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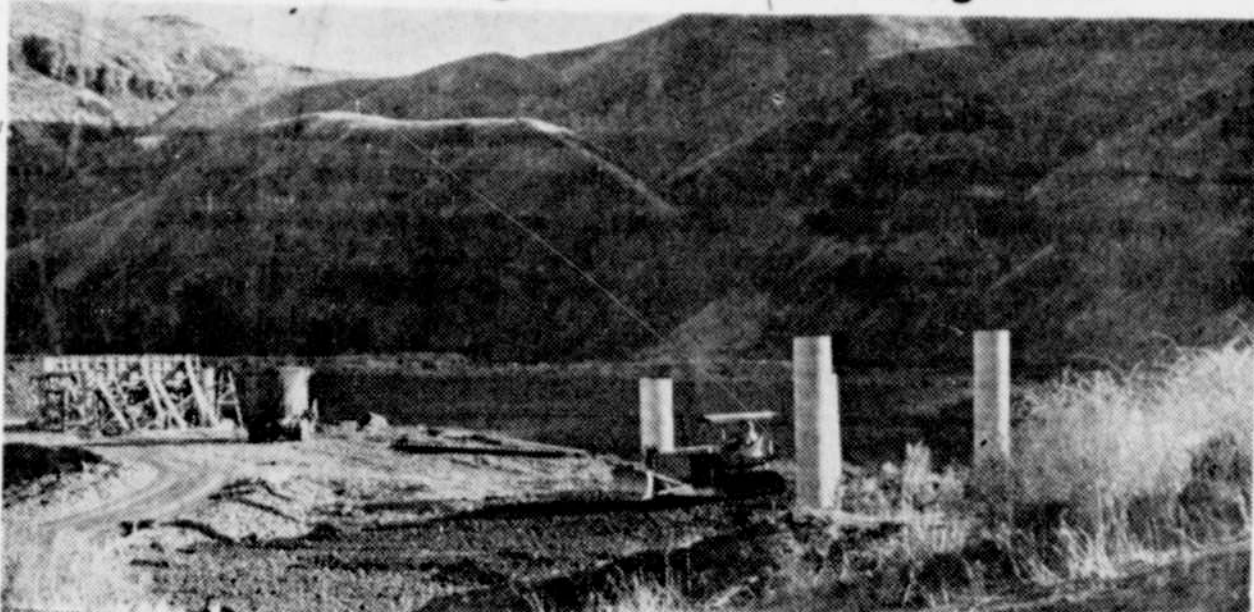
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Erection of Bridge on New Site Progresses



WORK WAS progressing this week on the re-erection of Nyssa's old Snake river highway bridge across the Owyhee river on the road to the dam just 22 miles from Nyssa. As the above photo shows, work by the county road department on the construction of supports was well under way. Completion of the

structure is anticipated before the spring runoff floods the canyon. Malheur county's Isaac Walton league approved an appropriation of \$2,825 last November to help construct one span of Nyssa's Snake river bridge across the Owyhee river road. The span was moved to the site that same month. The

bridge will allow year-around traffic to the lake on the gradual grade up the canyon which is usually closed in the early spring by high water. Even later in the season the road frequently has been hazardous before culverts could be installed in place of the ford.

—Journal Photo.

Nyssa Citizens' Utility Committee Recommends City Installs Meters For Fair Water and Sewer Charges

Nyssa's citizens' utility committee, appointed last summer by Mayor Cliff Main, issued a recommendation today to the city council that water meters be installed in all service lines on the city water system as soon as possible and that sewer users served by water meters be charged 30 percent of their monthly water charge.

Owyhee Water Outlook Bright For This Year

Prospects for an abundance of water in the Owyhee reservoir this year are particularly bright, according to a February report of the Owyhee watersheds.

Because of more snow, with more water content, than last year, Jack Frost, Oregon state snow survey supervisor, predicted an anticipated stream flow of nearly 120 percent of normal this year. This prediction was made on the basis of the present snow in the watersheds and in anticipation of normal precipitation for the rest of the year.

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, said there is now 470,660 acre feet of water in the Owyhee reservoir, about the same as last year but nearly one-third more than at this time in 1955.

In addition, there is nearly twice as much snow or water content at many of the 12 stations in (Continued on Page 7)

Toastmasters Meet Tuesday

On next week's program, Feb. 11, for Toastmasters will be Bob Thompson, toastmaster; Gus Liming, topicmaster; Henry Quast, critic; John Briel, grammarian; Joe Chamberlain and Ray Harmon, five minute speakers.

This week's meeting was postponed due to the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Air Force Reserve Officer Outlines Views on Defense at Chamber Banquet

"The place of the Air Force and the Air Force reserve as part of the U. S. national policy," was the theme of an address given by Lt. Col. Robert W. Van Wagoner Tuesday night at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at Oregon Trail hall.

Col. Van Wagoner, commander of the 2564th Air Reserve center, reviewed origin of the Air Corps and events leading to establish-

ment of the Air Force. He pointed out that the greatest problem now existing is being unable to keep highly trained people because of outmoded promotion and pay systems.

"In the event of an attack now, about 15 to 30 percent of the SAC planes would have to sit on the ground because of lack of technical personnel to operate them," he stated. Proposals are now before Congress to remedy the situation, he stated.

The speaker discussed space exploration briefly and commented that it has obvious values both scientifically and military and expressed the opinion that missiles will replace at least part of the named aircraft.

Following the talk, Col. Van Wagoner showed a film of early warning devices and protection from attack, accompanied by emphasis on the importance of the Ground Observer corps in relation to "blind spots" at low levels with existing radar detection.

Leonard Hewett served as toastmaster and President Wilton Jackson reviewed activities of the chamber during the past year. Entertainment was provided by the Nyssa high school music department represented by Verli Banner, Daryl Duffin, Roger Bergam and Dahl Olsen and the dance band.

Tuesday Winner For Bank Days

Mrs. Russell A. Smith was the lucky winner of Nyssa's Bank Days' \$150 purse this week when her name was called in one of the participating business firms. Next week's jackpot rests at \$75.

The second prize of \$75 was missed by J. Mike Derie of route 2, Fruitland, Ida.

County Court Signs Order for Issues On Courthouse to Appear on Ballot

Signatures of the Malheur county court's three members on an order made it certain last Friday morning that voters will decide the fate of a new courthouse at Vale in May.

The question, "Shall the county court be authorized to levy \$250,000 to pay for a new courthouse?" came under the closest scrutiny of the court and visitors at a hearing last Friday. It was learned that approval of that question would allow the county court to go outside the 6 percent limitation in the event current funds should be exhausted by salary increases, "a long and costly murder trial" and/or other unanticipated expense to the general fund that would prohibit the setting aside of any given amount each year for the courthouse sinking fund.

For the past several years, the court has appropriated from \$20,000 to \$40,000 annually for the special fund.

Robert Lytle and Charles Swan, Vale attorneys, asked the court to forego any action on the ballot measures and give further study to the proposed project. This appeal was rejected by the court after District Attorney E. Otis Smith pointed out that the duly signed and filed petition made it mandatory that the county place the issues before county voters at the May primary election.

Another question to appear on the ballot at the same time, "Shall a new courthouse be constructed on the site of the present courthouse in Vale?" was somewhat avoided in the general discussion and in some quarters unofficial opinions were "That it's loaded." For instance, the authority bond could be approved and the "present courthouse site" could be rejected, although attorneys agreed that rejection would not necessarily mean a forerunner to efforts to move the county seat from Vale.

Current estimates on the overall cost of the courthouse are \$304,000, but County Judge G. Y. Chester asserted Friday that the building can be constructed for \$401,400. Unofficial figures are that the county's sinking fund now amounts to \$264,000, making \$240,000 necessary from a bond issue if the former estimate is correct, and \$137,400 needed from a bond issue if the latter estimate can be maintained.

Representatives from Vale, Ontario and Nyssa were present at the Friday morning hearing.

Nyssa Inventor Demonstrates New Seed Planter

Members of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce were given a demonstration of a precision seed planter Wednesday noon along with detailed explanation of its operations presented by the inventor, Mel Beck.

The machine has gone into production in Nyssa where parts made by Eder Hardware and a Weiser firm are being assembled. Beck said that 83 six-row planters will be made this year and will be sold directly to farmers.

In explaining the planter, Beck said that seed for beets, onions, lettuce, potatoes, grains and other crops can be used with some changes and adjustments for different types of seed. Planting is controlled throughout the machine with no tearing of seed and no dust like that found in other planters, Beck explained. The apparatus also chops weeds to prevent any clogging.

For sugar beets, as much as 97 percent single, monogerm seed can be planted to eliminate all need of thinning, it was pointed out. Similar efficiency has been found in onions, which ordinarily require thinning, Beck said. The planter is so simplified that a minimum of repairs are necessary, resulting in hundreds of dollars savings to growers, it was explained.

Beck's patent is pending and an offer to purchase the machine was rejected and the manufacturing plant set up in Nyssa. When asked about plans for future operations, Beck indicated that the present one-man assembly plant could grow into a large firm.

LOUIS SAYRE UNDERGOES EMERGENCY SURGERY

Louis Sayre, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Athol Sayre of Adrian, underwent an emergency appendectomy at Malheur Memorial hospital Tuesday evening. He was reported in satisfactory condition Wednesday.

Officials Plan To Attend State Health Meeting

Members of the Federal Housing authority, Labor Sponsorship association, Malheur County Health department and interested individuals met Monday night in Nyssa to review migrant labor camp conditions. The meeting precedes a conference in Portland Friday with the Oregon State Board of Health to be attended by County Health Officer Dr. Grant B. Hughes and Sanitarian Taylor Sandvigen.

A set of standards prescribed by the board of health was deemed by Monday night's group to be somewhat separate and apart from standards needed for migrant camps. Many sections of the standards were considered impractical or unworkable, such as separate sleeping quarters for each individual, 10-foot ceilings and other minor requirements believed to have been prescribed for housing used on a year-around basis.

Sandvigen said that all those present were in agreement that rapid strides, particularly in sanitation, have been made throughout the county in improving living conditions for migrant workers. Camps in this area are complying with many of the state standards, but local authorities are desirous of different consideration being given to migrant camps, occupied for a few months of the year, and permanent labor camps, such as those in logging areas.

Petitioners Seek Law Against Dogs At Large in City

Petitions are being circulated throughout Nyssa to ask the city council for an ordinance or other regulations to prohibit and prevent dogs from running at large within the corporate limits of the city.

Wednesday morning 110 persons had signed petitions, which are expected to be presented at the March meeting of the city council. According to C. K. Olson, plans to present the request at next Tuesday's meeting were postponed because of the street improvement district issue. It is expected that more names will be added before the March meeting.

It was explained that action was motivated by dissatisfaction over the large number of licensed and unlicensed dogs running at large and their damage to lawns and shrubbery.

Head-On Crash Kills Three After Nyssa-Vale Game

A head-on collision six miles north of Vale late Friday night took the lives of two Vale high school students and a U. S. airman and seriously injured three other students and another airman following the Vale-Nyssa basketball game at Nyssa.

Dead are David Kendall, 16, Vale basketball center; Charlotte Sievers, 15, Vale sophomore, and Edward E. Snow, 24, airman from Mountain Home air base. Injured and confined to the Ontario hospital were Gus Boyd, 15; George Boyd, 18, and Paul Shaw, 16, all Vale high school students, and Basil Carter, 23, airman from Greenwood, Ind.

Police reported that Kendall was driver of a northbound car and Snow was driving the other vehicle traveling toward Vale. The injured students and Miss Sievers were passengers in Kendall's car, while Carter was in the car driven by Snow.

No inquest was held, it was announced by District Attorney E. Otis Smith and Coroner George Beechler.

Nyssa FFA Wins District Skills Annual Contest

The Nyssa Future Farmers of America chapter won the Snake River Valley district skills contest held in Ontario Wednesday and Thursday of last week, their third consecutive year to earn top honors in the annual event. The chapter was awarded a permanent plaque for attaining the highest number of points in the contest.

The local group won three first place ribbons, six second and three third place honors. Ray Draper won first in arc welding; Stanley Sisson, first with his project book and the chapter placed first with its secretary's book.

Placing second were Kent Ashby in soldering; Monty Sullins, project book; Reed Patterson, stunts, and Larry Hickman, tool sharpening. The chapter's treasurer's book also won second place honor. Dennis Spitz, Nyssa, and John Innman of Baker tied for second place in public speaking. Dee Child placed third in talent and Jerry Matsunaga, carpentry. The chapter scrap book also placed third.

Court of Honor Scheduled for Malheur Scouts

A court of honor for all scouts in Malheur district will be held Feb. 11, at the Nyssa first ward LDS church. The program is under the direction of Harry Nakashima, county advancement chairman and will start at 7:30 p.m.

All scout troops are urged to participate and all parents and interested persons are invited to attend.

Nurses Sponsor Scholarship for Student Workers

The Oregon Nurse's association, district 20, is sponsoring a scholarship to be awarded to a junior or senior student in nurse's training. Funds are raised through a treasure chest drawing to be held Feb. 14 at 12 noon at Rexall drug in Nyssa. The chest contains 50 silver dollars.

According to Mrs. June Patterson, R.N., tickets are now available from any registered nurse.

Hearing Slated for Tuesday Night On Street Improvement Assessments In City Hall's Council Chambers

An assessment roll hearing for property owners in Nyssa's new \$225,000 street and alley improvement district will be held by the city council at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening in the council chambers of the city hall.

At the hearing property owners in the district will have an opportunity to protest errors in proposed assessments and the allocations of the costs of the street and alley improvements.

Mayor Cliff Main has also invited all persons desiring to protest any phase of the street improvement program to make their protests in writing before the hearing.

Should the council decide to abandon the street improvement program at this time, after it has been begun, the city would still

MAYOR MAIN SPEAKS OF TUESDAY HEARING

Although the city has already held its regular remonstrance or protest hearing in regard to the street improvement program, and received only a small percentage of protests in comparison to the number of people affected it is possible some people were not fully aware of some aspects of the program.

In view of the fact that there have been several protests to various members of the city council and to the offices of the city of Nyssa in regard to various phases of the presently proposed street improvement district, it is the wish of the city council that all persons desiring to protest any phase of this street improvement program do so in writing in care of any member of the city council or the city offices before our next regular council meeting on the evening of Feb. 11, 1958. It is very important that we receive this information.

We shall assume all persons from whom we receive no protests are in favor of the street improvement program. It is our desire to serve the people to the best of our ability and according to your wishes.

have to pay approximately \$5,000 for engineering services already rendered by the engineering firm in charge of the project, according to Earl Reynolds of that firm, Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield.

The engineers just completed their field survey for the improvements last week and are nearly half done with the engineering design work for the project. In addition they prepared the proposed assessment roll for the improvements. More than 350 notices of these proposed assessments were sent out to property owners in the district two weeks ago by the city clerk's office.

City Manager A. R. (Jack) Middaugh reports that to date his office has received protests to the proposed assessments from approximately 15 percent of those who were assessed. By Tuesday he had received 21 written protests which will be presented to the council.

Middaugh said that "most of the inquiries have related to the method of assessment for those streets which do not abut upon the front line of properties and which are usually called 'side streets'."

A remonstrance hearing for objections to the areas included in the improvement district was held by the city council Nov. 15. The city council unanimously approved the street and alley improvement program Nov. 26.

Assessments were made on the basis of \$6.80 per front foot. The side street assessments were made at the rate of 4.9 cent per square foot of property within 60 feet of the side street and he remaining property within the block assessed for such streets, even though it does not abut the side street, is assessed at the rate of 3.8 cents per square foot.

Camel Bone Found Near Twin Springs; U of O Museum Curator to Come Here

"The Camels Are Coming" might have been the theme song of residents of the Nyssa community a few hundred thousand years ago, it was discovered this week when petrified bones were positively identified as those from the front leg of a camel!

Bernard Eastman, who denies he is an anthropologist, a lapidary, a geologist or even a rock hound, but one who just searches for peculiar bone and rock formations and tries to find out what his specimens are, found the camel bone last October along the road to Twin Springs.

The major part of the bone was found partially covered with scattered fragments spread

Child Burglars Are Released To Parents' Care

Eight teen-age boys allegedly involved in a series of burglaries at Adrian grade school appeared with their parents before County Judge G. Y. Chester Monday and were released to the custody of their parents after being ordered to make restitution. A total of \$217 in cash and checks was reported stolen on several occasions, the last of which was Jan. 18 and the subsequent arrest of the youths on Jan. 20.

The latest "incident" involved about \$150, according to Harold Newman, Adrian grade school principal.

Names of the boys were released following the arraignment, but according to the county juvenile officer, Robert Kriner, the juvenile court cannot make names public, regardless of the extent of the crime.

MOD Drive Funds Growing Steadily

According to Elmer Cruson, Malheur county March of Dimes chairman, a total of \$1,650 has been received to date in the county from direct mail folders sent to all families and business firms early in January. He urges all who still have contributions to send in, to do so as soon as possible.

Polio contributions for the city of Nyssa continued to climb this week with the Teenagers for Polio various money-raising events totalling \$270.39 and coffee hour returns reaching \$141.18 by Wednesday. The Eagles raised approximately \$76 for March of Dimes from their benefit dance held Saturday night.

Total receipts to date from Nyssa special events, not including mailers, reached \$750.70 by Wednesday afternoon, Ward Wienieke, Nyssa drive chairman, reported. He stated that many returns were yet to be received.

Liming Heads FSO; Banquet Plans Are Made

Gus Liming was elected president of Malheur Memorial hospital Founders Service organization Tuesday noon, succeeding R. V. Wilson, who has headed the FSO for the past two years. Others elected were Gene Grasty, who succeeds William Russell as vice president, and Ray Larson, new secretary and treasurer to succeed Robert Wilson.

Plans were made by the group to sponsor their second annual fund-raising dinner the Saturday following national hospital week later this spring.

It was reported that a net profit of \$931.75 was realized from last year's event and that an air conditioning unit and electrocardiograph were purchased for the hospital.

University Student Attains Honor Roll

Donna Lee Connors, senior at the University of Tulsa, Okla., is listed on the dean's honor roll for maintaining a "B" average or better for the semester ending Jan. 24.

Mrs. Connors, a student in the fine arts college, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Wilson of Nyssa.

Drunken Driving Charge Moved To Nyssa Court

A drunken driving charge against Lola M. Mathews, Nyssa, was transferred Wednesday from the Ontario justice court to the Nyssa justice court after the defendant filed an affidavit of prejudice and demanded transfer to another court.

The accused pleaded not guilty and posted \$200 bail in the Ontario court Jan. 25 following her arrest by state police for allegedly driving on a highway while intoxicated Jan. 24.

In the affidavit a jury trial was demanded and a jury will be drawn at 1:30 p.m. Friday with trial date to be set. Mrs. Mathews is being represented by Attorneys Vernon K. Smith, Boise, and Martin P. Gallagher, Ontario.