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High Water Halts Construction on New Bridge



THE ANGRY SNAKE RIVER rose 10 inches between Tuesday a. m. and Wednesday and while it poses no immediate major threat to the area the impact has been felt in several places. Work on the new bridge construction above came to a

halt last week. Debris, shown forming around the present bridge pilings has increased considerably since the photo was taken Monday afternoon. Water is washing away the bank by the Idaho Cannery and Idaho Power must install new poles.

Bridge and Keck islands are feeling the effect of the rising river with water on part of the road at Bridge island. It is anticipated that the river will continue to rise as water from reservoirs upstream is dumped. —Journal photo

Owyhee Storage Near, Yet So Far From Overflow

Those anticipating word of the Owyhee reservoir water going over the spillway the past few days, found both satisfaction and apprehension in the daily reports that showed the reservoir at near capacity. Reports are that numerous bets have been made regarding the overflow.

There were reports that those involved in wagers were in a controversy about the overflow one day recently when moderately high winds caused waves to splash water over the glory hole.

On Sunday water elevation was only 9 inches from the top, according to Paul House, manager of North Board of Control, and storage was \$704,590 acre feet. Capacity is 715,000 acre feet. Cooler weather and lack of precipitation in the mountains has failed to keep up with usage, causing water to drop Monday and Tuesday.

House said that amount of snow at higher elevations is unknown and numerous factors are involved in making a prediction, or even a guess, about whether water would go over the spillway. Since it is so late in the season and farmers will be using more water than ever, it is unlikely that the elevation will go to 2-670 feet to cause water to overflow unless there is a large amount of unexpected rainfall.

Irrigation officials and farmers were expressing satisfaction with the large amount of storage this year to provide sufficient irrigation for all Owyhee land together with some carry-over. A year ago, storage was 323,000 acre feet and water was rationed during most of the summer.

	Min	Max
May 22	55	92
May 23	65	93
May 24	54	74
May 25	56	78
May 26	55	82
May 27	48	67
May 28	47	80
May 29	57	81
May 30	59	88
May 31	59	92
June 1	62	97
June 2	52	82
June 3	56	82
June 4	55	62
June 5	36	67
June 6	42	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
June 6, 1956 702,940 A. Ft.
June 6, 1955 327,660 A. Ft.

Utmost Honesty Is Demonstrated By Show Goers

If honesty could be measured in degrees, the maximum rating could have been given to approximately 400 Spanish American men, women and children, most of them migrant workers from the Nyssa labor camp, according to Rex Voeller, manager of the Nyssa Theatre; who reported an unusual incident one night last week. Voeller said that during the showing of the weekly all-Spanish film Tuesday night of last week, the sound track refused to operate and the audience was told that their money would be refunded.

Some difficulty was encountered in getting enough change on hand to make the refunds and it was necessary to "scout the town" to change currency into coins, Voeller said.

When the refund had been made, records showed that 12 adults and one child had failed to collect the money they had paid for admission.

At no time was there any indication that a child under school age, who had been admitted free, attempted to get a refund, nor did any adult attempt to "move back into line" after receiving his money, despite the fact that the people had to wait in line for intervals of several minutes while the manager was gone to seek change in various parts of town.

Journal Institutes Spanish Column

The Gate City Journal this week inaugurates another feature with the appearance of a column written in Spanish.

With the assistance of Rev. Frank Reyes, this column will deal chiefly with the "personal" aspects of the labor camp and throughout the area and remind Mexicans of the summer activities which are available to them.

The summer workers are a most important factor to this community and farm area and it is hoped that many who cannot read English will enjoy reading their native language.

For those that are interested, you are invited to turn to page five of this issue.

Starting Time Imminent For Laying Gas Mains Throughout Nyssa; Rates Set; Delivery Expected In Late Fall

Construction of gas mains throughout Nyssa may start next week, at least it is probable that equipment will be moved in, according to Ernest Jorgensen, who with Wilton Jackson of Nyssa organized the Eastern Oregon Natural Gas Co. several months ago. The company also has a franchise to distribute gas in Ontario where work will start about the same time.

Jorgensen said that bonds have been accepted by a bonding firm and approved by the Security Exchange commission.

Some changes in the manner of installation have been made, Jorgensen said, and it is probable that three crews will be working in Nyssa for about 60 days to pipe the town and give access to gas to about 80 percent of the residences and almost all business firms.

In almost every instance, mains will be in alleys and crossing of streets will be accomplished by boring holes under any paving unless water mains and other buried utilities prevent such a procedure. The city franchise calls for all excavations to be filled and street surfaces to be returned to as good condition as they were before work started.

While it is expected that the Northwest Pipeline Co. will have gas running through this area by Aug. 1, it is possible there will be some delay in construction of a connecting line at Ontario, Jorgensen said. Some changes have been made in location of the line between the two cities and in some cases rights of way have been obtained on farm property.

To destroy the crops before they mature would be more expensive than would a delay, he explained, so it is probable that the connecting line won't be completed until after crops are harvested.

The Public Utilities commission has approved the companies proposed rates which are comparable to those on the west coast and in California, Jorgensen said.

Nyssa Baseball Nine Meets Boise In Border League Opener Tuesday

Tuesday night at the Nyssa high school field the umpire will yell "play ball" and the newly organized Border League will swing into action with Nyssa opposing Boise.

Prior to the game members of the team will be introduced to the fans after which Thelma Mullins, Harvest Festival Queen and team mascot will throw out the first ball.

Hugh Tobler, manager of the Nyssa nine has not yet determined which of the many players reporting for practice will be in the starting lineup but he expected to go along with either Glen Marcum or Gerald Cox for mound duties.

Boise is reported to have an exceptionally strong team with many college stars making up the roster and the opener could well go a long way to determining the ultimate league champion.

Other teams who will be making a bid for the crown include Payette, Wilder, Weiser, Emmett, Homedale and Nampa. Nyssa will meet each of the teams here twice during the season.

It is hoped that the newly organized semi-pro league will be the answer to the many baseball fans who have been deprived of their favorite sport and community interest to date indicates that Nyssa will receive support of the public, not only for the important opener but in succeeding games.

Tickets are available at the gate for \$.50. Those who desire may purchase season tickets entitling the holder to see 14 home league games for \$3.50. Children under 13 will be admitted free.

"We'll have the best outfield in the league," Tobler said, "and if anticipated mound and infield help is forthcoming we'll be tough against any team," he concluded.

As an added incentive, Nyssa merchants are offering prizes for many "firsts" during the game. The awards, which will be presented by Miss Mullins, include 1st Home Run (either team) \$5.00 Certificate, Wilson Bros. 1st Triple (either team) \$5.00 Certificate—Tobler's Feed and Fuel. 1st Double Nyssa, \$3.00 Certificate—Wilson's Super Market. 1st Single, Nyssa, \$3.00 Certificate—Everybody's. 1st Stolen Base (either team) Padlock—Eder Hardware.

1st Sacrifice, Nyssa Oltis Duck Call—Olympic Sportsman. 1st Bunt, Nyssa, Box of Candy—Ben Franklin. 1st Walk, Nyssa, Dinner for two—Brownie's Cafe. 1st Error, Nyssa, Sack of Lemons—Taylor's Market. Winning Pitcher, \$5.00 Certificate—Bracken's Dept. Store. RBI highest (either team) 5 Gal Gas—Flying-A-Service.

Business Lull In JP Court

A definite "lull in business" was reported this week by Nyssa Justice of Peace Don M. Graham who said there had been only three minor traffic cases during the previous week.

On May 29 Juan V. Lara was fined \$50 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail after he was found guilty of stealing a bolt of cloth from a Nyssa store.

Stanley T. Banks of Burns was arrested May 25 for failing to stop for a school bus while it was unloading children. He appeared the following day and was fined \$10 and costs.

Men About Nyssa

The easiest way to meet today's guest is to start a fire. The way the Nyssa fire department reacts to alarms would assure a personal, if hurried greeting from Fire Chief Lawrence in a minute or less.

Lawrence entered this world in 1914 at Council, Idaho where he lived for 10 years, moving to Ontario in 1924.

In 1926 Ralph came to Nyssa where he completed his grade and high school education. The firefighter-to-be had little time for activities at school other than in the classroom for he worked with his dad, Jess, at the service station on First and Main Street.

After graduation in 1932 (the class numbered about 18) Ralph worked at the station until 1938 at which time he walked across the street and joined the post office staff as a clerk.

This job he held until the out-



Ralph Lawrence

break of the war. Ralph spent most of the war years at the Bremerton navy yard handling an electric welding machine.

The chief returned to Nyssa in 1946 and in 1947 bought the Nyssa Insurance Agency from his wife's mother, Mrs. Don Graham and began his career as an insurance and real estate man—the business in which he still holds forth.

Skipping back a few years, in 1934 Ralph married Ethel Graham of Nyssa. They have three children, Sally, 17, who was graduated from Nyssa high school this month and who at present is a charming addition to Bracken's Department Store, Dick, a sophomore at Nyssa and Bryan, a fourth grader.

It is no accident that Ralph is the present fire chief. When still in high school he belonged to the department which at that time consisted of hose carts. The big day for Nyssa came when a rough but rugged Reo was purchased.

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Malheur Paper Sold By Thurston

Sale of the Malheur Enterprise at Vale to D. H. Brownhill of Burlingame, Calif. was announced last week by Robert V. Thurston, who has owned and operated the weekly newspaper for the past 10 years. The sale was effective last Friday.

The new Vale publisher formerly operated the Lewis River News at Woodland, Wash. His father founded the Madras Pioneer and was at one time a member of the Oregon legislature. Brownhill has been with the Wall Street Journal and the San Francisco Examiner for the past three years.

Thurston announced that he has no immediate plans other than a vacation trip to Mexico with his family late in June.

Nyssa, Adrian 4-H's Cop Honors At Show; Entries Surpass Last Year

The number of exhibits at the annual 4-H Spring Show this past week showed a 20% increase over last year. Exhibits in 1955 totaled 386, as compared with 471 this year. Largest increase was in foods exhibits, with some increase in clothing and other projects.

Trophies were presented to Sharon Anderson of Grove for outstanding project work in Home Economics by the Malheur County Farm Bureau, Margaret Butler, Adrian, by the Ontario Elks Lodge for outstanding cooking achievement and Barbara Hickman Nyssa, clothing achievement.

Voters Reminded Of City Budget Hearing June 13

Nyssa residents are reminded of budget hearing to be held next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock when the proposed 1956-57 budget will be discussed with the city council. Anyone subject to tax levies may appear and speak for or against the budget or any part of it.

The proposed budget calls for expenditures of \$193,333.63, which includes \$35,910.63 for bond and interest payments during the year and payment of \$10,000 on the water system which was budgeted last year. To meet the entire budget, it will be necessary for the council to exceed the 6 percent limitation to raise \$10,938 over the limit for additional millage of slightly more than 5 mills, according to City Manager Jack Middaugh.

If the council and the public allows the proposed budget to stand, a special election will be called for the latter part of the month to ask voters to give the council permission to exceed the 6 percent limit.

Hearing Thursday For Alleged Use Of Child Labor

A hearing before the Malheur county ASC committee for H. S. Davis, charged by the ASC office with using child labor, has been arranged for Thursday afternoon in Ontario, according to Don M. Graham, who made arrangements for the hearing.

Davis was notified by the ASC office that \$20 would be deducted from his beet payment under the sugar act for allegedly employing a child in his beet field. Davis asserted that Nathaniel Amey and his wife had been hired to thin beets. The family has four children ranging in age from 3 months to 7 years, Davis said, and the 7-year-old girl had brought the infant to its mother for feeding. Davis said the 7-year-old picked up her mother's hoe and was "digging" when Leonard Grimes, field inspector for the ASC office appeared and filed a report.

Davis told Graham that an explanation by Amey and Mrs. Davis was not accepted by Grimes.

A notice to Davis regarding the \$20 deduction for two days alleged work stated in part, "The deduction shall be made even though you may not have been aware that a child was working or had worked on your farm."

Nyssans Take Trip To Colorado Points

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Snodgrass left Wednesday morning for Loveland, Colo. where they were called by the death of Mr. Snodgrass' uncle.

They also plan to visit friends and relatives at Grand Junction before returning in 10 days.

Champions and blue ribbon winners in the various contests are as follows: Style Revue: Charmingly Yours division, champion Marilyn Hickman, Nyssa, blue ribbon winners, Lois Spitzer, Arcadia and Roberta Marchek, Harper; Clothes for Fun and Sun division, champion, Nynn Hoffman, Cairo, blue ribbon winners, Lorraine Penne and Jackie Girvin, Grove, and Joy Patterson, Ontario; Teen Age Miss, champion, Virginia Holady, Cairo, and the blue ribbon winner, Grace Johannessen, Ridgeview; blue ribbon winner, Div. IV-B was Elza Markham, Lincoln community; Division V winners were champion, Barbara Hickman, Nyssa and blue ribbon winner, Sharon Anderson of Vale.

Champion in the Dollar Dinner contest was Lenore McClure, Harper. Winners in the cake baking were, champion, Margaret Butler, Adrian and blue ribbon winner, Barbara Hickman, Nyssa. Barbara Hickman was champion in the senior bread baking contest, and Linda Costley, Ridgeview and Margaret Butler were blue ribbon winners. Nancy Hill was champion and blue ribbon winner in the junior breadbaking contest.

Champions of the judging contest are foods, Cecilia Parkhurst, White Settlement, Margaret Butler, Adrian, and Lurlyn McKenney, Harper, clothing, Barbara Hickman, Nyssa, and Sherral Sisson, Nyssa, and Lily Standishoff, Ontario.

Exhibits were brought or mailed to the high school by club members over the county the first two days of the show. The Champion exhibits in each division are: Foods: Muffins, Linda Anderson, Vale; Cake, Lurlyn McKenney, Harper; Junior Bread, Ethel Marchek, Harper; Senior Bread, Barbara Hickman, Nyssa. Clothing: "Sew Its Fun" Division I-B, Donna Davis, Homedale; "Charmingly Yours", Division I-C, Lois Spitzer, Nyssa; "Teen Age Miss", Division II, Virginia Holady, Cairo; "Clothes for Fun & Sun", Nancy Hill, Nyssa; Clothing IV, A (Best Dress), Margaret Butler, Adrian; Clothing IV, B (party dress or formal), Barbara Hickman, Nyssa.

Other winners reported from the Oregon Trail Sewing club were Sherral Sisson, second in best dress division; David Hill, champion, Larry Hickman, first, Dean Sisson, second and Truman Cleaver, third in Bachelor sewing; Carolyn Nakashima, second in Sun and Fun. Mrs. Orville Hickman is leader of the club.

School Election Set for June 18

Patrons of Nyssa school district 26C are reminded of the annual election June 18 to choose a school board member. The term of Henry Zobell expires this year and he will be a candidate to succeed himself, according to R. V. Wilson, superintendent and school board clerk.

Petitions for other nominations can be accepted by the clerk until June 11. Petition forms are available at the clerk's office and 10 signatures are necessary for each nomination.

K. Hori Graduates U of O Med School

Kiyooki Hori, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seitaro Hori, Nyssa, will be among the 71 candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the 69th commencement exercise of the University of Oregon medical school Friday, June 15, in the school's auditorium.

Dr. Hori is planning a year's internship at St. Vincent's Hospital, Portland.

Final Stage of Hospital Fund Drive Starts Wednesday at General Meeting

The last stage of the campaign to raise funds to place the community-owned Malheur Memorial hospital on a self-sustaining basis will start Wednesday night at 7:30 with a school of instruction at the Masonic hall, Nyssa. The general organization of 50 volunteer workers will join the 60 members of the advance gifts committee in the united effort to raise the amount of money necessary for the Memorial Hospital foundation fund.

"The Women's Auxiliary of

Tobler Turkeys Retreat Before Rising Waters

Hugh Tobler claims to have the only turkeys that have web feet and it's mighty important to the 33,000 birds who are squawking about the rapid rise of the Snake river as viewed from their Gambel island sanctuary.

They may well be done to a turn before Thanksgiving for the rapidly rising river has gobbled up 40 acres from the gobblers who have been forced to retreat to higher ground.

The natural shade area has long since been inundated and Tobler and crew spend most of their time fencing and re-fencing as the water laps over the island.

There is no danger of losing the birds because of the height of part of the 140 acre island. "If the birds go there will be a lot of wet feet on Main street of Nyssa," said Hugh.

Sugar Beet Crop Excellent, Says District Manager

Jed Lewis, district manager of Amalgamated Sugar Co., predicted another good crop of sugar beets this year and stated that the crop throughout the Nyssa-Nampa district is in excellent condition. Storms last week were highly beneficial to the crop, Lewis said.

Thinning was almost all completed last week end. No prediction can be made on sugar content at this time, but the 1956 crop is "more nearly Normal" than that of a year ago when the growing season was delayed about two weeks.

Acres in the area has been increased slightly over last year because of consistent planing from year to year by growers of the area.

Malheur Memorial hospital," according to Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb, president, will assist in serving the dinner and the noon-day luncheons during the campaign. Bob Thompson, co-chairman, is chairman of the committee on arrangements. W. E. Kohl, Brownies' restaurant, will act as caterer. The Masons donated the use of the hall.

Warren Farmer, chairman of the advance gifts committee states that his group will hold its noon-day luncheons Thursday and Friday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next week.

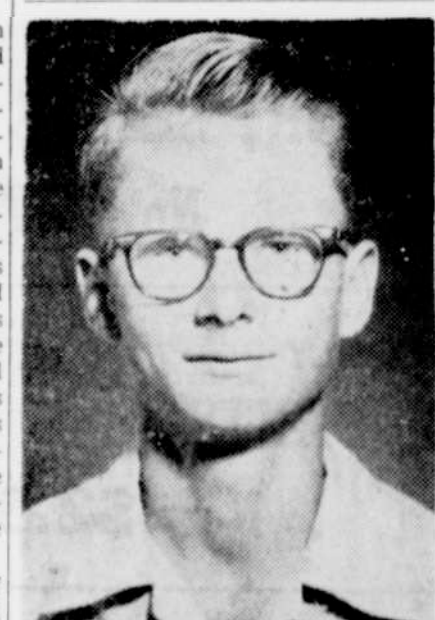
William B. Russell, chairman of the general organization and Bob Thompson, co-chairman announced: "48 men have volunteered to serve as volunteer workers on the general organization and will unite with the advance gifts committee in an all-out effort to put Malheur Memorial hospital on a self-sustaining basis better to protect the lives and health of the community in times of disaster, epidemic and to have a revolving operating capital large enough to carry accounts receivable for worthy residents of this area who cannot pay hospital bills immediately because they must wait many months until they receive pay from the crops."

Bob Thompson, co-chairman of the general organization, stated that the names of all the volunteer workers in the general and advance gifts organization will be published in the paper next week. "There has been a wonderful spirit of willingness to serve on the part of men who have volunteered as workers in the campaign," he said. "It makes one proud to live in an area where there is such a spirit of Christian democracy and practical demonstration of Christianity at work."

Jack Dail Injured In Freakish Mishap

Jack Dail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dail was injured while trying to ride an elusive pogo stick.

His foot slipped off the foot support, causing the stick to give a terrific blow to his face. Three teeth were knocked loose and three stitches were required to close a gash in his lower lip.



Frank Pratt



Bill Looney

senior years at Adrian Union high school this fall. Representatives were selected on merits of leadership, scholastic standing, citizenship and other outstanding points.