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Government Steps In to Put Ban On No. 2 White Spud Shipments to Support Choice Potato Market

Peddlers Find City Ordinance Carries Meaning

Two groups of itinerant peddlers ran afoul of the law last week and a third made such strong demands at the city hall he was "advised" that full explanation of the city's Green River ordinance would accompany any arrest and court judgement.

Neal E. Stetler was fined \$10 after he was arrested for soliciting from door to door for orders for photographs. At several homes, money was allegedly collected for pictures to be taken and delivered at a later date. Chief of Police E. L. Hansen said that there were six persons in the group of peddlers and they did not have \$10 among them, so the court suspended a large part of the fine on condition they all leave town.

The same day James C. Parmele was arrested and fined \$25 for attempting to sell books in the residential section. The fine was suspended on condition that Parmele leave town.

A few days before a representative for a group of magazine salesmen demanded to see the anti-peddling ordinance at the city hall after he was refused a license. The chief of police informed the applicant that no license could be given and the only way he could see the ordinance "was to have a stenographer type a copy or to break the law and have the court read it to him."

Lewis Riggs Takes Observer Course

A/c Lewis K. Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Riggs of 521 N. 6th, Nyssa, is presently enrolled in the Primary Basic Observer Course at Harlingen Air Force Base, Harlingen, Texas.

The 12-month course, conducted by Air Force bases under the jurisdiction of the Flying Training Air Force, is designed to qualify aviation cadets and non-rated officers in the fundamentals of electronics, dead reckoning, and radar navigation, as pertains to today's rapidly advancing field of aviation.

Upon completion of this training, A/c Riggs will be awarded his silver wings and take his place in America's main line of defense—the new all-jet Air Force.

INJURED BY TRACTOR

Buena Vista—Brian Cleaver, six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cleaver fell from a tractor on which he was riding Wednesday and the tractor run over his body. He was taken to the Nyssa hospital where several x-rays were taken. He suffered bruises but no bones were broken.

Labor Camp Workers Stage Fiesta To Entertain Townfolks of Nyssa

Some 200 Nyssans were entertained royally last Saturday night when families living at the Labor Camp produced a dinner and evening of fun that featured Spanish foods, folk dances and song to which the whole city was invited.

It was a Spanish fiesta during which huge quantities of food was served the guests, with an ensuing out-of-doors program by the young men and women and children of the camp.

The program was arranged by the visiting workers themselves as a way of expressing their gratitude for Nyssa's efforts to make them feel at home during their stay here during the harvest season.

Concord Acclaimed
The party was regarded by civic leaders as testimony of great harmony between the community and the migrant workers necessary to this area's agricultural economy. As the Migrant Labor committee of the Chamber of Commerce put it:

"This year has been a renewal of our acquaintanceship. We are very happy to have you with us and look upon you, even though your stay here is temporary, as part of our permanent community. It is our hope that you will take part in the general activities of our community in the same way our permanent residents do."

The Nyssa manner of making the migrants feel at home has been lauded by other communities dependent on such workers and has been accepted as a pattern for other states.

Labor Camp Here Gets National Recognition

A request has been received from Washington, D. C. through the Employment Security Agency regional office in San Francisco for detailed information about the migrant labor camp at Nyssa.

Horace Arment, manager of the county office at Ontario, was here last week to obtain information for a special article to appear in the Employment Security Review, national house organ of the agency.

Arment said that Nyssa already has gained national recognition insofar as officials of the national agency are concerned because of work that already has been done in the Nyssa community with migrant workers.

The recreational program sponsored by the community, improved health conditions, encouragement by local school officials for youngsters to enroll in school and work of individual church groups have made the Nyssa camp one sought by migrant workers from Texas and other areas.

Coincident with Arment's assignment to get information for publication, was a petition circulated and signed by several score women at the camp asking that the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Reyes return here next year to carry on the work they have done last year and this.

Children Start Flocking Back to Enroll In School

Registration began Wednesday for the elementary and high schools with an anticipated open attendance of 1250 students, according to Richard V. Wilson, superintendent of schools.

New first graders were being brought to school by their parents for orientation, assignment of rooms, and introduction to their teachers during the day. The same procedure was to be followed Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

High school students also were registering Wednesday, with registration to continue Thursday and Friday.

On Thursday, sophomores will register from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., with juniors, seniors and sophomores from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

On Friday, freshmen will be registered from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Malheur County Fair Next Week Has Good Display Promise, Entertainment

Preparations for the 46th annual Malheur county fair were in high gear this week as fair officials readied grounds for the deluge of exhibits that will flood the fair grounds next week. The fair runs August 31 and Sept. 1, and 3.

Advanced registration of livestock indicates another good animal show, Blaine Girvin, fair board chairman, said. He reminded exhibitors to send in their pre-registration so that space would be available for them.

A record number of Grange and Farm Bureau organization booths have been entered, Leeds Bailey, county extension agent, said. Present registration indicates the entire west wall of the main exhibit hall will be lined with these displays.

Facilities of the armory are available again this year for the many sewing, cooking, flower and art exhibits. The building will also house the garden club booth division in which additional entries are listed this year.

Evening entertainment in the form of jolopy races is being arranged by the Ontario Jaycees. The races are scheduled for the evenings of September 1 and 2 at the fair grounds.

The schedule of events covering the 4-day fair will be found at the bottom of the page

Irving's Wonder About Their Recent Guest— A Dry Land Tortoise

An unusual guest at the E. W. Irving home is what apparently is a dry land tortoise. The Irvings know little about their newly found pet, but Mrs. Irving told the Journal Wednesday that her husband had found it on a dry side hill on their farm while raking grass seed. Its foot had been cut by the mower the day before.

They now have it staked out on their lawn and have noticed it eating dandelion leaves. Its shell measures about 7 inches in diameter, and its foot injury has completely healed.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving are anxious to know if this is a common visi-

Area Groups To Hear Report On Pool Next Week

A meeting of the swimming pool committee was held Thursday night at the Doll House, with Chairman Emil Stunz in charge.

Principal topics discussed were sites other than the veterans housing location and further details will be forthcoming at a later meeting as investigation definite can be disclosed.

It was agreed that at the next meeting, Sept. 1, representatives of all civic groups, churches, lodges, granges, rural clubs, etc., would be invited to attend so that the representative group can be fully informed on the program to date and in turn receive a cross section of public opinion on the program.

In order to finance the project, a park district could be formed for the sole purpose of building a swimming pool—subject to voter approval. Five or more directors would be selected, probably three from the rural area and two from Nyssa. These men will handle all matters of policy, finances and all operations of the pool. By so doing, each part of the community would have equal representation and a good operation would be assured.

Other towns, such as Ontario, Weiser, Vale, Emmett, Caldwell, Nampa and Meridian, have been successful in building and maintaining swimming pools and there is no reason why this community cannot do equally well, or better, on a much needed project of this nature, Carl Barclay, committee chairman, commented.

UP Veep Visits Nyssa to Study Rail Potentials

Nyssa's increasing importance as a rail shipping center was being studied this week by Ambrose J. Seitz, vice president of the Union Pacific railroad.

Seitz was here on an inspection trip and his presence gave raise to the conjecture that increased railroad yard and siding facilities are being considered.

During his stay in the area, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stunz were his guests at dinner aboard his private car.

During his visit, the railroad executive also visited Ontario and made a general tour of inspections of all installations in this vicinity.

Seattle Man Is New City Manager

Rev. Hastings New Pastor of Local Church

The Nyssa Christian church this week announced that the Rev. Earl Hastings has been appointed to the pastorate here and will begin his duties August 28.

Rev. Hastings was born and received his elementary and high school education in the vicinity of The Dalles. He began studying for the ministry at Northwest Christian college in the fall of 1940 at the close of 1942, he gave up his studies to enter the Marine Corp, where he served as a radioman and took part in the battles of Marshall Islands, Siapan, and Iwo Jima.

He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star and was discharged from the service in October, 1945.

Hastings was married to Olive May Porter in 1946 and then resumed his studies at NCC with his wife attending also. Rev. Hastings was ordained to the ministry Jan. 18, 1948 at the Valley Christian church in Hood River, Ore. Mrs. Hastings' father, H. Lawrence Porter, who at the present time is minister to students at Oregon State college, conducted the ordination service.

Rev. Hastings served almost three years at the Kent Christian church at Kent, Ore., and since leaving Kent, has been farming at The Dalles and serving as supply pastor for the churches of that district.

They have four children, Edna-may, 8; Lawrence, 6; Stephen, 4 and E. Neal, 16 months. They were expected to arrive in Nyssa today (Thursday) and will make their home at the church parsonage, 414 Ennis Ave.

Loyalty Dinner Opens St. Hubert Church Campaign

A large crowd of St. Hubert parishioners gathered at the Nyssa high school Little Theater Monday night for a loyalty dinner. The purpose of the dinner was to launch the canvass for funds to build a new Catholic church in Nyssa.

It is planned to raise the necessary funds through two year pledges from every parish member to be paid on a weekly basis wherever possible or on quarterly, semi annual or annual installments if more suitable to the family.

It is planned to select a new site for the church which will be large enough to accommodate not only the church but also, at a later date, a parish hall, convent, school and rectory, according to Father Rembert Ahles, O.F.M., pastor of St. Hubert church.

The program for the Loyalty Dinner consisted of an address by the Most Reverend Bishop Francis P. Leipzig, D.D., Bishop of Baker. The pastor, Father Rembert, spoke on the canvass and the growth of the parish.

Laymen on the program were Wilton C. Jackson who was the presiding chairman and also spoke on "How to Make A Pledge."

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Council Is Unanimous in Picking Audrey Middaugh for the Position

Audrey R. Middaugh, 32, Seattle, was named Nyssa city manager Tuesday night at a special meeting of the city council called to select the manager from several applicants. Middaugh expects to assume his new position Sept. 15 and Mrs. Middaugh will move here as soon as living quarters can be located.

The new manager is Nyssa's third since the manager form of government was adopted by popular vote in December, 1944 and E. K. Burton was appointed the following February. Burton resigned the position in July, 1953 and was succeeded by Robert M. Applegate three months later.

Applegate filled the position until July 15 of this year when he went to Baker to serve in a similar capacity with a salary approximately \$2000 a year greater than Nyssa's \$5,400 position.

Middaugh has had extensive training and experience in public administration, being employed at the present time as governmental research consultant with the University of Washington in Seattle. He was graduated from Lewis and Clark college in Port-

Some Delay Possible In Construction Of Snake Bridge; Gets More Battering

A new bridge across the Snake river at Nyssa may not be built until late this fall or even next spring, P. M. Stevenson, state bridge engineer, told the Gate City Journal by telephone from Salem Monday. Stevenson spent a week here last December after the east span of the present bridge collapsed into the river and had to be replaced with a temporary wooden span.

The bridge engineer indicated that even though all appropriations have been made for a new structure, there has been a delay within the highway department to enable the Nyssa bridge to be tied in with a new program. Allocation of funds is made by departments other than that of the state highway commission making it impossible to announce a definite time now.

Span Falls In River
The Nyssa bridge was extensively damaged and all traffic was halted for eight days after the east span fell from the bridge footings on Dec. 4. The span was torn loose from the rest of the bridge when a beam on a logging truck apparently came loose and hit the top of the bridge. The Nyssa chamber provided free ferry service to and from the Idaho side and taxi service from the bridge into town during the eight days interval the steel span was being removed and the wood-

Speed Up Possible
However, the state official stated that if there is any possible way to complete designs, call for and accept bids and start construction earlier this fall, it will be done.

Plans for the new bridge place the location just north of the present bridge with the Oregon end adjacent to the present approach and the Idaho end a few feet down stream to eliminate part of the curve on the Idaho side.

Gene Stunz Leaves For Reserve Training

Gene Stunz, lumberman and president of the Chamber of Commerce, is off to Alaska for two weeks on a U. S. Naval Reserve training mission.

Stunz, a lieutenant in the Naval Reserves, left the first of the week for a tour of duty aboard the destroyer escort USS Rombach, cruising into Alaskan waters and return.

land in 1952 with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and political science as a minor subject. In 1954 he was graduated from the University of Washington where he took a post graduate course in public administration.

Prior to accepting his present position in April, 1954, the new city manager was a research assistant for the Washington State Taxpayers association. He has worked with chamber of commerce, the League of Women voters, school districts and civic groups concerning problems of metropolitan area along with studies of state legislation, district apportionment and school district reorganization. He is now a member of the International City Managers association and the Western Governmental Research association.

Middaugh served as a bombardier in the U. S. Air Corps from April, 1943 until Nov., 1945 when he was released from the service as a second lieutenant. Prior to his military service, he served as installation technician for the Western Electric from 1941 to 1943 and again after World War II from 1945 until 1949.

en span was being put in place for temporary use.

The bridge has had "bad luck" since last December's catastrophe. Last spring the asphalt on the bridge deck wore thin, causing the bridge to "rumble" whenever vehicles crossed it. Following local protests a new covering was placed on the planks. Last week a car coming from Idaho went out of control and tore out part of the south railing. Last Saturday, more of the bridge cross-beams were damaged when a huge Consolidated freight truck hit the upper part.

Stevenson was emphatic in reassuring the public through the Journal that the bridge is just as safe as a newly built structure and based his statements on recent engineering reports as well as the fact that "wedges" inserted in various places several years ago have not been forced out by vibration.

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Local Men Attend Scout Council Executive Meet

Plans were completed last Thursday at Caldwell for a program of scouting this fall which promises to bring scouting to an all-time high, according to Arvel Child, Nyssa, chairman of the extension committee of the Ore-Ida Council's executive board. Child said that plans are to organize 58 new units in the council with special emphasis on organizing explorer units.

In Malheur county the goal is for six new explorer posts, two cub packs and one scout troop. Total council membership exceeds 3400 boys and 110 adults and organization of the new units will result in a boy membership of more than 5000, making this council the eighth largest in the 26 councils of the northwest.

Jed Lewis, council finance chairman, at last Thursday's meeting reviewed plans for a campaign to be held throughout the council on Sept. 22.

Next meeting of the executive board will be in Ontario Sept. 21.

Adrian High School Band Members Asked To Attend Practice

Raymond Weatherspoon, Adrian high and grade school music director, has called a rehearsal of the Adrian high school band for Wednesday evening, Aug. 31 at 8 p. m. at the high school music rooms.

Graduating members of the intermediate band are especially urged to attend the practice in preparation of the Class B football jamboree set for Sept. 9 at Parma.

Fair Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 31 — 1 P. M. — Swine Judging
4-H — South of Hog Barn
FFA — Show Tent, following FFA Class
Open Class — Show Tent, following FFA Class
1 P. M. — Sheep Judging
FFA, 4-H, and Open Class
Show Tent, in sequence
1 P. M. — Land Products — Exhibit Hall
Flowers — Armory
Baked Goods — Armory
Exhibit Booths — Armory
Paintings — Armory
6 P. M. — Judging Open Class Beef
Thursday, September 1 — 9 A. M.
Judging Open Class Dairy and Dual Purpose
Cattle, in sequence
9 A. M. Judging 4-H and FFA Beef, in sequence
9 A. M. Judging 4-H Dairy Class
9 A. M. Judging FFA Dairy Class
Friday, September 2 —
10:30 A. M. Livestock Judging Contest
1:30 P. M. Judging Rabbits and Poultry
2 P. M. Dairy Heifer Sale, Malheur Dairy
Breeders' Association
7:30 P. M. Junior Fat Stock Sale
Saturday, September 3 — 1 P. M. Presenting of Awards.