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City Voters Reject Budget Nearly 4 to 1 Tuesday At Special Election; Canvass Votes, View Action Tonight

Nyssa voters gave an overwhelming defeat to the city's proposed \$196,333.63 budget Tuesday when 246 of them turned out and voted 192 to 54 against giving the council permission to exceed its 6 percent limitation. The amount budgeted in excess was \$10,038.

Street Repairs For Water Mains Meet Brief Delay

Rebuilding of North Fourth and Fifth streets where new water mains were installed last fall has been delayed for several days, according to City Manager Jack Middaugh. Delay was caused by speculation on changes from original specifications for the streets where new paving must be placed on top of filled in trenches where new mains are located and at intervals across the street where connections were made for homes.

Latest plans are that a base equal to that now existing under the street will be laid with a three-inch oil mat according to Oregon state highway specifications. Cost of the repairs was included in the water system contract let to J. Vear Van Noy of Ontario.

Middaugh said that if funds are available, the city will seal-coat both streets after repairs are completed.

Men About Nyssa

You name it—Bill's done it—student—mechanic—soldier—promoter—railroad man—technician and farmer.

Today's guest was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1901 where he lived for 10 years before moving with his family to Dubois, Idaho, where his folks were ranchers.

Bill attended grade and high school there, existing in the army in 1918 and serving three years. Bill had enlisted as an infantry-



Bill Russell

man, but because of his mechanical ability—he worked in a garage while attending school—he was assigned to the then baby air corps, at that time an arm of the signal corps which in turn

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City Manager Jack Middaugh, who had presented his budget draft to the council which made several adjustments, said that he had no comment to make until after the council's canvass meeting tonight. The budget voted on had unanimous approval of all council members which is part of the budget board.

It was made clear at a special meeting last Thursday that proposed salary increases for city employees will stand as budgeted, so there was speculation on Wednesday that some city services might be cut to stay within the 6 percent limitation. Nothing can be cut from the street fund of \$46,850 all of which is earmarked for that purpose unless departments are "juggled" as has been proposed on several occasions.

On the other hand, statements that budgeted salaries would stand, could not be taken as any official opinion since council action is necessary. Probably as much as any one other "issue" opponents of the budget were voicing opinions Wednesday that their chief complaint was "too great an overall payroll increase."

City councilmen contacted, like Middaugh, said they had no comments to make until after Thursday night's meeting.

City tax levies will be about 26 mills, according to figures available at the city hall. Current taxes are 21.5 mills, but 4.5 mills authorized for old waterworks improvements were omitted a year ago when the budget was approved.

At Ontario last Friday, voters approved the council's proposal to exceed the six percent limitation by \$35,551 with a vote of 87 to 45. Current taxes in Ontario for city purposes are 38.6 mills and officials predicted that the levy can be cut about 6 mills.

Vale's current levy is 25.9 and information has not been made public about that city's levy for 1956-57.

Owyhee Water Conditions Good

Watershed conditions in Nevada mountains which feed the Owyhee reservoir are reported to be better than average for this time of year, according to Paul House, manager of North Board of Control, who spent a few days in Nevada checking snow and runoff of the watershed. He was accompanied by SCS and geological survey officials.

Snow is not only in drifts and at higher elevations, but the amount is above normal, he reported. The amount of ground water was surprisingly large, as was indicated at moisture stations visited. When checked, there was as much as four feet of ground water at higher levels. Stream flow is about three times that of the past two years, House said.

Marlene Leavitt Named Rodeo Queen



TWO WEEKS until Nyssa Rodeo! The annual event is slated for a three-night run this year beginning July 12 and is shaping up to be the finest yet to be produced. Reigning over the festivities this year will be

Queen Marlene Leavitt center who is riding her favorite horse, Blaze, Princess Carol Gilbert, left, is on Sugar and Judy Gorrell, riding Danny, complete the royal court. Entries

are being filed daily with several passes due to show as well as individual contestants getting set to shoot for the \$1500 prize money. A big carnival will also brighten the celebration.

—Journal photo

Tom Jones Heads County Demos Two More Years

Tom Jones, Nyssa, was reelected chairman of the Malheur county Democratic central committee for a two-year term at the biennial election of officers last Thursday night in Ontario. C. R. Van Patten, Ontario, was elected alternate chairman and Mrs. Ellen King, Ontario, was named vice chairman.

Other new officers are Mrs. Mary Thiel, Adrian, secretary, and Mrs. Nora Vest, Nyssa, treasurer. Frank Jackson, Ontario, was named as second district central committeeman and Mrs. Doris Needham, Vale, was named committee-woman.

A new Democratic club was organized at Harper last week to be known as club No. 4 with Joe Goucher elected president; Cleo Boylan, secretary; Mrs. Viola Rockman, treasurer, and McClure and Winifred were elected as members of the board of directors.

Skeen Hospitalized For Severe Burns

Frank Skeen, who farms near Nyssa, was painfully burned last Wednesday when a weed burner he was using exploded.

He was admitted to Malheur Memorial hospital for treatment of burns on his face, neck and hands and was released Tuesday of this week. His family reported that he will be unable to return to work for about three weeks.

Post Office Opens In New Building Friday; Loses First Class Status

Nyssans and patrons on two rural routes will receive their mail from the new post office building at the corner of North Fourth and Bower beginning Friday morning, according to Postmaster Lloyd Lewis.

The time was moved up from an original July 2 date when word was received that a post office department technician would be here to supervise removal of all fixtures and equipment from the old location at the corner of Main and South First. The changeover got underway Wednesday.

Partitions dividing work rooms from the lobby, all lock boxes and the two service windows are being moved to the new building for temporary use only. All new fixtures were ordered when plans

for the new building were approved, but it is possible there might be several months' delay in delivery, according to reports.

The postmaster said there will be no disruption in service whatsoever, since regular employees will be able to carry on their duties while the special personnel will take charge of the moving.

Drops From First Class

Ironically, the Nyssa post office will lose its first class status and return to a second class office at the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, when the change of location becomes official. Lewis said that contrary to a previous assumption, an office does not retain its first class status for a period of two years. Official notice was received about 10 days ago by the Nyssa postmaster.

Lewis said that Nyssa became a first class office a year ago as the result of the previous year's receipts which exceeded \$40,000. Last year the receipts dropped to \$35,900 to cause the department to shift this office back into the second class category.

All indications are that 1956 will see receipts going over the \$40,000 mark, the postmaster indicated, since the first six months of the year have been better financially than the same period a year ago.

When Nyssa became a first class office, an assistant postmaster was approved, and the postmaster and his assistant received salary adjustments. On the debit side, the money order window remained open for shorter periods of time and parcel post weighing more than 70 pounds could not be handled.

With the return to a second class office, Nyssa retains its assistant postmaster, Lee Dail, salary schedules remain the same, the money order window will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and limits on outgoing and incoming parcel post are removed.

Nyssa Man Hurt In Auto Crash

Ralph Craddock, 18, was released Wednesday from Malheur Memorial hospital where he had been confined since early Monday morning following a car crash south of New Plymouth. He suffered facial lacerations and other injuries and his condition was reported Wednesday as satisfactory.

Craddock was driving a car on highway 52 a mile east of Hamilton Corners southeast of New Plymouth when the vehicle went out of control and crashed into two trees.

Lanese Watson, 18, New Plymouth, suffered minor injuries and was treated by a physician. Two other passengers in the car were reported to have been uninjured.

ANNOUNCE TWIN ARRIVALS Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman received word of twin grandchildren born June 21 in Salt Lake to their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Earnshaw. Mrs. Earnshaw is the former Core-belle Coleman.

Mrs. Coleman is spending several days with the new arrivals.

Union Pacific Announces Expansion Program for Track Facilities Here; Largest Industrial Yard In Division

Approval last week of a long-pending expansion program for the Nyssa Union Pacific trackage will make this the largest industrial railroad yard between Pocatello and Huntington, Tom Jones, local U. P. agent announced. The amount of track is exceeded only by Nampa and Huntington division terminals, where a major portion is used for company work.

Work is expected to start within a short time to add two new tracks near a series of four packing houses north of Park avenue, in addition to 593 feet of switching track north of the present switch beyond the packing sheds. Jones said the project probably will be completed in time for fall packing and shipping, although several details remain to be completed.

At the present time, Nyssa's yard consists of a passing track and a storage track east of the main Union Pacific track. On the west of the main track is a loading track and a second track for storage, but there was not sufficient storage space to take care of all produce packing houses working at full capacity. On numerous occasions, it was necessary for packers to shut down operations to wait for empty cars to be moved from the east side of the main track when through traffic was heavy, Jones said.

The two new tracks will be in the area between the two westerly sidings and the main track to make possible the loading of 60 cars instead of 40 without crossing to the easterly sidings.

There will be a total of six sidings in addition to the main track.

Jones said that he has been working with Union Pacific officials for several years to get approval of the expansion program needed to keep pace with expanding operations here. During the past several years, rail shipments in and out of Nyssa exceed 20,000 cars annually. Potatoes usually account for the largest single type of outgoing produce during the short period of time when rapid movement is necessary, Jones said. Sugar beets make up the heaviest incoming shipments.

Irrigation Canal Leak Cuts Supply; Repairs Rapid

Water was turned out of the main Owyhee canal Saturday evening when a serious leak developed at the head of the ditch in Tunnel canyon, and was returned to the canal for use of farmers early Monday afternoon.

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, said the leak developed in the bottom of the canal where it crossed over a road. The bank of the ditch became saturated and began slipping late Saturday when water was cut off.

Crews started repair work at 5 a. m. Sunday and worked around the clock until all repairs had been made.

No reports of crop damage were received since the shutoff occurred over the week end, temperatures were below normal and rain Saturday evening brought unexpected moisture.

Chamber Representatives Attend First Meeting of Industrial Group For Area

Ted Morgan, president of the Nyssa chamber of commerce, and Ham Chadderdon, secretary, attended a meeting Monday night in Caldwell to help organize a regional industrial development committee. Participating in the meeting were chamber representatives from Glens Ferry to McCall and as far west as Vale in Oregon.

Chadderdon said the group is a reorganization of the former Boise Valley Development association and will take in a wider area than the old group.

Part of the financing has been "underwritten" to get the new organization started and plans are being made to hire a full-time executive manager.

Lewis Bean, Ontario, was named acting chairman of the proposed organization and Morgan was elected as a member of the organizing committee and acting board of directors.

Chadderdon said the group's objectives are to encourage small industry to locate in this area. "Smokestack factories" are not the goal of the organization, but all types of business and industry that employ even two or three persons will be sought. A highly trained and specialized salesman will be needed to present this area's case anywhere in the western hemisphere, the Nyssa agent said.

Salk Vaccine Now Available Here For 19-Year-Olds

The state board of health has authorized the use of Salk vaccine for immunization against polio for all persons to and including 19 years, Dr. Grant B. Hughes, county health officer, announced this week. Heretofore the age limit has been 15 years of age.

Recommendations of the health department are that the vaccine be administered irrespective of seasons, since it has been well established that there is no unfavorable reaction, even during the so-called polio season. Dr. Hughes said.

It is expected that commercial vaccine supplies will become more plentiful and that it will be only a short period of time until the age limit is moved up to 30, the county health officer indicated.

Week End Thefts Give Money, Loot Unknown Thieves

Two burglaries over the weekend remained unsolved by Wednesday as city officers were working on a Main street break-in and robbery Sunday night and Canyon county, Idaho sheriff's officers were investigating robbery of tools from the construction firm building a new Snake river bridge at Nyssa.

At the Nyssa Theatre thieves were successful in finding approximately \$250 in change after prying open the drawer of a steel file. Officers said they believed entry was made through a back door which was pried open. Several dollars in coins were scattered in the theatre office, indicating departure was hurried.

A similar burglary occurred at the theatre about two years ago when a similar amount of money was taken from the same drawer. Sunday night's thieves inserted their bar in almost the identical place as did their predecessors. An unclassified piece of evidence left Sunday night was a dead tool found in the theatre lobby.

Sometime Saturday night between \$1500 and \$2000 worth of tools were taken from the Hansen & Parr Construction Co., which has set up its headquarters on the Idaho side of the river. Two tool houses were entered and machine tools and a portable light plant were among items taken. Workmen reported that a vehicle, believed to be a pickup, had gone to the river near the boat landing and crossed under the bridge to the tool houses located north of the bridge. Several carpenter tools were passed up in favor of machine tools and some materials used in the construction.

Delegates Plan For NEA Meeting

Miss Anna Bauman, Nyssa primary teacher; Laurence Schwarz, high school teacher, and Miss Hazel Lane, elementary teacher, are among those planning to attend the National Education association in Portland July 1 to 6. They represent the Nyssa Education association, the Malheur county association and Classroom Teachers association, respectively.

Supt. R. V. Wilson and Dale Overstake also expect to attend the convention.

Miss Bauman and Schwarz will serve as Malheur county host and hostess when Oregon entertains convention delegates at a chuck wagon dinner at Jantzen Beach next Tuesday evening.

RETURN FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bauman, Anna and Larry returned recently from a three weeks' vacation trip to several eastern states.

They visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Cochran and family in Grand Junction, Colo. and five Allis-Chalmers factories, including those in La Crosse, Wis., West Allis, Wis., La Porte, Ind., Springfield, Ill. and Independence, Mo.

Work Begun On Eagles Lodge Addition



THE EAGLES held an impromptu ground-breaking ceremony Monday noon at the site of their new 50 x 56 addition to the present building. Dale Gar-

risen, president is shown, left, with a shovel which was strictly a "prop" as Lynn Snodgrass, in the background turned the

first earth with his power shovel. Other Eagles on hand were Wilber Helcomb, Elmer Jaques and Bob Thompson.

—Journal photo