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New Police Car Bought; Street District Asked

Nyssa Motors Inc., was low bidder Tuesday night on sale of a police car to the city. Other bids were submitted by Waggoner Motor Co. for a Plymouth and by Swager Ford Sales. All three bidders met specifications required by the city.

The new Chevrolet car will be delivered before Feb. 1, to replace the Chevrolet now in use and which was taken as a trade-in by Nyssa Motors.

City Manager Jack Middaugh told members of the council at Tuesday night's meeting that several petitions have been submitted for proposed street improvement projects. Areas where property owners have asked for improvements include parts of North Sixth, Ehrigood, Reece and Ennis as well as other areas south of Main where sidewalks and curbs are included in the petition. It was announced that before a district is formed, other areas may be included for improvements.

Such improvement districts are financed by property owners with the city bearing the expense at intersections of streets.

Repairs on the large water tank in the north part of town will be completed by the end of this week or the first part of next week, the city manager reported. Water users are warned that there may be a brief period of water stoppage while the change is being made because the small tank on Reece is not yet back in service. It may be possible that water will be heavily chlorinated after the large tank is put in use as the result of necessity to add extra amounts of the chemical when the tank is filled following completion of sandblasting.

It was reported that repairs have been completed on the interior of the small tank, but that damage to several feet of riser pipe by freezing Tuesday of last week made the tank's use impossible until the pipe is replaced. Total repairs on the riser pipe are estimated at \$600.

Men About Nyssa



Ronald Schoen

Don't be bothered too much if today's guest looks at you quizzically—he's probably trying to determine whether or not you are photogenic! Which of course means that we're about to talk about Ron Schoen, owner of Schoen's Studios in Nyssa.

Ron was one of the boys from Nebraska, having been born there July 20, 1927, at Fairbury where he lived with his parents prior to coming to Nyssa in August of 1939. Ron's dad worked for Ed Pruyn here.

Ron went to Nyssa high, during which time he took flying lessons at Caldwell where he earned his private pilot's license. The progression for the embryo birdman was a natural one in that the war was in progress at that time.

He joined the Air Corps Cadets when 17, leaving school at the end of his junior year. Ron went to Sheppard Field, Texas, where in six months he finished his primary and advanced training, being graduated as a fighter pilot, single engine land plane. He also received his high school diploma via the Air Corps.

Next step, taken in a plane was a jump from Sheppard to Florida where Ron was in on experimental radar work, including the handling of the first radar gun sights and ground control approach.

The yet-to-be photographer was then sent to Hawaii and from there to several south Pacific bases. He returned to the States early in 1946 and took advantage of his Air Corps connection to marry Donna Jean Matherly, whose folks lived on a farm between Nyssa and Ontario. And it was a pretty tricky deal. Ron was flying a plane from Hill Field in Utah, to be delivered at Gowen Field, Boise. There was a slight

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Music Department To Present Program

The music department of Nyssa high school will present a Christmas program in the school cafeteria Dec. 14 at 8 p. m.

The public is invited to attend this program of Christmas music presented by the band and mixed chorus. No admission will be charged.

Artists Display At Nyssa Bank All Next Week

The first annual Snake River Valley Art association exhibit will be held all next week, Monday through Saturday, in the lobby of the Nyssa branch of the First National Bank of Portland, according to Mrs. Lloyd Lewis, chairman of the show for the Junior Women's Amity club, sponsor of the show.

All paintings and drawing in oil, water color, charcoal, pencil and pastel will be works of eastern Oregon and some Idaho artists. Exhibitors will include professional and amateur artists as well as adult and junior art students.

"Shows in Ontario and Weiser the past two weeks have been terrific and the public has shown great interest by their response," it was stated by S. P. Kelley, Nyssa, president of the Art club.

A member of the Amity club will be on hand to welcome new members to the association. Mrs. Lewis said that some pictures will be available for purchase. The show is free to the public.

Anti-Polio Shots Urged For Public; Supply Abundant

An abundance of Salk vaccine is available for people of all age groups, it was announced this week by Dr. Grant B. Hughes, county health officer. A commercial drug firm also reported this week that 17 million cc's of the vaccine "are on the shelves going unused."

Age limit of 19 has been entirely lifted, making it possible for everyone to receive shots even though polio more often strikes those in the younger age groups. Dr. Hughes emphasized that there have been several polio cases and some deaths among older persons throughout the United States.

Tax free vaccine for youngsters through 19 is also available for indigent families through private physicians, but in many cases those families are not aware of the service, it was reported. In Malheur county many Spanish American families have not been reached because of the language barrier, Dr. Hughes said.

Insofar as school children are concerned, Adrian students have the highest percentage of immunizations with 82, followed by Nyssa where 80 percent have been vaccinated. Vale schools have 66 percent immunized and outlying schools have 75 percent while the percentage at Ontario is between 61 and 62, the health officer reported.

Three Children Treated After Minor Accidents

Paula Pennington, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Iven Pennington of Parma was given emergency treatment last Thursday for a dislocation of her left arm, sustained while she was playing at home. She was released the same day in satisfactory condition.

Gregory Blanch, two and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Blanch of Nyssa was admitted Thursday for emergency treatment after he was poisoned by aspirins he had swallowed. He was released in satisfactory condition following treatment.

A 12 year old Ontario boy, Terry Hartley, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hartley, was admitted and released in satisfactory condition Saturday following emergency treatment of a fractured arm, which he injured while riding on a tractor.

Early Mail Asked For Christmas, Facilities Added

In spite of additional facilities to expedite handling of incoming and outgoing mail, patrons are urged to mail their Christmas packages and cards as early as possible, according to Postmaster Lloyd Lewis.

He also announced that the post office will remain open all afternoon this Saturday and clerks will be on hand for parcel post deliveries the following Saturday afternoon, Dec. 22.

Special facilities for the holiday rush include sacks in the lobby where patrons can deposit bundled cards—one sack for local delivery and another for out-of-town mailing.

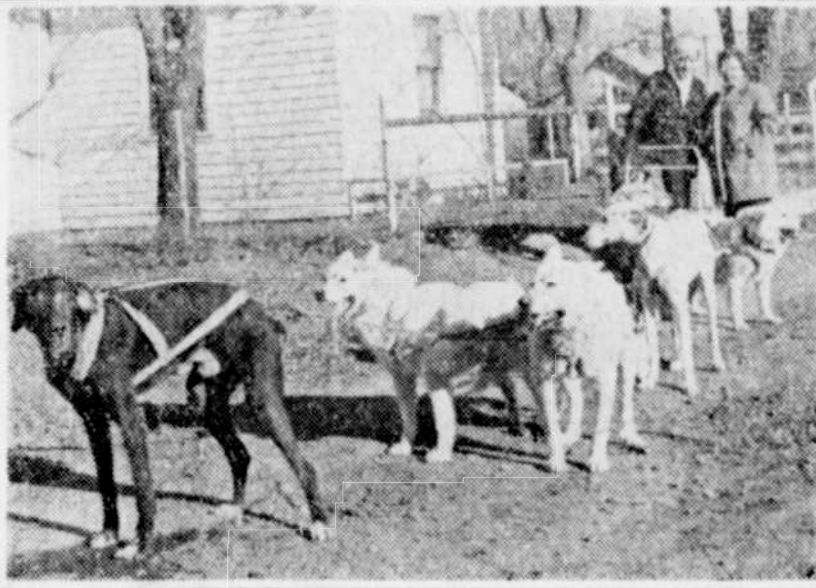
Among new permanent facilities in the lobby are letter drops to segregate airmail, special delivery, local mail, out-of-town mail and bundled mail. Old letter drops, that will be closed after Christmas, may now be used for mailing of individual Christmas cards.

BULLDOGS MEET LA GRANDE
The Nyssa Bulldogs, who last Friday disposed of Adrian 49-33 in a not too smoothly played game on the local floor, travel Saturday to La Grande where they will tangle the local high quintet in a non-league game.

Hundreds of Children Welcome Santa to Nyssa



Santa had his arms full at the Old Gym last Saturday when he welcomed hundreds of Nyssa children. He had arrived—in rather a hurry, propelled by the dogteam, right. The team was trained by Mr. and Mrs. LaMar Huntsman, Ashland, Idaho, (shown in photo). The Huntsman are nationally famous for their championship racing teams. Huskies and Hounds comprised the 7-team speedsters who appeared here. Santa will return this Saturday via helicopter.



Health Groups Continue Efforts For District Unit

A second meeting of Malheur county public health workers, Oregon officials and Washington and Payette county officials was held in Weiser Monday night in an effort to further interest in a tri-county health district.

Following discussion of the possibility of creating a health district, a resolution was passed that the group endorse the idea of a district unit, "but since it needs wider understanding and acceptance on the part of residents of the district, we postpone any immediate effort to activate such a unit."

Attending from Nyssa were Mrs. Edna Blaylock, county health nurse, and Mrs. Josephine Rigney, Nyssa special education teacher. Others from Malheur county included County Judge G. Y. Chester, County Sanitarian Taylor Sandivanger and Mrs. Mary Johnson, executive secretary of the county tuberculosis and health association. Dr. Richard H. Wilcox from the State Health department in Portland, also attended the meeting.

Stunz Is Speaker On Tax Matters At F.B. Meeting

Something will have to be done if the allotment for the education of each per census child, rising from \$80 to \$120, is met," said Rep. Emil Stunz of Nyssa at the victory dinner of the county Farm Bureau at the Eastside Cafe in Ontario Saturday evening.

"The money has to come from somewhere, so undoubtedly problems of taxation will be one of the big issues at the forthcoming term of the state legislature," Stunz referred to the surtax and chances of lessening or removing it from state income taxes, and to the probability that a sales tax would be offered as a substitute solution for some of the problems, but added that he didn't think the latter tax had a chance of passing.

Other matters likely to be considered at the session were discussed briefly, and Stunz commended the Malheur Farm Bureau for the help it had given him during the last session of the legislature and said he hoped that it would continue to keep him well informed on local matters during the coming term.

John Kennedy, county president, presided at the dinner meeting, for which Nolan M. Field, insurance agent for the Farm Bureau, was master of ceremonies. An accordion solo was given by Lucile White, and a reading by Mrs. Denny Maag. Keith Gressley, county vice-president, and Clifford Nielsen, Ontario Center chairman, made reports on the membership drive which has been in progress. About 100 were present from all parts of the county.

December 20 Set For Program

The annual Christmas program of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be presented Dec. 20 at 8 p. m. in the high school gymnasium, it was reported by Walter McPartland, grade school principal.

"The Christmas Story" will be presented in six scenes by 320 students, featuring a chorus of 130.

State, Federal Officials To Confer On Owyhee Recreation Potential

Arrangements are being made for a meeting in Nyssa Friday, Dec. 29, for the recreational and natural resources committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and representatives of chambers of four Malheur county towns to discuss recreation potential of Owyhee reservoir.

According to Ken Renstrom, Nyssa, Marshall N. Dana, chairman of the Portland group's recreational committee, is making arrangements for the conference through Hap Logue, Ontario chamber secretary, who has been coordinating requests of all Malheur county groups.

Plans are for a noon no-host luncheon at Brownie's Cafe in Nyssa to discuss the potential, followed by inspection of the area around the reservoir and a boat trip from the dam area to Gordon Gulch. Tour of the dam area will depend upon weather conditions, it was explained.

Representatives of official agencies expected to accompany Dana to Malheur county are Frank Andrews, division engineer, U. S. bureau of public roads; W. C. Williams, state highway engineer; C. H. Armstrong, state parks superintendent; Neal Butterfield, district director, national park service; P. W. Schneider, state game director, and Harold T. Nelson, regional director, U. S. bureau of reclamation, Boise.

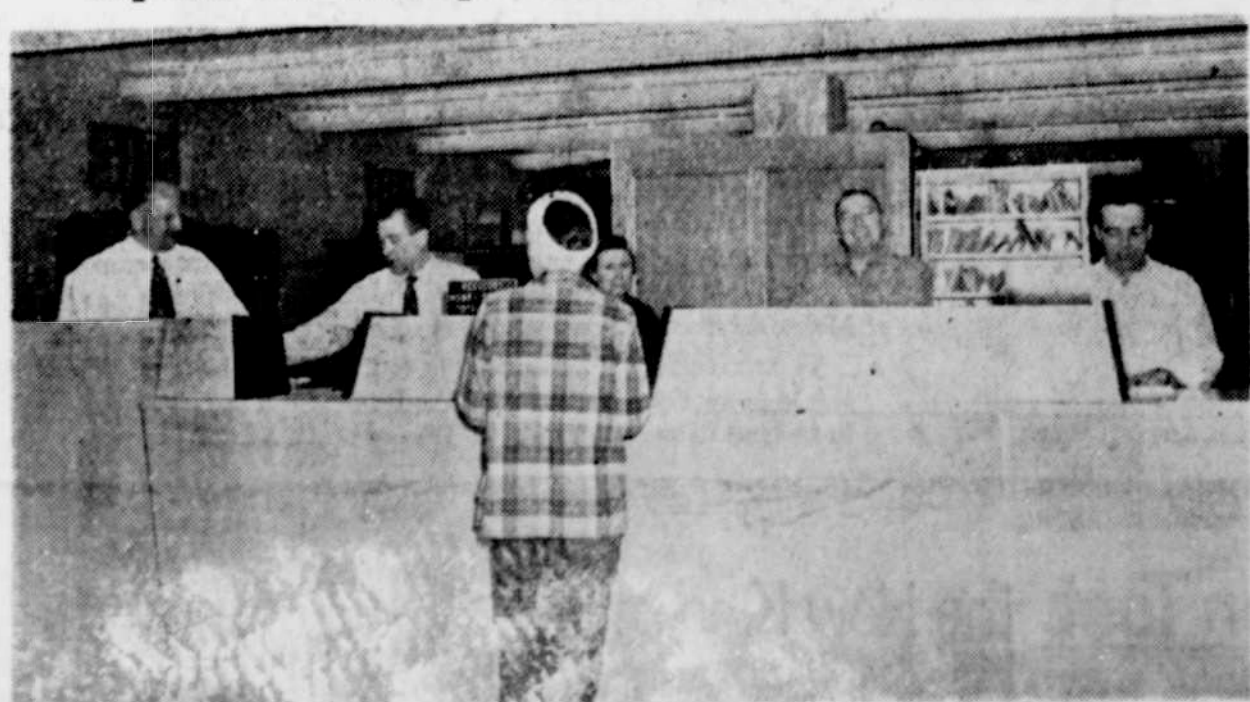
Paul House, Nyssa, will attend the meeting both in the official capacity as president of the Oregon reclamation congress and as one of the local interested individuals and as manager of North Board of Control.

Other Malheur residents scheduled for the conference are Logue and Vernon Wilson, Ontario; Bob Webster and Vernon Parker, Adrian; Robert L. Ieh, Vale; Wilton Jackson, Ralph Lawrence, Harold Henigson, Bert Lienkaemper and Wayne Garner, Nyssa. Bernard Frost, Payette and former Nyssa, also has been invited to the conference.

In a letter to the Ontario chamber manager, Dana stated, "I have assured those whose presence is essential that our initial purpose is not to secure commitment on a project, but to ascertain facts and values preliminary to further discussion."

The association discussed use of Salk vaccine, sewage problems and laboratory procedures in connection with civil defence, in addition to means of combating and treating victims of possible germ warfare.

Nyssa PO Lobby, Clerks Set For Yule "Trade"



There was a "new look" in the new Nyssa post office this week when the lobby equipment arrived and was installed.

The photo was taken at Postmaster Lloyd Lewis, left, Lee Paul, Mrs. Cecil Smith, Don Wilson and Melvin Cottrell

Helicopter To Deliver Santa Here On Second Visit To Nyssa; Dog Team Last Week Attracts Crowds

Area Scouts At Boise Meeting Receive Honors

The annual Governor's Ceremony, a joint activity of the Mountainview and Ore-Ida Scout councils, was held Monday evening at the Boise high school gymnasium.

This program is designed to honor all boys who have received their First Class badge during the past year, and all units, troops and posts that have obtained a record of 40% First Class Scouts or better during the year.

Governor Smith of Oregon and Governor Smylie of Idaho personally congratulated the boys who had qualified for these honors.

Boys from Nyssa receiving awards were Royce Roberts, Jimmy Danford and Dick McPartland. Troop 419 of Nyssa was honored, for the third consecutive year for having the required percent of First Class Scouts.

Mike Wilson and Forrest Huffman were flagbearers for the event and Dick McPartland was a member of the Governor's escort.

Annual Lighting Contest To Be Judged Dec. 18

Nyssa's annual Christmas lighting contest will be sponsored this year by the Idaho Power Co., Chamber of Commerce and Town and Country Garden club, according to reports received by the Journal this week.

Judging will take place Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, with cash prizes being awarded for first place in the three divisions, which will include homes, businesses and churches. A special prize, consisting of a plant or shrub, donated by the Garden club, will be awarded as a second prize in the homes division, it was announced by Mrs. W. O. Peterson, president of the club.

No official entry is necessary. All homes, business establishments and institutions will be considered. Scenes or decorations must be arranged so they are visible from the outside. Judging will be based on originality, religious theme and modern aspect.

Onion Growers Urged To Vote

Roy Hirai, chairman of an onion growers committee urging growers to vote on a proposed onion marketing agreement, Wednesday reminded those who have received ballots to return them to Portland at once. Growers who did not receive ballots can obtain them from Hirai, Warren Farmer or the county agent's office. All ballots must be in the Portland office by next Monday, Hirai said.

Voting will determine whether or not an onion marketing agreement can be set up for southwestern Idaho and Malheur county growers to regulate grade, size and shipping holidays. A total of 65 percent of the growers representing 65 percent of the acreage involved in necessary for approval.

Adrian Boys Tell Of Trip To East

Frank Pratt and Bill Looney were guest speakers at a meeting of the Adrians Lions club Wednesday evening and the American Legion Monday evening at which time they told of their trip to Boys State last June.

The boys were selected by the two organizations and were sent to represent the youth of Adrian.

The second visit of Santa Claus to Nyssa will be Saturday when he arrives by helicopter and will again treat all the kids in the area at the old gym.

Last Saturday St. Nick was delivered to Nyssa by dog sled and attracted hundreds of youngsters as well as adults, who came here to watch the unusual entry to the city. Wilton Jackson, chairman of arrangements for the events, said that about 700 smaller tots had a chance to put in their orders for Christmas gifts and were treated with candy.

Several youngsters were able to go for a ride on the northland type sled drawn by seven dogs. Jackson reported that Saturday saw the largest number of kids on hand in history and that more adults than usual appeared at the gym to watch the excitement.

At the time of Santa's interviews at the gym, hundreds more older kids were treated by Nyssa business firms to a free show at the Nyssa Theatre where treats were also passed out. Santa's second and last visit to Nyssa before Christmas this year will be between 2 and 2:30, Jackson said. It is expected that he will have his pilot circle around town for several minutes in the "flying wind-mill" and will land about 2:30 on the vacant lot across from Ideal Gas & Appliances on North First Street. He will be escorted to the old gym where the tiny tots will have another opportunity to give the old man with whiskers some ideas about Christmas gifts. More treats will be provided for all children.

There will be no free show this Saturday, but the regularly scheduled Saturday matinee will be presented, although it starts at 1:30, long before Santa arrives in town.

Food For Needy Plans To Start At Special Meet

A meeting has been called for tonight at 8 o'clock at the city hall for all religious, civic and fraternal organizations who have been participating in the annual Christmas basket program for needy families, according to Don M. Graham.

Tonight's meeting is primarily for organizational purposes and to acquaint new representatives with the procedures adopted in past years. New officers will be elected and plans made for distribution of the baskets of food to families recommended by the county welfare department.

Graham said the present distribution system avoids any duplication of gifts to needy families and at the same time assures every eligible family in the area of the special food for their Christmas dinners.

Give Fire Truck For MOD Funds

Nyssa's volunteer fire department will help raise funds for the March of Dimes and at the same time they will give away a fire truck—all before the actual fundraising campaign gets underway in January.

Ed Mason, who heads the department's committee, said that a model fire truck valued at approximately \$25 will be given to the winner, possibly the Saturday before Christmas. Tickets will go on sale this week end and proceeds for ticket sales will go to the MOD fund.

The model truck, donated by a local business firm that remains unnamed, will be on display in the Idaho Power Co. window.

Volunteers Ready For MOD Mailing

Mrs. William Wilt, Nyssa, has volunteered to take charge of folding and inserting letters and folders for mailing to some 6500 Malheur county residents preparatory to the January March of Dimes, according to Paul Penrod, county campaign chairman.

Material for the mailing is expected to be ready the latter part of this week and Mrs. Wilt and her crew of workers are expected to have everything ready for mailing the last week in December. All 6500 envelopes must be typed and addressed for the recipients.

PTA Program to Be Presented Tonight

A PTA program featuring sermons, participated in by all the ministers in the area, including the country ones and sponsored by the ministerial association, will be presented Dec. 13 at 8 p. m. at the new school cafeteria.

The theme of the program is "Seeing Christmas Through the Eyes of Your Children." Special music will also be presented.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jackson are chairman for the meeting and Mrs. Houston Wilson will be hostess.