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Modern Structure to Serve Nyssa Area Postal Patrons



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City Council Grants Tobler Change To Industrial Zone For Operations

A long-pending and controversial zone change was unanimously approved last Thursday night at a special meeting of the city council which also scrutinized the city budget which must be cut \$10,038 from the amount approved by the council and budget committee and rejected by Nyssa voters. Final action on city expenditures to stay within the 6 percent limitation will take place at a later meeting, possibly the regular July session the 10th.

Hugh Tobler, manager of Tobler's Feed & Fuel, last April had asked the council to change the north half of block 14, which is between South First and Second, from a business zone to an industrial zone. The city planning commission recommended the change and turned its decision over to the council.

Protest Noise, Zoning
At the June 11 council meeting, a petition bearing 18 signatures was presented by the

tures was presented by John O'Kief, Ontario attorney, protesting the change and at the same time asking council to restrict nighttime operations of the firm.

At last Thursday's meeting, O'Kief again spoke for his clients and argued that noise from night operations was disturbing to residents of the area south of Tobler's and that dust from grain processing is unhealthy.

Tobler Describes Operations
Tobler, a member of the city council, stepped down from his official capacity and stated, "I want to present my case as a citizen and business man for other members of the council to decide."

He stated that he bought the feed firm eight years ago and that it had been operated 10 or 12 years before that as an industry. Tobler asserted that he, and presumably all city officials, assumed the firm was located in an industrial area since a building permit for expansion was issued in Nov., 1951.

Prior to recent expansion started last year, consideration was given to rebuilding along the railroad track where a warehouse is maintained, Tobler said, but since more dwellings are near that area, additional facilities were added to the main firm on Good avenue.

Industry Needed
Tobler said the need for such an industry was found to be great, after an extensive survey that resulted in the decision to build the \$90,000 addition. Feed for cattle was in great demand and since the new mill has been in operation, the feeding business has increased tremendously in this area, Tobler said.

The feed man explained that operations must be carried on on (Continued on Page 12)

Six Nyssa People Hurt; 2 Ontarians Die In Car Wrecks

Dale Haney, 21, his wife of one week Carolyn Haney, 19, and the former's father, Jess Haney, were released from Malheur Memorial hospital the forepart of this week following treatment for injuries suffered in a head-on collision near Arcadia north of Nyssa last Saturday morning. Mrs. Jess Haney is still confined for treatment of multiple injuries. All were reported to have suffered numerous cuts, bruises and contusions.

All were occupants of a car traveling south on highway 201 that hit another vehicle driven by Rodrigo Garza of the Wilder labor camp. According to police, Garza attempted to make a left-hand turn onto Imperial avenue and was hit by the Haney car. Garza is still confined to the hospital with a fractured arm and possible chest injuries.

A head-on collision early Friday took the life of Mitsutara Kawamoto, 61, Ontario, and his wife Sakayo, 57, and caused slight injuries to Joseph Farley, 21, Salem, driver of the other car. The two vehicles came together seven miles north of Ontario on highway 30.

Sharon Mills, 14, daughter of Donald Mills, Nyssa, received cuts and abrasions in an accident near Park's early Sunday morning. She was treated at the hospital and released. Details of the accident were not reported.



Bernard Eastman

he came to Nyssa where he has been in business ever since. Bernard opened a real estate and insurance business (he sells everything but life) in a little frame house which was on the present location of his present building. His family lived in said building with one room set aside for customers. In 1933 Eastman built the present pleasant commercial fronts with barber Harry Miner, sharing part of the ultra-modern (Continued on Page 12)

Commissioner A.P. Goodell Dies From Heart Attack

Alva P. Goodell, 61, Malheur county commissioner and prominent Nyssa area rancher, died suddenly last Thursday afternoon following a heart attack. He was working with his cattle at his ranch southwest of Nyssa when he was stricken and died before a doctor could be summoned.

Mr. Goodell was born Jan. 22, 1895 in Haigler, Neb. and when he was 14 the family moved to Hale, Mo. where he attended grade and high school.

In 1917 he served in the U. S. Army and was in France and Belgium on combat duty in major American offensives. He served until 1919 in the army of occupation. During world war II, he was a captain in the Oregon National Guard.

A past master of Oregon Trail Grange, Mr. Goodell had been an active member of the organization for many years. He was a member of the American Legion, Owyhee Riding club, the Knife & Fork club and a member of the Methodist church since he was 19. He had served as county commissioner since 1946, having been elected to that office three different times.

On March 10, 1925, he was married to Orma Guss at Wray, Colo. Two children, Alva Platte, Jr. and Donna Belle were born in Nebraska. In 1936 the family moved from Wray to Meridian and the year later they moved to the Owyhee project where the family has lived since that time.

Surviving are his wife and two children; five grandchildren, Gary, Brian, Donald and Kirk Cleaver, and Scott Alva Goodell; two brothers, Charles of Malvern, Iowa and William of Sunnyside, Calif.; and two sisters, Mrs. Leslie Topliff, Nyssa, and Elizabeth Goodell, Emmett.

Services were conducted at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in Lienkaemper Chapel with the Rev. Paul Ludlow officiating. Interment was in Nyssa cemetery under direction of the American Legion.

Honorary bearers were John Koopman, L. E. Hammack, Harry Sackett, Don C. Hosler, Carl Sperling, John Elfering, George Van Horn, Taylor Sandvigen, Judge G. Y. Chester and Judge Lloyd Rea.

Representative Visits At Emil Stunz Home

Rep. and Mrs. Wayne Giesy of Monroe, Ore., who were honeymooning in Oregon, spent Tuesday and Wednesday week with the Emil Stunz.

The group went to McCall Tuesday where they stayed at the Stunz cottage and to Council and Hell's Canyon Wednesday. They took a boat trip up the river and an Idaho Power employer, Mr. McCormick took them on a tour of the dam.

New Labor Camp Manager Named

Bill Lemon has been named assistant manager of the Nyssa labor camp and will assume full management when the resignation of W. O. (Bill) Shambaugh becomes effective Sept. 30.

Lemon was formerly manager of a Western Store in Nyssa and has been employed at Fischer's Locker plant for the past several months.

Shambaugh is the Republican candidate for county clerk and has been manager of the Nyssa camp for the past three years.

The Nyssa camp is the largest in the area, having a summer-time population of approximately 800 people, most of them Spanish-Americans from Texas.

Four Candidates Are Announced For County Job

A county commissioner to succeed the late Alva Goodell will be appointed Thursday by Judge G. Y. Chester and Commissioner Lester Hammack, the county judge has announced. It is understood that the appointment will be made for the remainder of Goodell's term which would have expired in Jan., 1959.

The name of George Cleaver, farmer in the Buena Vista section southwest of Nyssa, was presented to the county court following a meeting of representatives of Oregon Trail Grange, Farm Bureau, Nyssa chamber of commerce and the Adrian and Big Bend communities. By secret ballot the group approved appointment of Cleaver and named a committee composed of Frank Parr, Bob Thompson, Luit Stam, Dick Kreigh and Loyd Adams to meet with the county court Thursday.

Three other names had been turned in to the court and all will be given careful consideration. Two stipulations were made by the county judge who said that the court would require that the appointee come from this district and that he be a registered Republican.

The name of Claude Eachus was presented by telephone Monday, the county judge said, and a Mr. Miller of Big Bend and Gene Pratt of Adrian also have been suggested. Chester said that Pratt has been sponsored by the Adrian chamber of commerce.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA VACATION TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Newman and family and Mr. Newman's mother, Mrs. Bertha Newman of Nampa returned Friday from a two weeks' vacation trip. They visited relatives and friends in Portland, Los Angeles and San Francisco. While in California the Newmans visited Disneyland and played golf at the Pebble Beach golf course at Carmel.

Optimism Reigns As Packers Prepare For Early Spud Harvest Next Week; High Prices, Good Crop Reported

Nyssa area produce packing houses were being geared for operations that will get under way next week on early spuds that show every indication of bringing "fabulous" prices, even if early quotations drop to a much lower level.

Some growers were rejecting \$4 offers for their early spuds and reports were that some potatoes might go as high as \$6 here. On the Chicago market Tuesday prices for No. 1s were being quoted at \$8.50. Local shippers contacted expressed extreme optimism about the price holding "at least at \$4" and a majority expressed confidence that the 1956 crop is exceptionally good and fairly large.

There were some expressions of doubt that the market would hold and one shipper expressed the opinion that the crop will be extremely short. A majority of growers and buyers, however, seemed to feel that this year's potato crop will be plentiful and bring "a nice margin of profit to all concerned in this area."

Record year for prices was 1952 when the market rose to \$4.50 locally and there was a big crop. Record year for shipment was 1954 when 2,477 cars left Nyssa. Tom Jones, Union Pacific agent here, said that he is preparing for 2,200 cars and the number could go as high as 2,400.

On the basis of general estimates of quantity and price, value of this year's crop shipped through the Nyssa terminal could be well over \$3,000,000.

Large Payroll
Something like 300 persons will be employed when production gets into full swing and weekly payrolls at the seven packing houses is expected to exceed \$15,000.

At Owyhee Produce, Shay Bybee said packing will start anytime from next Monday until Thursday and that about 70 people will be employed. Tom Eldredge expects to start operations at J. C. Watson Co. next Tuesday with crews of from 75 to 90 people working. Muir-Roberts will not start until next Thursday or Friday, and possibly not until a week from Monday, according to Maylin Maxfield, who reported a crew of between 60 and 75 will be employed.

Roy Hirai said the Royal Produce will start operations with a crew of about 20 sometime next week and Elmer Jacques said that some 20 workers will be employed when Simplot's open for packing sometime next week. Tom Moore at Western Idaho Potato Growers here expects to employ between 30 and 40 workers when that packing house opens next week.

"We thought we had hit the potato jackpot with a once-in-a-lifetime market four years ago, but 1956 looks as good if not better than '52," one shipper commented.

There was some concern earlier (Continued on Page 12)

Broncs Bucking As Rodeo Time In Nyssa Nears

Next week! One of the big events in Nyssa—the annual Nyssa Nite Rodeo which will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 12, 13 and 14.

Sponsored by the Owyhee Riding Club the program this year looks to be the most entertaining yet put on at the rodeo grounds across from the high school.

There will be five major events, nightly featuring saddle bronc riding, Brahma bull riding, bulldogging and calf roping.

There will also be kids' calf riding. A nightly feature of the rodeo will be the antics of Karl Doering, famed rodeo clown, a bull-fighter de luxe, assisted by a 4-year old boy, an exciting act and the only one of its kind in America.

Thursday evening the Ada County Sheriff's Posse and Posses will put on special drills; Friday night the Meridian riders and Caldwell Juniors will entertain the crowd and Saturday night the Canyon County Sheriff's Posse and the Western Riding Club of Boise will be on hand.

Every night prior to the rodeo a downtown parade will be held at 8 p.m. with awards going to the best horsemen and women in several categories with prizes to be awarded by Nyssa merchants in several classifications.

Hobart Norman, El Paso, will act as announcer; Harley Tucker as rodeo contractor with Lynn Snodgrass, assisted by Roy and Gilbert Holmes acting for the riding club.

A big carnival, always well received in Nyssa for its appeal to both youngsters and adults will begin Wednesday.

Details of events, the many top riders who will appear and the additional talent signed to make Nyssa Nite Rodeo a truly big one will appear next week in the Gate City Journal.

Emergency Meet Clears Way For U.P. Expansion

An emergency meeting of the city council Tuesday morning resulted in passage of a resolution certifying that ordinances will be passed to close a railroad crossing on Park street and to open a crossing right-of-way on Locust street.

The action was in connection with the Union Pacific's huge expansion program to add three new tracks to the Nyssa yard. A 593-foot switching track planned by the railroad will make Park street crossing unusable.

A new crossing at Locust will provide better access to the Idaho Canning Co. plant.

Tom Jones, U. P. agent, said that the matter must go before the PUC before construction can begin and the project is so large that a contract has been let to Morrison-Knudson Co.

The PUC must have the city's resolution to approve the railroad's expansion program and the city cannot pass ordinances until it is certain the work can be approved by the PUC and carried out by Union Pacific.

Street Repairs Begin Tuesday

Construction crews started work Tuesday to resurface portions of North Fourth and Fifth streets where new water mains last summer left a strip of broken pavement as well as cross-sections where connections were made to homes.

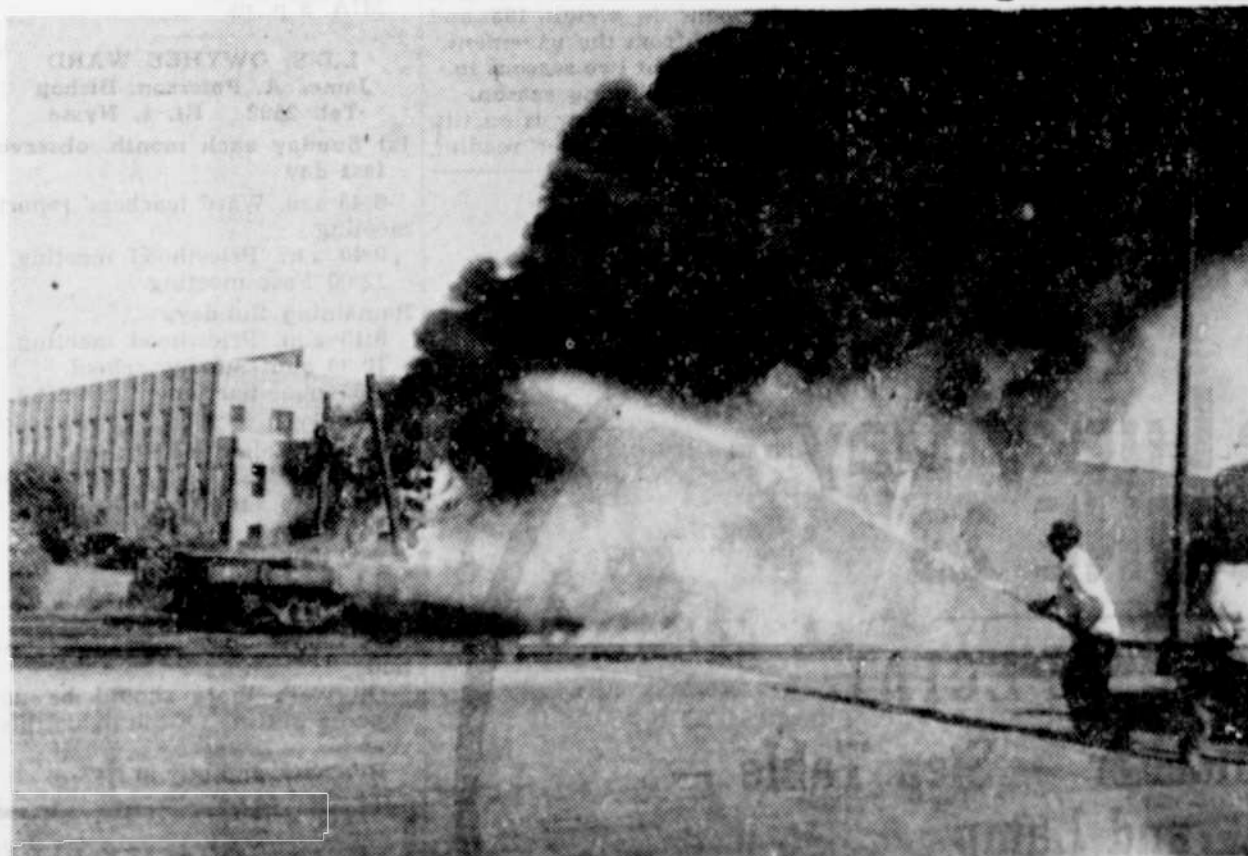
J. Veer Van Noy Construction Co. of Ontario has charge of the work which is part of the original contract. A base will be laid on top of the trenches and three-inch oil mat will cover the new repairs.

IOOF TO INSTALL OFFICERS MONDAY

The IOOF lodge will hold installation of officers Monday, July 9 at 8:30 p.m. All members are urged to be present.

Roy Winchell will be installed noble grand, succeeding John Reeves and Al Thompson, vice grand. Appointive officers will also be installed.

Creosote Fire Threatens U.P. Freight



Thursday afternoon an East-bound Union Pacific freight pulled into Nyssa with a fire raging through a load of creosote piling on a flat car. Train crews uncoupled the car from the rest of the train and the Nyssa fire department extinguished the blaze. The fire was said to have been caused by a "hot box" on the burning car. The fire was thought to have smoldered for sometime before breaking out for no report was made as the freight passed through Ontario. The photos show the flames lapping at the siding with dense creosote adding to the spectacular but fortunately not too costly destruction. —Journal photo.



Prowlers Rob Nyssa Tavern Early Tuesday

Burglars enjoyed "after hours" privileges following closing Monday when they cut their way through a heavy wire mesh in the rear and forced a door to gain admittance to the Nyssa Tavern.

The prowlers took approximately \$50 in change from a drawer in the establishment, the money to have been used for "opening change." A few pieces of jewelry were also taken but the intruders apparently left all the stock alone.

The tavern, like many other businesses, bank often during the day and little cash was available to prowlers.

"Seems like a pretty big gamble," remarked Damon Savage, owner of the Tavern.

"Someone is trading a few dollars for potentially several years behind bars."

Motor Carrier High for Bridge

Larger motor freight loads are continuing to surpass the capacity of Oregon and Idaho highways and bridges, as was demonstrated last Thursday night when a vehicle carrier had to be rerouted by way of Weiser.

Local police reported that the carrier attempted to cross the Nyssa Snake river bridge enroute to the west coast, but its load extended about six feet above the steel bridge girders. The high load did not touch the bridge, police said.

A freight truck became "stuck" on the girders about a year ago and continued battering by other trucks was held partially responsible for deterioration of the bridge and its collapse in December, 1954.