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School District To Award Bids For New Buildings Next Tuesday Evening

1500 Salk Shots Given In Nyssa Clinics by Wed.

Salk polio immunizations administered to individuals in the Nyssa community had reached 1500 by Wednesday afternoon according to reports from the three medical clinics in Nyssa.

This total represents 87 percent of the approximate 1725 who are eligible for the shots within this school district.

While there was an acceleration in the number of first shots given this week during Christmas vacation, all three clinics were busy with second shots which are recommended to be given one month from the date of the first.

Bulldogs Defeat Meridian 35-33 In Tuesday Game

The Nyssa Bulldogs won a narrow 35-33 victory over the Meridian Warriors in a hard fought SRV A-league basketball game Tuesday night at Meridian, earning them a four game win and two loss record so far in the basketball season.

The Nyssa squad, trailing their opponents 8 to 10 in the first quarter and 16 to 21 at the half-time, battled to a 27-27 tie at the end of the third quarter and eased ahead in the last quarter to win by a two-point margin.

Larry Schenk led the scoring for the Nyssa squad with 16 points followed by Dennis Forbes with 10 points and Gerry Leseberg, six.

Scheduled for the coming week are two home games, one with Payette Friday night and Nampa Saturday night. They play the Vale Vikings on the Vale floor, next Tuesday and journey to John Day, Friday, Jan. 13.

Chapter Contest For FFA Winners Monday at N.H.S.

The eight winners in the Nyssa high school FFA preliminary speaking contests which have been held during class hours this week will participate in the chapter speaking contest scheduled for Monday evening. The event, open to the public, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Little Theater of the high school, Leroy Pulliam, FFA advisor, announced.

Freshman class winners in the preliminaries are Dennis Spitz and Smith Matsunaga; sophomores, Larry Hickman and Stanley Sisson and juniors, George Igo and Lowry Flake. The two senior winners were to have been selected this morning (Thursday).

The speeches, given on any phase of agriculture, are of an eight minute minimum or 10 minute maximum.

The first place winner in the Monday night competition will be eligible to enter the FFA district contest to be held in the Vale high school Feb. 1 and 2. Entered in the district finals will be winning students from Vale, Nyssa, Ontario, Adrian, Halfway and Baker high school FFA chapters.

5th, 6th Boys To Begin BB Program

All boys in the fifth and sixth grades of Nyssa schools are invited to participate in a supervised basketball program beginning this Saturday and continuing each Saturday morning through February 25.

Each session will be held from 9 to 11:30 a. m. in the high school gym.

The program is supervised by Walter McPartland, elementary school principal and Coach Bill Jarrett.

College Students Hosts At New Year's Eve Party

The Wilber Holcomb home was the scene of a New Year's eve party with 28 guests in attendance.

Gene Servoss, Dick Herriman, Kenneth Toomb, John Lienkaemper, Junius Tanner and Rodney Holcomb were hosts for the evening.

Mrs. Helmer Ostrom returned home Tuesday morning after spending 10 days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sterner at Klamath Falls. Also visiting at the Sterners were Mrs. Ostrom's niece and family, Dr. and Mrs. George Long, Dick and Judy of Richland, Wash.

Low, High Temps Cause Slight Damage to Beets

A wide variance of temperatures in the Boise valley from two degrees on Nov. 15 and 16, to unseasonable highs in the 60's from Dec. 18 to 25, have caused a slight loss in the stored beet piles of The Amalgamated Sugar company according to Jed Lewis, Nyssa-Nampa district manager.

The sugar company official pointed out that the exceedingly low temperatures put from one to two feet of frost along the outside of the storage piles, which usually does not occur until 30 days later in this territory. This was followed by the extreme mid-December warm weather, which drew out all the frost from the outside or face areas of stored beets.

"As a result of this situation, the most severe climatic changes in many years in this vicinity, a small portion of the stored beets have deteriorated to the extent that some will be lost. However, with the advent of somewhat cooler weather, the bulk of all beet piles are in fairly good condition and the beets are now being normally processed at the Nampa and Nyssa factories with no significant change in sugar content," Lewis said.

Paul Penrod Recovers From Recent Surgery

Paul Penrod, manager of the Idaho Power Co. at Nyssa was transferred to his home Tuesday from Malheur Memorial hospital where he underwent major surgery last Wednesday morning.

He is reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

Combination Pessimism and Optimism Reigns Prior to Blood Drawing Tues.

A last minute appeal for blood donors has been made by the Nyssa community's two chairmen, who asked to remain anonymous if no more pledges come in than were reported on Wednesday of this week. The bloodmobile will be at the Nyssa high school all day next Monday.

Using a courtroom approach of complete pessimism, Harold Henigson, one of the chairmen who asked to remain anonymous, stated "It is doubtful if Nyssa will surpass the 56 pints produced at the Dec. 28 drawing in Ontario."

Kressley Is New Station Manager

Management of Powell's Service Station was taken over Monday by Duane Kressley who announced he has leased the business from Standard Oil Co. The station has been operated by Bert and Kermit Lienkaemper for the past 15 years and by the former brother since 1936.

Kressley is a graduate of Nyssa high school and recently returned from South Dakota where he has been employed. He suffered a broken leg a month ago and is being assisted by George Hoffman in management of the station.

Buhl Defeats Nyssa In Dec. 27 Game

The Nyssa Bulldogs basketball squad journeyed to Buhl for a non-conference game Dec. 27. They were defeated by a score of 57-33.

Dennis Forbes and Larry Schenk led the scoring for the Bulldogs with 15 and 14 points respectively.

IOOF To Install New Officers Mon.

Installation of new officers for the Odd Fellows lodge will be held Monday night at the IOOF hall according to tentative plans.

Members of the executive slate to be installed are John Reeves, noble grand; Roy Winchell, vice grand; Herb Cox, secretary and Owen Gann, treasurer. Lee Miller is out-going noble grand.

Weather . . .

Temperatures and precipitation during the past week as recorded by the North Board of Control.

	Max.	Min.	Per.
Dec. 28	35	25	.05
Dec. 29	35	20	
Dec. 30	36	18	
Dec. 31	44	19	
Jan. 1	38	32	.12
Jan. 2	36	30	
Jan. 3	40	27	
Jan. 4		30	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
Jan. 3, 1956 — 147,470 A. Ft.
Jan. 3, 1955 — 157,180 A. Ft.

City Offers "No Interest" Appeal On Old Accounts

Another concession for delinquent city accounts was made last Thursday night at a special meeting of the city council. An undisclosed number of property owners, who are reportedly delinquent in their payment of assessments for sewer improvements districts 1 and 2 and sidewalk districts 1 and 2, are being notified that all interest will be waived if full payment is made within 90 days of the second notice. Interest has been set at 6 percent, according to City Manager Jack Middaugh.

The city manager said the entire amount of money owed for the four different accounts has not been ascertained.

At the November meeting of the council, approximately \$7,000 worth of old sewer charges were cancelled and between \$300 and \$500 worth of similar charges were cancelled at the December meeting.

All other old accounts due will be collected or placed as official liens against the property with full interest charged from the due date, Middaugh said. The reason for cancellation of some charges and some interest is that city records were inadequate and in some instances there is doubt that notices were ever sent to property owners, it was explained.

The city manager announced that old water accounts, many of which are current but delinquent as much as two years, are being paid up. Efforts were started more than a year ago to start collecting many of these old accounts which were reported to have amounted to several thousand dollars. Payments in the amount of \$15 to \$25 at one time are being paid to bring several individual accounts up to date, Middaugh said.

A payment of 10 percent of amount due was made to Ranney corporation for installation of a collector system last summer for the city's water supply. The payment amounted to \$4,400, but \$850 was withheld as liquidated damages due to a late completion date of the collector system.

IC Tree Project Deemed Success But Supply Short

Nyssa Jaycees reported their Christmas tree selling enterprise as highly successful and have already begun making plans for the same project next December. They sold approximately 400 trees and could have placed at least 100 more if they had been available.

Of the number sold, 40 had been obtained elsewhere and a group of Jaycees had made a trip to Unity where they cut an additional 40. Demand for trees everywhere exceeded this year's supply, the members disclosed. All neighboring towns ran short of trees and many people from other areas even came to Nyssa in an effort to get trees.

The Jaycees expressed their gratitude to all who patronized their tree lot and to the merchants who in past years sold trees but had foregone it this year in order to support the Jaycee project.

Eddie Taylors Take Plane Trip, Seattle

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Taylor returned Monday from a nine-day vacation trip to Seattle where they visited friends and with Mrs. Taylor's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Mathews and children. They made the round trip by plane.

Hunter Fined For No License

Tony Washington was fined \$25 and costs in Don M. Graham's justice court Tuesday following his pleas of guilty to hunting without a license. According to Judge Graham, Washington was arrested Dec. 21 near Drewsey where he was allegedly hunting deer near a game preserve. A shotgun he was using was confiscated.

Ontario Hosts to LDS Senior Team Jan. 1

The Nyssa stake LDS senior team saw action Monday evening with Ontario winning over Vale with a score of 37-27; Owyhee over Nyssa 1st, with a score of 52-42 and Parma winning over Nyssa 2nd.

Jan. 12 will see the teams in play at Vale with Nyssa 1st, meeting Parma, Ontario and Owyhee and Vale vs Nyssa 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stringer and family left Thursday for Santa Barbara, Calif., where they plan to spend the winter.

Dr. Hughes Will Speak on Mental Health at PTA

Mental Health will be the subject discussed at the next meeting of the Nyssa Parent-Teachers association to be held Jan. 12 in the high school gymnasium, Mrs. Ken Pond, program chairman for the organization announced this week.

A lively program of humorous musical numbers has also been arranged for entertainment. Due to interest shown on the subject of mental health, program chairmen for the Jan. 12 meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beck have selected an appropriate film entitled "Preface to a Life" which will be shown. Dr. Grant B. Hughes, Malheur County health officer, will accompany the film and follow up with a question and answer period.

The challenging theme for the evening is "Know What Ails You". Members of the executive staff hope that a large number will be in attendance to support the new president, Mrs. Lester Lankford who will take over duties of her office at this first January meeting. Mrs. Lankford was elected at the December meeting to complete the unexpired term of Mrs. Wayne Chesnut who moved with her family to Moscow to make their home.

Refreshments will be served under the chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Kayno Saito.

Nyssa Eagles Are Leading In Zone Membership

The Nyssa Aerie of the Eagles is leading by a big margin in the membership contest being conducted in this zone which includes lodges in Nyssa, Hood River, The Dalles, Hermiston, Pendleton, La Grande and Baker. With the initiation of nine new members last Wednesday, the local aerie now has a record of 35 new members added during the year.

The lodge showing the best percentage membership gain will receive a certain percent of the initiatory fees collected in its aerie.

The various holiday social activities of the Nyssa Eagles lodge included a New Year's eve dance.

Chamber President Names Committees For 1956; Work On Reapportionment

Ted Morgan, president of the Nyssa chamber of commerce, announced committee chairmen and members Wednesday at the regular weekly noon meeting of the organization. Chairmen of the various committees appear first followed by members:

Agriculture: Bill Wahlert, Frank Sherwood, Leonard Hewett, Glen Swanner, Jim Elkins and Dellon Erickson.

Public events: Hugh Tobler, Dale Bingham and Harry Miner.

Banquets: R. V. Wilson, John Briehl and Ken Renstrom.

Farm workers: Harold Henigson, Jed Lewis, J. L. Herriman, Wilton Jackson and John Briehl.

New business: Jake Fischer, Bernard Eastman, Bob Thompson, Tom Jones and Paul Penrod.

Membership: Charles Landreth, Gene Stunz, Edward Boydell and Bob Wilson.

Roads: Elmer Cruson, Boyd Wilson and J. L. Herriman.

Publicity: Ralph Lawrence, Duane Alters, Chuck Harlan, Hope Grider and Gene Grasty.

Education: Cliff Main, Don Engstrom, Paul Ludlow and George Coburn.

A budget of \$2,498.50 was approved by the membership. The budget compares with \$2,537 collected by dues in 1955.

The chamber agreed to assist in every way possible with an educational program and circulation of petitions for the proposed reapportionment measure which would give each county in Oregon one state senator instead of a senator, or shared senator, based on population. Wilton Jackson and Cliff Main were appointed to meet with representatives of Oregon Train Chalk Butte and Kingman Granges, Adrian Farm Bureau and any other interested organization to set a date for a public meeting for this area.

Arcadia Just So Club Reorganizes

The Acadia Just So Club met last week at the home of Mrs. Cecil Houston for their reorganization meeting and election of officers.

New officers are Dorothy Houston, president; Sherry Hust, vice president; Lois Spitz, secretary; Lucille White, reporter, Diana Bowers and Janet Coleman, song leaders.

Two new members, Karen Hust and Diana Bowers were welcomed into the club. Leaders this year are Mrs. T. R. Bowers and Mrs. Cecil Houston.

The next meeting will be Jan. 12 with Sherry and Karen Hust.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Fife attended the funeral of Carvell Campbell in Boise Friday. While there they also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ray.

Sandra Hall Arrives New Year's Day To Win Title of Miss 1956 in Fourth Annual Stork Derby Sponsored Here

Tiny Little Sandra Hall won the honor of being named "Miss 1956" for the Nyssa community when she arrived at Malheur Memorial hospital Sunday night at 8:12. The five pound, two ounce miss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hall of Ontario Heights.

Winner of this year's first baby contest, the fourth consecutive one to be sponsored by the Nyssa business firms, Malheur Memorial hospital, local physicians and the Gate City Journal, along with her parents was showered with gifts amounting to several hundred dollars. Prizes included full expenses at the hospital, \$50 credit by Dr. Grant B. Hughes, attending physician and valuable miscellaneous prizes from Nyssa merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall are not only rejoicing over winning the stork derby for 1956 but the arrival of their first daughter to join their family of three boys. At home anxiously waiting to greet their sister are Stephen, 18 months, Kenneth four years and Alan, five. The Halls reside on a farm seven miles north of Ontario.

Among other contenders for the first baby title were the 1953 stork derby winners, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Fredricksen of Nyssa Route 2, whose daughter, Donna Lee put in her appearance at Malheur Memorial at 1:24 p. m. Tuesday, as the third baby of the New Year. In 1953, the first year the stork derby was instigated in Nyssa, the Fredricksen's son, Delles Glenn was born, Jan. 9 with the undisputed title of "Mr. 1953".

Other near winners in this year's contest were Mr. and Mrs. James Cole of Parma, route two whose fifth child, a daughter, Sandra Jean arrived at 9:29 a. m. Monday, Jan. 2 and was the second born here in 1956. New Year's eve at 11:29, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Combs of Route three, Parma and on Friday a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Eloy Moran of 416 Main in Nyssa. A son was also born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. John Van Zelf, Nyssa.

Last year's winners were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Garner, route 2, Nyssa who were parents of a son, Lynn, born New Year's day and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mahan were the parents of little Miss New Year of 1954, their daughter, Beverly who put in her appearance Jan. 4.

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Workers Needed For Dimes Drive During January

Volunteers are needed to help with the March of Dimes in the Nyssa area, according to Kenneth Renstrom, chairman. He stated that plans are still incomplete for various money-raising events and that announcement will be made at a later date.

Newly appointed chairmen are Harold Henigson and Ham Chadderdon who are making arrangements for a talent show to be held at the Nyssa high school gym Saturday evening of next week. Chadderdon said that a German band consisting of Charles Stefens, Harry Miner, Ham Chadderdon, Jerry Williams and Ralph Anderson will be entered in the contest. Other entries so far signed up are Letha Sager, Ellen Sager, Darrel Cartwright and Eugene Maxfield, appearing as a quartet; June Marie Wyckoff and Hugh Tobler, vocal duet; Claude Wilson and his dancing dolls; C. M. Pounds playing a dulcimer; Clair Anderson, piano solo; Mike Eastman, James McWilliams and Vernon Pond, trumpet trio, and Rev. and Mrs. Pounds, vocal duet. Several other numbers are being arranged.

A home talent show will be held in Vale Jan. 21 and in Ontario Jan. 28. A grand finale at which three prizes will be given for county-wide winners, will be in Ontario Feb. 4.

Other committee chairmen are Lloyd Mackrill, special events; Dale Bingham, special gifts; Mrs. Dale Garrison, mothers march; Charles Landreth, schools; Henry Quast, clubs and organizations; Joe Bellon, labor; Bernard Eastman, publicity; Ward Wieneke, treasurer, and cards and canisters, Jaycees. Due to the illness of Harold Newman, Bob Brown has been named chairman of the drive in Adrian, Renstrom said. At Jordan Valley Henry Skinner, grade school principal, and Bob Meuschke, high school principal, have charge of the program.

In the meantime, \$800 has been received from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as a stopgap to meet the county's acute need for funds, according to Ralph Lawrence, county chapter chairman. This money is an advance supplied by chapters operating in the black, Lawrence explained.

Malheur county's 1952 and 1955 polio epidemics have depleted all funds collected here each year since 1952 in addition to several grants from NFPI, it was explained.

The bad financial plight of the county chapter makes the 1956 MOD more important than ever, Renstrom said.

Trailer Damaged By Tuesday Fire

Fire from an overheated oil stove caused slight damage to a trailer house located about one-fourth mile west of Highway 20 just outside the north city limits of Nyssa Tuesday afternoon.

Quick arrival of the Nyssa volunteer fire department is credited with preventing extensive damage to the trailer which was confined mainly to the insulation beneath the vehicle.

OEA Sets Public Relations Dinner

Heads of all organizations in the Nyssa, Ontario and Vale communities and newspaper editors will be guests of the Malheur County Oregon Education association for a dinner at Eastside Cafe in Ontario, Wednesday evening.

A public relations program will be presented.

Mrs. Hazel Lane of Nyssa is president of the Nyssa OEA and Mrs. Dorothy Nolen, Nyssa is county president of the organization.

Larry Neely Home From Army Service

Cpl. Larry Neely arrived home Friday following his discharge from the army. During his tour of duty he spent 15 months in Korea.

Mr. and Mrs. Neely will make their home on a farm near Ontario. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Neely of Nyssa.