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Water Storage Owyhee Passes Year Ago Report

This week's report of water in Owyhee reservoir reached a new season high of 188,460 acre feet as of Tuesday to exceed the 163,030 acre feet on the same date a year ago.

A large amount of rain, together with snow in the higher mountains, has caused storage to more than double since the forepart of December. For instance, the Nov. 30 report showed only 75,744 acre feet as compared with 143,890 acre feet the year before.

The large amount of moisture has penetrated the ground and in turn is filling the reservoir at a greater rate than normal, according to irrigation authorities. Paul House, manager of North Board of Control, said that there is only a small amount of evaporation at this time of year to make the irrigation picture for next summer even brighter.

Here in the valley there has been an abundance of rain with last Saturday accounting for .62 inches and the past week's precipitation coming to a total of .86 inches.

Wednesday morning brought a slight change in the weather when snow started falling shortly after 7 o'clock, the first snow in several weeks. The ground in and around Nyssa was covered with a white blanket, but a moderated temperature brought the snowfall to a halt shortly before noon and gave indications of possible rainfall later in the day.

	Max	Min	Per.
Jan. 11	37	27	
Jan. 12	37	25	
Jan. 13	47	27	.04
Jan. 14	37	30	.05
Jan. 15	37	34	.62
Jan. 16	42	30	.14
Jan. 17	43	29	
Jan. 18	27	03	

March of Dimes Dragging Here; Reports Show

The third week of the March of Dimes saw the Nyssa area dragging its heels insofar as reported contributions are concerned. A talent show at the high school gymnasium Saturday evening drew a crowd of less than 100 people and about \$91 was contributed for general admission, votes for performers and sale of popcorn.

The largest single contribution so far has come from the Nyssa grade school where youngsters in the first through the sixth grade had given \$146.04 by Tuesday. Walter McPartland, principal, said that a few more cards remain to be turned in.

Both drug stores have accumulated a large amount of money with their rows of silver dollars and currency and plans are made for cake auctions at the two stores.

One of the most unique contributions came from The Dalles where Pedro Salazar, Nyssa, is a patient in the Eastern Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital. Salazar asked his nurse to make out a check, which he signed, and had the nurse mail it to Nyssa. Winning contests at Saturday night's amateur show will not be announced until next Saturday night at the talent contest in Vale. The winners will appear in a county-wide contest in Ontario Feb. 3. For the Nyssa event last Saturday, Marlow B. Funk, owner of the Polar Bear, donated two cartons of sacked popcorn to be sold. The donation was made without the knowledge of the committee, Harold Henigson stated.

One of the biggest money-makers for March of Dimes is expected to be the Nyssa Eagles' special dance this Saturday night. All revenue from ticket sales goes to MOD and the lodge is paying for all expenses, according to Eddie Taylor. Each member of the lodge has indicated he will purchase at least one ticket and attend the Saturday night event.

At press time Ward Wienieke, reported that \$512.19 had been deposited from the school, talent show and from individual contributions. Klass Powell, county chairman, told Ralph Lawrence late Wednesday afternoon that \$1,642 had been contributed by coin cards. The break-down showed Ontario \$895.85; Nyssa \$398.60; Vale \$186.25; Adrian \$38.50; Jordan Valley \$29 and Sheaville \$9.

Jenkins to Oregon Principals Meeting

Jack Jenkins, Nyssa high school principal attended a two day session of the Oregon High School principals at Eugene last week. The meeting continued from Friday through Saturday.

Izaak Waltons Propose Fishing Area For Kids

Youngsters of this area will have some exclusive fishing with no adults allowed, if the Izaak Walton League has its way.

E. E. Cloninger and Wayne Garner went to Portland Friday to attend a Wildlife meeting and present a plan to the game commission to stock drain ditches with German brown trout for no one but the kids. In addition, they propose to have Owyhee river for a mile below the dam closed to all fishermen except juveniles.

The two men explained that the idea is to pass on to the coming generation some sports that those before them have been enjoying.

The Izaak Walton League will meet Monday evening for further work on the two projects.

Contest Winner Addresses Lions

Lowry Flake, winner of the Nyssa High school FFA chapter speaking contest was guest speaker at the regular weekly luncheon meeting of the Nyssa Lions club Monday.

Flake gave his prize winning talk on farm safety which was followed by a question and answer period. He will represent Nyssa at the district FFA speaking contest in Vale Feb. 2.

Pioneer Nyssa Merchant Sells Interest In Eder Hardware Co.; Plans to Retire

Retirement from active business and sale of his interest in Eder Hardware Co. has been announced this week by A. H. Boydell, manager of the Nyssa firm for the past 32 years and resident here since 1904. The announcement was made jointly by Boydell and E. C. Van Petten, Ontario, vice president of the company.

Effective date of transfer of the ownership of Boydell's interest in the company was Jan. 1. He is expected to continue as manager for a few weeks until a new manager is named for the Nyssa firm.

Edward Boydell, who has been associated with his father in man-

Owyhee Funds In Budget Request Of President

The President's budget request to Congress includes \$250,000 for the Owyhee project to complete the Ontario-Nyssa pumping plant and to buy a new replacement pump, according to a telephone message Tuesday from Congressman Sam Coon. The appropriation request also includes funds for construction of a wasteway from the main south canal, which would be started in 1957 and completed in 1958, the report stated.

Funds have been requested for continuing the water resources study on the upper Owyhee river and to make plans for upper Owyhee storage to benefit Owyhee project and Jordan Valley waterusers, Coon said. The appropriation would also include flood control funds and some provision for developing downstream pumping plants. Coon stated that he has been working with the Army Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation for the past two years by pointing out the needs for work on the projects and to have funds included in the President's budget.

The U. S. representative went on to report that Army Engineers have requested \$55,000 for work on the Malheur Improvement district as a local flood prevention measure and would finish work on a project that has already been started.

G & B Opens New Store In Nyssa; Prizes Offered

The G & B Furniture & Appliances, which has its headquarters in Ontario, has opened a branch store in Nyssa at the corner of Main and South Fifth. The Nyssa store, featuring primarily appliances and TV, will be managed by Boyd H. Brown, formerly of Vale, with Ray Harmon, formerly of Ontario, as sales representative.

A "grand opening" event is being held Wednesday through Saturday of this week with valuable prizes, including a TV set, offered as door prizes and an electric dryer on the list as another free gift.

Gas Ordinance For City Ready For Scrutiny

A proposed ordinance has been drafted for a franchise to authorize distribution of natural gas within the city limits of Nyssa, City Manager Jack Middaugh announced. Copies of the proposed ordinance are available to all interested persons.

Middaugh said that a few minor changes are possible before the first reading which was scheduled at a special meeting Wednesday evening. Another special meeting will be held later this month for the second reading and adoption of the ordinance is slated to take place at the regular council meeting Feb. 14.

At the present time the Eastern Oregon Natural Gas Co. is the only applicant for the franchise to operate a natural gas utility here. Application was first made 20 months ago by Wilton Jackson, owner of Ideal Gas and Appliances, and was renewed Jan. 10 this year by Jackson and Ernest Jorgensen, who have formed the new company, which has the franchise to distribute gas in Ontario.

The city manager said that other bidders are being sought through various outlets, but so far there have been no other applications.

It is probable that a successful bidder will be named at the council's February meeting.

Sugar Beet Yield Sets New High In This County

A new sugar beet yield record for Malheur county was set this year in spite of irrigation water shortages in some sections of the Vale area, Jed Lewis, manager of Amalgamated Sugar Co., reported Wednesday. Yield for this county averaged 23.32 tons per acre, or about a quarter ton greater than the record yield in 1954, it was reported. Average for the entire state was 23.25 tons and the Nyssa area of the district in Idaho amounted to 23.53 tons with somewhat smaller average yield in the Boise valley.

Operations at the Nyssa factory are continuing normally with no change from earlier reports on the sugar content, Lewis said. Slicing is expected to be completed here on Feb. 17 after which the 1955-56 campaign will close.

Boise Man Slated To Speak Feb. 8, Chamber Meet

Marcel Learned, resident of Boise and president of the Boise Valley Industrial Development, Inc., will be guest speaker the evening of Feb. 8, when the Nyssa chamber of commerce holds its annual meeting at Oregon Trail hall.

R. V. Wilson, who is in charge of banquet arrangements, said that Learned has become well known throughout the lower Snake river valley as an authority on industrial development, particularly in encouraging small business and branches of large industry to study this area.

Several out-of-town guests are expected to attend the meeting, Wilson said.

Although the program is not complete, Gene Stunz, 1955 president, has been scheduled to give a brief report on activities and accomplishments of the organization in 1955. Ted Morgan, 1956 president, will present an outline of plans for the chamber and for the Nyssa community during the coming year.

Hosp. Auxiliary Plan Receptionist For Mal. Memorial

The addition of a receptionist for Malheur Memorial hospital is being arranged by the hospital auxiliary following a decision made at their January meeting held Monday in the hospital basement.

Mrs. Wesley Browne was named chairman of a committee to arrange for a receptionist to be stationed in the lobby at the hospital to receive phone calls, direct visitors and patients and other pertinent duties. Special training will be given in receptionist duties, Mrs. Lamont Fife, auxiliary president, stated.

Named to serve on a nominating committee to decide upon candidates for a new auxiliary staff prior to the next meeting and election in March are Mrs. Walter Fox, Mrs. Harry Miner and Mrs. Dick Forbes.

Auxiliary members also voted to use the \$171 received in the memorial fund at the hospital for purchase of foot stools for the rest home wing and accessories for the cribs. This fund is made up of cash gifts to the hospital in memory of individuals. Any memorial, large or small is acknowledged by letters sent to the family of the one in whose memory it is given and to the donor. The money is then used for much needed items for permanent use at the hospital.

Committees were named for the annual hospital benefit dance to be held on each spring by pupils of Mrs. Betty Wilson's dancing class, sponsored by the auxiliary with all ticket proceeds turned over to the hospital. Mrs. John Broad is the ticket chairman; Mrs. Duane Holcomb and Mrs. Duane Alters, publicity; Mrs. Arthur Cartwright, concessions; Mrs. Fife, clean-up and Mrs. Arthur Cartwright, decorating.

Mrs. Dale Garrison will serve as chairman of the March program for Nyssa Civic Club put on by the hospital auxiliary. Assisting her will be Mrs. Laurence Pace, Mrs. Ray Russell, Mrs. Fife, Mrs. Ralph Lawrence and Mrs. Jake Fischer. During the meeting reports were given on the Christmas party arranged by the auxiliary for the Rest Home, the year's sewing by Mrs. Clifford Fox and Mrs. Clyde Snider upon purchase of a television set for the hospital.

Plans were also discussed for the possibility of forming a Gray Ladies organization in Nyssa.

Tree Squirrel Is New Resident Here

A tame squirrel has taken up residence in a tree at the Don M. Graham home on Bower avenue and indicates that it expects to be fed by its adopted family.

The squirrel is like those found in Boise parks, where they were transplanted from other areas, and feasts on nuts fed by the Grahams.

Mrs. Graham said they have no idea where the small animal came from.

Hughes Speaks to Capacity Crowd At PTA Meeting

Approximately 250 people crowded into the Little Theater of the high school last Thursday night for another outstanding PTA program. Dr. Grant B. Hughes, Malheur county health officer who was featured speaker focused his remarks on the theme subject for the evening, "Mental Health."

During a question and answer period he conducted following presentation of a film entitled "Preface to a Life", Dr. Hughes emphasized eight points important in cultivating mental health. Don't look for trouble, learn to love your work, have a hobby, like people, adjust to the situation, learn to accept adversities, be cheerful and humorous and learn to meet problems with decision, Dr. Hughes advised.

The new PTA president, Mrs. Lester Lankford presided over a brief business meeting, and Superintendent of schools, R. V. Wilson reported on the bids for construction of the new school addition. Walter McPartland, grade school principal presented a \$30 PTA check to cub scoutmaster Henry Anderson for troop 419 which the PTA sponsors.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beck were chairman of the program which included an original humorous reading by Mrs. Beck interspersed with special musical numbers. Linda Myrick sang two vocal selections accompanied by Mrs. Dwight Wyckoff and Oscar Nelson of Ontario gave an imitation of an old fashioned barn dance with his violin. Prior to the program invocation was given by Rev. Paul Ludlow and Ralph Anderson led community singing, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Anderson.

Winning room count were first grade, Miss Emma Zwemke; second, Mrs. Mildred Elliott; third, Mrs. Jessie Hershey; fourth, Mrs. Madge Thomson; fifth, Miss Virginia Voigt; sixth, Mrs. Mary Hatt; seventh, James Nally; eighth, Frank Parr; senior and sophomore classes for high school. Refreshments were served under the chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Kayno Saito.

Miss Evalson to Address IOOF and Nyssa, Adrian HS

Miss Karen Evalson of Union, 1955 winner of the United Nations speaking contest for this district will be a guest speaker at the Nyssa Odd Fellows Lodge Monday night. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and hear Miss Evalson give an interesting account of her trip and visit to the United Nations session in Washington D. C. last summer. Miss Evalson and 15 other young people who were district winners throughout the state of Oregon joined with winners of Washington and other states for a bus tour into Canada and to Washington, D. C. to attend the United Nations session last summer. The IOOF lodge, the only lodge in the world to have a delegate to the United Nations, sponsors the speaking contest annually and awards winning young people this trip to a UN session. During the day Monday, Miss Evalson will speak at the Nyssa and Adrian high schools.

New Districts Formed for HS Major Sports

The Oregon High School Activities association announced several changes in districting of high schools for state competition in all four major sports following a meeting Monday in Portland. Changes were necessary due to increased school enrollments.

Nyssa, Vale, Grant Union High of John Day, Burns, Madras and Lakeview were combined into a single district, N-7-A-2. Ontario was changed from A-2 status to the class A Elsie Mountain conference.

Nyssa Rail Shipping Figures Continue High Through '55; Slight Drop Caused By Slow Spuds Made Up Other Goods

Nyssa's rail shipments during 1955 amounted to 20,187 cars plus what would equal approximately 76 total cars in less-than-car-load shipments, it was announced Tuesday by Tom Jones, Union Pacific agent here. Last Year's total shipments in and out of Nyssa amounted to 20,463 cars, according to a revised report issued at the same time by Jones.

Goods shipped from Nyssa amounted to 9,097 cars during the past year, a total of 292 less carloads than the record 9,389 forwarded from here during 1954. The Union Pacific agent said that figures are not yet complete on shipments of each kind of farm product. It was explained, however, that potatoes accounted for all of the decline "and then some" indicating that it is probable more livestock, onions, sugar and hay left Nyssa for various markets.

On the receiving end, 16 more cars arrived in Nyssa during 1955 than was recorded the year before. There were 11,090 cars coming into this station last year as compared with 11,074 the year before. Jones said that the incoming freight is indicative of continued sound economic conditions.

In analyzing the year's shipments, the Union Pacific agent said that shipping was more static during 1955 than during the previous year. September and December outgoing freight was drastically lower than the year before, but during January and February, 1955, outgoing carloads were far in excess of the same period the previous year. All the discrepancies were attributed to potato markets and spud shipments from here.

Incoming freight remained more in ratio with 1954, although January, February and March saw much heavier shipments than the year before with a reversal in the comparison during May and June. Imports picked up again from July through September, then dropped below 1955 in October, went to the excess in November, and declined again in December.

Less-than-carload freight was somewhat less on the incoming side with 1,328,585 pounds recorded in 1955 as compared with 1,388,517 in 1954. Forwarded from Nyssa were 200,107 pounds last year as compared with 195,354 pounds in 1954.

In 1953 there were 8,482 cars forwarded from Nyssa and 9,630 received here.

Directors Named At Annual Meet Of Nyssa Coop

One-hundred fifteen attended the annual dinner and meeting of the Nyssa Cooperative supply held Wednesday afternoon at the Oregon Trail hall. Ira Price was reelected to the board of directors and Edward Topliff was named as a new member of the board. Both will serve for three year terms.

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control was guest speaker, covering all phases of the water situation. Slides on use of liquid fertilizers were shown by Pacific Supply Cooperative.

A manager's report was given by Ed Mason and an audit report by Joe Cavanaugh, Boise. O. E. Cheldelin, chairman of the board of directors, presented a chairman's report.

Winning door prizes were Noble Morinaka, Ed Topliff, Mrs. A. P. Goodell, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McGee and Mrs. Ken Lorenson.

2500 Tons Sugar Go To Vietnam

The Amalgamated Sugar Co. is exporting 50,000 bags, or 2,500 tons, of White Satin sugar to Vietnam, Saigon, District Manager Jed Lewis announced Wednesday. The sugar is being shipped to Portland for loading on the S. S. Oregon for transport to Saigon.

Lewis said that the Department of Agriculture has authorized export of 100,000 tons of domestic sugar while congressional action is pending on the sugar act which has not yet been renewed. It is expected that Congress will take action on the sugar act within a short time.

Film Shown Malheur County Medical Aux.

A regular meeting of the Malheur County Medical Auxiliary was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. K. A. Danford.

The program for the evening was medical education and a film "Trouble At The Source" was shown to the members present.

Those attending from Nyssa were Mrs. Grant Hughes and Mrs. K. E. Kirby.

Stanley Byers Takes 1st Place State Corn Show

Malheur County's Future Farmers made an enviable record at the Oregon state corn show held Dec. 10 at Canby, according to a report received this week by County Agent Harry Sandquist.

Stanley Byers of Nyssa placed first in the 10-ear competition in the FFA class in the Eastern Oregon District four division. He also won third place in the yield contest for this district with a record of 132.7 bushels per acre.

Other Malheur County winners in the 10-ear contest for the FFA class, district four, were Douglas Reese, Ontario, third; Duane Halverson, Ontario, fourth; Dick Shenk, Adrian, sixth and John Thiel, Nyssa, seventh.

Additional local winners in the yield contest for district four, FFA class were Harold Amidon, rural Ontario, fourth with 129.4 bushels; Dick Shenk, fifth with 128.9; John Thiel, seventh, 125.

Several Nyssa men also took honors in the open class yield contest at the open show. Wayne Garner placed 5th in the Eastern Oregon division with 146.3 bushels per acre; Luit Stam, 6th with 130.1 bushels; Marion Haney, 7th, 129.3 and Irwin Durfee, 10th, 119.8 bushels.

The Oregon State corn show for 1956 will be held in Ontario sometime during December, Sandquist announced.

Four Injured In Sunday Accident, Idaho Man Dies

Richard Haworth, 60, of New Plymouth was fatally injured in a traffic accident on Highway 95 two miles north of the Nyssa-Parma junction about 1:30 Sunday afternoon involving two cars and a truck. Mr. Haworth died early Monday morning at Malheur Memorial hospital.

Also injured in the accident were Mr. Haworth's wife, Mrs. Minerva Haworth, 70 who was reported in fair condition Wednesday at Malheur Memorial hospital with a fractured pelvis, internal injuries and rib fractures. Sherman A. Polley, 46 of New Plymouth, son of Mrs. Haworth, sustained cuts and bruises on both hands and Jake Smit, 33, Parma suffered bruises and contusions. Both were given emergency treatment at the Nyssa hospital and released.

Payette County Sheriff Ray Stephens stated that a milk truck and trailer driven by Kenneth C. Jensen, 19, of Nyssa was attempting to pass the automobile driven by Polley, in which the Haworths were passengers. As the truck swerved back into its own lane of traffic, the trailer caught the Polley car, moved it into the path of the Smit car and over a 15-foot embankment, Sheriff Stephens reported.

Services for Richard Seth Haworth will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at Lienkaemper Chapel with interment in the Veteran's plot at Nyssa cemetery.

Mr. Haworth was born Jan. 26, 1895 at Quaker Point, Ill. He has lived in the Snake River Valley the past eight years, having moved to New Plymouth last fall.

Survivors in addition to his widow are one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Clay of San Benito, Tex., one granddaughter, four brothers and two sisters.

Simplot Expands Operations Here

Elmer Jacques, manager of Simplot Western Idaho Products warehouse in Nyssa has been named manager of the warehouse in Adrian in addition to the Nyssa position, it was announced last week. Assisting Jacques here is Dick Sneddon, formerly of Ontario, who has been transferred to Nyssa as warehouse foreman.

New in Nyssa and separate from the warehouse operations is Simplot Soilbuilders, being managed by Larry Woodell, formerly of Idaho. Woodell said that his headquarters are at the Simplot warehouse at the present time, but that a separate operation may be conducted at a later date.