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Chamber Hears Gas Line Report; 4-H Help Upped

Natural gas lines will be completed and service connections started Monday with gas in use here the latter part of next week, O. M. "Tex" Cox, Nyssa manager of Eastern Oregon Natural Gas Co., told the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

Cox said that all lines will be tested and "purged" before gas is turned into them. Tests will be made under pressure and an air odorant used, which will not indicate leaking gas, but will merely show any possible leaks prior to the lines' use.

In answer to a question about lines that have not been completed in areas specified in the franchise, Cox said that isolated potential users will be taken care of by next fall or earlier and concentrated groups will have service extended immediately. It is possible that some farm service from the main line between Nyssa and Ontario can be provided this summer.

All rates for gas have been set by the PUC and are available at the Nyssa office, Cox said.

Last week Jake Fischer and Jed Lewis were renamed on the board of governors for the Snake river area's industrial council and Ted Morgan was reappointed a director.

Dessert Seed Co., Bracken's Department Store and Eder Hardware volunteered to give 4-H club scholarships to replace one scholarship given in past years by the chamber.

Lewis, who represents the Nyssa group in the Associated Chambers, asked that a committee be appointed to suggest activities for the combined chambers. The chamber voted to write letters to the congressional delegation urging congress to approve funds for construction of Bully creek dam.

Rail Locomotive Planned For Park By Nyssa Jaycees

Nyssa's city park may have a steam locomotive as an added attraction for visitors to point to as "something they used on the railroads in the good old days," if plans of the Junior Chamber of Commerce can be carried out.

Lauren Wright and Joe Chamberlain make up a Jaycee committee to obtain a steam locomotive from the Union Pacific railroad which converted all engines to diesel about two years ago. The city council last week gave the organization permission to place the "old-timer in the park for an added attraction.

It was announced by the Jaycees that plans are underway to conduct their annual Easter egg hunt, which has been scheduled for Saturday, April 20. George Frantz and Roger Skeen are co-chairmen of this project.

Another project underway by the Junior Chamber is the erection of a large fireplace in the new city park.

Public Invited To Annual Ball Saturday Night

The general public is invited to attend the Girls' league sponsored 20th annual Cinderella Ball Saturday evening at 8:15 p.m. in the Nyssa high school gym.

Members of the junior royalty, drawn by the executive council, are Bonnie Flippence, Cinderella; Russell Myrick, prince, and Christine Burningham and Jimmy Farmer, crown bearers. Senior royalty will be determined from ticket sales and crowned that evening by John Schenk, chosen by the executive council.

Theme of the semi-formal affair is "Young Love." Tickets may be purchased from Pat McWilliams, chairman of ticket sales, or any freshman, sophomore or junior high school girl.

Special Meeting For City Council

A special city council meeting has been called for Thursday evening to discuss three items of current business. The board will discuss matters of immediate importance on sewer facilities and possible new findings of a committee headed by Councilman Frank Morris, the current vacancy in the police department and will hear the second reading of a new gas installation ordinance.

Because of circumstances involving a meeting date suitable to all councilmen, the meeting will be held at the home of Councilman Paul House instead of at the city hall.

Parma FFA Member an "Early Plower"



SATURDAY A JOURNAL reporter took off for the surrounding countryside to snap a farmer engaged in spring plowing. He did find a Future Farmer—Darrell Butcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Butcher

of Apple Valley who was turning 15 acres which he is going to plant to mixed grain. Darrell, a senior at Parma high, also helps his dad work 240 acres. The FFA program at Parma high has just been in-

stituted this year. Darrell was lucky to find some sandy, workable soil despite recent rains. This week, however, throughout the valley hundreds of farmers are busy "catching up."
—Journal Photo.

Vale Flood Damage Estimate Reaches \$325,883 For Various Public Works

Final estimate of damage to Malheur county public works by the Vale flood Feb. 24 amounts to \$325,883, County Judge G. Y. Chester announced Wednesday. He said that he understands \$300,000 will be approved by congress for disaster relief and anticipates 75 percent of that amount will actually be received for all purposes.

Estimated funds for county roads and bridges amounted to a total of \$58,480. The Vale Irrigation district estimate was \$54,000; Warm Springs Irrigation, \$92,300; City of Vale, \$31,330; Vale grade school, \$34,000; Brogan Orchard Improvement district, \$16,415; Harper South Side Improvement district, \$2,750; Nyssa Road Improvement district, \$19,693, and Ontario Road district, \$16,915.

Most of the estimates were figured by civil defense officials, together with county and other public officials, Judge Chester said.

Benefit Party Held By Hospital Group Saturday

The Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary held a benefit dessert luncheon and card party Saturday afternoon at the Eagles hall with 13 tables of cards in play.

Winning prizes for bridge were Mrs. Harold Brendle, high and Mrs. V. W. Daus, low; pinocle, Mrs. Oscar Kurtz, high and Mrs. Fred Bennett, low.

Chairmen of the affair were Mrs. Garritt Stam, dessert, Mrs. Dale Garrison, guests, and Mrs. Lew Herriman, cards. Approximately \$60 was collected, it was reported.

Nyssa business establishments furnishing prizes for the afternoon, reported by the organization were Brackens Department Store, Firestone Store, Eder Hardware, Idaho Department Store, Wilson Brothers Dept. Store, Owyhee Drug, Nyssa Pharmacy, Jackson Jewelry, Paulus Jewelry and Marshall Wells.

TM Nominees Named Tuesday

Nyssa Toastmasters Tuesday evening nominated officers for the ensuing year and announced that election will be held next Tuesday when other nominations can be made from the floor.

Nominated for president was John Briehl to succeed Paul House; educational vice president, Paul Ludlow to succeed Briehl; administrative vice president, Ralph Lawrence to succeed Ludlow; secretary and treasurer, Ray Harman to succeed Lawrence, and sergeant at arms, Joe Chamberlain to succeed Carroll Roberts.

Dr. Sam Pobanz To Speak to PTA

The Adrian PTA will meet tonight (Thursday) at the grade school at 8 p.m. at which time Dr. Sam Pobanz of Ontario will be guest speaker. Dr. Pobanz' address will be on "Children and Their Hearts."

The nominating committee will report and election of officers will be held. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting. A state convention will be held in Pendleton April 9, 10 and 11.

Nyssa "Survey" Not Chamber, Journal Project

A questionnaire appearing as a paid advertisement in last week's Gate City Journal was not sponsored nor paid for by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, Wilton Jackson, president, told members at noon Wednesday.

The advertisement was compiled and inserted in paid space by two Nyssa individuals, who asked that they remain anonymous. The questionnaire was not a project of the newspaper and was not solicited.

One of the sponsors said the object of the "survey" cannot be revealed and that results may or may not be made public.

Those filling out the form were asked to mail it to a box number, in care of the Gate City Journal. Since many of them were addressed without a box number attached, all of them were opened at the Journal office but they have not been tabulated.

Results of any part of the survey will not be published as a news story.

Stringer Sheep Head For Range In Harper Area

"The lambs and sheep are on the move!"

One of this area's largest operations will enter "phase two" today when the bands belonging to Vaughn and John Stringer start their annual trek to the Harper district where they will remain until sometime in May.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 6000 lambs had been marked according to Jim Necessary, foreman of the operation at the lambing sheds. More are yet to be marketed prior to "zero" hour. Approximately 2500 ewes will also make the trip to the spring range.

Malheur Gains In Employment During Last Year

Malheur was one of Oregon's 30 counties that showed increased wage payments during the first nine months of 1956, according to the state unemployment compensation commission. Statewide gain for all 36 counties averaged 8.7 percent.

Jefferson and Grant counties gained 34 and 25 percent, while Lincoln, Malheur, Gilliam, Washington, Klamath, Benton and Jackson had gains considerably more than the state average, the report showed.

From the Ontario office came the report that unemployment increased during February for this district but was less than for the same month last year.

Unemployment in this area is less, but is up about 25 percent in Harney county.

FHA Plans Annual Hobo Days Here

The Nyssa chapter FHA annual hobo days will be held March 23 and 30.

Committees are Gretchen Rinehart, Martha Jean Brown, Katherine Klinkenberg, Patsy Matsunaga and Ellen Sager, soliciting work; Nancy Hill, Rena Dirksen and Patsy Matsunaga, advertising.

Charge Is Filed Against Man Hurt In Shooting

A disorderly conduct charge against George Espinoza was filed Saturday in city police court with James H. Killebrew as the complaining witness.

The charge asserted that on March 10 Espinoza had behaved in a disorderly manner in a public place, namely the Ace Pastime, "by committing assault upon another person to the disturbance and annoyance of persons present in said public place."

Espinoza was wounded by a gun March 10 when police were called to the tavern after the above alleged assault occurred. He is confined at Malheur Memorial hospital where his condition Wednesday was reported as "satisfactory."

Community Hall Bids Expected Next Week End

Mural Lewis was elected chairman of a four-organization community hall committee Sunday when two representatives each from the Sugar Company Credit Union, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Nyssa Junior Chamber of Commerce met to complete plans. Ron Schoen was named secretary and treasurer of the committee.

The four groups are combining their efforts to erect a large community hall at the present site of the Veterans Memorial hall—a basement building at the corner of Ehrgood and North Third.

Plans and drawings for the new building were approved Sunday and will be put out for bids for construction within the next week, Schoen reported. A large amount of construction will be done by volunteers of the four organizations.

A meeting of opening of bids has been tentatively set for March 29.

Discussion of plans for the community hall have been underway for several months and the special committee was named a few weeks ago to carry out details of the project.

Pre-School Meetings Are Planned Here

The annual pre-school meetings for parents of children who will enter the first grades next fall will be held March 26 and April 2 in the general purpose building at 8 p.m., according to W. L. McPartland, elementary school principal.

The first meeting will be divided into two parts. The first part will be a discussion on the importance of the physical health examination by Dr. K. A. Danford and registration information and actual problems of beginning school by McPartland.

At the April meeting first grade teachers will discuss the reading program for beginners. Materials will be given parents for next fall's registration, at these meetings.

Persons having their names on the school census will be contacted; however, anyone new in the community having a child to begin first grade in the fall is asked to call the elementary school office, 3313.

Department Fills Police Vacancy

Leo "Bob" Friedley has been hired as a temporary police officer during the absence of Martin Rich, who was granted a leave of absence upon request last week.

Police Chief E. L. Hansen said that Friedley has served in the capacity of law enforcement officer at Garden City, McCall and Parma and has been highly recommended to fill the position on a temporary basis.

Tractor Accident Hospitalizes Farmer

Gerald Moore was admitted to Malheur Memorial hospital Thursday after he fell from and was run over by the tractor which he and his brother, Jack were riding near his ranch here, according to a report received at the Journal. He was treated for cuts, bruises and fractures and released Saturday to convalesce at home.

Moore and his wife and son had just moved here Tuesday from South Weber, Utah.

To Meet Monday

Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary will hold an installation of officers Monday March 25 at 2 p.m. in the hospital basement, according to Mrs. W. D. Holcomb, president.

Assault Charge By Coroner's Jury Takes Rich To Grand Jury On Issue Unrelated To Four-Hour Testimony

A six-man coroner's jury Friday afternoon bound Martin Rich, Nyssa police officer, over to the grand jury on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon on the person of George Espinoza in front of a local tavern Sunday evening March 10.

A portion of the text of the coroner's jury findings read: "The Coroner's Jury finds that an arrest was attempted on said Espinoza on a misdemeanor charge by an officer, the said Martin Rich, without a warrant, whereby the crime of assault with a dangerous weapon was committed by the said Martin Rich on the said George Espinoza, according to the laws of the State of Oregon read by the Coroner's Jury and interpreted by the District Attorney of Malheur County, Oregon."

On Saturday Rich filed an application for leave of absence, which was immediately granted, according to Police Chief E. L. Hansen. It is understood that Rich's case came before the grand jury which convened Monday, but no decisions are expected to be made public until all cases before that body are considered.

Testimony Not Used
The coroner's jury, composed of Charlie Jones, Fred Bracken, Henry Quast, Harry Miner, Charles Landreth and Robert Thompson, was called by Deputy Coroner Jerome Sweeney on instructions of District Attorney E. Otis Smith.

Approximately four hours of testimony of witnesses, together with cross examination by the coroner, the district attorney and Attorney Harold Henigson were consumed, but the jury's verdict was not based on any of the testimony, it was explained by one of the members. The decision was based solely on the fact that "an arrest was attempted on a misdemeanor charge without a warrant" and Espinoza was wounded with a dangerous weapon. The victim was critically wounded when a gun being used by Rich "went off"—whether fired accidentally or with intent, is a matter in conflict in the testimony.

Inspect Wounded Man
Immediately after the jury was sworn in, they were taken to Malheur Memorial hospital where Espinoza is under treatment. Clothing of the victim was inspected for powder burns and here again (Continued on Page 12)

Work Nears End On Owyhee Road; Park Plans Made

About 2700 feet of road from Owyhee dam for the connection with Gordon Gulch has been completed while the remainder can be built with a minimum of blasting, according to Ken Renstrom. Approximately 2 1/2 feet more roadway around the rock bluff remained Tuesday evening, but most of the work consists of moving loose rock, he said. It was explained that half the work has been done and one-third of the road completed to indicate that construction will progress rapidly from now on and will be open for use the forepart of April.

The new road was described as two-way with a minimum of 25 feet wide and as much as 40 feet wide in most open areas. The road is a water grade to allow all vehicles to travel in high gear.

Part of the road can now be traveled by vehicles using Tunnel Canyon through Adrian and even some passenger cars have gone through, although that is not advised at the present time.

The project is being sponsored by the Izaak Walton League which reported funds donated are expected to reach \$7000, although that much actual cash has not been contributed. Renstrom said that additional funds are needed for development of the park area.

Waltonians will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Stockmen's club in Vale where reports will be given on the road and plans made for the park.

Work Resumed On New Bridge

After a winter layoff the crews of the Hansen and Parr construction company of Spokane are back on the job and the construction of the new bridge across the Snake river has been resumed.

Wednesday afternoon workers were floating the barges necessary for mid-river work.

The Journal was given to understand that steel for the bridge is enroute from Portland. The company intends to start spanning the river from the Idaho side. The steel will be shipped to Parma and trucked back to the Idaho side of the river.

Men About Nyssa

Here's another "newcomer" to our city—having arrived in Nyssa in 1915. Dale was born in Union, Colo., Dec. 12, 1912 where his family was engaged in general farming. In 1915 the Garrisons moved to the Hashirani place, three and a half miles Southwest of Nyssa where the family lived for 14 years.

Dale attended grade and high school in Nyssa. In high school Dale was a baseball and football star. In fact in his senior year he was named the outstanding player on the team and made the all-conference selection. He played center for the Bulldogs.

Dale remarked that there's still a cup in the trophy case at Nyssa high to prove that at ONE TIME he was quite an athlete. July 26, 1933 Dale married Claudine De Pre, an Ontario girl whom he had "courted" for four years.

They have a daughter, Jo Anne, now Mrs. Duane Holcomb, who has made Dale a grandpa twice. The Garrisons lost a 3-year-old son in 1945 who was a victim of leukemia. Dale rented the Ham Brown place in the spring of 1934. At that time horses and mules were used. According to Dale it was cheap in those days. They raised grain but couldn't sell it so stuffed same into the hay burners. Garrison said "those were the days" in that it was a lot more fun to break in a mule than a tractor. Dale has now expanded his farm to 420 acres, raising hay, grain, beet spuds and livestock. At the present time he is feeding 500 beef cattle. His son-in-law, Duane Holcomb, is working the farm with him. In 1949 the Garrisons built their present home at 209 South (Continued on Page 12)

CLUB INVITES YOUTHS
An annual event sponsored by the Malheur county Jersey Cattle club is scheduled March 23 at 1 p.m. at the Ontario high school. All 4-H and FFA boys and girls interested in dairying and their leaders are especially invited to attend.