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Stunz Announces Petitions Ready For Federal Plan

Petitions for a ballot title in the 1956 general election for a constitutional amendment for re-apportionment of the state and adoption of the federal plan for electing state senators and representatives will soon be available throughout the state, State Rep. Emil Stunz told the Nyssa chamber of commerce Wednesday noon.

Stunz, who attempted to have the matter introduced at the last session of the legislature, explained that a statewide campaign without party lines will likely develop for the re-apportionment. There are now 30 senators, of whom seven are from Multnomah county, and 60 representatives, of whom 16 are from Multnomah county. Malheur county has one representative and shares a senator with Grant and Harney counties. The federal plan would allow one senator from each county and representatives on the basis of population as they are now elected, Stunz explained.

The state representative said that there is widespread interest in the proposal and that efforts to introduce the measure in the legislature were blocked in committees.

In comparing Oregon's present system with the federal plan, Stunz stated that the west probably would never have been developed had the federal government elected its U. S. senators on the basis of population.

The Nyssa chamber was asked to consider a substantial sum in its 1956 budget to help fight for the proposal.

It was announced by R. V. Wilson that a joint banquet with members of Oregon Trail Grange will be held Dec. 13 and that a speaker will be announced later.

A committee composed of Paul Penrod, chairman, Frank Sherwood, Edward Boydell, Clyde Snider and Duane Alters was appointed by President Gene Stunz to study a special committee's courthouse proposal and recommend what action the Nyssa chamber should take.

J.C. Christmas Tree Sale Event

Nyssa's Junior Chamber of Commerce will go into the Christmas tree business Saturday of next week with hundreds of trees of all sizes on sale at the Signal Oil Co. station on Main street.

Jay Bybee, chairman of the project, said that three grocers who have sold Christmas trees in past years will not stock them this season to give the Jaycees an opportunity for greater sales for their fund-raising project. All trees sold will be mounted and ready for trimming, it was announced.

Jaycees will take turns for the three week period to be on hand to take care of customers.

Other members of the committee are George Oxnam and Woodrow Seuell.

H. School Stages Operetta Fri. Nite

"If you enjoy chuckles," be sure to attend the operetta, "Hearts and Blossoms" to be presented Friday night by the Nyssa high school mixed chorus. The curtains will go up promptly at 8 o'clock Friday evening in the high school auditorium.

There is a great need for choir robes in the school, so all proceeds from this enjoyable show will be used as a stepping stone toward their purchase, Ralph Anderson, director of the musical announced.

The public is invited to attend. Leading roles for the comic operetta are taken by Jeanine Drown, Valene Mitchell, Nancy Skeen, Jack Franklin, Jerry Leseberg, Darrell Cartwright, Pat Nicholson and Eugene Maxfield.

Speaking parts are enacted by Nancy House, Karen Fife, John Sanders and Glenn Griffiths. Student directors are Bill Low and Annette Stradley with Carolyn Duffin as pianist.

Keitha Strasbaugh Pledges Sorority

Word has been received here that Miss Keitha Strasbaugh has pledged the Ring Sorority at the College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Miss Strasbaugh has also accepted the membership of the Shield club, a woman's honorary service organization. Members are chosen for the club according to their scholastic ability and their participation in campus activities.

School Calls For Bids On \$450,000 Building Program

Bids for a \$450,000 school expansion program for the Nyssa area's district 26C will be opened Jan. 10, it was announced this week by Supt. R. V. Wilson.

The program is divided into two projects on which voters of the district voted a year ago. A building for six class rooms for the grade school and an auditorium was estimated at \$275,000 and an addition to the high school to house a hot lunch room, music room and shop was estimated at \$175,000. The grade school class rooms would have its own heating system, while the high school addition would be connected to the existing heating system.

Architects reports indicated that actual costs may be below the estimated costs and amount of bonds voted, according to Supt. R. V. Wilson.

Contractors will be able to bid on one or both of the projects.

Nyssans Urged To Plan for Christmas Lighting Contest

The Nyssa Civic club with the aid of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the annual Christmas lighting and decorating contest. Plans are shaping up for an even more extensive campaign than usual in efforts to beautify Nyssa and magnify the Christmas spirit, Mrs. Gene Grasty, special projects chairman for the Civic club, announced today.

Homes, business houses and churches are urged to plan Christmas window or exterior displays in readiness for the contest. It is hoped that children will prepare exhibits so there may be a juvenile division this year, Mrs. Grasty stated.

Judging of displays will be done on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, four days prior to Christmas. Cash awards will again be made to winners of the best arrangements. Judges will include Civic club representatives, Mrs. Boyd Wilson, Mrs. Grant Hughes, Mrs. Dale Garrison, Mrs. Grasty and Mrs. Duane Holcomb, and chamber delegate, Henry Quast.

All Christmas scenes or decorations for the contest must be arranged so they are visible from the outside of the building.

Nyssa HS Leaders To SRV Student Officer Confab

A delegation of Nyssa high school students and their advisors will attend the annual Snake River Valley student officer's conference to be held Saturday at Emmett high school.

Schedule for the day includes registration at 8:30 a.m. in the Emmett high school gym followed by a general meeting of student officers in the auditorium. R. H. Young of Parma will be guest speaker. Sectional meetings are scheduled from 10 to 12 and again from 1 to 3 p.m.

Planning to attend the student body officers session from Nyssa are John Sanders, president; Larry Schenk, vice president; Mardelle Thompson, secretary; Catherine Coleman, treasurer; Sharon Glover, business manager and Vernon Pond, public relations chairman.

Letterman's Club representatives will be Don Nolen and Val Garner; Girls' Athletic Assoc., Phyllis Medlock and Janice Lewis; student newspaper, Pat Barclay and Cherie Toomb; annual staff, Pat Nicholson and Frank Morris; yell leaders, Nancy House, Nadine May and Nancy Skeen; Girls' League, Thelma Mullins, Letha Sager, Carolyn Jones and Mae Yoneyama.

Staff members accompanying the group will be Miss Ruth Jones, Girls' League advisor, Clyde Swisher and Jack Jenkins, high school principal. The round trip will be made by Nyssa school bus.

Nyssa Churches to Give PTA Program

The Nyssa churches will join in presenting the PTA Christmas program.

The churches of the community will bring to Nyssa one of the most outstanding Christmas programs Thursday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Nyssa high school gym.

Inspiring and educational messages in song and speech directed by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jackson will carry out the theme "Know The Meaning of Christmas." Everyone is urged to attend this Christmas season program.

Welfare Group Continues Work Here This Year

Nyssa's Coordinated Welfare committee composed of representatives of civic and religious organizations from the area formulated plans at a meeting Saturday night to continue welfare work here again this year as during the past two years of its existence.

A follow-up meeting of the committee will be held Monday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in the office of Judge Don M. Graham. At this time they will make up a list of recipients for Christmas season baskets.

In order that a proper list may be compiled to avoid any duplication of baskets given, all organizations both civic and religious, are asked to contact the chairman, Wayne Garner, phone 2382; Kenneth Renstrom, phone 3027, or Judge Graham, phone 2330, and report needy families.

These organizations are urged not only to report names of any families who may be in need of assistance but also to inform the committee as to the number of baskets they will be able to provide the committee for distribution.

The Coordinated Welfare committee was created three years ago when an urgent need for assistance to local families arose after county welfare funds were exhausted, a spokesman reported. During the time of its functioning, a great many needy families and individuals have been helped with food and clothing.

The committee carefully studies the needs of each name reported to it, checking with the county welfare department and local welfare sources to assure and even fair distribution of supplies.

Christmas Mail Steady; Office Open Dec. 17, 24

Although a steady flow of early Christmas mail is being handled at the Nyssa post office, no actual rush has yet been experienced, according to Postmaster Lloyd Lewis. Patrons are again reminded that they should continue the early mailing to assure early delivery of their packages.

The local office will remain open two Saturday afternoons before Christmas — on Dec. 17 and 24 — to take care of both outgoing and incoming mail.

The parcel post window will not be open on Christmas day nor on Monday, Dec. 26, which is being observed as Christmas, the postmaster said. In past years the window has remained open because there is no city nor rural delivery.

State Health Board Urges Immediate Salk Immunization for Area Children

Four weeks have elapsed since the emergency gamma globulin clinic was set up in Nyssa to temporarily immunize all persons under 35 years of age. This week Dr. H. M. Erickson, health officer of the Oregon State Board of Health, issued the following statement regarding Salk vaccine shots that are available through all local doctors:

"Polio immunization should be started now in order to have maximum protection before the peak of the 1956 polio season. The protection induced by polio vaccine takes time to develop. Three doses of the vaccine are necessary to secure maximum protection. Even one dose is better than none at all. The most desirable spacing of doses as recommended at present is for the first two doses to be given two to four weeks apart and the third (booster) dose to be given seven to 10 months later. For this reason, immunization should be started now in order to permit completion of the three dose schedule before the late summer peak of the polio season.

"Gamma globulin which was given in the clinics at the Nyssa high school gives only a temporary protection which lasts five to eight weeks. Salk vaccine gives a more lasting protection.

"Salk polio vaccine as currently manufactured is safe and parents need have no fear that injections of this vaccine could cause polio. In addition recent data released at the American Public Health association meeting in Kansas City, Mo., showed that the Salk polio vaccine gives 75 to 90 percent protection against paralytic polio.

"It is important that the most susceptible persons be vaccinated first since there is still not enough vaccine available for everyone. For this reason, physicians and the public have been asked to

Thief Prepares for Christmas Dinners

People of the rural Nyssa area are alerted by the thievery of a number of fowls which were reported to the Journal Wednesday. The culprits seem to be operating on Tuesday nights in a silent, experienced fashion.

M. A. Ratazyk, who lives 12 miles southwest of Nyssa, lost one valuable peacock Tuesday night of last week. He has a flock of 10 of the prize birds. No clues as to its disappearance have yet been determined.

He also revealed that Mrs. Albert Notheis, who lives about one mile from his place, missed approximately 35 chickens from her henhouse Wednesday morning of this week. The birds were apparently snatched during the night Tuesday.

Portland Group To Reschedule Trip To Area

The Portland chamber of commerce announced this week that its trade and commerce committee will make an excursion to eastern Oregon and the Boise valley sometime in February or March. The group, composed of between 30 and 40 men, had scheduled a trip to this area in October and cancelled the trip a few days before the date of arrival.

In a letter to the Journal, Edward N. Weinbaum, manager of the trade and commerce department of the Portland chamber, stated: "I can assure you that the polio situation was not the real reason for calling off the trip. There were so many dates we were crossed-up on that we could not get those who had first made reservations to keep from cancelling out."

The Nyssa chamber had made preparations for a cocktail hour and dinner for the visitors, which brought an expression of appreciation from the Portland group and comments that it is hoped that similar arrangements can be made when a new date is announced.

Jaycees Urge S-D Day Observance

Elvin Ballou, safety chairman of the Nyssa Junior Chamber of Commerce, announced that the local organization is joining other organizations and individuals in the national S-D day today to make the general public safe-driving conscious. The Nyssa Jaycees are cooperating with Jaycees at Ontario and Vale in sponsoring a radio program urging safety.

The Nyssa chairman urged residents of this area to think seriously about the special day that has been set aside in an effort to cut down on highway accidents throughout the year.

Sanitarian Post Expected To Be Filled Soon

An appointment arranged several days ago to interview an applicant for the county sanitarian position last Friday, was postponed when the applicant sent word that he could not make the trip, according to Dr. Grant B. Hughes, county health officer.

Dr. Hughes said that he immediately called a second applicant, who is now employed as sanitarian in Coos county and has indicated he is interested in eastern Oregon. The Coos county man is expected to be here soon for an interview and would be available Jan. 1, if the county health department, the county court and the applicant work out satisfactory arrangements, Dr. Hughes stated.

The county health officer said that he expects to attend a health officers annual convention in Portland Dec. 7, 8 and 9, where problems pertaining to all phases of public health are studied and discussed.

Water System To Be Ready Dec. 15, Is Latest Report

Nyssa's new water system will be completed about Dec. 15, it was predicted Wednesday by J. V. Van Noy, contractor, who finished installation of all pumps at the new well last week. Wiring is now being done by Morrison Electric and all pumps will have to be connected to various switches for all-automatic control.

A new water main is being installed on North Fourth street and is expected to be completed within a few days. Another new line was laid on North Fifth several weeks ago, all part of the \$183,000 project.

Original completion date was July 1, but difficulty was encountered by the Ranney Corporation in locating an adequate supply of water for its collector-type well, then further delays were encountered when pipe failed to arrive on schedule.

The new system will provide domestic, industrial and irrigation water for a city of more than 4,000 population and about double that number with installation of water meters and a large supplementary storage. The project is being financed with general obligation bonds, being paid off by water rentals which were increased in price several weeks ago to take care of both principal and interest on the bonds.

Food Caravan Is Readied Here for Portland Hospital

Response to the collection of food for a caravan to the Crippled Children's hospital at Portland was termed as excellent and even surpassed expectations, Earl Hollingsworth, chairman for the Nyssa area indicated. The project was sponsored by the Snake River Valley Shrine club.

Approximately 16 pick-up truck loads of food stuffs were collected in the immediate lower Snake River Valley area and are being readied to leave by caravan from Ontario Friday morning about 7:30. This caravan will join another four loads from cities between here and Portland enroute.

This hospital is maintained by the Shriners for care of crippled children whose parents cannot afford proper hospitalization.

Nyssa contributions were transported to Ontario Tuesday evening.

Nyssa Area Gets Abundance Rain

Heavy rain Wednesday was one day early for last week's report of Weather Forecasts, Inc. which stated that this area would have a bad storm about Dec. 1. Prior to Wednesday's rain, there had been 22 inches of precipitation since Nov. 23.

Further rain or snow is predicted at various intervals until Dec. 17 and 18 when another storm is predicted.

Weather readings for the past week are:

	Max.	Min.	Per.
Nov. 23	36	30	.08
Nov. 24	47	29	.05
Nov. 25	48	27	.05
Nov. 26	44	35	.05
Nov. 27	48	38	.06
Nov. 28	46	32	.02
Nov. 29	48	39	.03
Nov. 30	33		
Owyhee Reservoir Storage			
Nov. 30, 1955	75,744 A. Ft.		
Nov. 30, 1954	143,890 A. Ft.		

Special Committee Suggests County Build Courthouse Instead of Buying, Remodeling School, Present Building

A nine-man committee recommended to the Malheur county court last Friday that the county should build a new courthouse instead of purchasing the Vale high school building and remodeling it, or attempting to remodel the present courthouse.

The committee, appointed last March, has held 16 meetings and had hired the services of Roald, Schmeer & Harrington, architects, Portland, for an extensive survey of the problem.

\$42,000 Saving

The most deciding factor was obviously cost, which was worked out in detail by the architects for a new courthouse and for remodeling the school building. A new courthouse's estimated cost is \$337,810 including demolition of the old building and all new furniture. Total cost of purchasing the school building for \$125,000 estimated cost of renovating it and adding all new furniture is \$380,026.37.

Gene Stunz, chairman of the committee, said that the architectural firm was selected because its headquarters are in Portland and away from any political discussion of the courthouse situation of the past and because of its extensive experience in construction of Oregon courthouses, including the recent, Harney, Hood River and Umatilla projects.

Plans and specifications as presented by the architects were used as a yardstick and are not established by the committee as the recommended final plans, it was emphasized.

\$146,000 In Special Fund

Insofar as financing is concerned, the committee made suggestions, rather than recommendations, since there are at least two courses of action that could be taken. At the present time the county has a sinking fund of approximately \$146,000 which was budgeted over several years for courthouse construction.

Since the county cannot bond for a courthouse, it has been

Youth Critical Following Sunday Shotgun Mishap

Harvey Harrell, 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Harrell of Adrian, is reported in very critical condition in the Malheur Memorial hospital with injuries sustained from a shotgun blast in his lower abdomen Sunday about 3:30 p.m.

The attending physician reported Wednesday afternoon that the youth is in extreme danger from shock and infection. Extensive injuries to organs and soft tissue of the lower abdomen were inflicted by the shot. He underwent emergency surgery at the hospital Sunday afternoon. Ten pints of whole blood were rushed here for him from the Boise regional Red Cross center by the Idaho State police to supplement the hospital's supply, according to reports.

Findings from an investigation of the shooting made by the Oregon state police, revealed that the Harrell boy was visiting in the home of Larry Norris, 14, of Adrian when the accident occurred. The two lads were alone in the house when Norris apparently started to hand the gun to Harrell and it accidentally discharged.

Apple Valley PTA Benefit Carnival

Apple Valley—A carnival is to be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Apple Valley school gym sponsored by the Apple Valley PTA. Proceeds will go to the hot lunch program.

There will be fun for all at the bingo booth, ring toss, dart throw, fish pond, cake walk, beauty salon, baseball throw, wonders of the world, country store and refreshment booth.

Everyone is welcome and everyone attending has a chance to win the turkey given as door prize.

Concert Scheduled By Nyssa HS Band

The Nyssa high school band has made considerable progress in preparation for their winter concert to be presented Tuesday evening, Dec. 13 in the high school auditorium. This musical treat will begin at 8 o'clock under the direction of Ralph G. Anderson. A variety of band selections and instrumental solos will be featured on the program.

recommended that a special levy be presented to the people. A 6 or 7 mill levy would raise an adequate amount in one year to match the \$146,000, or the levy could be spread out over any number of years, the committee reported.

The written report to the county court stated, "... the committee recommends that the construction of a new courthouse be undertaken as soon as possible. However, the committee does not consider the courthouse situation an emergency which should be given priority over other county needs for finance, but the committee recommends that the county budget board continue to add all funds possible out of the regular budget to the sinking fund, or investigate the advisability of a special tax levy ..."

Opinions Differ

The architectural firm reported that there is a difference of opinion in regard to the need of a new courthouse, and the difference varies between the towns of Vale, Ontario and Nyssa. Approximately 200 people were questioned in the three towns, according to the local committee.

At Ontario, the people were split 50-50 as to the need of a new courthouse, according to the architects. The people who were the most outspoken against a new building were the ones who were working for the county offices located in Ontario, according to the report. People at Nyssa were realistic about the need for some change, but not much thought had been given to the cost of reworking the school building, it was reported.

Opinion at Nyssa was that the present building is too small and all county offices should be under one roof. At Vale people as a whole were very much in favor of some change, the feeling being mixed for a new building and for the high school building. The people seemed unaware of the work that would have to be done to the school building, the architects reported.

The report on sampling public opinion was concluded with the comment that many people in the three towns "felt that it was too bad that the present court house site couldn't be used; it was central; the site was so well situated; and it is an old land mark."

In addition to Stunz, members of the committee were Ted Morgan, Nyssa; Holmes McCleary and Morgan Beck, Ontario; Ed Dilley and Kenneth Zimmerlied, Vale; Bob Webster, Adrian; Blaine Girvin, master of Ponomera Grange, Willow Creek, and John C. Kennedy, president of the county Farm Bureau.

Stunz said that the report submitted to the county court was unanimously approved and that every member of the committee took an active interest in all phases of the study. There were numerous compromises necessary following numerous technical points that arose during the investigation, the chairman said.

Man Burned, Dogs Killed In Fire Wednes. Morning

Fire that completely destroyed a home and all its contents, took the lives of two pet dogs and caused second and third degree burns when the owner attempted to rescue the two animals.

Victor Rico is confined to the Malheur Memorial hospital with burns on his face, arms, legs and feet, suffered when his home burned Wednesday morning. The small house, located at 103 East Fourth street, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin and was engulfed in flames by the time the alarm sounded and firemen could arrive.

Rico discovered that his dogs were missing and returned to the burning house to rescue them, but was unsuccessful. The only items saved were several pieces of laundry on the clothes line.

Locey Chairman Water Board

Carroll Locey, Ironside rancher and former state representative, was appointed Tuesday by County Judge G. Y. Chester to serve as chairman of Malheur county's water resource board. Other members elected by representatives of all parts of the county several days ago, are Dyer Bennett, Ontario, vice chairman; Walter White, Vale, secretary; and Tobe Eubanks, Vale, state committeeman. The county board will represent Malheur on the regional water resources board.