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Five Indicted By Federal Jury In Onion Case

An indictment involving charges of stolen onions was returned Tuesday in Boise by a federal grand jury which convened there Sept. 4.

One count of the indictment accused Raleigh Walker, Weiser; Herbert H. Fisher, Nyssa, and Sherman Bybee, Nyssa, with transporting stolen onions worth approximately \$20,000 from Payette and Fruitland to Nyssa and Ontario.

A second count of the indictment accused Walker, Fisher and Bybee, in addition to Edward John Brown, Nyssa, and Beulah Baker, Payette, with transporting about \$5000 worth of onions, storing them and selling them. The second count involved 32 alleged acts, including setting up a fictitious firm to market the onions. Brown was listed in the indictment as also known as E. J. Tucker, as Oscar Daffer and as Kim Ogami. He allegedly cashed checks amounting to \$1,558.50, \$1,474.97 and \$350 made payable to one or another of the aliases and was alleged to have forged the name of E. J. Tucker on two bank drafts in the amount of \$459.10 and \$525, both made payable to Simplot Western Idaho Produce. Beulah Baker was charged with cashing checks.

Bybee was charged with allegedly setting up a fictitious account in the name of Oscar Daffer and another in the name of Kim Ogami.

The five persons were served with warrants immediately following the indictments and were released on their own recognizance. They have been ordered to appear for arraignment Sept. 17. Investigations by Idaho civil authorities and the FBI began in Payette shortly after a fire in an onion warehouse there last Feb. 12.

Men About Nyssa



Jake Fischer

Today's guest was almost a native Oregonian—and qualifies as a Nyssa "old-timer" having arrived here in 1925.

He was born in Kampsville, Ill., October 27, 1905 where he lived until he was five years old. Jake's family moved to Banks, Oregon at that time where they were engaged in general farming. Jake finished his elementary education in Banks and then began farming with his parents.

In 1925 the Fischers moved to Nyssa. The present cow barn was the original homestead site. Nyssa was a rugged town in those days. The population was in the 500s and the only buildings on Main between Second and Third were Doc Sarazin's old office and the garage building now occupied by Herman Towne. It was known as Hoxie's Garage back in those days.

In 1933 Jake married Nona Maxwell, a Wilder girl. They have one daughter, Lorraine Godfrey who is planning to make Jake a proud grandpa sometime in October. Mrs. Godfrey's husband is attending the University of Utah.

In 1940 Jake built the slaughter house at the site of his present operation and gradually expanded it. In 1951 he built the modern locker plant, remodeling it this Spring.

From a modest beginning the business has expanded to the point where last year over 600 cattle were slaughtered. Jake does his own feeding.

He's also proud of the state championship he won in Corvallis in 1955 for having the finest in hams.

Jake is still a farmer. He owns 160 acres North of Alberta Avenue and raises beets, potatoes, hay, grain and ensilage corn. He employs five men to keep his operations going.

Jake has been active in many phases of community life. He is a member of the chamber of commerce and a past president of

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Queen Mardelle Thompson and Court to Preside Over Harvest Festival



HAIL MARDELLE THOMPSON (center) Queen of the Harvest Festival! And a bow to her lovely court, from left, Nancy Jo House, June Stem, Carolyn Jones and Nancy Skeen, all of whom will participate in the Gala fall festival to be held this year Friday, September 21. The Nyssa high school seniors

were chosen by the student body with the girl receiving the highest vote nominated queen and the next four her court. This year's program, both afternoon and evening, will include the absolute tops in entertainment. The famous Sons of the Pioneers will be on hand as will Ernie Bryon, one of Ameri-

ca's outstanding magicians. The afternoon show will be primarily for children—and so planned. The evening show will start with the coronation of the queen by Governor Elmo Smith of Oregon who will also give a brief word of welcome at the afternoon performance. THERE

IS NO CHARGE for either performance which is sponsored by the businessmen of Nyssa. Following the evening program there will be a dance with Ken Bort's orchestra of Boise and special entertainers providing a lively climax to the Festival. —Journal Photo

City Council Buys Street Sweeper; Sells Telephone Co. Franchise Fee; Considers Numerous Other Problems

Nyssa's city council Tuesday night purchased a new street sweeper, completed and heard a final reading of a telephone franchise ordinance, adopted a natural gas assignment ordinance and granted extension of time for start of installation, heard final reading on a re-zoning ordinance, started procedures to change method of gasoline and oil purchases and set a date for payment of delinquent assessment accounts.

Purchase of a four-yard Elgin street sweeper in the amount of \$11,750 with \$1000 trade-in allowed for the city's present sweeper, was approved by the council. Delivery of the new equipment is expected immediately and will be used to prepare some 30 blocks of streets for seal-coating as well as routine cleaning purposes.

A bid was also submitted for a Wayne sweeper, recently demonstrated with a net price of \$8500 for a three-yard machine and \$9,850 for a four-yard machine. A third company gave a quotation, but no actual bids or definite trade-in allowance were made. The Elgin sweeper was chosen after four members of the council, the city manager and the city street superintendent inspected the equipment last week in Spokane. The machine purchased is operated hydraulically while one of the others considered is operated by chain drive.

Phone Franchise Fees

Beginning Oct. 1, Malheur Home Telephone Co. will pay 2 percent of its local revenue to the city on a franchise fee. Final reading of the ordinance was held prior to minor changes such as the manner of taxation, and terms that extend for 20 years with the privilege of making changes at five-year intervals.

Murrell E. Doan, manager of the telephone company, estimated his firm's revenues from local service within the city of Nyssa at \$59,000 annually. Payments will be made quarterly, based on the previous year's revenues and adjustments made the

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Ministers Group Consider School Religious Class

A discussion on teaching religion to junior and senior high school students on released time was held Monday by members of the Nyssa Ministerial association of which the Rev. Paul L. Ludlow is president. The association is seeking more information and seriously considering such a project, Rev. Ludlow stated.

Churches are considering uniting and hiring a teacher for an hour each week and an alternate plan would be for each church to teach its members with the leadership of church teachers.

The Nyssa stake of the LDS church has organized a seminary with classes from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. for high school students throughout the stake. The new schedule was adopted after plans were first discussed to have a seminary building to teach classes during released school time.

The state law limits released time for religious teachings to two hours each week.

PTA Urges Use Of Salk Vaccine

Nyssa Parent-Teacher association, in accordance with the Oregon public health department, is sponsoring a campaign to encourage parents to bring their children to county doctors for Salk vaccinations.

According to Dr. Grant B. Hughes, county health officer, large quantities of the vaccine are still available and will be returned to the state health department if they are not used in this county.

Doctors are making a last appeal to parents to safeguard their children's health, regardless of financial status. If parents are unable to meet payment, terms can be made with their family physician.

Launching Campaign For More Readers

Journal Co-Owner Dies Suddenly At Cascade, Ida.

George L. Whorton, 63, Payette newspaper publisher and co-owner of the Gate City Journal, died last Friday in a Cascade, Ida., hospital following a sudden illness earlier in the day at McCall.

Mr. Whorton had published a weekly newspaper at Mountain Home for several years and in 1936 he purchased the Payette Independent and the Payette Enterprise which he consolidated into one newspaper. In April, 1952, he and Duane Alters purchased the Gate City Journal from Klass V. Powell.

He was a past president of the Idaho Editorial association, the Payette Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis, and was a member of the Episcopal church, Elks, Masonic and Shrine lodges, the Boise Consistory, the American Legion and was a Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalism honor.

In 1945 Mr. Whorton represented Idaho as a guest of the British government in England and later during World War II was a press correspondent.

He was born Sept. 3, 1892 in Lakeview, Oregon.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rita K. Whorton, Payette; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Brereton, and a grandchild, both of Salt Lake City, and a brother, Glen Whorton of Las Vegas, Nev.

Funeral services were held at the Payette Episcopal church Tuesday morning and interment was at Rosedale cemetery.

Potato Harvest Nearly Finished; Plan for Beets

This week saw the "beginning of the end of the" potato harvest and shipments from the Nyssa terminal with a total of 2,162 cars having been shipped by Tuesday night. Tom Jones, Union Pacific agent, said that not more than 40 or 50 additional cars are expected for the season and that loadings have slowed down to between six and ten cars a day.

Onion shipments are continuing each day with a total of 136 cars checked out Tuesday night as compared with 45 cars at the same time a year ago. Jones estimated total shipments of the 1956 crop will be between 700 and 1000 cars. Arrangements are being made for the sugar beet harvest when approximately 80 cars a day will be handled. At a marketing meeting between railroad and Amalgamated Sugar Co. officials last Friday, tentative estimates were made regarding rail shipments.

Jed Lewis, district manager of the sugar company, said that the present tentative estimate is slightly over a million tons of beets, which amounts to 16,000 50-ton carloads of sugar for the railroad to move. In addition there will be about 275,000 tons of beets to be hauled by truck directly to the Nyssa and Nampa factories.

This year's crop is unusually good, Lewis reported, and may be one of the best yields in history of the industry.

Sam Coon Plans Visit Here Mon.

Congressman Sam Coon, who is seeking re-election on the Republican ticket this year, will be a guest at the Lons club in Nyssa Monday, according to Bob Thompson who is making arrangements for his campaign visit here. The meeting will be open to the public.

The second district congressman announced that he expects to talk to farmers and townspeople in and around Nyssa, Ontario and Vale during his three-day visit in the county Monday through Wednesday.

Sen. Neuberger Visit Changed

Date of a visit to Nyssa by Sen. Richard Neuberger has been changed from Oct. 5 to Oct. 24, according to Tom Jones, county Democratic Central committee chairman. He said the later date is still tentative and that the change was necessary because of other conflicting engagements.

No date has yet been set for the visit of Sen. Wayne Morse, who expects to be in Nyssa sometime during October, Jones said.

Parma Boys Involved In Auto Accident

Bobby Dennis, 16 and his companion, Don Freeman 18, both of Parma were treated for minor injuries at Malheur Memorial hospital Tuesday evening and released as a result of an accident on the Apple Valley road and Inter State avenue it was reported by the Canyon county sheriff's office.

The Dennis car and a truck driven by George Hara, 35, Parma, collided, and the Dennis car rolled over, officers said.

Bicycles, Cash Await Boys, Girls Who Work In Subscription Campaign

Planning Group Mulls Problems

The location of regulatory signs and the disposal of the Veteran's housing property were two problems discussed Monday night when the city planning commission, recently set up through the efforts of the city council, met to discuss planning procedures and methods.

The commission recommended that a two-way stop be located at 4th and Bower at the discretion of the city administration.

Also recommended by the group was the disposal of the Veteran's housing units located on King avenue. Suggestion was made that the property be cleared and retained by the city indefinitely until plans can be made to utilize the 105,350 square feet of land included in the project.

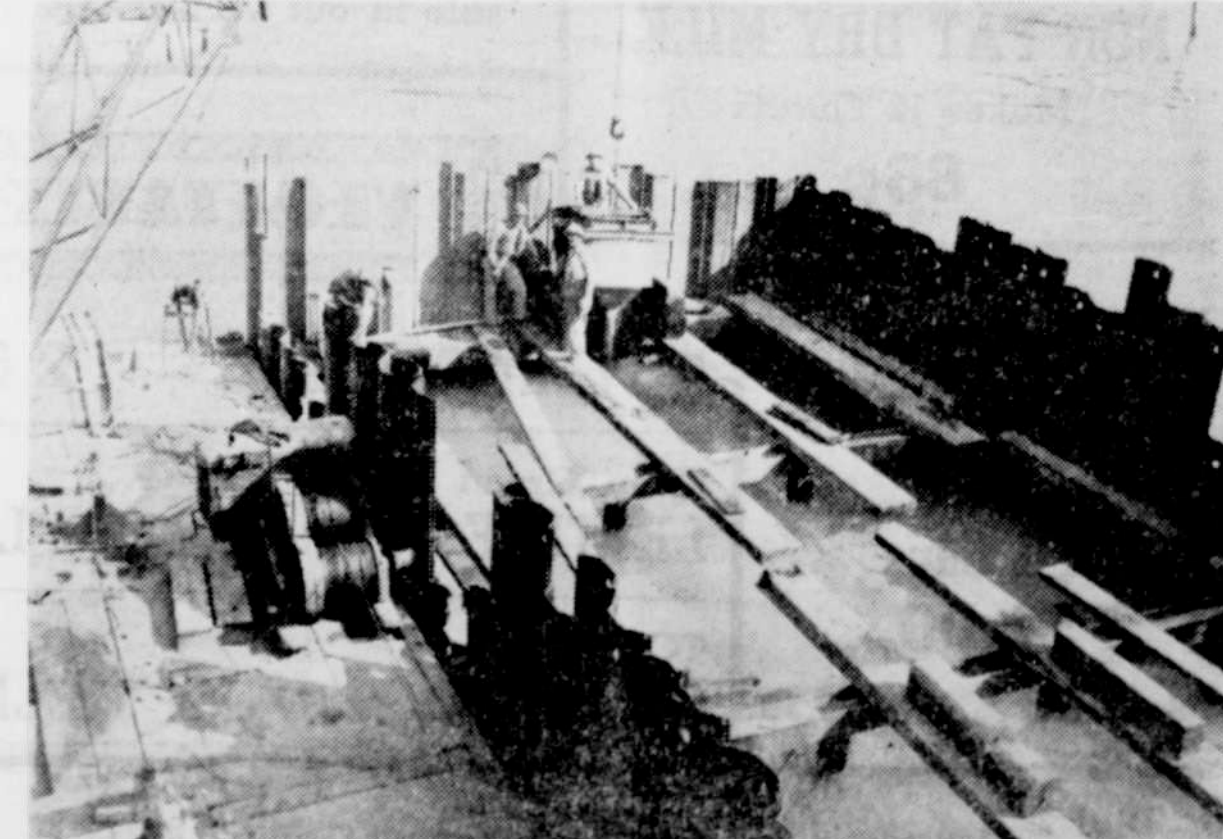
Plans are being made to meet with the county and city relations department of the Oregon state highway department concerning the condition of the underpass and the blind crossing at Main and First streets, Secretary R. V. Wilson said.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Jed Lewis, Bernard Eastman, Albert Heldt, Fred Bracken, R. V. Wilson and Dale Bingman.

Ben Roberts Suffers Accident Injuries

Ben Roberts, Nyssa, was treated for minor injuries at Malheur Memorial hospital Saturday after his car was hit by another vehicle driven by Manuel Valero, Brogan. According to police, the accident occurred at the intersection of North Second and Ehrgood and Roberts' car was forced against a tree.

Cement Pouring on New Bridge Round-the-clock



THE BRIDGE across the Snake river at Nyssa took a big step closer to reality last week when heavy concrete pouring for the piers got underway. Over 680 yards of concrete was poured between 8 a.m. Thursday and 7 p.m. Friday. The concrete was

mixed on the bank and taken to the piers in barges for pouring. Prior to the pouring excavations almost 18 feet below the river bed were dug, protected by the sheets which can be seen, above, which were also drilled far below the bed

of the river. Workers can be seen in the far end of the form about to release another load of concrete which had been brought out on the barge, seen on the left. Pumps took care of excess water. —Journal Photo

Malheur Dairy Output High In Aug.; Herrman Cow, Herd Tops for County

Twenty-nine of the 45 herds enrolled in the Malheur Dairy Herd Improvement association made records above 30 pounds of butterfat for the month of August.

The report, compiled by testing supervisors Clarence Nichols of Vale and Floyd Higgins of Parma, shows that the average milk production for the 1,207 cows enrolled was 780 pounds during the month. The average butterfat production was 30.7 pounds.

Four yearly records completed during the month were high enough to be listed on the standard honor roll. A 3-year old Holstein owned by Leroy Herrman of Nyssa completed a record of 15,047 pounds of milk and 519.5 pounds of butterfat. A 3-year old Holstein in the J. V. Skinner herd at Vale completed a yearly record of 12,559 pounds of milk and 467.4 pounds of fat. A 2-year old Holstein owned by Cecil McCormick of Adrian made a record of 11,588 pounds of milk and 459.5 pounds of fat. A record of 7,180 pounds of milk and 423.8 pounds

of fat was made by a 2-year old Guernsey owned by Joe Payne of Vale.

The highest herd average for the month was made by the Holstein herd owned by Leroy Herrman of Nyssa. His 23-cow herd averaged 51.1 pounds of fat for the month. Other dairymen with herds producing more than 45 pounds of fat for the month were Walter Weaver of Harper and Earl Faw and the Ferguson Bros. of Vale. Herds producing between 40 and 45 pounds of fat were owned by Edward Moore and J. Irvin Hart of Vale.

Fifteen herds made records between 35 and 40 pounds of fat. These were S. R. Nelson, Calvin Hughes, Chester Clark, L. J. Wettstein, and Gilbert Sproul, Ontario; Guy Moore, Wayne Piercy, Paul Cleaver, and Toomb & Phifer, Nyssa; L. Bland Vaughn, Archie Kardell, Nolan Field, Joe Payne, and J. V. Skinner of Vale, and John Hart of Harper.

Eight herds enrolled in the program made records between 30 and 35 pounds of fat. These were Howard Bair, Talbot & Cooper, and Al Thompson, Nyssa, Cecil McCormick, Adrian, and George Baker, Robert Thompson, C. E. Barkley, and Paul Fleming, Vale.

In addition to the 45 herds on the standard test, 47 herds were tested under the owner-sampler method.

Adrian PTA Has Meeting Tonight

Adrian — "Welcome back to school" is the theme of the first meeting of the Adrian PTA set for tonight at 8 o'clock.

The program, arranged by Mrs. Glenn Strickland, program chairman, will include presentation of ice-breakers and two door prizes. One prize will be for a teacher and another for a parent. There will be refreshments.

Mrs. Roy Harai is president of the organization this year. Committee heads are Mrs. Glenn Strickland, program; Lois Day, publicity; Mrs. M. Atagi, membership; Harold Newman, legislation; Mrs. Gayle Martin, room mothers; Mr. and Mrs. James Phipper and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown, ways and means; Mrs. Elvin Worden, health and pre-school; Mrs. Elver Nielson, publication and magazine, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Price and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seuell, hospitality.

Two Polio Cases Reported To Date In Malheur County

Only two polio cases have been recorded in Malheur county this year, according to county health officer Grant B. Hughes. Hughes said that one case still had not definitely proved to be polio.

On Sept. 13, 1955, the county polio toll was 21. At the end of the year the cases for this county had mounted to nearly 45, with 30 from the immediate area.

A mass gamma globulin immunization clinic at the Nyssa high school in the fall of 1955 through the joint efforts of the county and state health departments and local doctors, immunized 2300 persons under 35 years of age. The five-day program was under the supervision of Dr. Samuel B. Osgood, Oregon state board of health epidemiologist.

Dr. Hughes reported general county health good, but added that the Nyssa community was in the midst of a virus outbreak affecting the nose, throat, and respiratory tract.