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**Nyssa School Opening Set Sept. 3
With Slight Increase in Enrollment;
Registration Data Given Next Week**

Nyssa schools are being prepared for the 1957-58 term which begins Tuesday, Sept. 3—the day after Labor day—with a half day session lasting until noon.

The number of students this year is expected to show a slight increase over last year with 720 anticipated for the first through the sixth grades, 198 for the junior high or seventh and eighth, and 323 for the four high school classes, according to Supt. R. V. Wilson. The total of 1241 is an increase of slightly more than 1 percent over the 1228 registered last year.

The three principals, W. L. McPartland, elementary; Muri Lancaster, junior high, and Jack W. Jenkins, high school, who have served in past years, will be on duty from Aug. 12 making ready for school opening.

The staff this year will include four administrators, 50 teachers, 20 maintenance, kitchen, secretarial and custodial workers and nine part-time bus drivers.

New to the teaching staff this year are Robert Q. Smith, music; Lucille Pett and Joy McPartland, elementary, and Dorothy Nolen, junior high. One position on the elementary staff remains to be filled, Wilson said.

Register in Two Weeks

Registration for first graders and for high school students will be during the week of Aug. 19 to 23. Details will be announced in the Aug. 15 issue of The Gate City Journal with information on time, place and requirements.

The last week in August has been set aside for the annual teachers' training program compulsory for all teachers. Aug. 26 and 27 Nyssa instructors will meet in Nyssa to work on administrative and curricula problems of the local schools. All Malheur county teachers will meet in Ontario Aug. 28 and 29 for the county inservice training program. This phase of the program includes study of new textbooks in reading, writing and spelling. Aug. 30, on Friday, Nyssa teachers will again meet here for a follow-up on the work started at the county meeting.

The first meal will be served in the school cafeteria Wednesday, Sept. 4, and all students are asked to bring money for their meals on Tuesday, the first day of school. Prices will be the same as last year: 20 cents for elementary, 25 cents for junior and senior high and 30 cents for adults.

This year's term will extend through May 23 with little or no change in regular holidays and vacation periods.

**Nyssa Area Crops
Get Attention
At Ag Meeting**

Nyssa's specimens of potatoes, sweet corn and White Satin sugar sent to Salem last week with Robert Pierce proved highlights of the new state board of agriculture's banquet held July 31, it was reported from Salem.

Pierce, Ontario grower, represents Malheur county on the state board of agriculture. Sweet corn was served at the dinner and potatoes and sugar were distributed to members of the board, the press corps and officials and staff personnel.

Requests for ideas to adopt a long-range policy for agricultural development, freight rates and marketing promotion were discussed at the business sessions.

**Grain Harvesting
Nears Completion**

Newell Heights—The harvest of summer crops is in full swing with barley all combined and the wheat fields are well on the way to being completed.

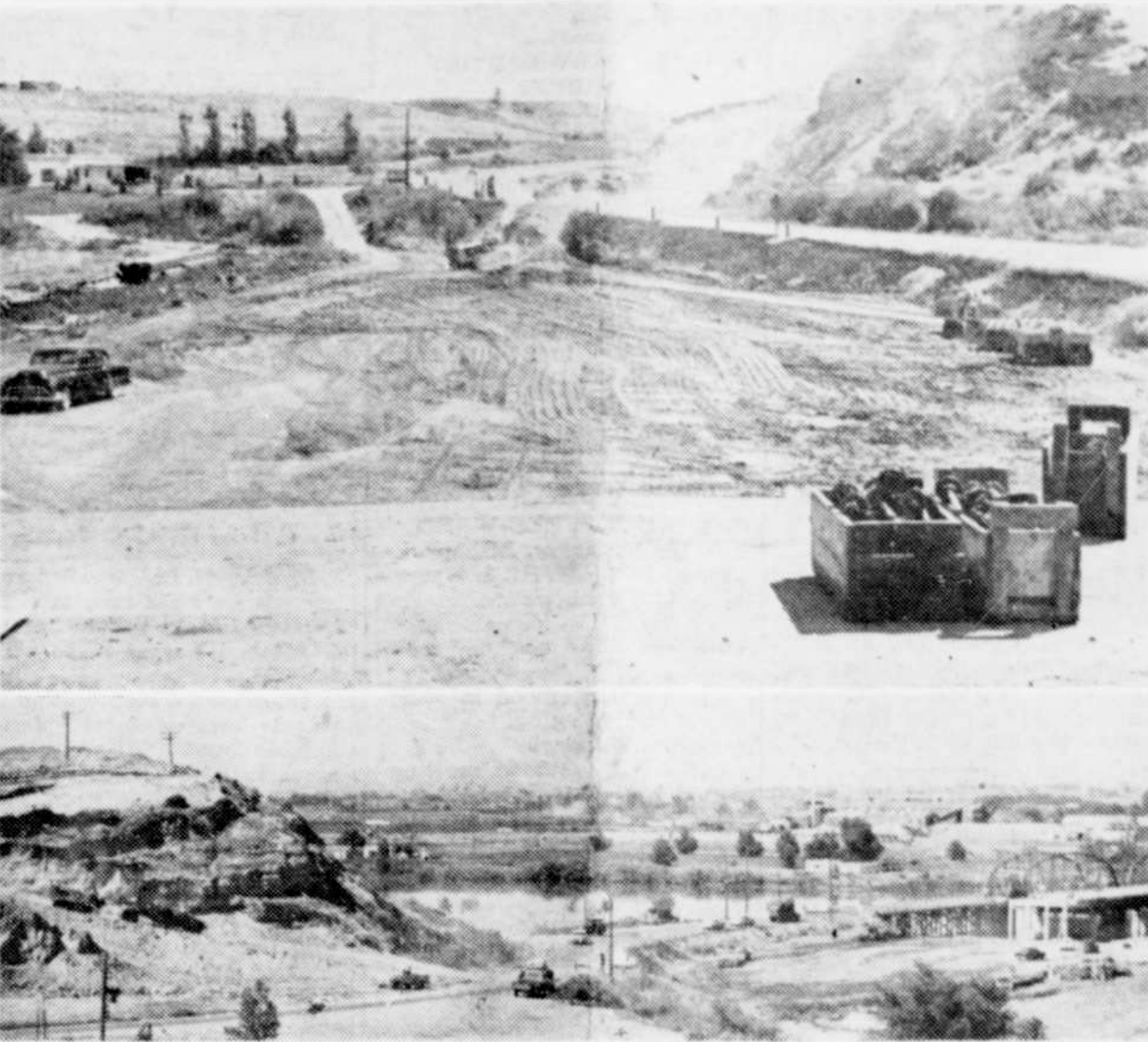
It is reported that Mark Hartley of near Nyssa is mowing and baling straw in the fields farmed by Dudley Kurtz and Hugh Lamb is harvesting straw on the M. L. Kurtz farm.

C. B. Hill is busy with potato harvest and many farmers are watching their seed crops develop. Only a small amount of crop dusting is now underway, but some expressed the possibility that another dusting may be necessary in the near future.

**Salem Visitors
At A. C. Sallee Home**

Mrs. Gene Stunz and family of Salem, Ore., are visiting for two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sallee, while Gene attends naval reserve training in Seattle, Wash.

At the end of the two weeks Mr. and Mrs. Stunz plan to travel to San Francisco where they will fly to Hawaii for a vacation. Their children will remain here with their grandparents.

Earth Movers Start Cut for Highway Bridge Approach

EARTH MOVERS started Monday morning on the Idaho approach to the Snake river bridge at Nyssa where most of the "S" curve will be eliminated and a new road will be cut through the hill. The above photo was taken from the east end of the bridge where a fill will be built to connect with the Idaho road. Deck of the bridge has been completed and crews are working this week on pedestrian walks on the Idaho side of the structure. In the

lower picture heavy equipment is shown on the slope being cut for the new road. The new bridge adjacent to the present span is awaiting construction of the Idaho approach. The Oregon State Highway commission is meeting today in Portland and will receive bids for grading and paving .1 mile of the highway on the Oregon side for new alignment from the end of the bridge to the existing highway, or East Main street. The Oregon approach will provide two lanes of pavement

with eight foot shoulders and is to be completed late this fall, according to the highway commission. As soon as the two approaches are completed by the two states' highway departments, the bridge will be opened for traffic and Hansen & Parr Construction Co. will remove the old steel structure before the south pedestrian walk on the Oregon end of the bridge can be completed.

—Journal Photos.

**Battered Bridge
Hit by Truck;
Repairs Finished**

The frequently battered steel bridge crossing the Snake river at Nyssa took another "beating" last Wednesday night when an over-height truck rammed a cross-beam on the span near the Idaho side of the bridge. Temporary repairs have been made several times during the past two years and crews reported that wooden beams used as reinforcements in the past prevented serious damage to the bridge last week.

Highway commission crews had to make emergency repairs Monday, blocking traffic for short periods of time. At one time, 42 cars were halted on the Idaho side and vehicles were lined up as far west as the Amalgamated Sugar Co. on the Oregon side of the river.

Repair crews worked in relays, however, to allow traffic to proceed at regular intervals while the work was being done.

**Holstein Heifer
Donated for 4-H
State Fair Fund**

Funds received from a calf auction at the Malheur county fair Aug. 30 will be used to help defray expenses of some 4-H dairy foods demonstration team to enter competition at the state fair in Salem in September.

A highly pedigreed Holstein heifer owned by Ray Bowns and purchased from Richard Grasmick, Nu Acres, has been on test with special feeding at Tobler's Feed & Fuel since shortly after birth nearly four months ago. The calf is on display at the Nyssa farm which is providing the feed.

The animal will be donated by Bowns for the FFA and 4-H Fat Stock sale at the county fair.

**Sustains Injuries
From Spud Digger**

James Hickman, 40, Santiago, Calif., received lacerations on the left ankle while digging potatoes on the Herb Selson farm near Parma. Injuries were sustained from the digger. Hickman was treated at the Malheur Memorial hospital and released Saturday.

**Rush Family Returns
From Canadian Trip**

Dr. and Mrs. George Rush, Bennett and Jane returned home Sunday night from a two weeks' vacation trip to British Columbia. They spent the major part of their vacation at Vancouver visiting Dr. Rush's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rush, Sr., and vacationed several days at Gibson's Landing.

**Eagles Plan Spud
Dance Saturday**

The Eagles will hold a "tater dance Saturday night at the Eagles hall. The dance will feature the music of Emaline McGinnis and her orchestra.

According to Bob Thompson, lodge secretary, the dance is to celebrate the potato harvest. Eldon Farnier is chairman of the entertainment committee.

**Fire Crews Work
Pull Extra Duty
On Many Fires**

Nyssa's fire siren has been working overtime during the past week, calling the fire crew out days and nights and even "doubling up" in one instance on alarms.

Early last Thursday morning the volunteers were called to the Virgil Krause home at the north end of the city where a junked car had been cut with a torch the night before. Heat from the metal, together with a moderate wind, caused a fire in weeds and endangered nearby buildings.

Later in the day a weed fire that covered about four acres threatened an orchard at the Fred Stephens place on Lytle Boulevard south of Ivanhoe. Green weeds kept the fire from entering the orchard.

Two calls came in Sunday, one a grass fire back of the Morocco club building on North Main and another outside the rural fire district at what is known as the Jap camp. Firemen took portable equipment to the area to protect a nearby grain field.

Monday between 100 and 120 tons of baled hay were destroyed at the W. E. Maze ranch and firemen spent several hours attempting to halt spread of the flames. While they were fighting that fire, a call came from the Carl Seburn ranch nearby where flames had spread from paper bags of beet pulp to a fence, feed bunkers and a loafing shed. At 1:30 the next morning firemen were called back to the Maze ranch after wind had whipped the hay fire back into flames.

**Committee Named
For Band Concert**

Henry Quast and Harry Miner have been named Chamber committee members for a band concert to be held in Nyssa Wednesday evening, Aug. 21, beginning at 8 o'clock. The concert will be at the Wilson Super Market parking area.

The band is furnished by the American Federation of Musicians local of Nampa and has 33 musicians under the direction of James G. Julius.

**Warning Issued
On Air Gun Use
In Nyssa Limits**

BB guns are taboo within the city limits of Nyssa and will be confiscated when youngsters are found shooting them, Chief of Police E. L. Hansen announced.

Latest damage reported was at the Episcopal church where shot was found on the front of the building and at least one pellet had gone through a window.

Several weeks ago several hundred dollars worth of light bulbs were destroyed at the rodeo grounds and other instances of broken bulbs have been reported. Evidence of high-powered air rifles has been found in several cases reported, Chief Hansen said.

The chief of police appealed to parents to supervise use of their youngsters' air guns and to restrict their use to specified areas as they would powder-fired guns.

**Livestock Group
Announces Picnic
At Vale Sunday**

Barbecued beef will be the main dish at the second annual Malheur County Livestock association and Cow Belle picnic to be held in the Vale Park Sunday starting at 12:30, according to Gladys Pugh, chairman of the event.

Mrs. Pugh said that 100 pounds of beef will be served to an expected crowd of 250-300 stockmen, their families and guests. The beef, ice cream, drinks and service will be furnished by the association. Those attending should bring some other type of dish.

Last year over 250 attended the event. Guests were there from Grant, Harney and Baker counties. It is expected that this year more people will get together for the event to discuss business, eat and relax for the afternoon during the busy season. Anyone interested in the livestock business is invited to attend and get better acquainted.

**Sam Hartley "Loses"
\$175 Merchant Gift**

Sam Hartley, Nyssa and Adrian area farmer and produce dealer, "lost" \$175 this week when his name was called for Nyssa merchants Bank Days award.

The fund has grown to \$200 for next Tuesday when the drawing will be held at 3 o'clock. Each week \$25 is added to the award, which has not been claimed since the event was started several weeks ago.

In the event the fund is claimed, the procedure will follow the same pattern used at the start with a \$50 "kitty."

**Substantial Tax Reduction Expected
From Large Valuation Increase Noted
In Units Throughout Malheur County**

Most taxpayers throughout Malheur county can expect a healthy reduction in their levies this year as the result of large increases in assessed valuations.

County Assessor John Koopman announced Wednesday that the total county valuation is \$27,520,492, an increase due almost entirely to new utility valuations set by the state board as well as some property added to the rolls. Last year the valuation was \$26,607,321.

Both the city of Nyssa and school district 26C enjoyed large increases in assessed values, which are expected to reduce levies for the 1957-58 fiscal year. The city's new value is \$2,004,980 as compared with \$1,786,831 last year. School valuation is \$5,016,743 and last year the value was \$4,869,264.

The assessor said that millage rates for each taxing unit had not been figured late Wednesday afternoon. However, based on the city, school and county budget, a reduction of between 12 and 14 mills is expected for taxpayers living within the city of Nyssa.

Last year, total levies for Nyssans were 99.2 mills. This year it is expected that the school levy can be reduced about 10 mills as the result of additional state aid approved by the legislature and by the increased valuation. The city levy is expected to drop to slightly more than 20 mills, while last year the levy was 24.6. County levy of 13.9 for last year is expected to change only slightly and could be a fraction of a mill higher because of the 6 percent increase allowed.

Other Units' Values Up

Other taxing units in the county enjoyed similar increases in valuations, which are expected to affect taxes favorably in other areas. Ontario's valuation rose from \$4,456,458 last year to \$4,746,638 and Vale had an increase from \$1,059,491 to \$1,064,317.

In the Nyssa Road Improvement district, there was a slight drop in valuation from \$4,345,281 last year to \$4,329,668 this year.

It is understood that Ontario and Vale schools as well as numerous other units in the county had from fair to excellent increases in valuations, but time did not permit compilation of the complete record.

The assessor said that actual levies for each taxing unit can be announced next week. Figures stated on possible reductions are merely estimates made on a calculating machine in Nyssa and are not published as a statement of Assessor Koopman.

**Legion Groups
To Convention
Held in Salem**

Two groups of Legionnaires and auxiliary members left Wednesday for Eugene to attend the state convention of the two organizations scheduled for Thursday through Saturday.

Fred Bennett, commander of district 14, and Mrs. Bennett, president of the auxiliary for the same district, were accompanied by Harold Brendle, commander of Nyssa Legion post 79 and Mrs. Brendle. Don M. Graham, another delegate from the Nyssa post, accompanied the group.

Also representing the Nyssa auxiliary are Mrs. Lloyd Tobler, local president, and Mrs. Harold Henigson, secretary, who left for the convention Wednesday.

**Gladiola Grower
Sets Contest**

Mark Sumida, gladiola grower northeast of Ontario, has announced a photo contest for which the winner will receive \$100 and have his picture on the cover of "Seed World," a trade journal.

Only black and white pictures are to be entered in the contest and Friday between 8:30 and noon has been set aside for camera fans to take pictures at Sumida's farm. Photographers can take models to the gladiolus field for additional "color" for the pictures and a chemical firm has announced it will pay a model in the winning picture \$25.

It was reported that entries will be sent to Chicago for selection of the winner.

**Group to Boys Camp
At Payette Lakes**

The Nyssa Church of the Nazarene has five delegates attending Boys' camp at Victory Cove at Payette Lakes Monday through Saturday this week.

The Rev. Robert Jackson accompanied the group and is serving as camp nurse. Attending are David Saunders, Lyle Jackson, Richard, David and Emmett Main. Emmett Main.

**Potato Market
Continues Good
For Shipments**

The potato market continued to hold up during the past week and resulted in rail shipments of 235 cars, surpassing 232 cars shipped during the same period a year ago. Truck shipments were reported heavier from Nyssa produce houses than they were in 1956 to indicate a closer balance than rail figures indicate.

So far this year, rail shipments have totaled 664 cars and a year ago at this time the total was 1,081.

Packing and shipping started earlier in 1956 than it did this year, which is indicative of good movements for the next few weeks, according to Tom Jones, Union Pacific agent.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture report for Monday quoted good demand for early gems and moderate demand for long whites. Prices quoted were \$2.60 to \$2.70 f.o.b. shipping point, and long whites \$2.40 to \$2.50 f.o.b. shipping point.

**Dedication Day
Planned Sept. 2
For Adrian Park**

Members of the 4-H Cooking Wizards of Adrian and their leader, Mrs. Hugh Lamb, announced plans for the formal dedication of the new memorial park at Adrian for Monday, Sept. 2. The park is being dedicated to the late Thelma Elliot, who was a prominent 4-H leader in this area.

Tentative plans for the celebration include an all-day affair with a good old fashioned barbecue and all kinds of activities and organized games for youngsters, oldsters and all ages.

The park, located near the Adrian Union high school, was started by the Cooking Wizards last year. The area has been improved, seeded to lawn and a large fireplace constructed. Improvements have been made possible by cash donations from clubs and business firms in the area and with proceeds from candy, cooked food sales and many other projects of the 4-H youngsters.

Their latest addition was the installation of lighting accomplished last week by the Idaho Power Co. Four 500-candlepower globes were installed and are adjusted to light the entire park area. One picnic table has been completed and enough lumber has been purchased to construct more.

The 4-Hers are hoping that anyone who can do a little carpentry will go to the park and help build the additional tables, as there is a need for experienced help to engineer the work.

A large charcoal broiler was donated to the park last week by Elmer Fletcher of Nyssa, the club reported.

An ice cream social sponsored by the group Sunday evening in the new park resulted in proceeds amounting to \$42 for park improvements, Mrs. Lamb announced.

**Beetmen, Boise
Meet Here Sunday
For League Title**

The Nyssa Beetmen will meet Boise Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. here at the high school field to decide the second half league champion.

Nyssa won the first half title and if they defeat the Idahoans will automatically win the Border league crown. However, if Boise wins, it will give them the second half championship and the right to meet Nyssa for the league championship.

According to Hugh Tobler, Beetmen manager, the playoffs will be played soon because the Idaho entry in the National Semi-Pro tournament in Wichita, Kan., must leave for the east.

Should Boise win Sunday's game the teams will meet again Sunday night and if necessary will play a double header Monday night.

Nyssa and Boise hold a win apiece over each other. Boise dropped Nyssa 8-7 at Boise and the Beetmen edged the capital city team 3-2 here in second half play.