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Cliff Main Chosen Mayor By Council
At Tuesday Meeting; New Recorder
Hired; Gas Line Construction Near

Clifford Main, Nyssa contractor, was unanimously elected mayor of the city Tuesday night following installation of four newly elected councilmen and organization of the council. He will serve during the 1957-58 biennium and succeeds Paul House who was mayor from January, 1955, until Tuesday night. The new mayor has served on the city council for the past two years, having been elected in November, 1954.

Men About
Nyssa

J. Melvin Beck

One of Nyssa's leading realtors back in February 18, 1913, was but a babe in farmland, having been born in Spanish Fork, Utah, on that date.

In 1919 the Becks moved to Burley where Mel completed his grade and high school education. His family raised beets, potatoes, hay and grain with Mel on hand to help out when not in school. Mel did mention that his first three years of schooling were in the true traditions of the "little red schoolhouse." He attended a one-room deal outside of Burley, warmed up to a point, by a pot-bellied stove.

Mel received a scholarship through the Union Pacific for his work in agriculture while attending Burley high and took off for the University of Idaho from which school he was graduated in 1936. He received his degree in agriculture and entomology.

While at the University Mel was one of 22 students who "batched" at the LDS institute, an organization which for the four years Mel was in school had the highest scholastic average on (Continued on Page 12)

Nyssa Deposits
Up, Loans Down
From Year Ago

Figures released this week by the First National Bank of Portland revealed that the Nyssa branch had more money on deposit and less loans than it did a year ago, while the reverse in both instances prevailed throughout the firm's 74 branches in the state.

Deposits at the end of 1956 were \$4,820,020 as compared with \$4,334,495 on Dec. 31, 1955. Loans on Dec. 31, 1956 were \$2,522,870 and the year before they amounted to \$2,937,446, according to Leonard Hewett, manager of the Nyssa branch.

On a statewide basis, deposits on the last day of the year were \$808,810,991, a decline of \$12,314,585, according to a report released by C. B. Stephenson, president of the banking system. First National's loans and discounts amounted to \$431,742,185, a gain of \$11,067,663 over a year ago.

Yturri, Stunz
Head For Salem;
Report Promised

Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Stunz left this (Thursday) morning for Salem where Rep. Stunz will begin his second term in the state legislature which convenes next Monday. Stunz said that demands for special legislation have been almost non-existent, but that he and Sen. Yturri have met with various groups to discuss possible legislation.

Sen. Yturri, Ontario, begins his first term in the state senate and represents Malheur, Grant and Harney counties.

Both men have stated they will welcome letters and suggestions from groups and individuals regarding all legislative matters. Rep. and Mrs. Stunz announced they will prepare a weekly report of all legislative activities, particularly in the house, which will be published in the Gate City Journal as it was during the 1954 session.

Jackson To Wield Gavel In '57



The old order changes for the new, but one idea remains paramount as far as the Chamber of Commerce is concerned: build Nyssa! Ted Morgan is shown.

above surrendering his gavel to Wilton Jackson, president of the Nyssa chamber for 1957. On the right is Ham Chadderdon who served as secretary for

the past two years. Ralph Lawrence, left, has assumed his duties as secretary of the growing organization. Journal photo

Bright '57 Outlook For Owyhee
Despite Less Snow In Watershed Area

Although snow and its water content as reported by 12 stations on the Owyhee watersheds are 53 percent of January, 1956 measurement, sufficient water for irrigation from Owyhee reservoir is expected during the coming season, according to Paul House, manager of North Board of Control.

Heavy Carry-Over
Reason for local optimism is

based on present storage of 458,440 acre feet as compared with 154,310 acre feet a year ago in addition to the fact that normally only 40 percent of snow or rain has fallen on the watershed by this time of year, House explained. Sixty percent of precipitation for water storage usually comes during January, February and March.

County Officers
Assume Duties
In Vale Monday

Two new county officers were sworn into office Monday, another took office "officially" as the result of his election after being appointed temporarily and three others began new terms.

Homer Schnell, Vale, was sworn in as county clerk to succeed Harry Sackett who has served in that capacity for more than 20 years. Amel Claude, Ontario, is a new county commissioner, who succeeds Lester Hammack, and George Cleaver, Nyssa area farmer, succeeds himself as commissioner. He was appointed to that position last summer following the death of Alva Goodell and was the successful candidate in the general election.

John Elfering began a new term as sheriff and new terms were started by Assessor John Koopman and Treasurer George Van Horn, who were re-elected to office in November.

Don M. Graham started a new term as Nyssa justice of the peace and D. Peters became the new Ontario justice of the peace, succeeding Thomas Jones.

Joan Hewett
Judges' Choice
In Color Contest

After a hectic session the judges of the Christmas coloring contest made their decision as to the three most talented youngsters in Nyssa who submitted their entries in the Christmas coloring contest.

Miss Joan Hewett, a nine-year-old took top honors with her excellent coloring work. Using paints, all four of her entries were in a class by themselves, both as to detail and choice of paints. Her "Mexican Christmas" entry showed imagination and artistry.

Toni Lee Fife, an eight-year-old, won second honors with an excellent crayon interpretation of the Swiss theme. Carol Robertson won the third award. Her work on the fireplace theme entry was outstanding. The socks on the fireplace matched garb of the youngsters looking for Santa. This detail was sufficient to put her in the winner list.

The judges, who had expected an easy job, had to go into such details as color theme, stroking and neatness of presentation to determine the winners out of the many hundreds of competing artists.

Pictures of the winners will appear in next week's paper.

BILL NORMAN TO BE
STATIONED IN GERMANY

Bill Norman left Sunday for Germany where he will be stationed with the air force.

Mrs. Norman, the former Peggy Pounds, and three children are living here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pounds. They will join Mr. Norman in Germany later.

County Agricultural Production Up
\$3 Million For Total \$31,727,000
During 1956; Spuds Double Value

The total value of Malheur county's agricultural production for last year increased more than \$3,000,000 above the value estimated for 1955. Increases in both yields per acre and value of some of the leading crops made this increase in the estimates released from the county agents' office.

The value of all crops and livestock products produced was estimated at \$31,727,000 as compared to \$28,600,000, the final estimate for 1955.

Potatoes showed the greatest increase, with 10,000 acres producing a crop valued at \$3,078,000. This was slightly more than twice the 1955 income of \$1,500,000 from this crop. The more favorable demand, with good prices received by growers particularly during the early part of the shipping season accounted for this increase.

An increase in both the total acreage of sugar beets and the yield per acre placed this crop as the leading cash crop, with a total value of more than \$5,000,000, nearly \$500,000 above last year. Livestock up 5 percent

The total income from livestock increased slightly above last year's receipts. The sale of cattle, sheep and hogs was estimated at \$7,350,000, about 5 percent above the previous year. The increased activity in livestock feeding for market and slightly higher prices for some classes sold contributed to this gain.

No change was noted in the total income of some 1,300 farmers producing dairy products. Slightly higher prices received for milk products were offset by comparable reduction in total production.

Costs Increase
Harry R. Sandquist, county agent, pointed out that the increase in the value of the county's agricultural production was offset by increases in production costs.

The county agent estimated that farmers spent \$3,750,000 for hired labor during the past year. The cost of gasoline and oil to power the farm equipment was set at \$1,650,000. Fertilizers used to produce the crops added another \$1,500,000 to the farmers' cost of production. Livestock feed (Continued on Page 12)

Farm Section
New Feature
Of Newspaper

The Journal this week is sowing the seed for what it hopes will be a weekly feature of this paper.

On page 5 in this issue you will find a page devoted to farming ranging from market reports to FFA and 4-H activities.

Readers are invited to send or bring any information relative to farming to the paper. Farmers are also urged to call on the Journal staff to take pictures of stock, improvements on property or any development which may be of interest to their neighbors in this trade area.

It is the publisher's wish that this page—which in time can be expanded even more—will be of interest to you.

Your comments and suggestions will be appreciated.

Community Residents Keep Record
For Blood Donations With 262 Pints

Nyssa and Adrian area residents turned out 263 strong Friday and gave 262 pints of blood when the American Red Cross bloodmobile made its semi-annual visit to Nyssa. A year ago 315 pints were collected here, but last August the take was only 253 pints.

Two new two-gallon clubbers joined Everett Heldt, who previously held the distinction of having given 16 pints during various visits. They are Bob Thompson and James Wight.

Nineteen persons were added

to the long list of gallon club members: Ray Larson, Mrs. Jean O. Allen, Wilbur Anderson, Geo. Oxnam, Mrs. Francis Laurence Ed Mason, Mrs. Nora B. Graham, Richard Forbess, Mrs. Miletta Fife, Mrs. Glen Cooper, Mrs. Pauline Langford.

Larry Ellis, Walter McDermid, Mrs. Ruth Whitaker, Tony Richter, Cecil Morrison, Jr., Max Jones, Don Engstrom and Clifford Main.

This community now has a list of 85 persons who have given a gallon or more of blood since the bloodmobile has been coming to Nyssa.

Those listed by Mrs. Ralph Lawrence as assisting with the blood drawing Friday are Mmes. Lyle Miner, Ed Michaelson, Robert Thompson, Stan Newman, Ken Danford, Elmer Cruson, Lamont Fife, Bernard Eastman, Jim McWilliams, Thos. Moore, Henry Quast, Gus Liming, Ronald Batt, Shay Bybee, Owen Gann and Wesley Browne.

Organizations and groups giving assistance were the American Legion Auxiliary and sugar factory workers who helped set up the unit as well as numerous business men who assisted in packing up the equipment Friday evening.

Harold Henigson and Ralph Lawrence were co-chairmen of the blood drive and supervised arrangements and donor pledges.

Traveling Gavel
Presented Here

The Gate City Odd Fellow's lodge No. 214 met at the IOOF hall Monday night.

Guests were eight men of the Parma lodge No. 55 who presented the Nyssa lodge with a traveling gavel which came from Sidney, Nebr. The gavel is one of two started at Sidney, one going east and the one presented here is following the old Oregon Trail to California and will return back through Arizona.

Friday night the lodge will present the gavel to the Ontario lodge. Each lodge is allowed to keep it one week.

Refreshments were served to the members and guests.

RECEIVES GIFT OF
TOY FOREIGN CARS

Tony Fretwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fretwell, Nyssa, received a Christmas gift of toy foreign cars from his pen pal, Peter Cunnell of New Castle On-Tyne, England.

"Polio Capers"
Offers Nyssa
Tons In Talent

Gaining impetus with each passing day the local March of Dimes campaign will reach one of its peaks next Tuesday evening at the Nyssa high school's new cafeteria when the top amateur talent of the city will present "Polio Charity Capers" at 8 p.m.

For only \$1—all of which will be turned over to the March of Dimes campaign—patrons will have the chance to enjoy an evening of varied entertainment.

The scheduled program which follows may have some slight deviations in that Bill Campbell, master of ceremonies, decided—without consulting the committee—that a few interruptions might be in order.

These may be supplied by some ardent, if not too talented citizens.

But the program, which includes some amateur entertainment which could well be professional, should well be worth the money. It's one cause which has a local backing for reasons well known to Nyssa residents.

Nyssa is invited by all polio patients everywhere—not by hte committee—to be on hand for what could well be one of this city's most memorable, enjoyable and worthwhile evenings.

The program will include entertainment by the following individuals and groups:

LDS 2nd Ward road show, Mrs. June Hartley and daughter, vocal selections; Mrs. Mel Beck, reading; Mrs. Jack Church, vocal; square dancers, vocal trio, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Bues, Mrs. Talbot; violin solo, Mrs. Fisher; vocal solo, Charlie Jones; violin duet, Miss Amy Lewis, Mrs. Hughes; vocal, Mark Moncur; instrumental, Mr. Personette, and the Methodist choir.

Many Signers
On R.R. Petition
For Law Changes

A petition is being circulated this week among Nyssa business firms wishing to protest the manner in which railroads are restricted and regulated insofar as freight rates are concerned.

Lauren Wright, Nyssa Union Pacific freight clerk, who is circulating the petition to be sent to the Association of American Railroads for processing, stated that everyone asked to sign the protest has indicated an eagerness to bring about congressional changes in the I. C. C. law.

Among requests in the petition is a statement asking the government "to discard the horse-and-buggy regulation shackles on transportation", and a request to permit each means of transportation to seek its own level of rates. The document further states that shippers, receivers and consumers may benefit by lower rates and it is further argued that railroads, trucks, barge lines, steamships and airlines should be free to compete for business.

Among changes in federal laws being sought by the railroads is one that now allows competing firms to protest rate reductions on certain types of freight carried by railroads.

Three Members
Resign Services
Fire Department

Three members of the Nyssa volunteer fire department resigned Monday night; one of them because of a change in his business status and two because of ill health.

After more than 10 years service Assistant Fire Chief Dale Bingham's resignation was accepted, as was that of Huston Wilson. Jay Bunn, who has served for several years, has moved from the city and announced he was unable to participate. All were named honorary members of the department.

Elmer Cruson was elected assistant chief to succeed Bingham. Five vacancies now exist on the department, according to Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence.