

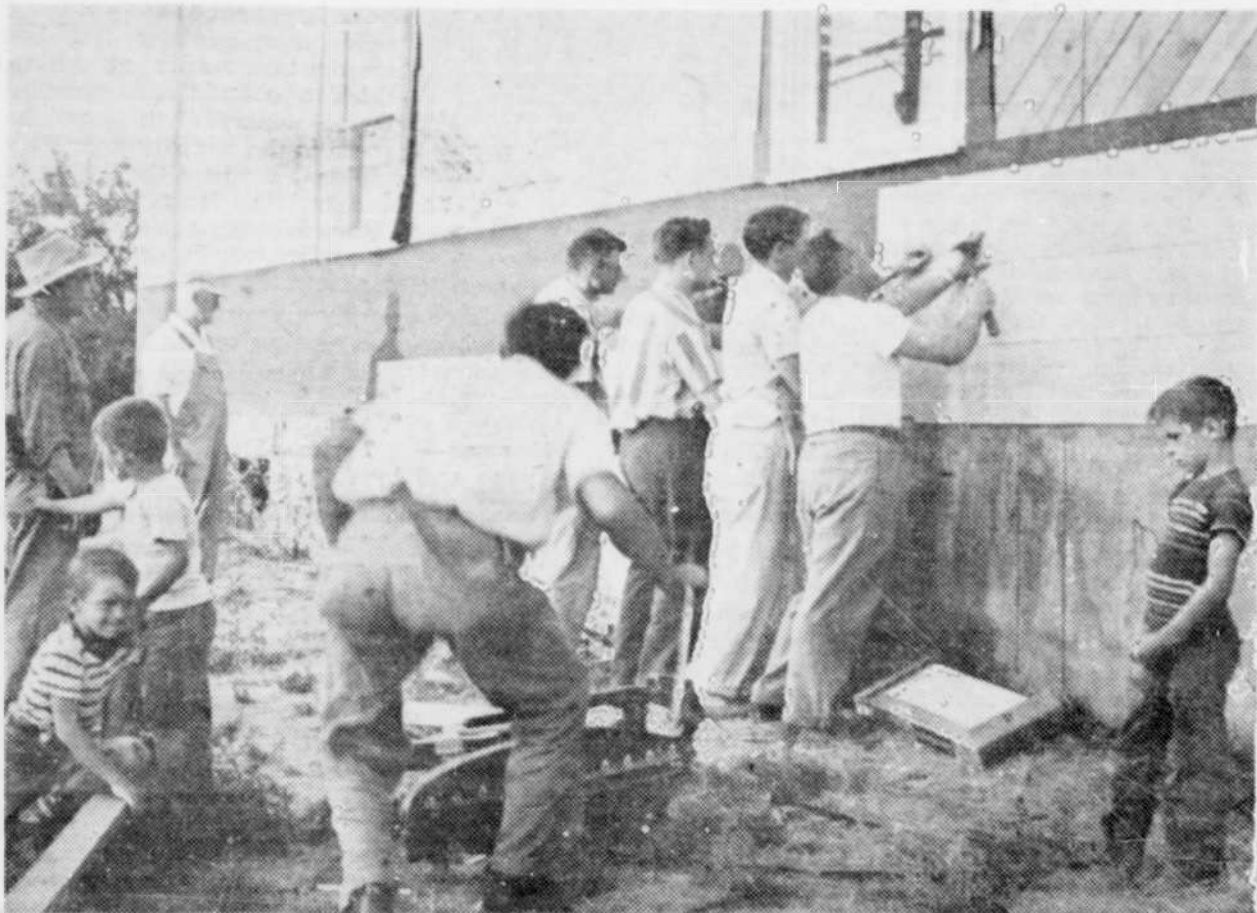
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Crew Starts Work on Community Building Exterior



THE INDIVIDUAL in the foreground is not giving orders, cheering the workers on nor does he have a kink in his back from overwork. He's Bill Marostica, ducking the camera as veterans and Jaycees started

placing siding on the community building being completed as a joint project by the Legion, VFW, Jaycees and Sugar Factory workers union. On the extreme left is Jim Jamieson and Ewen Chard. Nailing siding on

to the building are John Briehl, Ron Schoen, Dale Overstake and Ham Chadderdon. The three youngsters in the picture are Overstake's boys, and the fourth was out of line of the camera, so their first names are omitted. —Journal Photo.

C of C Seeks Emergency Declaration To Complete New Snake River Bridge

The Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday attempted to take steps to have construction work on the new Snake river bridge here declared an emergency in an effort to have work on the bridge resumed.

Almost all work on the bridge itself is at a standstill as the result of a Southwestern Idaho carpenters' strike against the Association of General Contractors. The strike, which started July 17, caused work stoppage on the bridge from its center to the Idaho side and prevented completion of pedestrian walks and hand rails. All work was completed from the bridge center to the Oregon side, however.

JC's Reorganize With D. Holcomb Named President

New officers were elected Tuesday evening for the Nyssa Jaycees following a reorganizational meeting held Saturday night at Nyssa Community hall. Duane Holcomb was named to the office of president; Eldon Farner, vice president; George Franz, treasurer; Stan Olson, secretary, and Joe Chamberlain, director.

Guests at the Tuesday meeting were Harlen Heis and Orville Caverhill, Ontario, and Cork Corbett of Burns, vice president of the Oregon Junior Chamber of Commerce. There were also 25 new members present.

Nearly 90 were in attendance at the reorganizational meeting and dinner Saturday which featured an open meeting with discussion on the purposes, activities and advantages of Jaycee work to the individual as well as the community. Talks were given by Rudy Enbysk, Pendleton, state Jaycee president; Cal Williams, Burns, national director for the state of Oregon; Corbett and by Wilton Jackson, president of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the state officers, delegates were also in attendance from Ontario, Vale and Baker. The dinner was served by Brownies cafe. Dancing concluded the evening's program.

The Jaycees will hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 8 p.m. in the community hall.

No Release Time For Bible Study

No release time from regular school activities for religious study will be asked by the Nyssa Ministerial association for the coming school term, it was announced Monday by the Rev. Earl Hastings, association president. The group has been studying the problem for several months and has conferred with school officials.

Further study will be made and the proposal may be considered for next year, Rev. Hastings said.

ENTERS NYSSA HOSPITAL
John Zittercob of route 1, Ontario, entered Malheur Memorial hospital Tuesday for observation and treatment following a brief illness.

11 Indictments Against 6 Persons By Grand Jury

A true bill against Leland L. Hoffman, charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, was returned Tuesday evening by a Malheur county grand jury which returned a total of 11 indictments.

Hoffman was bound over to the grand jury Monday by Justice of Peace Don M. Graham after charges were filed by Charlie V. Anderson. Hoffman allegedly used a belt wrapped around his fist when he was reported to have struck Anderson last Thursday in Nyssa. Anderson charged that he suffered three broken ribs, loss of teeth and contusions.

Five other indictments were returned against Richard Newlan, Payette, who was driver of a car that collided with another vehicle north of Ontario on July 3. Newlan was charged with manslaughter in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf M. Berg, Seattle; Charles M. Baker, Salt Lake City; Nancy Logan, Payette, and Elfred Johnson, Vancouver, B.C.

Another indictment was against Bert Chavez, Nyssa, charged with rape and two true bills were returned against Johnny Valento on charges of forgery and obtaining money under false pretenses. A true bill charging Henry E. Gillette with complicity in a holdup of a service station at Burns Junction was returned. Samuel N. Summers, allegedly involved with Gillette, pleaded guilty.

The eleventh indictment remained secret until the grand jury adjourns.

Stunz Expresses Views on Need For Tax Revision

Rep. Emil A. Stunz this week said that he was surprised that a special session of the legislature was called by Gov. Robert D. Holmes and at the same time expressed concern about the expense of the special session and the \$53 million surplus.

The legislator frankly commented that there is no sense in such a large surplus and expressed the opinion that \$20 or \$30 million should be in ample surplus for the state. Gov. Holmes has announced that he will ask the special session to provide \$17 million of property tax and income tax relief during 1957 and 1958, and \$22 million per biennium thereafter.

Stunz expressed the opinion that a greater amount of tax relief should be provided immediately and that he is in favor of revision of the present income tax law. He also commented that the special session might be necessary and if an error was made in estimating the surplus, it should be corrected.

The state representative stated that he cannot blame legislative committees for the error, which must get its information from the tax commission, nor can he blame the tax commission of the previous administration, which was reappointed by Gov. Holmes.

Stunz retains his philosophy of "taking a close look" at requests for additional state funds for schools. At the regular session of the legislature, basic school support was raised from \$80 to \$95 per census child and Gov. Holmes is requesting the special session to increase the amount to \$105.

The legislator refused to predict the outcome of the tax problem and the possible length of the session. When asked if he believed a sales tax might be in the offing, he said he could not comment but that he would vigorously oppose such a move as he has in the past.

Mrs. Tensen Breaks Hip in Fall at Home

Mrs. Pieter Tensen is confined at Malheur Memorial hospital with a fractured right hip sustained in a fall at her home on Columbia avenue, west of Nyssa. The accident occurred Monday night but Mrs. Tensen was not discovered until her daughter, Mrs. John Broad, stopped by Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Tensen underwent surgery for her injury Wednesday morning and is reported to be doing as well as can be expected.

WORD RECEIVED HERE OF SON IN SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morris received a telephone call Sunday evening from their son, 2nd Lt. Leland G. Morris who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Lt. Morris reported a separate division stationed at Fort Benning upset one of the camp's trucks, killing two and injuring and hospitalizing several.

Bartron Proves Nyssa's Capacity For Huge Spuds

Lyle Bartron, resident of Nyssa for the past 18 years, helped spread the fame of Nyssa's big potatoes by recently delivering a gift box of White Rose potatoes topped by a three and one-fourth pound specimen to the Rinehart Clinic at Wheeling, Ore., where he goes frequently for treatment of arthritis. The potatoes were packed by Muir-Roberts of Nyssa.

A newsletter printed by the clinic bore this statement: "You've heard of show-stoppers. One arrived from Nyssa last week. Lyle Bartron proved a point which has been controversial for a long time. To show that huge potatoes are grown in Oregon as well as in Idaho, he sent one from this year's crop to stop all further arguments. The mammoth 3 1/4 lb. White Rose spud placed on the desk in the lobby was positive proof of all the statements he had made."

SBA Official Tells Chamber About Loans

R. M. Hurlburt of the Small Business administration office in Seattle, who has been in charge of the newly opened SBA office in Boise for the past three months, was speaker Wednesday noon at the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Hurlburt explained that the SBA is a "court of last appeal" and not an aggressive lending agency for small business. Business loans are based on character, ability, investment and collateral, he said, and the agency cannot finance complete new plants.

Two-thirds of all loans granted are in partnership with a commercial lending agency, the speaker reported, and SBA is "not Santa Claus" for every applicant. Amusement businesses are among those ineligible and loans cannot be obtained for purchase of business nor for funds for distribution to stockholders. Instead of extremely low interest rates, interest is 6 percent and usually for five or six years and not more than 10 years, he said.

In addition to financial loans for small business, SBA maintains an engineering department for assistance in management and operation of business. This service is provided without cost. Hurlburt told the group.

Accompanying Hurlburt to Nyssa was Estes Morton, former Ontario resident and a banker for 37 years, including several years at Westfall. Morton will be in charge of the Boise SBA office, succeeding Hurlburt who will return to Seattle this week.

Plans Completed For Gov. Holmes' Visit in Ontario

Gov. Robert D. Holmes will arrive in Ontario next Thursday afternoon on an air tour of the state. He will be accompanied by Julius Jensen, executive director of the department of planning and development; Harry Schenk, assistant director; Ivan Bloch, department consultant, and newspaper and radio representatives.

Gov. Holmes and other members of his party will be at the Ontario armory at 3:30 to listen to projects covering the county economy which might be improved or assisted by the development department.

Jeff Dorroh will be moderator at the afternoon meeting and Ontario Mayor Earl Bopp has accepted the master of ceremonies post for the governor's dinner at the Moore hotel at 7 o'clock.

Among the topics to be presented to the governor will be Bully Creek by Robert D. Lytle; Duncan's Ferry storage, Paul House; Lake Owyhee park, Wayne Garner; major packing house, Morgan Beck, and any other project which might be turned into H. F. Logue, secretary of the Ontario Chamber before 5, Tuesday.

The general public is invited to the dinner. Tickets are on sale at the Idaho Power Co. in Vale, by Tom Jones in Nyssa, at the Moore hotel or either bank in Ontario.

To Justice Meeting

Don M. Graham, Nyssa justice of the peace, accompanied Ontario's justice, Dee Peters, to Hood River where they are attending the annual justice convention Thursday and Friday.

Graham reported that several speakers will present matters of importance to the group during the two-day session.

Student Enrollment Nearly Complete For School Opening Next Tuesday; Teacher Assignment Is Concluded

More than 1200 students will return to Nyssa classrooms Tuesday morning for a half-day of school and swing into the routine of activities Wednesday, the first day of regular schedules.

Pre-school registration last week brought out a total of 236 high school students, although 325 are expected to be enrolled soon after school opens.

Only 80 freshmen have registered for the 1957-58 term, but the total is expected to equal or exceed the 103 who appeared for classes the first day of school a year ago. Sophomore registration last week brought a total of 84 while 61 juniors signed up for classes.

The senior class is expected to be one of the largest in history as was indicated by 61 registrants and more expected at the beginning of school. A year ago there were 62 seniors after classes began.

Grade school enrollment is expected to exceed that of a year ago, based on last year's classes and an anticipated enrollment of 125 first graders. Only 87 were registered last week, however.

Teacher Assignments
High and junior high school teacher assignments are practically the same as last year with only two changes noted.

Jack Jenkins is high school principal and his staff includes: Clyde Swisher, English and journalism; Mrs. Virginia Stefens, homemaking; Charles Stefens, vice principal, physics, chemistry and biology; Robert Q. Smith, new music instructor for both the high school and junior high.

Larry Schwarz is English and speech teacher; Leroy Pulliam, agriculture; Dale Overstake, math and driver education; Stan Olson, baseball and basketball coach, assistant football coach, physical education and general science; Miss Margery Nihart, commercial subjects.

Harry McGinley is football coach, assistant baseball and basketball coach and instructor for world geography and mathematics; Kinsey Keveren, track coach (Continued on page 12)

Response Good For Vocational Education Course

Response to adult education classes to start in September has been excellent, according to Ralph Lawrence, secretary of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the program in conjunction with the State Vocational Education department and the Nyssa schools.

Two courses, "The Dynamics of Selling" and "Conversational Spanish" are being offered, beginning the week of Sept. 9 with Bill Wahlert as chairman of arrangements for the Chamber.

Lawrence said that 18 persons had registered by the deadline last Friday for the selling course and 36 had signed up for Spanish lessons. Although others will be accepted for classes, textbooks probably will not be available because of the time element in placing orders, it was explained.

The sales course will begin Monday evening, Sept. 9, with Oscar J. Elliott, Payette, as instructor and will continue for 12 weeks. Spanish classes will be instructed by Thomas P. Sullivan, Ontario, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 10, when all registrants will report. A second class will be held on Thursday each week beginning Sept. 12.

Boy's Unusual Imagination Causes Frantic Search by Parents and Police

The resourcefulness of an eight-year-old boy drove his parents to the point of nervous exhaustion Tuesday afternoon. Gary Jaques, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jaques, went swimming earlier in the day at the Ontario pool with his sister, Sharon, and the two daughters of Tracy Mefford. Mefford had taken the children to the pool and planned to pick them up at 5 o'clock after transacting business downtown.

Young Gary swam for awhile and then decided to get dressed and meet the girls to await Mefford who was to take them all home. But, alas! He couldn't find the girls who were still in the dressing room.

Thinking that they had left him, he decided to take the matter in his own hands as to his transportation back to Nyssa. Relying on the ancient art of thumbing a ride, he managed to get to Nyssa without difficulty.

In the meantime Mefford came back to pick up the children. But there was no Gary in sight. Mefford became worried, thinking the boy may have met with an accident. He notified the Ontario police who in turn notified the Nyssa police. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jaques, employees of J. R. Simplot upon hearing the news made a frantic chase to Ontario.

Police of the two cities with Mefford and Mr. and Mrs. Jaques searched everywhere, but young Gary was not to be found.

Upon returning home, they found him calmly seated, wondering what all the fuss was about. Gary told them of his trip back from Ontario, relieving them of their heavy anxiety and the anxiety of Mefford as well as the police.

Although personal resourcefulness is a desirable trait to have, it will be a long, long time before Mr. and Mrs. Jaques will care to have Gary display anymore—not until the price of tranquilizing pills is greatly reduced, at least!

Men About Nyssa



State Rep. Emil A. Stunz

A big, husky fellow climbed out of a car and opened the door to the office of the Gate City Journal. He casually walked in, introduced himself, sat down and lit up a cigarette.

Emil Stunz is the state representative from Malheur county. But he doesn't fit the prototype of the ordinary politician. In fact, he looks more like a fullback from the Chicago Bears than a solon. And he doesn't talk like one either. Instead he thinks over carefully what he has to say and weighs his thoughts before speaking.

He was born in Van Wyck, Ida., a town since flooded out, on July 31, 1899. He attended grade school there and high school in Boise. He studied electrical engineering at the University of Idaho for two years and then worked on a bridge gang near Spokane for the (Continued on Page 12)