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Health Nurse Resigns After Reported  
Long Period "Friction" With Court;  
Judge Says Program Will Continue

What was described by bystanders as a one and one-half year "undercover feud" between the county health department and the Malheur county court, was climaxed Monday with the resignation of Edna Faris, county health nurse. Mrs. Faris said her resignation is effective July 31 and was emphatic

Engineers Plan  
Air Pressure to  
Gain Water Flow

Air pressure, forced underground in the area of Nyssa's new water system, was being tried out Wednesday in an effort to increase the intake of water up to the goal of three million gallons per day.

After failure of a ninth lateral feeder line to progress further than 32 feet from the caisson, the use of air to blast open water-bearing fissures beneath the ground was determined on.

The air will be forced out into the subterranean passages through the feeder lines which are already producing some 2,800,000 gallons of water, it was explained, and it is anticipated that the earth movement will result in an immediate increase.

## Confident of Success

So confident were the engineers that the novel use of air pressure will open unexplored water pools that another test will be made today (Thursday), it was reported by Emil Stunz, acting manager.

Stunz said it is fully expected that the three million goal will be attained. This is the daily amount of water specified in the contract made with the city by the Ranney Corporation.

The company, it is understood, has spent better than \$20,000 above the contract price for sinking of the well, doing his voluntarily and with no additional charge to the city.

## Plenty of Water Now

The water now flowing into the caisson is more than twice the amount being delivered through city mains from the present system, but an added 200,000 gallons a day is desired for expected growth of the city within the next 10 years.

The project was originally scheduled for completion on July 1, but delays were granted by City Council for the further exploration.

Even if Thursday's tests are successful, Council is not yet able to set a definite date for completion.

Pipe lines and pumps have not yet been delivered, and the pump-house itself must be constructed. As this pump-house is erected on top of the caisson, work cannot begin until the diggers complete their task.

Irrigation Water  
Level Takes Dip

Water levels in the Owyhee reservoir were down Wednesday over the same date a year ago, but there was no anticipation of curtailing Malheur farmers' irrigation water.

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, said Wednesday's reading was 207,240 acre feet at the reservoir. On the same date a year ago, the reading was 286,610 acre feet.

The lessened water didn't look so bad on an overall level, however. House averaged the levels for the past 10 year period, which shows an average of 459,600 acre feet for the period.

Trio Leaves For  
Legion Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Don M. Graham and Mrs. Joe Dority left early Wednesday morning for Redmond where they will attend a state convention of the American Legion Wednesday through Saturday.

Graham is commander of district 15 of the Legion, Mrs. Graham is district president, of the auxiliary and Mrs. Dority is president of the Nyssa Legion auxiliary post.

Cushions Damaged  
In Early Car Fire

An early morning fire alarm at 5 o'clock Wednesday summoned the Nyssa volunteer fire department to a car in front of a home at 217 So. 1st St. The firemen quickly extinguished a blaze in the front cushions of the auto.

Damage was confined to the seat upholstery. Indications were that the fire was probably caused from a cigarette. Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence reported. The fire was discovered by a city police officer, Clem De Vinaspre.

that it was not motivated by the amount of her salary nor the amount of work that she has had to do.

Mrs. Faris said the county health department is actually being "dissolved" since the office is being closed and all records are being stored at the county shops. However, County Judge G. Y. Chester said, "We don't want to disperse this department." The county court has received three applications for the position, but final decision cannot be made until Dr. L. A. Maulding, county health officer, returns from his vacation on the latter part of this week, the county judge said.

## "Friction" Reported

"Friction" was reported to have arisen from the fact that verbal complaints have been made regarding long distance telephone calls, car mileage and office rental costs. However, funds were appropriated by the budget board each year although there were intimations that there had been some hold up of appropriations.

For the fiscal year 1955-56, a budget of \$18,175 was approved as compared with \$17,180 for the previous year. A total of \$19,655 had been requested. It was reported that \$1000 of the cut from the requested amount was for travel and car expense.

## Schools Affected

Walter McPartland, Nyssa grade school principal, expressed regret that Mrs. Faris had resigned and caused total dissolution of the county health department. He stated that without the health department, there would be no crippled children's clinic involving about 50 youngsters in the county, no immunization programs, and an end to the hearing

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Migrant Labor  
Help Given Here  
Wins High Praise

Nyssa's handling of the migrant labor situation is being eyed favorably by California, Texas, and other states dependent on migrant workers, Jared Lewis, district manager of the Amalgamated Sugar Co. told the Chamber of Commerce, during its regular weekly luncheon meeting in Brownie's Wednesday.

Lewis and Hal Henigson, city attorney and chairman of the Chamber's migrant labor committee, were reporting on work being done to make the lot of the migratory labor family a better one.

## Labor Plentiful

Lewis, whose own company is dominant influence in the bringing of migrant labor to the beet fields here, said the current labor situation is good, with an ample supply for current needs and virtually all finding work to do.

He said that other states are closely studying the successful manner in which Nyssa is bringing top labor hands here year after year by an intelligent understanding of the problems besetting the families of the wandering workers and that Nyssa is establishing a pattern which will be followed elsewhere.

Wednesday's meeting also heard a report on the water situation by Emil Stunz, acting city manager. Gene Stunz, president, acted as chairman of the luncheon.

County Court To  
Decide Saturday  
Closing Aug. 3

Only one person appeared Saturday morning at a public hearing called by the Malheur county court regarding the closing of the courthouse on Saturdays, according to County Judge G. Y. Chester. The one witness was in favor of closing county offices all day each Saturday "because one day's salary would be saved each week," but when he learned that there would be no reduction in pay schedule he was opposed to the closing, the county judge said.

The county court will make its final decision on closing at its Aug. 3 meeting. Judge Chester said that department heads will be consulted and that if the courthouse is closed all day Saturdays, arrangements probably will be made to accommodate the public during tax payment time.



THE BEGINNING of a car of potatoes made up in Nyssa last week for shipment to Chicago where proceeds from the sale of the spuds will be turned over to the Boy Scouts of America. Potatoes were donated by 26 eastern Oregon and southwest-

ern Idaho shippers. In the picture above are Jed Lewis, vice president of the Ore-Ida Scout council; Harlan Sager, Nyssa Scout; J. C. Palumbo, Homedale shipper; Dick McPartland, Nyssa Scout, and Ralph McDonald, secretary of the Idaho Shippers association of Parma. Others

attending the ceremony here Wednesday of last week included Lee Hayes of Caldwell's Simplot Co.; Tom Iseri, Ontario shipper; Jim Watson, Nyssa and Parma shipper, and Stewart Norton of Nampa. Ore-Ida Scout council executive.

—Schoen Photo

Hugh Tobler Readies His Huge New  
Granary for Aid to Valley Growers

Hugh J. Tobler, Nyssa feed and fuel dealer, today announced completion of his 300,000-bushel granary for sale or storage of wheat and barley as soon as it is harvested.

At the same time, he said that his modern new rolling mill, for the processing of grain for feed, will be ready for operation within a matter of weeks.

The two home-owned installations are generally considered to be one of the most ambitious advances in the care and treatment of grains in the history of the valley.

Tobler said the big project will offer grain growers advantages never before available in the Nyssa area.

## Sale or Storage

It will be possible, he pointed out, for a farmer to roll his trucks into the city, weigh their cargoes in by automatic scales, and dump their loads for immediate sale, if they so desire.

With bonding and insurance covering their grain, he said, the growers will likewise be able to store their grain, borrow on wheat under the government allotment plan, sell at peak markets, or store for later conversion into feed.

Tobler said the service will be particularly valuable to cattle feeders.

## Millwrights at Work

While orders were being booked this week for storage reservations, millwrights had begun their task of installing the elaborate machinery which will operate the rolling mill.

The big reinforced concrete structure, directly behind the Tobler feed store, was almost completed, with early operation anticipated.

In this plant, Tobler said, farmers will be able to have their grain rolled or ground and molasses treated during a single visit.

If desired, he said a farmer can bring his own grain into the mill, and receive back the processed feed grain within the space of a few minutes.

"I cannot help believing that this new service will greatly aid the farm economy of the Valley's grain growers," Tobler said.

"It will give them complete control over their crops and will enable them to use their grain to the utmost advantage."

Both the granary and its elevator, and the mill with its own elevator, will be operated by push button control, Tobler said.

Thunder Storms  
Drive Out Heat

Thunder and electrical storms helped ease off the oven-like heat which had enveloped Nyssans for the past couple of weeks.

After an official temperature of 101 was recorded by the North Board of Control last Thursday, the noisy storms of that night and the following morning brought a drop into the lower 90s.

Following are the temperature readings for the week ending Wednesday:

|                 | Max. | Min. |
|-----------------|------|------|
| Wed., July 20   | 96   | 68   |
| Thurs., July 21 | 101  | 65   |
| Fri., July 22   | 95   | 69   |
| Sat., July 23   | 94   | 71   |
| Sun., July 24   | 93   | 68   |
| Mon., July 25   | 90   | 66   |
| Tues., July 26  | 92   | 52   |
| Wed., July 27   | 87   | 57   |

Draft Board 22 Seeks  
5 Missing Registrants

Local draft board 22 is seeking the whereabouts of five missing registrants, it was announced Wednesday by Mrs. Ruth Ingebritsen, board clerk.

Paul R. Herring and Antonio B. Godinez, are two Nyssans who cannot be located by the board. Other missing men are William L. Clemons, of Ontario, and Ken W. McNair and Victor M. Calzadilla, both of Payette.

Freak Tractor Accident Seriously Injures Nyssan;  
Veterinarian Hurt; Three Cars Crash, No Injuries

## Joe Hartle Hurt

A freak accident involving a diesel farm tractor and a passenger car hospitalized one man who suffered severe face lacerations and a fractured nose when the tractor toppled on top of him about 9:30 Tuesday evening. Joe Hartle, printer at the Gate City Journal, was thrown beneath the tractor when the large, right rear wheel struck the back end of a Pontiac convertible owned by John Gallegos and parked on the east side of South First street.

The tractor was driven by Robert Palmer, who with Hartle, was on his way to the Snake river to pull out a boat the two men had been operating.

Palmer said that he was traveling north on South First street and had turned to tell Hartle to seek a more secure position on the tractor. He said that his right rear wheel was nearer to the parked car than he had judged and that when he turned his head the large, rubber-tired wheel "crawled" up the back of the car, throwing the tractor to the left, landing upside down with all three wheels in the air. Palmer was thrown several feet through the air and was uninjured. It is believed that the tractor steering wheel had come to rest on Hartle's face.

Four men witnessed the accident from the Smoke Shop and were able to lift the heavy tractor to release Hartle. The injured man was taken to Malheur Memorial hospital where numerous stitches were required to close a gash across the width of his forehead, below his right eye and around his right ear. According to the attending surgeon, there were no internal injuries.

## Mason Injured

Dr. Dwight R. Mason, Nyssa veterinarian was severely injured in a car accident Friday afternoon about 2:30, three miles south of Nyssa at the intersection of Ivanhoe Ave and Highland Drive.

Dr. Mason was driving west on Ivanhoe Ave. in a 1955 Chevrolet station wagon when it was struck by a 1950 Chevrolet coach operated by Dallas Reed Simpson, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wayne Simpson, Route 20, traveling south on Highland at a high rate of speed.

According to the Oregon State police officers at Ontario, Simpson ran through a stop sign and crashed into the Mason vehicle. State police officer, Grant Magee was in pursuit of Simpson due to his fast driving. Simpson was cited for reckless driving. However, he appeared before Justice of the Peace Don M. Graham at 11:30 Monday morning and pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Mason's car was struck on the left rear fender, traveled considerable distance from the point of impact, landing on its top. The car is reportedly completely demolished. Extensive damage was reported to the Simpson car also.

Dr. Mason suffered severe lacerations on the right side of his face, head injuries, multiple abrasions to his back, both arms and legs. He was treated at Malheur Memorial hospital then released to his home Sunday afternoon in good condition according to his attending physician.

Simpson was given emergency treatment at the hospital for a laceration of the right knee and released.

## Three-Car Crash

Newell Heights—A spectacular three-car smashup Sunday evening about 9 o'clock at Newell Heights, two and one-half miles west of the Adrian highway on Overstreet road resulted in extensive property damage, but no serious injuries to any of the three drivers or occupants of cars.

According to an eye-witness account, Fernando Layos drove out of a drive way from the Charles Harris farm, just as another car driven by Don A. Daugherty, 17, was going east on Overstreet. Daugherty said he did not see the Layos car until it was on the highway where it was sideswiped by the east-bound vehicle. The Daugherty car turned over and then rolled sideways two or three times for a total of 206 feet.

A third car driven by Lloyd Wood of Parma was following Daugherty and, in trying to avoid a collision with the other two vehicles, drove into the borrow pit, just missing a 15-foot deep drain ditch. The Wood car plowed a path the width of the vehicle for 115 feet into a grain field. Wood and his passengers, Bob and Paul Parker, sons of Vernon Parker of Adrian, were shaken up, but were able to walk away from the wrecked car.

Daugherty was accompanied by two cousins and all were shaken and bruised, together with several small cuts. The four young Mexicans in the Layos car were uninjured with the exception of one girl who was unconscious for a short time.

The Daugherty and Wood cars were completely wrecked and the right, front fender and headlight

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Spud Growers, With Backs to Wall,  
Seek Government Aid to Bolster  
Prices as Crops Remain Dormant

With the bulk of their early reds still lying in the fields undug, potato growers and shippers turned to Washington this week in an effort to secure passage of a swift national program to bolster the farmer income.

The growers and shippers addressed Secretary of Agriculture Benson with a plea for aid, possibly under Section 32, after an impassioned meeting of about 40 growers and shippers, held in Brownie's cafe last Monday.

Along with the Malheur county men, representatives of both Idaho and Washington state growers and shippers were also there to present a united front of the Northwest potato industry.

A second meeting was called for Yakima, Wash., yesterday (Wednesday) to perfect plans hastily drawn up at the Nyssa meeting.

## Puny Shipments Recorded

How grave today's potato situation is was shown graphically at the meeting by a comparison of figures of potato shipments out of Nyssa during the past four years.

On July 24 of each year, here is how carload shipments were recorded:

|      |           |
|------|-----------|
| 1955 | 15 cars   |
| 1954 | 1073 cars |
| 1953 | 833 cars  |
| 1952 | 1665 cars |

With the figures speaking for themselves, the growers and shippers decided then and there that they weren't going to take the situation lying down and agreed they were going to do something about it, but quick.

Spearheaded by Lee W. Hayes, dynamic manager of Simplot Western Idaho Produce, they quickly blueprinted a course of action to bring about immediate relief.

Hayes, a man who lives, breathes and eats potatoes, is vice president of the Idaho-Malheur County Shippers association and president of the Western States Potato Growers association. Within minutes he had the wires humming with a demand for action by the government over the plight of the Western potato growing states.

## 10-Point Program Set

The growers and shippers, represented locally by J. C. Watson, Owyhee Produce Co., Muir-Roberts Produce, Royal Produce and Simplot agreed on a 10-point program which they summarized as follows:

(1) Eliminate the surplus in each section as far as possible through Federal or State Marketing Control Committees—cut out undesirable sizes and grades—give the customer the best.

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Vote To Create  
Ontario Road  
District Passes

A vote of 140 to 61 last Wednesday gave a sufficient margin to create a road district in northern Malheur county. Also elected during the voting, were three directors, M. B. Sonnor, Charles L. Custer and Charles L. Joseph.

According to the law, the ballots will be officially canvassed at the next meeting of the county court and if it is declared passed, the action will be filed with the county clerk and the district will be official.

Jeff Dorroh, attorney for the new district, explained that the forming of the district automatically carries 10 mill levy on all real and personal property within the district.

The Nyssa road improvement district, which the new Ontario unit is fashioned after, was the first road organized in the state. Laws passed by the recent legislature made it possible that road districts be formed throughout the state.

Lancasters Engage  
In Pointed Small  
Talk At Breakfast

"Well," remarked Mrs. Muri Lancaster pleasantly, over the breakfast table the other morning, "look at the porcupine."

Her husband dropped his coffee cup with a clatter. "Would you mind repeating that?" he said.

"You don't have to look so startled," Mrs. Lancaster replied. "I simply said look at the porcupine."

Lancaster did look, and sure enough, curled up in the fork of a tree outside their home at 307 N. Fourth, was a full-grown porcupine. How it got there, or where it strayed from, nobody knows.

After securing permission from city police, Lancaster and Lou Herriman improvised a porcupine hunt and shot the critter.

February Limit  
Set For Nyssa's  
New Post Office

Virtual assurance that Nyssa will have its new post office not later than Feb. 12 was given this week with the posting of notices advertising for bids.

At the same time, Lloyd Lewis, Nyssa postmaster, was in receipt of architect's blueprints of the floor plan desired for the new structure to replace the outmoded and overcrowded post office at First and Main streets.

It was generally believed that the bidders, who will bid on a site as well as construction of a building, are concentrating their attention on three corner lots at the intersection of Fourth street and Bower avenue.

Two of these sites are on the south side of the intersection, which is a business zone. The third, on the northeast corner, is zoned for residences only, and it is considered questionable whether City Council would rezone it, even for a post office, in view of expected protests by property owners.

## Increased Space

According to the blueprints, the new post office will provide Nyssa with greatly improved facilities in connection with the handling and delivery of mail.

The floor plan calls for floor space of 3600 square feet, more than twice the size of the present post office.

Postmaster Lewis said there will be three service windows for patrons, instead of the two in the present building. There will be also a much larger lobby, and the mail box sections will be arranged for easier access. Men's and women's public rooms, not available in the present building, will be installed.

## Better Working Conditions

The work section of the new building will provide for greatly improved working space, which is expected to speed up mail handling, sorting and routing.

There will also be storage rooms, employees' locker rooms, a janitor room and office for the postmaster. A heating system will be installed on the main floor level, and the whole building will be air conditioned, according to the plans.

Bidders on the project are advised to get in touch with Melvin Northrup, post office inspector, 202 Post Office Building, Seattle 11, Wash.

Deadline for submitting bids will be Sept. 26. The Post Office department is offering a 10 year lease with an option for two or three five year extensions.

Lawrence Heads  
Malheur Co. NFIP

Election of officers was the main item of business at a meeting of the Malheur County Chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis held last Thursday night at Brownie's Cafe.

Ralph Lawrence was named chairman; Rex Voeller, vice chairman; Leonard Hewitt re-elected treasurer and Mrs. W. W. Foster will continue another year as secretary. Clyde Snider is current chairman of the organization and Lawrence, vice chairman.

Gene Malecki of Portland, Oregon state representative of the N.F.I.P., who supervises its activities in the state, was in attendance at the meeting. General discussion was conducted on future activities of the local chapter and the polio vaccine program.

Nyssa Delegates  
Attend PTA Meet

Nine delegates from the Nyssa Parent-Teachers association attended the all day instructional meeting and workshop in Ontario Friday to hear Mrs. Ellen Bieler, staff representative of the National PTA from Chicago.

Reporting the meeting were worthwhile and very inspirational were Mrs. Wayne Chesnut, president; Mrs. Darwin Jensen, Mrs. Lester Lankford and Mrs. Lester Cleaver, vice president; Mrs. Ken Pond, program chairman; Mrs. Don Humble, hospital-ity chairman; Mrs. Dick Forbess, high school service chairman; Mrs. Glen Hoffman, publicity chairman; and Mrs. Marion Glenn, room service chairman.