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Area Farm Products Go to Salem



NYSSA AREA potatoes packed in 10-pound bags go to a State Board of Agriculture meeting in Salem this week. Robert Pierce, newly appointed member of the board and Ontario area farmer (holding a bag of spuds), stopped in Nyssa where Ralph Lawrence, right,

secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, President Wilton Jackson and Tom Jones made arrangements for potatoes and White Satin sugar to take to the meeting. Pierce delivered the Nyssa area products personally.

—Journal Photo.

New Technician Takes Position At MM Hospital

Tom Campbell of Durant, Okla., became the Malheur Memorial hospital x-ray and lab technician last Friday, filling the position vacated by William Parkinson in April.

Campbell served in the same capacity at Durant for several months after selling his half interest in a 30-bed hospital at Marlow, Okla., where he was located for six years, both as technician and administrator. He is a graduate of the Sentinal Laboratory school in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Campbell and her two sons are visiting her parents in Portland until an apartment is located here.

Cub Scouts Collect Ticket Selling Prize

Members of Cub Scout Den eight were guests for a weiner roast last Tuesday at Taylors Grove near Nyssa. The weiner roast was their prize for selling the most tickets to the Boy Scout Circus held at Ontario in the spring.

Attending the prize event were Rodney Coleman, Vernon Maulding, Mike Roberts, Bobby Ichida, Bobby Corfield, Evan Weeks and Steven Cindell and their den mother, Mrs. Albert Coleman.

Nyssa Girl Sustains Cut While Swimming

Nellie McGinnis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie McGinnis of Nyssa, sustained a severe cut on one knee while attending summer camp at Victory Cove at Payette Lakes last Tuesday.

She cut her knee on broken glass while swimming there and was taken to the McCall hospital for emergency treatment. The wound required 15 stitches.

Body of Homedale City Clerk Taken From Snake River

The body of Mrs. Bertha Ehrhart, former Homedale city clerk, was taken from the Snake river Monday morning about 100 yards above the Adrian bridge where it was discovered by Roy Haynes, Big Bend area farmer. Haynes reported to authorities that the body was floating a few feet from shore and that he recovered the remains before notifying officers.

Death was attributed to drowning, either by suicide or homicide, by Malheur County Coroner George C. Beechler. District Attorney E. Otis Smith reported the woman's hands were tied behind her back with a slipknot binding the cord. However, there was "a gap" of between five and six inches in the cord between the hands, it was reported.

Wednesday morning there was still uncertainty about an inquest or about investigation of the case. Unofficially, it was reported that officials are still pondering the suicide theory in view of numerous unpublished details pertaining to the case.

The body is at Lienkaemper Funeral home in Nyssa where some legal entanglements were delaying funeral arrangements. Officials reported that members of the family had not claimed the body and a possible inquest is still pending, making it necessary for further legal action before burial.

Mrs. Ehrhart disappeared from Homedale July 8, after which it was reported that city records there were "missing" and later that burned fragments of the books were discovered. An audit of the Homedale books was reportedly underway at the time Mrs. Ehrhart's body was found.

Justice Graham Receives Threats By Telephone

Two threatening telephone calls were received by Justice Don M. Graham Monday evening, "but I've been threatened, shot at and struck in the past and am not taking too much stock in the threats," the Nyssa justice reported Wednesday.

A call to Graham's home at 10:05 carried a boy's voice stating, "Lay off Bertha or we'll get you," and was followed at 10:45 with a girl's voice warning, "Lay off Bertha or we'll kill you," Judge Graham said.

Efforts to trace the calls through the Ontario exchange were unsuccessful, indicating they were placed in Nyssa. Graham said there were background noises sounding like a baseball game, either coming from an actual game or TV program.

One case is pending in the justice court involving a woman whose first name is "Bertha," but Graham insists the threats were pranks. He also expressed the opinion there is no connection with the telephone calls and a fire which destroyed a garage on his property shortly after 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Oklahoma Friends Experience Tornado

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson and girls of Stillwater, Okla., were visitors Tuesday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson.

The Thompson home had been completely demolished by a recent tornado there. They were in the house at the time the tornado struck and miraculously escaped serious injury although they were all thrown approximately 150 feet from where their house had stood.

Preliminary Cost Estimates Received For Proposed Street-Curb Project; Public Hearings Will Be Scheduled

Preliminary cost estimates ranging from \$6 to \$7.50 per front foot of abutting property for the construction of streets, curbs, gutters and drainage facilities in a proposed street improvement district have been received from the engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield it was reported today by City Manager Jack Middaugh.

Four Types Available

Four types of paving were recommended for consideration by the city. Two of these would utilize pre-mixed asphaltic concrete material which would provide a permanent paving surface similar to state highways, requiring a minimum of maintenance costs. The other two types would be constructed of successive layers of oil and gravel, resulting in less permanent type of pavement similar to farm-to-market roads, at slightly less initial cost but with substantially higher maintenance costs in future years.

It was explained that on the basis of estimates submitted, approximately \$1.65 of the total frontage cost would be required to construct curbs and gutters. If only a curb is constructed, the total cost would be reduced by approximately 25 cents per front foot.

No Cost to Other Areas

All estimates given are not necessarily final and may vary as much as 15 percent, depending upon contingent costs and the assessment methods which are adopted, the city manager said. It was emphasized that assessments would be made only in the area benefited and would be made as closely as possible in accordance with procedures utilized in previous street improvement.

Assessments would be paid either at the time of construction or in 20 payments on an installment basis over a 10-year period.

Public Hearing

Property owners affected by the proposed street improvement district will be afforded an opportunity to appear at a hearing to be held subsequent to publication and posting of notices and to discuss the final cost estimates and the area to be included in the proposed district.

Home Garage Fire Two Grass Blazes, Call Department

An early Tuesday morning fire of uncertain origin completely destroyed a garage owned by Don M. Graham at 208 Bower and rented to Lawrence Schwarz, Nyssa high school teacher who is spending the summer in Portland. The alarm was sounded at 1:15, but the fire, believed to have started inside the building, was out of control in a matter of minutes. A quantity of paint stored in the building, as well as solvents, were believed to have ignited and spread the flames.

Children's play equipment stored in the building was totally destroyed.

Last Thursday firemen were called to the north end of Third street where weeds were being burned in a vacant lot. No damage was reported. A short time later the rural crew was called to an area south of the Nyssa cemetery where fire had spread over several acres between the cemetery and the ditch. Firemen were able to cut off the blaze to prevent damage to crops in nearby fields.

Shotgun Blast Fails to Break Human Flesh

The full blast of a 12-gauge shotgun shell failed to break human flesh at which a gun was pointed, but the gun was badly damaged when it was discharged Tuesday afternoon.

Emery Friend, 17, who is visiting friends in Apple Valley, rented a shotgun in Nyssa Tuesday and went to the Idaho side to test the firearm. Police reported that he had rested the muzzle of the gun on his shoe, probably with such force that the gun discharged and pressure within the barrel prevented the shot from entering his foot. The blast spread and split the end of the barrel.

The youth walked to the bridge where construction crews are working and was taken to Malheur Memorial hospital for treatment. Injuries were described as little more than a "bad bruise" with no broken bones and no pellets in the foot.

Men About Nyssa



John G. O'Toole

A tall, gray-haired man opened an office door and moved briskly toward the information window of the Malheur Memorial hospital with a serious, almost grim expression on his face.

His name is John G. O'Toole, superintendent of the hospital and a man whose knowledge, experience and judgment sometimes means the difference between life and death.

John O'Toole was born 55 years ago in Kings Park, N.Y. At the age of 17 he took a job as a medical secretary in New York City and held it for eight years. Since that time 38 years ago, he has held numerous positions in the field of hospital administration all over the country.

When he talks his voice sounds like the back fire from a .50-caliber machine gun, spiced with an eastern accent as sharp as jail house coffee.

But it doesn't take long to see (Continued on Page 12)

Welfare Commission Chairman Quits; Governor Answers Richards' Charges

Politics flared up in Malheur county this week in this off-election year as charges and counter charges were hurled by the ex-chairman of the county Welfare commission and the governor of Oregon. The press releases are reminiscent of biennial election years when the "For Immediate Release" items start pouring into newspapers the forepart of August.

Below is the announcement of the resignation of Malheur county's Welfare commission chairman and an announcement from the office of Gov. Holmes, printed in its entirety:

Protests Method

Resignation of N. O. Richards, Ontario, chairman of the Malheur county welfare commission, was announced this week, together with his protest to Gov. Robert D. Holmes of the appointment of another Ontario man to the commission.

The former chairman, a Democrat, announced that he protested the appointment of Leslie E. Downie, Ontario, a Democrat, because the governor had not sought the advice of anyone connected with the commission. Downie succeeds L. J. Kinney, also of Ontario, whose term expired. Kinney was a Republican.

In his letter to Gov. Holmes, Richards stated that he thought the appointment represents a policy "basically wrong and fundamentally dishonest." He expressed the opinion that the action reflects "either a serious lack of confidence in the present commission or a blind adherence to the principles of a system of political expediency which has made countless contributions to the history of inefficiency and the ineffective administration in American government."

Politics Charged

Gov. Robert D. Holmes said Monday he was accepting immediately the resignation of Malheur county Welfare Chairman Noah Richards of Ontario and would announce his successor soon.

Richards, a registered Democrat closely associated with Republican campaign efforts in 1956, resigned by letter received Monday in what he termed a protest of the governor's appointment policies.

According to the letter, bearing Richards' signature, he made the decision to resign after the appointment of a Democrat, Leslie E. Downie of Ontario, to the Welfare commission to succeed Republican L. J. Kinney, also of Ontario, whose term has expired June 30.

Richards, an appointee of Governors Paul Patterson and Elmo Smith, had served on the commission since Nov. 11, 1953. His present term would have expired June 30, 1960.

"It is regrettable for public service of his home county that Mr. Richards has permitted himself to be used in an obviously Republican manner." (Continued on Page 12)

Dignitaries Taking Part in Lytle Boulevard Opening



PAUSING IN NYSSA last Saturday morning, was a caravan from Vale and Ontario to pick up more cars of people for the Lytle Boulevard ribbon-cutting ceremony. Hilton Clark, Vale, left, was master of ceremonies; next to him is County

Judge G. Y. Chester and Dr. J. J. Sarazin. On the right is Robert Lytle, for whom the new cutoff from Adrian to Vale was named. Judge Chester was one of the principal speakers told the celebrants that the road had cost \$33,395. Dr. Sarazin, pioneer physician of Nyssa, recalled

early day history and the part that section of the road had played as part of the Old Oregon Trail. Also reminiscing was Attorney Lytle who has been working for the link since pioneer days in Malheur county. —Journal Photo.

State PTA Head Directs Meeting At Nyssa Monday

Mrs. Russell Case, Oregon state PTA president from Portland, was a special guest at a meeting of officers of the Malheur county PTA council and officers and chairmen of all PTA units from throughout the county held Monday evening at Nyssa.

Forty were present for a no-host dinner at Brownie's cafe and the meeting which followed at the Little theater at the high school. Other state officers, Mrs. John Elfering and Mrs. Kenneth Greenfield of Vale were also in attendance.

A panel discussion by the three state officers and Mrs. Virginia Cleaver of Nyssa emphasized the responsibility of the PTA in co-operating with other organizations to help improve the life of the community. In an open discussion period following, Mrs. Case answered many questions pertaining to the goals of PTA and how they may be attained.

The state officers continued on to Burns to hold a similar meeting Tuesday evening.

Tracy Skeen Sprains Arm in Farm Mishap

Tracy Skeen, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skeen, was injured Monday when he attempted to jump on the fender of a moving truck as it was entering a potato field. Young Skeen fell under the back wheel which ran over his arm.

He was rushed to Malheur Memorial hospital where he received x-rays, which showed no broken bones, but a sprain. His condition is reported good.

Game Commission Announces Bid Sale Of Ontario Pheasant Farm on Sept. 5

Sale of the Ontario Game Farm, located between Ontario and Nyssa, was announced this week by the Oregon State Game commission which is offering the 80-acre property by sealed bids. The commission expects to give possession to some prospective buyer on Nov. 1.

It is understood that the game farm, sometimes known as the State Game Farm, will be completely abandoned, leaving only two such rearing areas in the state—one near Hermiston and another in the Wilson area in western Oregon.

Reactions Mixed Reactions of pheasant hunters in Nyssa were mixed, although none of them indicated the action would have any extreme effects on hunting conditions in eastern Oregon. One sportsman commented, "It will be a good thing—the land is more valuable as a private farm than as a game farm."

He went on to explain that pheasant populations are regulated more by such local conditions as weather and farm practices than by the game farm since a major portion of the game farm's birds are liberated in western Oregon.

Another hunter, who was discussing fall plans with two others when questioned, expressed both surprise and regret that the Ontario Game Farm will be abandoned. He stated—and his theories were confirmed by the other two—that hundreds of pheasants escape from the local farm each year, making greater numbers for fall hunters in eastern Oregon.

A third ardent sportsman who spends a lot of time in the field with his gun and dog, seemed slightly cynical by expressing the

Quick-Thinking and Action Save Life Of Youngster Hurt by Scissors' Cut

The level-headedness of a 16-year-old girl and the fortitude of her 11-year-old brother definitely saved the latter's life when the boy's main neck artery was severed by a pair of scissors July 20, the attending physician commented this week.

Harlan Winter was seriously

injured when he fell on the scissors which entered the left side of his throat and severed a large artery. His sister, Helen, immediately placed her brother on the floor, and using a towel, applied pressure which kept bleeding down about a third until help could arrive and a doctor summoned.

Dr. L. A. Maulding said the youngster would have bled to death had not his sister applied the pressure and the boy remained calm after the injury. While treatment was being administered, the open wound was so severe that the youngster would have lost blood at the rate of a pint every three minutes without efforts to stop the flow of blood, it was explained.

Young Winter is still confined to Malheur Memorial hospital where he is recovering in spite of some secondary infection. The lad's artery had to be tied immediately after the accident, which was described as a major procedure. Some minor surgery is expected to be necessary later this week.

BOATMEN DIRECTORS CHOSEN AT MEETING

Nyssa boat club members chose a board of directors at their last meeting Thursday night at Brownie's cafe.

Those elected are Charles Jones, Ed Horn, Chuck Landreth, Bernard Eastman, Swede Johnson, Jake Smit and John Lienkaemper.

TOASTMASTERS MEET

The Toastmasters held their regular weekly meeting Tuesday night at Brownie's cafe.

Gus Liming was toastmaster, Bill Miller topic master and Bill Wahlert and Tom Jones gave five-minute speeches. The critic was Bob Thompson and Ken Rensstrom acted as grammarian.

Mobile Health Unit Gives Free X-Rays Here Saturday



MRS. HERMAN TOWNE serves as registrar for the hundreds of people who turned out Saturday for the free chest x-rays taken by the mobile unit brought here by the state

health department and the county TB association. Pinning a button on a "customer" is Mrs. Jay Bybee, one of the hostesses for the Nyssa visit. The unit was in Nyssa again Wednesday

and was scheduled to be in front of Eder Hardware both Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—Journal Photo.