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Malheur Potato Growers Set Jan. 21 For Annual Meeting at Boulevard

Malheur potato growers will hold their annual association meeting Tuesday, Jan. 21, at the Boulevard Grange hall, according to Turner Bond, county extension agent and secretary for the growers association.

Lawren King of Ontario, president of the group, will preside over the all-day session, scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

Both association business and subject matter discussions of in-

Adrian Area Conservation District Approved

An Adrian Soil Conservation district was approved at an election held in Adrian Tuesday.

There were 68 votes cast in favor of the district and four against.

Supervisors for the voter-approved district were also chosen at Tuesday's election. They are Walter Bishop, Dick Kreigh and Orlee Sipes.

Malheur county extension agent Leeds Bailey said the results of the election will now be reviewed by the state Soil Conservation committee. After their approval of the district, Bailey said, the committee will appoint two additional supervisors to work with the three elected.

The state committee previously approved the referendum on the proposed conservation district.

Bailey said the Adrian district will take in an irrigated belt from 12 to 24 miles wide extending from the Owyhee river as far south as Sheaville.

Men About Nyssa



J. Maurice Corey

A man who has been all over the face of this country since its early days . . . a man who's seen and done a great many different things during this time . . . a man who's 72 years young, an expert on the science of "rock hounding" and presently working at the Journal . . . that's Maurice (Maury) Corey, this week's Man About Nyssa.

J. Maurice Corey was born Oct. 13, 1885, in Honey Creek, Wis., 40 miles west of Milwaukee, to the Rev. E. M. Corey, a Congregational church minister, and Mary West Corey, of Quaker parentage. He was the third of a family of five children, three girls and two boys.

During his early years, Maury lived in four other places in Wisconsin with his parents before moving to Bellaire, Mich., in the northern part of the lower peninsula.

Attends Michigan College

Young Corey was graduated from high school in Bellaire in 1903, where he and another student worked as janitors their last year of school. In 1903 and 1904 Corey attended Michigan Agricultural college, now Michigan State university.

While still a student in 1900, young Corey started work in a local printing office after school and Saturdays in the line of work that was later to become his avocation. Between times the busy youth ran one of the first gasoline-powered boats in that area.

In January, 1907, Maury went to work at the Baker-Vawter Ledge factory in Benton Harbor and later worked with the Hopper Stationery company in the same city as platen press feeder. June 6 he took over as foreman of the "Torch," a weekly paper in Central Lake, Mich., with practically no experience in job and ad composition and continued with them until late April of the following year.

Interested in the tales he heard of the far west, Maury left a position he had in a Grand Rapids, Mich., job printing shop in 1909 and started west.

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March of Dimes Coffee Parties Started in Nyssa



TWO MARCH OF DIMES coffee parties started off the annual March of Dimes activities in the Nyssa area last week. The parties were held Thursday at the homes of Mrs. Clifford Beckstead of route 2 and Saturday by Nyssa's mayor's wife, Mrs.

Cliff Main. Mrs. Main's guests are pictured above: front row, from the left, Mrs. Marion Tracey, Mrs. Earl Alexander, Mrs. Frank Morris, Mrs. Lloyd Tobler, Mrs. Dwight Wyckoff, Mrs. Clifford Fox and Mrs. Main. Standing, Mrs. Hugh Tobler.

Mrs. L. A. Maulding, Mrs. Walter Roth, Mrs. J. R. Garner, Mrs. Ed Maulding and Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb. Mrs. Eugene Grasty also attended the March of Dimes gathering later in the afternoon. —Journal Photo.

Wide Variety of Adult Education Classes Offered

Scheduling of several additional adult, night education classes at Nyssa high school was announced this week by Supt. of Schools R. V. Wilson.

A beginners' typing class will start next Monday, Jan. 20, under the direction of Mrs. Jack Jenkins. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. and continue for a 1½-hour period in room 4 of the high school. Mrs. Jenkins will instruct a class in beginners' shorthand. Registration is still open for both classes, Wilson stated. Any interested people not already signed up, may report to the class at the opening time or call the superintendent's office for additional information.

Bookkeeping Offered
A bookkeeping class for beginners, instructed by M. L. Spitz, has been scheduled to start Tuesday, Jan. 21, in room 6 of the high school. The two-hour classes will open at 7:30 p.m. Registration is still open for an additional eight or nine individuals, Wilson announced.

The industrial arts woodworkshop class started Monday under instruction of W. A. Barton with eight enrolled. Facilities are available for as many as 14, according to Wilson, so any interested in still registering may report to the next class scheduled for Monday night at 7 o'clock or may phone for information. The classes will continue for 10 weeks.

Adult sewing classes, instructed by Mrs. Virginia Steffens will get underway Jan. 27 in the home economics room of the high school. Information on this class may be obtained by calling Mrs. Steffens, it was reported.

Civil Defense Meetings Held

County civil defense officials met in Ontario Monday with Don Dill, Oregon civil defense information officer to go over county public information plans. Among those present at the meeting were Robert Ilch, county civil defense director, and Bob Kriner, Malheur information officer.

At an earlier meeting in Vale, Leo White, state civil defense communications officer, worked with Ilch to formulate plans to expand facilities for a county-wide communication program. At that time Ilch appointed Jack Lewin of Vale as communication director for Malheur county and Ted Morgan of Nyssa was assigned radio officer for civil defense.

Hospital Association Urges Turnout For Annual Meeting on January 27

Some 1200 voting members of the Malheur Memorial hospital association will have an opportunity to cast ballots for four members of the 11-man board of directors at the association's annual meeting and election set for Monday evening, Jan. 27, at the Nyssa high school Little theater.

Terms of Mrs. Wesley Browne, Fred Bracken, Jake Fischer and the late Jed Lewis expire and will be replaced or re-elected, according to President Robert Johnson.

A voting member is one who has paid \$100 or more for membership in the association. Only lay members of the association are eligible as candidates for the board; doctors and dentists cannot serve on the board, according to association by-laws.

Johnson Tuesday night at the monthly board meeting issued a public appeal for a large attendance at the annual meeting. He pointed out that last year the required quorum of 21 failed to appear to vote and it was necessary to "invade another meeting" to persuade three members to appear at the hospital meeting and cast ballots.

Several members of the board acknowledged that small attendance at annual meetings "might indicate satisfaction with operation of the hospital," but more people appearing at the annual meeting would assist the board, the administrators and the medical staff in their efforts to continue the progress of Malheur Memorial.

Publish Patients' Names
The board approved a new service which will include a list of hospital admissions and discharges each week in The Gate City Journal with the patient's (Continued on Page 10)

Nysson Starts Precision Seeder Manufacturing

Mel Beck, local realtor, announced this week that a beet planter he invented and tested on his acreage last summer is now being manufactured in Nyssa on East Fourth avenue.

An emergence pattern on the Beck acreage last year was verified as 88 to 89 percent single beets, requiring a minimum of thinning. Beck says the new planter will also handle other small seeds, such as lettuce and onions.

Beck attributes the effectiveness of his rubber-tired planter to the precision machining of the planter heads. The inventor says he has been experimenting with and developing this planter since 1944. Last year, he reports, he harvested 33 tons per acre of sugar beets from land that was seeded with his planter, and not thinned.

Beck explains the new planter can be built to any row width.

School Directors Re-Elect Members To Budget Board

Two members of the budget board were re-elected at the regular school board meeting for district 26-C held Tuesday afternoon in the office of the Nyssa school superintendent. Re-elected to succeed themselves for three-year terms were Fred Bracken and John Stam.

In addition to these two members the budget board is comprised of Houston Wilson, Darwin Jensen, Lloyd Wilson and the regular members of the school board, R. V. Wilson, clerk of the board, explained.

A district 26-C school election is scheduled for May 5 to elect a board member for a five-year term to succeed Warren Farmer whose term expires. According to Wilson, in previous years elections have been held on the third Monday in June but recent legislation changed the annual election for school districts in Oregon to the first Monday in May.

School board directors must be nominated by petitions signed by at least 10 people, Wilson explained, and anyone who is a registered voter in this school district is eligible to serve on the board. Petitions must be filed in the office of the clerk by April 5, 30 days prior to election date.

The board authorized Wilson to attend the 1958 meeting of the American Association of School Administrators to be held in San Francisco March 8 through 11. Final settlement in the amount of 2,287.61 by the insurance company for damages to the old gym caused by fire Nov. 4 was reported at the meeting. The gym has been repaired and is back in operation, the school official stated.

Bank Daps' Kitty Set For Two Winners

Nyssa merchants are offering two Bank Days' purses in the amounts of \$150 and \$50 at next week's drawing Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Last month participating merchants announced plans to place a maximum of \$150 on a drawing, then to start a second kitty of \$50 with \$25 added each week in the event the one whose name is drawn is not in a participating store when his name is called. Neal Nicholson, route 1, Nyssa, missed the \$150 prize offered this week.

Nyssa City Council Takes Two Steps Toward Actual Street Construction; Survey Starts, Assessments Prepared

Nyssa's city council Tuesday night approved an engineering agreement with the engineering firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield and gave the green light to replacing of about \$7,500 worth of needed water mains and lines under streets to be improved as they moved nearer to the actual construction of the city's \$225,000 street and alley improvement program.

The agreement approved by the council authorized the engineering firm, which has done all the preliminary engineering work on the improvement project, to complete final design and specifications for bids on the construction, to generally supervise and inspect the construction and to conduct the final inspection at the completion of the work.

City Pays 6¼ Percent

Under the agreement the city will pay the engineering firm 6¼ percent of the cost of construction. The city also has the option of providing their own engineering field supervision of construction or employing the firm to handle it.

The engineering firm is presently conducting a field survey of the planned improvements and City Manager A. R. (Jack) Middaugh says this phase of the work is scheduled for completion by Feb. 1.

Just prior to the field survey the engineering firm completed the preparation of the assessment rolls for the improvement project. Middaugh says these rolls are now in the hands of City Attorney Harold Henigson and individual notices to property owners in the improvement district will be in the mail next week.

Hearing Set Feb. 11

An assessment roll hearing is scheduled to be held by the city council Feb. 11.

The city council also approved the expenditure of nearly \$7,500

Other city council actions at their regular meeting Tuesday night included:

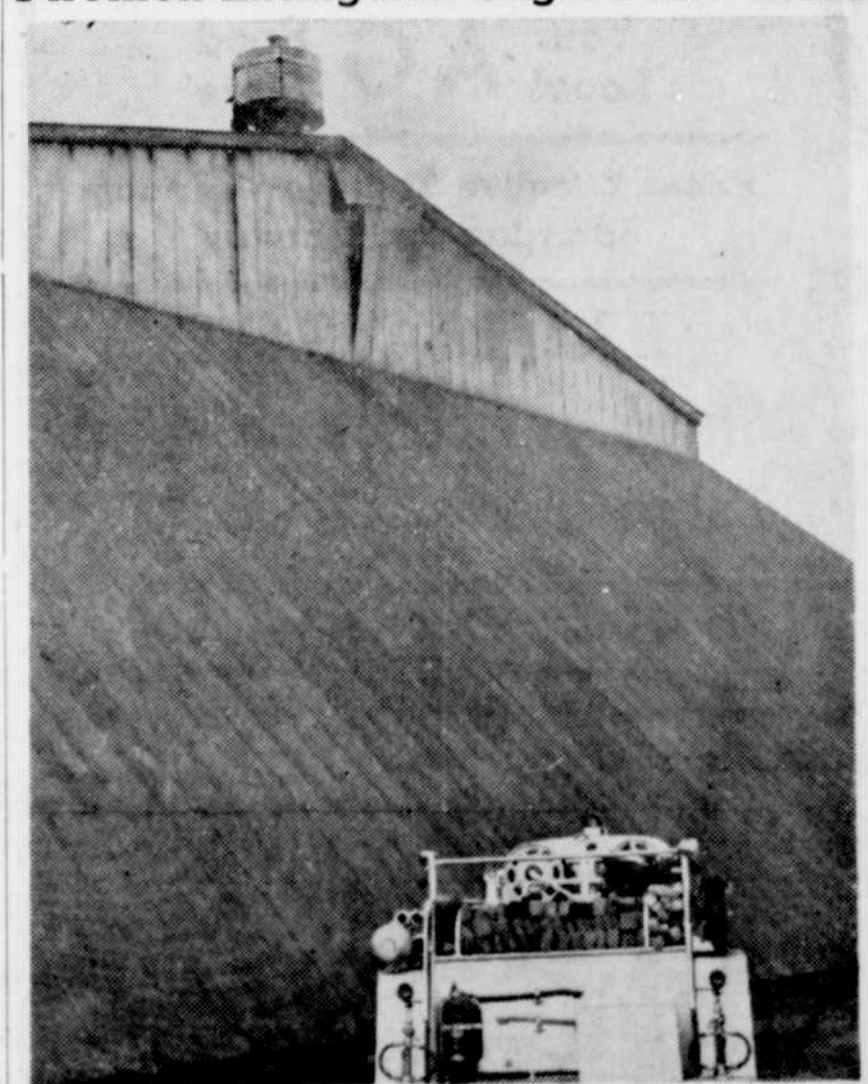
The accepting of a bid from Ellis Field for lease of 22 irrigable acres of city property adjoining the cemetery, subject to lease negotiations, for \$300 per year for three years.

Holding a building permit application, from Dessert Seed company to build a 70 by 90 or 100 foot warehouse west of their present building at 403 North Main, for more specific information of the building materials to be used and for referral to the building commission.

Granting a liquor license to Nyssa Food Center.

for the replacement of water mains and lines under streets to be improved where such replacement is necessary. Middaugh pointed out that this city water department work will be done prior to the street improvements to eliminate the possibility of water line failures under the newly paved streets. Some of (Continued on Page 10)

Firemen Extinguish Sugar Plant Blaze



PICTURED ABOVE is a fire that broke out about 5 p.m. last Wednesday in the top of a drying shed at the Amalgamated Sugar company. Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence reports the fire started in the motor of an electric driven fan in the vent pictured above. The fire then spread to dust from the drying process collected in the upper part of the shed. Lawrence said the dust spread part of the fire to pulp stacked and drying in the building. However, a sugar company spokesman said that no fire damage resulted from the blaze as a result of the Nyssa Volunteer Fire department's prompt action.

Nyssa Deposits Reach New High, State Totals Fall

Total bank deposits set a new, all-time high in Nyssa when they topped \$5,000,000 just three days after the completion of last year, according to Leonard Hewett, manager of the Nyssa branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

Nyssa's deposits gained even though the bank's statewide, year-end deposit total showed a decrease of over \$20,000,000 from a year ago.

Hewett attributed the new high in local deposits largely to an increase in savings accounts in the Nyssa branch, pointing out that checking account totals had remained about the same as previous years.

Nyssa Sets Record

The Nyssa branch of First National reported a total year-end deposit of \$4,787,397, or about 6 percent of the bank's total year-end deposits in the state of \$788,569,011. Comparable figures of total deposits for the local branch on Dec. 31, 1956, were virtually the same as 1957's year-end totals. However, the Jan. 3, 1958, deposits of over \$5,000,000 were the highest in the branch's history.

Loans Down from '56

Year-end totals show loans and discounts of \$2,414,296 at the local branch, down \$108,574 from 1956. Statewide totals represented a decrease of \$43,282,200 in loans and discounts from the figure reported at the close of 1956.

Bank President C. B. Stephenson said bank loans have decreased throughout the nation and it is reflected in lower commercial bank deposit totals. The decline has been emphasized in the Pacific Northwest, he said, by the slower pace of the lumber industry.

"Spring, Winter" Visit Valley Area During Week

Area residents have experienced "balmy spring" and "blustery winter" weather during the past week with Saturday's clear skies bringing the temperature up to 50 degrees. Late Saturday night and Sunday brought an extreme change that included snow, rain and wind.

A total of 1.12 inches of precipitation was a mixture of snow and rain making it impossible for accurate measurement of the snow depth. In the Sunset Valley community, it was reported that between 9 and 10 inches of snow covered the ground and blocked a few private roads for several hours. Road district crews had their equipment in operation Sunday and Monday to clear the highways.

City Manager A. R. (Jack) Middaugh reports city street crews were called out Sunday to clear the wet snow from the gutters to permit the water to drain from Nyssa's streets. The city pumped water from the intersection of Second and Bower, where a sump failed to drain the street, to the storm sewer on Main for 10 hours Sunday and Monday.

Monday brought more clear skies and a high temperature of 46 degrees, but evening clouds gathered until Tuesday night when there was 1½ inches of snowfall.

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 8	26	9	—
Jan. 9	31	12	—
Jan. 10	42	14	—
Jan. 11	50	24	—
Jan. 12	38	25	.46
Jan. 13	46	31	.66
Jan. 14	36	17	—
Jan. 15	—	22	.22

Duval Addresses Chamber Meeting

Bob Duval of West Coast Airlines was featured speaker at the weekly meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon at Brownie's cafe. He spoke on jet airlines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Gene Grasty reported on ticket sales for the annual chamber of commerce banquet set for Feb. 4 at the Oregon Trail hall and Emil Stunz gave a resume of the state fish and game hearing held at Ontario last week.