Nyssa Medical Student Gets NFIP Fellowship

David W. Sarazin, 402 Park avenue, Nyssa, medical student at the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland, has been awarded a March of Dimes fellowship by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, it was announced by Claude H. Snider, Malheur county chapter chairman.

March of Dimes fellowships are part of a comprehensive professional education program which today ranks as the largest ever undertaken by a voluntary agency. Since 1938, when the National Foundation was established \$20,250,000 has been authorized to train the minds and hands of professional personnel for service in fields relating to poliomyelitis and other diseases which beset the community.

The fellowship awarded Sarazin is open to medical students who have completed at least two years of their medical school course and who have two to three months of free time for study. By offering experience in the field of rehabilitation at this stage of a medical career, the fellowships help students determine their individual aptitudes for future service in this area. Two candidates may be nominated by the dean of each of the country's approved medical schools.

In announcing this award, Snider pointed out that the National Foundation's educational program also provides grants enabling schools and professional associations concerned with medical and associate medical personnel to maintain and improve their educational standards and services. The professional education program is directed by Dr. Catherine Worthingham.

County's Democratic Clubs in Joint Meeting

A joint meeting of Malheur county's three Democratic clubs will be held at Boulevard Grange hall, near Cairo Junction, on next Wednesday night, it is announced by W. B. Russell, president of the Nyssa club, who will be in charge.

Ed Emerine, publisher of the Idaho Farm Journal, will be the speaker of the evening and will call for a united resistance move against administration farm and power policies, Russell said.

Mrs. Earl Larsen, of Adrian, is in charge of arrangements, and Mrs. Grover Vest will be in charge of refreshments.

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WILD AND ROUGH were the Harley Tucker broncs imported from Joseph, Ore., for the Nyssa Nite Rodeo with blood in their eyes and evil in their hearts. In the picture above, Marcel Staff, British Columbia cowboy, gives the crowd a thrill as he goes the full 10 seconds on this lunging mount.

—Photo by courtesy of the Idaho Statesman

Million Animal Pork Production Seen By C of C

Steadily increasing diversification by Malheur farmers may result in a vastly increased production of pork in the near future, it was confidently stated at the regular weekly luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Brownie's cafe yesterday (Wednesday).

Hugh Tobler, feed and fuel dealer, told members that early production of a million hogs a year in this area can be expected, with Jake Fischer concurring and stating that a stepped-up production schedule is needed.

"There are more hogs coming in for butchering than are produced in the county," Fischer told the members. "Those hogs should be raised right here."

Tobler pointed out that the Nyssa area is ideal for hog raising, and said that he likewise expects to see a big increase in poultry and turkey raising.

Climate Just Right

Himself the owner of a 9000 flock of turkeys he is raising, Tobler predicted that more and more farmers will turn to this bird, as well as poultry as a vital part of their diversification programs.

At the meeting, Nyssa merchants were warmly praised by Fred Bracken for the part they played to make the Nyssa Nite Rodeo the success it was.

"From the attendance standpoint and the quality of the show put out, this year's rodeo out-ranked anything ever done here during the nine years the rodeo has been produced. It was the unified activity of Nyssa merchants that put the show across," Bracken said.

The luncheon meeting was conducted with Gene Stunz, Chamber president, acting as toastmaster.

Rapid Repairs On Owyhee Canal Sets New Record

Approximately 30,000 acres of Owyhee land could have been "drouth stricken" had not North Board of Control crews beat all their previous records in repairing a minor break in a main Owyhee canal last Thursday and Friday.

The break was of unknown origin and occurred about 5:40 a. m., forcing the shut-off of all water in the canal until repairs were completed late that night. Water was back in the canal on Friday to supply laterals north and south of the break. Further repairs had to be made at the mouth of a lateral on the Henry Esplin place, west of Nyssa, where the break occurred. Property irrigated from that lateral were receiving water by Saturday.

Several farmers commented that last week's repair operations were "the speediest on record" and resulted in no crop damage.

All Records Broken for Attendance At Nyssa Nite Rodeo; Total Crowds Of 8300 Jam Grounds for Big Event

Happy Nyssans were getting back to normal this week after a weekend that gave them one of the biggest events in the city's history and brought a host of visitors to this community.

It was the ninth annual Nyssa Nite Rodeo, sponsored by the Owyhee Riding club, which was attended by a total of 8300 persons on last Friday and Saturday nights and provided a whirlwind of thrills for the spectators.

But although some of the Northwest's top riders were here to match their wits against wild horses, steers and calves that didn't want to be roped, not one of the riders was able to hold his seat on Harley Tucker's mad-plunging Brahma bul.

Citywide Observance

Celebration of the two-night rodeo took on citywide proportions. To attract out-of-town visitors here, merchants of the city united to present some of the rarest bargains of recent years, and in spite of the heat, stores were crowded from Thursday on.

Cowboy gear was much in evidence among men, women and children of the town, and a holiday atmosphere prevailed.

Preceding the opening, there was a street parade from First and Main to the rodeo grounds. Headed by the Ada county mounted sheriff's posse, the parade included the Nyssa Nite Rodeo band, a six-team of oxen, the Payette Owl Hooters, the Owyhee Riding club, and the Western Riding club of Boise.

Best dressed cowboy in the parade was judged to be Jack Woolf, of the Ada county outfit, while Lola Stansbery, of Parma, was judged best dressed cowgirl.

Four lucky Nyssans had reason to be glad about the rodeo. Each of them was the winner of \$50 in merchandise certificates which were accepted like cash by all merchants members of the Business Men's committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The awards were made by the committee in drawings both nights of the rodeo.

Winners of Friday night's drawing were Lloyd Lewis and Ed Steinke. On Saturday night, the names of E. T. Merrick and Bill Lemon were drawn.

Dick Elliott and Maurine Craig, of Parma, of the Western Riding club, were named the best matched couple.

Queen on Horseback

Attracting many eyes were the pretty trio that included Lila Mae Holmes, rodeo queen, and her attendant.

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County PTA Host For Regional Workshop Friday

The Malheur county council of the Oregon congress of Parents and Teachers association will have a regional workshop Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Lindberg school, 482 Southeast Third street, Ontario.

Mrs. Ellen Bell Bieler, staff representative of the national PTA, of Chicago will conduct the workshop for this region which consists of Malheur, Harney, Grant, Union and Wallowa counties.

All local presidents are asked to have as many of their chairmen as possible present to hear Mrs. Bieler, whose activities have been acclaimed highly inspirational and instructive. The general public is invited.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The executive council of the Malheur county PTA met last Friday evening in Ontario where plans were made for the regional workshop. Mrs. Harold Newman of Adrian was appointed county treasurer to succeed Mrs. Herb Holton of Vale, who resigned because of ill health.

3 Cases Reported At M. M. Hospital

Leonardo Loya, Jr., two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonardo Loya of the Nyssa labor camp suffered second degree burns on his right side Sunday noon when he pulled a pan of hot beans over on him from the family kitchen stove.

Young Loya was admitted to the Malheur Memorial hospital Sunday afternoon and released Tuesday night following emergency treatment.

Sunday, Don Nolen was entered at 4:30 at the hospital for examination and treatment after he had fallen from his water skis on the Snake River Sunday afternoon. Nolen was suffering from a twisted back and authorities reported no broken bones. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Nolen.

Earl Farr, Nyssa school custodian was admitted to the Malheur Memorial hospital Monday at 11:40 a.m. after he had suffered a heart attack while working at the school.

Hospital authorities report his condition as fair.

Board Finds No Further Owyhee Water Cut Need

The North Board of Control of the Owyhee Irrigation project met Tuesday night to view the irrigation water situation for the remainder of the season and determined that no change would be necessary from the allotted four acre feet.

According to Manager Paul House, there was storage of 226,580 acre feet as of Wednesday morning, practically all of which will be required for delivery of the four acre feet previously allotted. As a result, there will be no water excess of that amount per acre on lands receiving water by gravity from the Owyhee reservoir, House said.

According to House and members of the board, farmers are cooperating very well and "irrigation practices are greatly improved over previous years." Several farmers have indicated that they have not been "hurt" by the smaller allotment of water, but that they have had to work harder and put in longer hours to irrigate properly. All of this has resulted in better crops in many instances, one of the farmers said.

Although no date was set to turn off the water, consensus of opinion of board members was that there will be no water delivery after Sept. 30, the manager reported.

Other business transacted Tuesday included the awarding of bids to Nyssa Motors for purchase of two 2-ton dump trucks and to Herriman Motor Co. for purchase of one truck tractor.

No-Accident Week Will Stress Need For Farm Safety

Farming is one of America's three most hazardous occupations, according to statistics of the National Safety Council, and efforts will be made to drive that fact home during the next week.

With a last year's death toll of 14,000 directly attributed to farm accidents, an all-out campaign, spearheaded by the President, will stress the need for caution on the farm next week.

It will be the 12th annual observance of National Farm Safety Week, to be conducted from July 24 through July 30, with an accent being placed on the responsibility of farmers to prevent accidents on their own estates by precautionary methods.

Children Suffer Most

The National Safety Council has figures to show that young people are principal victims of farm accidents.

In the operation of tractors alone, the Council reports, one-third of all fatalities on the farm are among small children and teenagers.

Educational means are urged to keep the youngsters away from machinery they don't know too much about. Rides on the tractor, toddling around open fields,

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Nyssans Sizzle As Temperatures Mount Into 100s

Nyssa went through one of those weeks when you could fry eggs on the sidewalk, during the past seven days.

For three of these days, the temperature soared to points above 100 degrees, while on even the coolest day, last Sunday, the thermometer hit 92.

Following are the official temperatures, as recorded by the North Board of Control:

	Max.	Min.
Wed, July 13	97	56
Thurs, July 14	102	60
Fri, July 15	103	69
Sat, July 16	104	65
Sun, July 17	92	62
Mon, July 18	96	62
Tues, July 19	95	58
Wed, July 20	68	68