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Entertainers Delight Huge Crowd at Annual Fiesta



NEARLY 1000 PEOPLE witnessed the annual Spanish Fiesta last Saturday evening at the Old Gym where 900 persons were able to find seats and others were forced to stand. A total of 718 Spanish dinners were served to residents of the community and labor camp. Dancer, top left, is Maria deLuz Ruiz, 12, and on the right is Cuca

Ramos presenting "El Relicario," a Spanish dance. Bottom right is Isabelle Garza and Cuca Ramos, dressed as a man, presenting a Mexican hat dance. Stealing the show were Gloria Ramirez, facing the camera, and Norma Lopez, five-year-olds, who performed like professionals and were called back to repeat their performances. May-

or Paul House gave a brief address of welcome and R. V. Wilson, school superintendent, told of the school's policy in urging all children of migrant workers to attend classes during the time they are at Nyssa. The Rev. Frank Reyes had charge of the program with Harold Henigson assisting in making arrangements. —Journal Photos

Malheur Fair Starts Wednesday; Record Exhibits

The Malheur County Fair opened in Ontario Wednesday with what County Agent Harry Sandquist described as the greatest number of land products exhibits in history of the annual show. Arts and crafts exhibits came in exceptionally well and livestock entries appeared to be equal to those of last year when a new record for the number was set, Sandquist said.

Judging got underway at 1:30 yesterday with Harry Lindgren, OSC, judging 4-H and open class sheep and beef. Joe Church judged 4-H and open class swine while Erling Johannesen, Emmett, served as judge of 4-H dairy and Vernon DeLong, LaGrande, served in the open class dairy. In the FFA divisions, Cal Crandal, Weiser, and Kenneth Hansen, Caldwell, judged beef, sheep, swine and dairy.

Judging 4-H and open class foods was Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Baker, and Mrs. Campbell, LaGrande, served in the needlecraft, hobbies and other handicraft divisions. Flower exhibits were judged by Mrs. Moyer, Weiser. Results of the judging were not available at press time this week.

Four-H and FFA beef and dairy will be shown today, beginning at 9 a.m. with dual purpose open class at 10 a.m. Starting at 1 o'clock the open dairy class will be shown.

The junior fat stock sale will be held Friday evening, beginning at 7:30, with Joe Church, Clay Tschirgi, Bud Grant and Luther Fritz doing the selling.

Eagles Addition To Be Dedicated At Convention

The dedication of the new 60' by 56' addition to the Nyssa Eagles building will be the high spot of the forthcoming regional 4 district convention to be held here September 22 and 23.

Elmer Jaques, convention chairman, announced that the dedication ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23.

Sunday Ken Renstrom, Bob Toomb, Eddie Taylor and Jaques attended the Columbia Basin meeting of the Eagles at Pendleton. Both Oregon and Washington lodges were represented.

State dignitaries who will be present at the Nyssa convention which is expected to draw around 400 delegates and friends include State President Clem Roskoski, State Vice President Francis Baker, State Chaplain Bill Begoni and State Conductor Mark Rusher.

Dr. Danford Recovers From Back Injury

Dr. K. A. Danford is confined in bed at his home for a two weeks' period recovering from a back injury sustained while on a three weeks' vacation trip with his family. Dr. Danford injured his back while lifting camping equipment into the car enroute home and was hospitalized at Truckee, Calif. for six days.

The Danfords and their three children returned home Thursday night. Their camping trip took them to Bend, then down the Oregon and California coast to Eureka, Crescent City and Lassen Park.

Widespread Interest Shown To Form New Street, Curb, Sidewalk District

Excellent response is being received for a petition now being circulated to form a street-curb-sidewalk improvement district in Nyssa, it was reported this week and indications are that a district can be formed to include various parts of town.

At the present time, dozens of property owners have signed a petition to pave Reece avenue from First to Fourth streets and Ennis avenue from First to Seventh streets. Sixth street between Good and Reece avenues is expected to be included in the improvement district, as are numerous other scattered sections of town for one, two or all the proposed improvements.

Don Moss, along with several

other residents of the areas involved, has been active in obtaining signatures, but more workers are needed to create widespread interest in the proposed improvements. Several inquiries have been made regarding inclusion of isolated areas which need such additions as sidewalks or curbing alone and indications are that many of these small portions will be included in one large improvement district.

According to City Manager Jack Middaugh, the larger the area involved, the smaller the costs will be. However, property owners will pay for no improvements other than those abutting their property, but the costs are automatically lower when all improvements can be made at one time.

The improvement costs can be spread over a period of ten years, payable semi-annually, it was explained.

The improvement district can be formed with 50 percent or more of the property owners involved signing the petition and action can be stopped only if owners of two-thirds or more of the property involved protest the action. However, the matter can again be presented to the city council for action after a period of six months.

More detailed information about including property in the proposed improvement district can be obtained from the city hall or from Don Moss.

Democrats Name Pratt Candidate For County Post

Gene Pratt, Adrian area farmer, was named Monday night by the Malheur county Democratic Central committee as a candidate for county commissioner at the Nov. 6 general election.

George Cleaver was appointed county commissioner July 11 following the death of Alva Goodell, to serve until January 1957. According to information available, the Republican Central committee will name Cleaver as the GOP candidate in time for his name to appear on the fall ballot.

Goodell's term would have extended until January, 1959, but his death made necessary the immediate appointment of a commissioner to serve only until the general election and subsequent time until successful candidates assume office in January.

Spud Shipments Near 2000 Cars

More than 250 cars of potatoes have left the Nyssa terminal during the past week with a total of 1,923 cars loaded out of here for the season by Tuesday night and about 40 scheduled for shipment Wednesday. Last year's total shipments through Aug. 28 were 1,086 cars. The total is expected to exceed 2000 cars by the end of the month.

Nyssa Boys Treated For Minor Injuries

Dee Shuster, 18, Nyssa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Shuster and Donald Nolen, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Nolen, were given emergency treatment for minor injuries and released at Malheur Memorial hospital about 2 p.m. Monday following a one-car accident.

The 1952 Buick belonging to Finley Shuster, driven by Dee, allegedly struck a concrete irrigation division box while traveling on the Apple Valley road about four miles from Nyssa and was reported totally demolished.

Nyssa Annapolis Cadet Receives Word Of High Appointment While On Leave

A Nyssa naval academy cadet, at Annapolis received a "surprise" promotion Tuesday, the day before the end of four weeks' leave from his naval training duties.

Ronald J. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jensen, received word of his appointment as midshipman commander, a position placing him as head of an 1800-man regiment and second in command of his brigade at the naval academy. The order stated that the new rank makes Jensen second regimental commander in the first set of strippers for the academic year.

Jensen recently returned from a 60-day cruise covering approximately 16,000 miles that took him to Stockholm, Sweden; Portsmouth, England, and a side trip to London, then home by way of Cuba.

In addition to military training, naval cadets in Jensen's brigade undergo complete training in engineering much like an electrical engineering course at a civilian college. Students have six foreign languages from which they can choose two for their required subjects. As an example of the academic education, 127 semester hours are required at Annapolis as compared with 132 hours at a civilian college, but 25 hours of military training are required at the academy and classes are operated on a five and one-half day per week basis.

Jensen's four-year Annapolis training will end this year when he will be commissioned as an ensign.

The Nyssa man has also been assigned duties for "Operations Information" to inform the public about the academy. He expects to have special leave late in December to carry out the assignment by appearing before various groups for talks and presentation of a special Annapolis moving picture. Arrangements are now being made for showing the film over television.

During the three years Jensen has been at Annapolis, he has served as his company's representative, a position he will continue through his fourth year, and has been among the top quarter in his class academically during his military training.

Gov. Elmo E. Smith Plans Attendance At Afternoon, Evening Performances Of Fourth Harvest Festival Sept. 21

Gov. Elmo E. Smith will be a special guest at the annual Harvest Festival in Nyssa Friday, Sept. 21, for both the afternoon and evening performances, it was announced this week. The governor expects to arrive at the Ontario airport in time to come to Nyssa to greet youngsters at the afternoon show and will remain here for the evening performance to crown the Harvest Festival queen to be selected by the high school student body.

Gov. Smith was guest of honor at the 1954 performance when he was senator from this district and again last year when he was president of the senate. "I want to come back to my home territory for Nyssa's annual show which I really enjoyed when I attended before," the governor told the Journal by telephone Monday.

Fred Bracken is chairman of the committee making arrangements for the Queen and her coronation and extended the invitation to Gov. Smith to take part in the ceremonies again this year.

Sons of the Pioneers, a nationally famous entertainment troupe, will feature the free shows provided by Nyssa business firms to show their appreciation to all residents of the area for patronage of the previous year. Hugh Tobler, general chairman of the event, said that without doubt this year's entertainment will appeal to more people than any ever before staged in Nyssa.

In addition to the main events which consist of singing, specialty numbers and a comedian, Ernie Byran, Portland, president of the National Amateur Magicians society, will serve as master of ceremonies and provide entertainment in his presentations.

School will be dismissed in the afternoon for the free show to allow all youngsters in the community to attend. The evening performance will include the Queen's coronation, all the planned performances and a Queen's ball later in the evening with Ken Bort's dance band from Boise providing the music.

Tobler said that all arrangements are progressing satisfactorily and that numerous "small incidentals" are being added to the show this year for the public's enjoyment.

Regular time for a home football game by the Bulldogs against the Weiser Wolverines has been moved up to 6:30 instead of the regular 8 o'clock starting time to allow football fans and players an opportunity to attend the Harvest Festival.

County Approves City Street Offer

Malheur county court has approved the Nyssa city council's petition to release its jurisdiction of a portion of Locust avenue to allow the city to improve the street with state aid, it was announced Wednesday.

The west end of the avenue forms the north city boundary and half the street must be maintained by the county. The release will allow the proposed improvements in one project to be administered by the city.

Many Activities Underway In City; Special Meet Fri.

No response to an invitation for contractors to bid on seal-coating North Fourth and Fifth streets has yet been received and date for bid opening has been set for Sept. 4, according to City Manager Jack Middaugh. The proposed project will complete work on the two streets where repairs have been made following installation of new water mains and connections.

Three councilmen, the city manager and Tom Weeks, street superintendent, have made tentative plans to go to Walla Walla sometime next month to witness operations of a street sweeper, manufactured by a different company than the one demonstrated here last week.

In other city activities, a shallow well is being drilled at the city dump grounds north of town where housing is being provided for a caretaker. Lyle Gledhill has been hired by the city as an attendant and ground has been excavated and a foundation built for a house to be erected from a building on property purchased last year for the water system and another building on city-owned property in Nyssa. Fixtures from the former veterans housing unit are to be used in the caretaker's dwelling. Gledhill is doing most of the salvage work preparatory to moving the buildings.

It was announced that the first water meter in the business district has been installed at the Heldt building on North Third street where the meter was requested for several business units.

A special council meeting has been called for Friday evening to complete further details for a franchise ordinance for the Malheur Home Telephone Co.

Men About Nyssa



Eddie Taylor

Nyssa's popular dispenser of everything from ham hocks to turnip greens at Taylor's Market was born July 21, 1916 at Osborne, Kan.

Eddie was raised on a farm and attended grade and high school at Osborne. An inquiry as to his high school career was answered with Eddie stating he probably would have been chosen the least likely to succeed had a vote been taken.

After he was graduated in 1934 Eddie bounced around working in service stations, restaurants and as a manager of a hotel coffee shop.

In the fall of 1940 Eddie and a friend took the advice of Horace Greeley and headed West, arriving in Boise in the fall after negotiating the trip in a '31 model "A" roadster.

The duo brought nothing with them to Boise other than charm for Eddie had a bankroll of \$3 and his companion \$15.

Taylor got a job as a bartender but tossed in the towel when he got work at Pearl, Idaho, first as a hoist operator and then a time-keeper at a mine.

Oh, yes, he had met Bertha in 1940 when he came to Boise. More on that later.

In September of 1941 Eddie followed the crowd to Seattle and got a job with Boeing Aircraft.

And Bertha followed Eddie to Seattle. They were married at Port Orchard, Wash., Dec. 6, a day before the other war started.

Eddie worked at Boeing's until July, 1943, at which time he slipped. (Continued on Page 12)

Interest In City Council Posts Lag; Terms of Four Members Up In Jan.

Interest in Nyssa's city government continued to lag this week after a three weeks' period when nominating petitions for councilmen could have been filed. Only five weeks remain for filing of petitions to fill four vacancies on the seven-member council. Nominating petitions must be filed on or before Oct. 6.

Voters will choose four new councilmen at the general election Nov. 6, but so far records

show no candidates willing to seek the posts. However, Paul House indicated that he may be a candidate for re-election and Walker Low has stated that he will again seek the post he now holds. Tom Jones and Hugh Tobler announced several weeks ago that they definitely will not be in the race for re-election.

There were no reports this week from any groups or individuals interested in filling the two definite vacancies that will occur at the first meeting in January when Jones' and Tobler's terms expire. It has been generally assumed that nominating petitions will be filed for both House and Low sometime during the five weeks' grace period.

Only qualifications for councilmen are that they are registered voters and live within the Nyssa city limits. Candidates are not required to be property owners and there are no wards or districts within the city which they must represent.

Holdover members of the council are Orin Sumner, Frank Morris and Cliff Main. All members are elected as councilmen and the seven-man body selects one of the group to serve as mayor for two years when new members are sworn in and the council is organized at the first meeting in January following the general election.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hewett and Joan and Mrs. Ida Olin visited in LaGrande Sunday with Asber Meusel.

Nyssans Hurt In Idaho Crash

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller and Lee Montgomery, all of Nyssa are confined in Mercy hospital at Nampa with injuries sustained in a two-car accident on highway 30 between Caldwell and Nampa Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Pete Blake, Harper, daughter of the Millers reported that Mrs. Miller sustained a spine injury, fracture of three ribs; extensive bruises and shock while Miller is suffering from shock, cuts and bruises. Report on the extent of injuries to Montgomery, passenger in the Miller car was unavailable but his condition was reported not serious.

According to reports the Miller car was turning off the highway to a fruit stand when another car driven by Clayton C. Manson, 70, Nampa hit it broadside. The Miller car was totally demolished.

Miller may be released within a few days but Mrs. Miller may be confined at least 10 days.

Chamber Asked For Assistance In City Contest

Assistance of the Chamber of Commerce was asked Wednesday noon in preparing a brochure of civilian activity in the event Nyssa is among the nation's cities in final consideration as an All-America city. Jack Middaugh, city manager, told the chamber of facts he has gathered to bring the opportunity to enter the contest sponsored by the National Municipal League and Look Magazine.

A committee meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock tonight and ideas are wanted for various community activities accomplished in the past and planned for the future, Middaugh said.

Elmer Cruson, highway chairman, presented Chuck Smith and Al Ryerson of John Day, who are seeking funds for continuation of the Highway 26 association. Ryerson said that \$700 had been raised in John Day and about \$1300 elsewhere to erect a series of signs calling attention to highway 26 as the shortest and most scenic route to Portland.

COBERNS MOVE FURNITURE TO HOME IN KENNEWICK

Dr. George Cobern, former Nyssa optometrist who opened a new office in Kennewick, Wash. July 2 was in Nyssa Wednesday to move their furniture to their home in Kennewick. Woodrow Seuell of Connell, Wash. brought his truck and assisted with the moving.

Mrs. Cobern and children have been visiting in Hillsboro.