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Biggest School Enrollment In Nyssa History Looms as Parents Groom Youngsters for Fall Registration

Nyssa schools were girding themselves this week for an unprecedented enrollment when the school bell rings to open the fall session on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Richard V. Wilson, superintendent of schools, told the Chamber of Commerce, during the luncheon meeting at

New Addition to Be Used By AHS As Classes Open

Athol Sayre, principal of the Adrian school, was preparing this week to register students on Saturday, Sept. 3, for the fall session, which will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day.

The first day will be limited to a half-day session, Sayre said, with buses running at noon. The cafeteria will not be open on the first day, he said, and he issued a reminder to parents to make their own arrangements for children's lunches.

The new addition to the high school is expected to be ready with new music and science rooms and remodeled dressing facilities in the physical education department.

High school teachers listed by Sayre are Joyce Raasch, science and girls PE; James Harper, math and boys PE; Anna Harrell, commercial; S. E. Tyson, English and Spanish; Marie Moore, library and homemaking; Henry Reuter, vocational agriculture and Glen Ward, social science and coach.

Harold Newman, Adrian grade school principal listed the following in his teaching staff for this year: Thelma Borge, remedial and art; Lorena Comer, and Janita Maggard, first; Opal Jungert and Ruth Morgan, second; Mary Weir, third; Charles Witty, Tavoie Hendrix and Gladys Newbell, fourth; Anna Sparks, fifth; Helen Lowell, sixth and Lois Williams, seventh. Robert Patterson will teach junior high Physical education and the eighth grade and Raymond Weatherspoon will teach music in grade and high school.

Car Hits Rail of Snake Bridge

The south railing of a temporary span of the Snake river bridge at Nyssa was damaged shortly after 9 o'clock Sunday evening when a car driven by James Skuball crashed into the side of the bridge. According to city police, Skuball was coming from Idaho into Oregon and his car hit the bridge railing after it rounded the curve at the Idaho approach to the bridge.

Part of the plank serving as railing swerved around and hit the north side of the bridge while the car, which was badly damaged, "bounced" across the span from the south to the north side. Traffic was blocked for several minutes until a wrecker moved the damaged vehicle.

Skuball told police that he was blinded by lights of another car as he approached the bridge.

G. Schireman Arrives Home After Discharge

Glenn Schireman arrived Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Schireman following his discharge from the United States Army. Schireman arrived in San Francisco Wednesday aboard the E. D. Patrick. He had spent 14 months of his two years in the service overseas.

Louis Wettstein Wins Grassman Title 2nd Time This Year; Tour Cancelled

Malheur county's Grassman of the year for 1955 is Louis Wettstein, according to Ted Morgan, chairman of the Farm Bureau's grasslands committee. The winner, who was selected this week, operates a diversified farm in the Cairo community. He was also winner in last year's contest.

Second place honors went to Charles Custer, who also resides in the Cairo district.

Wettstein rotates grassland farming with other crops to produce maximum returns for the area. His grassland program is built around supplying feed for a milking herd of 40 high-producing Holsteins plus replacement heifers.

His pasture management program is based on a rotation system which provides fresh forage for the cows twice each day. Electric fences are used to cut the 15-acre pasture into six strips. A portable cross wire is moved down a strip a predetermined distance at 12 hour intervals to give the cows fresh forage.

Brownie's Wednesday, that a minimum of 1250 students are expected to enroll this year.

Last year's initial enrollment was 1167 students, Wilson said.

But in spite of the growing attendance, he said that every effort is being made to keep classes small in order to give individual attention to every pupil.

Limit on Classes

School plans are to limit attendance in the first three grades to 25 pupils per room. And for the fourth through the sixth grades, it is planned to hold down attendance to 30 or 35 pupils per room, the superintendent said.

Wilson gave a vigorous report on school activities during the Chamber luncheon.

"Education," he said, "is big business in Nyssa."

He pointed out that annual payrolls for teachers and other school personnel amount to \$265,000.

"But our personnel is just as cognizant of tax problems as anybody else," he said.

Majority Own Homes

"Of our 53 teachers, 32 of them, or members of their families, own their homes and pay the same taxes other property owners are assessed."

"And I've yet to hear a complaint that taxes are too high."

Wilson urged that parents of first grade pupils bring their tots to register on next Wednesday or Thursday.

The elementary school will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to orient these youngsters, give them opportunity to meet their teachers, and acquaint them with their classrooms. This early registration is planned to eliminate confusion found in the past when parents and the new students were waiting for room assignments.

Children must reach the age of 6 years on or before Nov. 15 to be eligible for first grade school attendance.

High school students will have next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to register.

Registration Schedule

The following schedule will be used during registration days: Wednesday — seniors from 8 a.m. until noon; juniors from noon to 4:30 p.m. and juniors and seniors who are unable to register during the daytime from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Thursday — sophomores from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and juniors, seniors and sophomores from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Friday — freshmen from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Firemen and Guests Enjoy Annual Picnic

The annual Fireman's picnic was held on the lawn at the city hall Monday evening for Firemen and their families, city officials and employees and the members of the board of directors of the rural fire department and their families.

A fried chicken supper with trimmings was served to the guests and following the supper an Alaska fishing film was shown. Races with prizes for the winners were a feature for the youngsters.

The rotation circuit is completed in 16 days. Applications of both commercial fertilizers and barnyard manure are used to insure a continuous yield of high quality forage for the livestock.

The pasture is clipped at intervals to remove grass which has become coarse, and unpalatable.

Irrigation is taken care of during the period the cows are off the pasture.

Second place winner, Custer, specializes in the use of pasture for hogs. He believes that a partial answer to high production of pork lies in the use of pasture and he has the figures to prove it. He feels that the pasture replaces about one third of his feed bill.

Morgan said the tour of grassland farms, which had been scheduled for Aug. 19, has been cancelled. He pointed out that short irrigation water supplies and the hot weather, had cut down on the quality of many pastures in the area and that a tour would be more appropriate when conditions were better.

Councilmen Hope To Hire Manager Within a Week

City councilmen this week were continuing to interview candidates for the position of city manager, with hopes that they will be able to make their selection by the end of next week.

Mayor Paul House said that the most outstanding applicants for the job are being invited here for personal interviews.

The city has been without a manager since July 15, when Robert M. Applegate left to accept a similar position in Baker. For the interim, State Rep. Emil Stunz has been acting city manager.

Home, Business Fires Revive Nyssa Firemen

A dwelling fire Sunday morning and an implement fire early Wednesday morning brought Nyssa's volunteer firemen back into action after a long "lull" when no major alarms were turned in.

At 8:30 a.m. Sunday firemen were called to the Joe Henson home at 214 King where overheated grease on a stove caught fire and in turn started a fire on a wall, part of the ceiling and the front of a cabinet. Henson had the fire under control with a garden hose when firemen arrived.

Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence said that smoke was general throughout the house and the department's new smoke ejector was highly advantageous in clearing the smoke.

About 4 a.m. Wednesday, an alarm was turned in for a fire at the B & M Equipment on North Main. The fire, of undetermined origin, started at the back end of the building where equipment was stored. Three ceiling joists were burned and a large hole burned through the roof before the alarm was turned in. Firemen were able to confine the blaze to the area of origin and bring it under control within a few minutes.

SON BORN IN GERMANY

Sgt. and Mrs. Willis Hiatt, stationed in Germany, are the parents of a son, Thomas Scott, born August 5. The Hiatts have a two year old daughter, Debbie Ann. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hiatt, Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young, Parma.

Sweet Corn Campaign to Get Started Monday; Quality, Yield Favorable

Corn canning will start Monday morning at the Nyssa plant of the Idaho Canning Co., it was announced Tuesday by Fred M. Moss, general manager of the company which has its headquarters at Payette and a third canner at Homedale.

Moss said that weather conditions are the sole determining factor in the length of the campaign and the amount of corn to be packed. Operations are getting underway about 10 days later than they did last year because of a late spring that held up development of all crops. Only one shift will be used at the beginning of the campaign, but if normal conditions prevail it is probable that a second shift will be added later, it was explained.

Quality of the corn looks very good at the present time and acreage and anticipated yield is about the same as last year, the canner manager commented. However, everything from the quality and yield to the number of shifts on the weather, Moss emphasized.

Last year's operations extended over a period of about six weeks with approximately 150 persons employed.

All sweet corn is grown by local farmers on a contract basis with the Idaho Canning Co.

428 Rail Cars Of Spuds Leave Nyssa in a Week

Truckloads of spuds coming into market were crowding the highways toward Nyssa this past week.

The price as of Wednesday was a net 90c to the grower for pack-out potatoes after removal of culls and No. 2 grade of white roses.

Shippers believe that the white potato movement will continue for another week, when Russets will start coming in. Considerable optimism was expressed in shipping circles for a favorable Russet market.

Tom Jones, agent of the Union Pacific, said that incomplete figures indicate a total of 428 refrigerated carloads of spuds shipped out of Nyssa from Wednesday to Wednesday this past week.

The bulk of these were No. 1 grade White Roses, after completion of early red shipments.

While spuds were taking the center of the stage in rail shipments, there were also 25 carloads of wheat shipped out of Nyssa during the past week, Jones said with Tobler's and Nyssa Elevator granaries rapidly filling with some of the choicest grain in four years.

Onion shipments, however, were at a virtual standstill. Just one carload has gone out this year, Jones reported, with a mass movement expected to start around the end of next week. The onions are shipped in ventilated refrigerator cars, while potatoes are packed in iced refrigerators.

Potato Growers Vote Restrictions On Shipments to Bolster Lagging Market

Potato growers of the eastern Oregon-western Idaho early district will ship no more No. 2 grade potatoes of the white rose or red varieties this season as a result of action taken by the market control committee in Boise Monday. The control committee for the potato market agreement area covering Idaho and Malheur county adopted unanimously a new regulation setting a minimum grade of U. S. No. 1 for red and white rose potatoes to be shipped out of the area, and a minimum size of 2 inch diameter for both varieties.

The committee estimated on the basis of packout reports presented to the meeting that 25 percent of the total white rose crop would be withheld from market through elimination of the No. 2 grade. It was pointed out in discussion that over half the total crop of red varieties has already been withheld from market through filed abandonment. Figures on carlot shipments of the red varieties showed 300 cars of this variety to have moved to date from Malheur county, compared to a total of more than 1,200 cars last season.

Action by the market control committee was aimed at reducing supplies of potatoes in the nation's markets to improve the drastically low prices received so far this season. The local action parallels regulations put into effect by Washington and Colorado market agreement areas raising minimum sizes and removing some grades from markets.

Local representatives on the market control committee are Lawren King of Ontario, grower member, and Jim Watson of Parma, handler member.

The national potato council, in session with representatives of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and the potato industry in Chicago August 11 and 12, recommended that 20 percent of the national supply of marketable potatoes be withheld from market to bring supplies in line with amounts that would be purchased for a fair price.

GRANGE MEETING CHANGED

Due to a conflict in dates, the meeting of the Pomona Grange, scheduled for Aug. 27 at Harper, has been changed to this Saturday night, Aug. 20, in Harper, the Grange reports.

Toblerites Cinch District Title; Move to Eugene

The Toblerites cinched the district softball championship when they defeated Baker's crack team by a score of 6-3 at the Nyssa rodeo grounds Tuesday night.

It was the playoff of a three game series, with the Nyssa team taking the first by a score of 12-0 when Roger Skeen pitched a no-hit game, and Baker taking the second by 5-4 when two extra innings were needed to break a 4-4 tie.

Baker came down to Nyssa for the third game, with Corkey Coombs and Leland Woods opposing Roger Skeen and Hugh Tobler as the batteries.

Tobler's team will go to Eugene Saturday for the state championship matches which will run through four days of play.

This is the third year in a row that the Tobler team has won the district championship.

P.O. Inspectors Trail Vandals

Vandals have been playing havoc with mail boxes on the Adrian Way, Nyssa's route 1, it is reported by Postmaster Lloyd Lewis.

At least 14 rural mail boxes have been broken open by the marauders, Lewis said, and Post Office inspectors are investigating the incidents, which have spread out over a wide area.

It was pointed out that the breaking open of a mail box containing mail is a federal offense.

Nationally-Known Players, Grand Ole Opry, to Be in Nyssa September 24 For Free Shows For Residents of Area

The Grand Ole Opry of nationwide radio and stage fame will be in Nyssa Saturday, Sept. 24, to replace the Harvest Festival held for the past two years, it was announced this week by Hugh Tobler, chairman of a chamber committee making arrangements for the entertainment.

Star of the show announced Tuesday will be Minnie Pearl, well-known hill-billy comedian, along with other famous singers, comedians and showmen making up the troupe.

Tobler said that an afternoon show and an evening show will be given to allow everyone in the community to attend. Admission to both performances is entirely free, since it is sponsored by the chamber of commerce to express the town's appreciation to residents of the community for their part in "keeping the wheels turning" during the past year. Ordinarily, tickets for this entertainment sell for \$2 or \$3, Tobler said.

It was explained that the troupe will stage nine acts, lasting for about two hours at each performance. The show will be in the Nyssa high school gym with a special stage to be built in the center of the floor for assured good acoustics.

The afternoon show will be held especially for the kids and the evening performance will include a dance with music furnished by the Grand Ole Opry orchestra.

A Festival queen will be selected prior to the big event and all arrangements are being made by Supt. Dick Wilson. The town will be completely decorated for the event as it has for the Harvest Festival for the past two years.

Serving with Tobler on the committee making arrangements are Edward Boydell, Earl Hollingsworth, Paul Penrod, Harry Miner and Houston Wilson.

Tobler said that Gov. Paul Patterson has been invited to attend the event to crown the queen, but no definite acceptance has yet been received.

2 Nyssa Women Attend OEA Meet

Mrs. Hazel Lane and Mrs. Helen Gonyer returned from Monmouth, Ore., Wednesday evening. They had attended a leadership conference on the college campus under the leadership of the Oregon Education association on Aug. 7 through the 9th.

Mrs. Lane is president of the Nyssa Education association for the coming year. Many ideas for more successful plans in the field of educational leadership were given.

Some of the speakers were Rex Putnam state superintendent of schools; Miss Martha Schull, a Portland teacher, National vice president of the National Education association and Cecil Posey, OEA secretary.

A splendid panel consisting of a representative speaker from ten organizations of state and national rating spoke on the program and plans of their respective organizations for education during the coming year.

Organizations represented were State PTA, Oregon Congress of Industrial organizations (CIO), Junior Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Grange, Chamber of Commerce, University Women, state School board, Farm Bureau and Farm union.

Dr. Kerby Named County Chairman For Red Hat Day

Local efforts to make future hunting seasons safer, fire-free and easier on both hunters and landowners, will be coordinated by Dr. K. E. Kerby, Nyssa, whose appointment as Malheur county chairman of Oregon's Red Hat Day campaign was announced by Gov. Paul Patterson.

More than a score of statewide organizations are listed as sponsors of Red Hat Day, which has been set for Sept. 23. They include sportsman, labor, stockman, agricultural, timber industry and governmental groups concerned with hunting and hunter conduct.

In announcing the appointment, Gov. Patterson revealed that hunting season reports of vandalism, firearms accidents, fires and game law violations have increased.

"Perhaps only one in a thousand and hunters is to blame for these reports of poor sportsmanship," Patterson said, "but unless we can reach him through the Red Hat Day program, he is jeopardizing the hunting future for all of us."

The statewide educational campaign is directed by the Governor's Red Hat Day committee, composed of five representatives of sponsor groups. Plans call for a month-long campaign in the press and through other information media to call attention to the sportsman's outdoor obligations.

Red Hat Day was originated by the Isaac Walton league, according to Dr. J. E. Long, Malheur county president.

Virus Epidemic Strikes County

A virus epidemic has hit between 10 and 20 percent of the population of Malheur county and was described by County Health Officer Dr. L. A. Maulding as an "intestinal invasion."

The epidemic was particularly noticeable in Nyssa last week when entire households were afflicted with the illness and from one to several employees in business firms were confined at home. The epidemic seemed to be leveling off this week.

Dr. Maulding said that a few cases might be complicated by bacterial infection, but a vast majority were believed to be virus infections.

People Reminded Of Mexican Fiesta

Residents of this community are reminded that they should notify Harold Henigson, phone 6696, if they plan to attend the Mexican Fiesta Saturday evening at the Nyssa farm labor camp.

The dinner will start at 8 o'clock and will be in the labor camp mess hall with all Mexican dishes being served. The entire dinner is free, along with special Mexican dancing and musical numbers.

Residents of the camp are making arrangements and providing the food. Henigson stressed the importance of notifying him in advance so that preparations can be made for the dinner.

Committees Progress in Fact-Finding Work For Proposed Swimming Pool

A sub-committee of the swimming pool committee, consisting of Dick Maw, J. R. Winchell and Dick Forbess, met with the Nyssa city council at its last meeting to explore the possibility of the city donating land for a swimming pool site.

Various city property was considered and it was suggested that the Veterans housing project land could be used for a site. As this property is now under lease to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the council is considering the matter with the JC's.

Maw also indicated that his committee was considering other sites so that a choice can be made by the taxpayers of the community in a straw vote to be conducted in the near future. He stated that the reason the committee was considering a site within the city is because of advantages of sewage facilities and the availability of water.

Carl Barclay, chairman of the sub-committee to consider boundaries of the swimming pool district, reported that his

committee will recommend that the district include the land within the Nyssa Rural Fire Protection district and the city of Nyssa. He indicated that, based on the assessed valuation within such area, the estimated annual cost to the taxpayers will be between \$2.00 and \$3.00 per \$100.00 of taxes paid during 1954. In other words, if your tax bill has been \$200.00, the average cost will be from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per year.

The community is fortunate in having this cross section of farmers and Nyssa people to take part in this program, one proponent stated. In their deliberations the swimming pool committee has stressed the importance of having all of the people who will be affected by the construction of a swimming pool to fully understand the program so that no one will be misinformed when the final decision must be made.

Residents in the community are urged to contact Emil A. Stunz regarding any questions or suggestions.

LDS Stake, District, Divisional Softball Champs



PICTURED ABOVE are members of the LDS Softball team who will see action next week in Salt Lake City in the All-church playoff. They won the

right to enter the finals by winning the stake, district and divisional meets in Nyssa, Boise and at Burley. Pictured above, left to right are front row—

Dayle Moss, Bill Schilling, Roger Skeen, Edgel Wood and Ray Bybee and back row—Jay Bybee, Bob Wilson, Keith Gooch, Gary Beus and Rodney Beus. —Journal photo