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## Dropping of \$225,000 Street and Alley Improvements Postponed by Council For Week After Residents Object

Nyssa's city council deferred further action on officially scrapping the city's previously approved \$225,000 street and alley improvement district No 5 at their Tuesday night meeting after a group of 17 people appeared and protested the dropping of the improvements.

The council scheduled a special meeting to further discuss keeping or dropping the district for next Thursday, March 20 in the council chambers.

## Rural Districts School Budget Set at \$21,050

Malheur county's rural school district published a \$22,850 budget for 1958-59 this week and Nyssa's school district announced the first budget meeting will be held April 8.

The rural school district budget, printed on page 15, estimates a needed tax levy for the ensuing year of \$21,050, which would be inside the six-percent limitation. A meeting will be held in the county courthouse in Vale April 2 at 10 a.m. to discuss the new budget.

Superintendent of Schools R. V. Wilson says about \$141,000 of the rural district budget will be used as an offset against the upcoming Nyssa district budget levy. He emphasized that these rural district funds will not be added to the Nyssa budget, but will be used as an offset after the local budget is set.

Five members have been appointed by the Nyssa board to sit with them as the budget committee. These men include John Stam, Fred Bracken, Darwin Jensen, Houston Wilson and Lloyd Wilson.

## Women About Nyssa!



Mrs. Owen (Lois) Council

The name of this week's Woman About Nyssa is no stranger to the columns of The Gate City Journal since she has been this paper's Sunset Valley correspondent since 1951. What's more she had been a resident of this area for some 37 years when she first started writing for the Journal.

Mrs. Owen (Lois) Council was born near Sioux City, Iowa just 63 years ago last Friday. When she was 11 years old her father, a minister of the Methodist church, moved the family to the state of Washington.

In the spring of 1912, Mrs. Council graduated from the Lynn, Washington high school, and she married Donald Nottingham in December of the same year.

The young couple began dry-land farming just six miles from Warden, Washington and remained there for nearly two years. While still in Washington the born in October of 1913.

After spending the fourth of July on the train down here, the Nottinghams arrived in Malheur county in 1914 to homestead 640 acres on Big Mud Flat.

As the then Mrs. Nottingham put it, the young couple "started out from scratch" when they arrived in this area. Their 640 acre homestead had no water or well, no house or buildings, only plenty of sagebrush.

The three Nottinghams "camped" in a tent all summer with the husband carrying water to the camp on his back. Thus they started in the ranching and cattle business with the three cows and six head of horses they had brought with them from Washington.

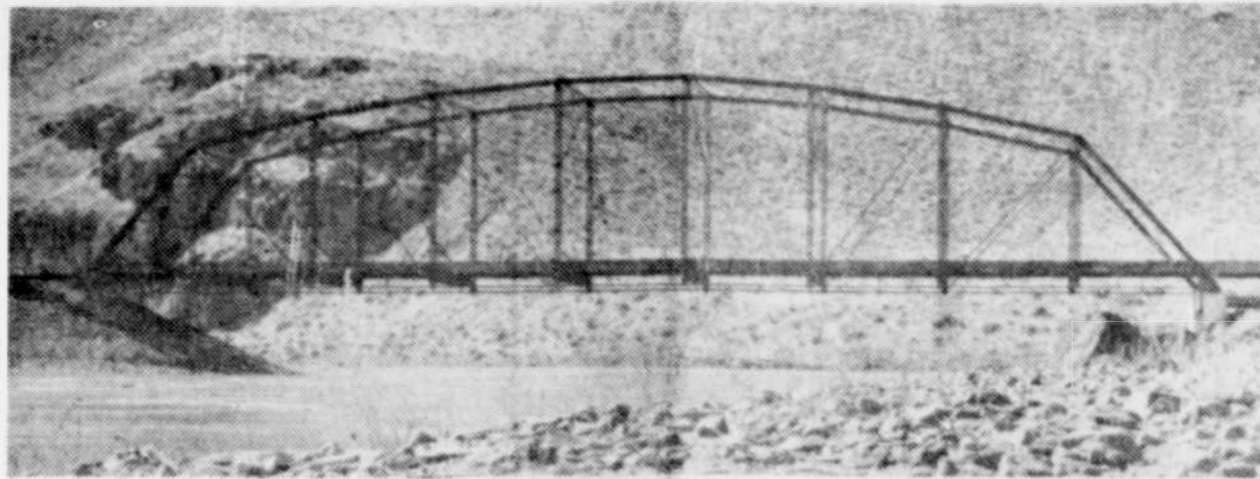
During those first summer months, Mr. Nottingham built (Continued on Page 8)

## Coreys Purchase Bend River Ranch

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey recently purchased "Bend of the River" ranch from Mr. and Mrs. George Pullens. The latter couple and their two sons are moving to North Third street in Nyssa.

The new home of the Coreys is located about three miles south of Nyssa, directly on the bank of the Snake river.

## New Owyhee Bridge Completed as Runoff Starts



THE RECENTLY completed span across the Owyhee river, just 22 miles from Nyssa on the road to Owyhee dam is pictured above. The bridge is one span of the old Snake river highway bridge at Nyssa. Planking and stringers were purchased by the Isaak Walton league which moved the bridge to its new site. The new bridge was erected to replace the fill shown on the right. It will allow year-around traffic to the lake on the gradual grade up the canyon which has usually been closed in the early spring by high water. Even later in the season the road has frequently been hazardous before culverts could be installed in place of the ford.



The new span is of particular significance in view of the new park being built at the lake and the development of the new Owyhee lake resort. —Journal Photo.

## Owyhee Resort President Reports To Nyssa Chamber on Stock Sales

Some misunderstanding apparently exists in connection with the sale of stock in Owyhee Lake Resort, Inc., Lloyd Russell, president of the organization, told the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

Russell said the firm is incorporated for \$250,000 and that another officer's announcement that the full sum could be sold to investors outside this area might have led Nyssans to think outside investments are preferred. The Ontario man said that \$31,700 already has been sold in Ontario where the quota has been set at \$50,000, and \$1,900 has been sold in Vale and \$15,000 is expected to be raised there.

The speaker emphasized that sale of stock is on the basis of an investment and not as a contribution. Work is underway on modern tourist facilities at Cherry creek and is expected to attract thousands of additional visitors to Lake Owyhee each year. Russell explained that facilities must be available and in use before additional state funds can be obtained and before the state highway department can build and maintain roads into the area.

## Adrian PTA Sets Officer Election At March Meeting

The Adrian Grade school PTA has scheduled its March meeting for Thursday the 20th beginning at 8 p.m. at the grade school, according to Mrs. Roy Hirai, president. Mrs. Jim Phifer, program chairman has tentatively scheduled a cancer film for the meeting.

Mrs. Hirai further stated that an executive meeting will be held Thursday evening, March 13, at her home. Mrs. Phifer will announce definite program plans at that time.

The nominating committee will make a report on election of officers at the March 20 meeting. Committee members are Jim Langley, Mrs. Tavie Hendricks and Mrs. Irma Hopkins. Refreshment committee for the March meeting will be the third grade room mothers.

## Nyssa Merchants Dollar Days Again This Week

Residents of the Nyssa area will find bargains galore again this week in ads pertaining to Dollar Days on pages 12 and 13 of this issue of The Gate City Journal. In addition to the specials offered by merchants participating in the monthly event, which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday of this week, are other bargains being offered by individual stores and business firms through Journal advertising throughout this issue of the newspaper.

The Dollar Days event was planned and promoted by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce merchants' committee headed by Bob Wilson. The chairman reported that unusual cooperation was found when the plan was presented in February and that unusual favorable response from participating firms and the public has been received.

## Spring Vacation Slated for Schools

Nyssa school children will have their spring vacation next Thursday and Friday, March 21-22, according to high school Principal Jack Jenkins.

Jenkins said the high school will let out classes at 3:47 p.m. Wednesday and they will reconvene the following Monday morning. The vacation will coincide with the Oregon Education association convention in Portland and several other school functions on the state level.

## Nyssa's School Board Re-Hires 51, Raises Teacher's Pay Scale Slightly

Nyssa's school board re-hired all 54 of their teachers, principals and superintendent, with the exception of three teachers who have resigned, at a meeting Tuesday afternoon and increased the teachers' pay scale slightly. Superintendent of Schools R. V. Wilson said the salary increase will put Nyssa in a better position to attract new teachers upon their graduation and encourage present teachers to keep current in knowledge and teaching methods by going back to school.

The new pay scale provides for a beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree to earn \$4,008 per year. Previously, the same teacher would have received \$3,680. After 10 years experience, but still with only a bachelor's degree the teacher would receive \$5,688. However, for the same teacher with a master's degree the new pay scale calls for \$6,168 and an opportunity to earn

an additional \$400 per year with in two more years. Under the newly approved teachers' pay plan those with a master's degree will start at \$4,248 per year and receive an additional \$192 for each year's experience teaching here. Previously the scale graduated only \$180 for each year's experience. A teacher with five years of training but no master's degree will start at \$4,128 per year and receive increases of \$180 for each year's teaching in Nyssa. Those with bachelor's degrees are to receive an additional \$168 for each year.

Teachers with only three years' training will start at \$3,660 per year under the new scale, \$120 more than before, and receive increases of \$144 for each year's teaching here.

Wilson said that previous to the pay increase, granted Tuesday, (Continued on Page 5)

## Brawny Thieves Load and Haul Boaters Material

A thief or thieves with more brawn than sense of value stole a truck load of concrete and several power poles from the Nyssa Boat club's landing on the Snake river sometime Sunday night, according to Speed Porter, president of the club.

Broken concrete had been accumulated by boat enthusiasts and poles had been obtained from Idaho Power Co. to rip-rap the Idaho side of the river for a boat dock.

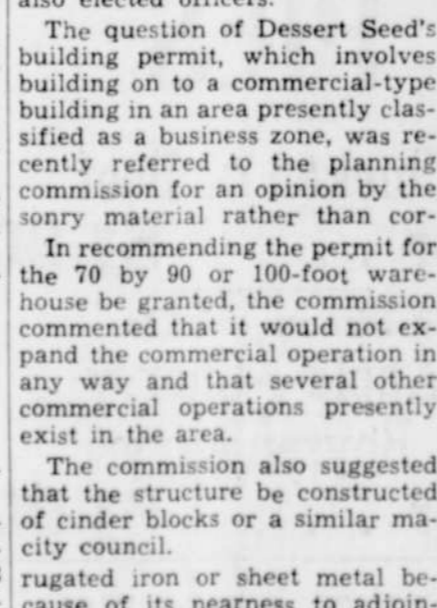
Porter issued another appeal for additional broken concrete blocks so that work can continue. Members of the club and other boat enthusiasts are planning to work on the project Sunday in spite of the disappearance of the materials. Porter said that a 20 by 30-foot concrete ramp will be built and that donations of broken concrete blocks as well as labor are needed to complete the project for use of boaters this spring and summer.

## Nyssa Bank Days Purses Increase

Nyssa Bank Days double jackpots climbed to \$100 and \$50 for next Tuesday's drawing after this week's drawing failed to name an individual who was in one of the participating stores.

Ed Mason, 530 North Second street, was called for the first jackpot and A. F. Seward of route 2, Parma, for the second prize of \$25. The lucky drawing takes place each Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Receive State Homemaker Degree



Miss Gloria Gonyer

A Nyssa high school senior and an Adrian high student were among 50 Oregon high school girls awarded the highest degree to Future Homemakers of America at the 13th state meeting of the Oregon association of FHA held on the Oregon State college campus at Corvallis March 7 and 8.

Awarded state homemaker degrees were Gloria Ann Gonyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gonyer, Nyssa, and Shirley Skinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner, Adrian.

The homemaker degree is the highest state honor in home economics that a high school girl can win. To qualify for the de-

## Farmer Named Prexy of Labor Group in County

The Malheur County Farm Labor Sponsoring association re-elected Warren Farmer president of their organization at a meeting held Friday night at the Nyssa Labor camp, Turner Bond, secretary reported.

Ted Morgan, also of Nyssa was selected to serve as vice president; Bond re-elected secretary and new directors-at-large are Fred Trenkel, Cairo district and Ray Olson, Oregon Slope district.

Plans are tentatively being formulated to hold community meetings of labor users and the Sponsoring association during April, Bond stated. Consolidation of the four migrant labor camps in Malheur county—Nyssa, Adrian, Vale and Ontario was accomplished at the annual meeting of the sponsoring association held in February. The merger was made in an effort to improve operating efficiency through having all camps under one management, a representative of the group reported.

## Nyssa Attorney Clyde Snider Seeks Demo Nomination for Representative Against Emil Stunz; Coroner Contest

A surprise filing late last Friday in Salem will result in a Democratic primary contest that has created interest among members of both parties throughout the county.

Clyde H. Snider, Nyssa attorney, filed for the Democratic nomination for state representative and will oppose Emil A. Stunz, incumbent, in the May 16 primaries.

Another late filing brings an additional contest in the Republican primaries with the announcement by Jerome F. Sweeney that he will oppose George C. Beechler, incumbent coroner, for the nomination. Last week one other Republican contest was announced between incumbent County Commissioner George Cleaver of the Nyssa area and O. Z. Matthews of Ironside. Snider told The Journal this week that his candidacy was a last-minute decision and coincided with his attendance at a Saturday meeting of the state interim committee on judicial administration, of which he is a member, in Salem Saturday.

Snider has practiced law in Nyssa since coming here in 1948 from St. Louis, Mo., where he practiced for several years and served as an assistant district attorney. He has been active in Democratic politics in Malheur county since he came here, but has not sought public office since moving to Oregon.

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## School Election Set for Nyssa, Rural District

Election of the Malheur Rural School District board and one member of Nyssa's school board has been set for May 5, according to Superintendent of Schools R. V. Wilson.

Nominations for both boards must be made by petition and these must be completed and filed no later than April 5.

Nyssa's school district, as a zone in the Rural School District, will elect one member to the Seven-man District Board. Voter's in Nyssa will also help choose the two directors at large for the Rural board, Wilson said.

Nominations for the board member from the Nyssa district must be made by petition containing the signatures of at least 25 legal voters in this district and must be submitted to the county School Superintendent's office by April 5, 30 days prior to the election.

Nominations for the two directors at large must be made by petition containing the signatures of 50 registered voters in Malheur county and must be in the county superintendent's office by the same time.

Nominations for the upcoming vacancy on Nyssa's school board must also be made by petition bearing the signatures of 10 registered voters in the district and must be in Superintendent Wilson's office by April 5.

Wilson said that petitions for nomination for either board are now available in his office.

The term of Warren Farmer, now the president of Nyssa's school board, expires this year and the May 5 election will fill this vacancy. Wilson says that a petition is currently being circulated to re-nominate Farmer for the post.

Wilson explained that this is the first year Nyssa has participated in the Rural District election since, prior to legislative action this past session, all first-class school districts did not participate in the Rural District.

## Board Members To Hold Session On Adrian Park

The first meeting of the Adrian municipal park board will be held Thursday, March 20, following a meeting of the grade school PTA. The meeting will also be at Adrian grade school. Chairman Jake Borge will preside at the meeting at which future improving plans will be discussed.

Those meeting will be Borge; Don Brewer, assistant chairman; Mrs. Hugh Lamb, secretary-treasurer; Gayle Martin, Junior Mathews and Jim Harper, men-at-large and Mrs. George DeHaven, woman-at-large.

## Nyssa Seniors Earn Awards

Two seniors at Nyssa's high school have been awarded certificates of merit as a result of their outstanding performances in the 1957-58 National Merit Scholarship program, according to Principal Jack Jenkins.

Barbara McPartland and Tom Sallee have received the certificates which attest to the high academic promise of the students. High scores on two college aptitude tests led to the nationally recognized academic honors for the two. Less than one-half of one percent of the seniors in each state received the awards.

Miss McPartland and Sallee are among 7,300 finalists in the current National Merit Scholarship competition which began last October with the testing of 256,000 of the nation's most able high school seniors. Over 1,000 of the finalists will be awarded \$5,000,000 in merit scholarships, as a result of final judging now being conducted, with winners being announced about May 1.

There is no cash award to certificate of merit winners. However, their names will be printed in a certificate of merit book which is sent to all colleges and scholarship agencies.



Miss Shirley Skinner

gree members must achieve high standards of work in school, home and community programs.

Oregon now has 115 FHA chapters in junior and senior high schools across the state. The state meeting is designed as a leadership training session, which nearly 400 girls attended this year.

Miss Gonyer was accompanied by Mrs. Charles Steffens, FHA advisor; Nancy Stringer, FHA president; Sherry Hendricks, vice president, and Barbara McPartland, state secretary. Those attending from Adrian were Mrs. Marie Moore, homemaking advisor; Linda Costley, chapter voting delegate, and Miss Skinner.