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Over \$100,500 Received, Pledged On Street Assessments by April 28 Deadline; \$73,095 Still Not Paid

Some \$100,593 in street assessments for Nyssa's street and alley improvement district had been received by the April 28 deadline for Bancrofting, it was revealed at a special city council meeting Tuesday night, called to discuss progress of assessment payments. However, some \$73,095 of the total assessments had not yet been paid nor Bancrofted.

Petitions Show Against Street Project Here

An Ontario attorney has been retained and petitions are being circulated in an effort to halt Nyssa's street and alley improvement district No. 5.

The petition inspected by The Journal contained 27 signatures proposing that the city call a special election to determine the wishes of the land owners. It further stated that those signing the instrument are opposed to formation of the district "for reason, among others, that the cost of improvements are disproportionately high to the value of the lots on which the assessments are to be made. . . ."

Another paragraph in the petition stated that a large part of the property is without adequate sewer and drainage.

According to one person circulating the petition, at least four are making the rounds of Nyssa residents, but no estimate on the number of signers was available at press time Wednesday.

Martin P. Gallagher, Ontario attorney, told The Journal Tuesday that he had been retained by two Nyssa property owners to prepare the petitions and stated that they represented a group who wants the city to abandon the entire project. Basis given for the latest request and petitions, is that the project was once abandoned by the city, then that decision was rescinded without an opportunity for the people to be heard.

When asked if there is a possibility a suit will be filed against the city and the council, Gallagher stated that he had not prepared such a suit, but that future developments would depend upon whether the city will cooperate.

"Some of those opposing the improvements would like to have a suit filed," the attorney added.

City Attorney Hal Henigson said that in his opinion any petition at this time regarding the improvement district would have no legal significance.

Miss Rinehart Named Delegate To Girls' State

Gretchen Rinehart, Nyssa high school junior, has been announced delegate to attend Girl's state at Willamette university, Salem, June 16 to 22. The sponsoring organization, American Legion auxiliary of Post 79 made the selection at a meeting Thursday at the W. A. Will home.

Miss Rinehart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rinehart, was chosen on the basis of leadership, character, courage, honesty, scholarship, cooperativeness and physical fitness.

Mrs. H. O. Hopkins, Girl's state chairman, reported. Alternate delegate is Joan Maulding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maulding.

Active in school and community affairs, Miss Rinehart is a member of F.H.A., serving as treasurer; member of Girl's league; sports manager of the GAA and played a role in the junior class play. She was secretary of her sophomore class and yell leader and a member of the band her first two years of high school.

She is a member of the Episcopal church and president of their youth group. An active member of Job's Daughters, she holds the office of fifth messenger and was appointed grand representative of the state of New Mexico at recent grand session.

Official photo of Gretchen Rinehart.

Officials Hear County Clerk

Election board officials met with Malheur County Clerk Homer Schnell Tuesday evening at the Nyssa high school for schooling prior to the primary elections May 16.

Schnell reported 75 percent of the precinct board representatives were present, coming from Adrian, Arcadia, Big Bend, Sunset, Owyhee, Ridgeview and three Nyssa precincts.

Nyssa Boat Days Plans for May 9-10 Near Completion; Big Display Ready

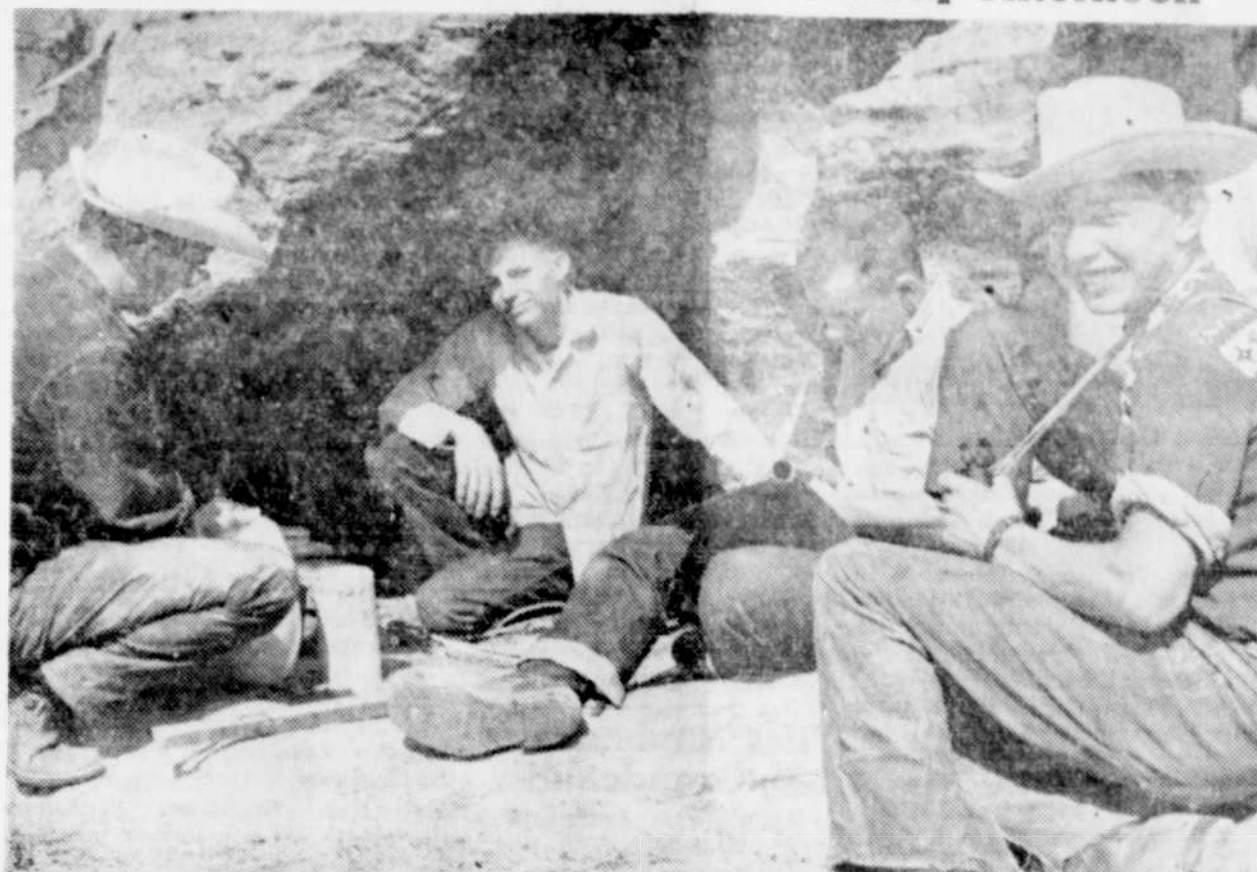
Plans are nearing completion for Nyssa Boat Days scheduled for Friday and Saturday of next week when the parking lot at the corner of Main and North Second will be a huge display area for boats, motors and all facilities for water sports, according to Chairman Joe Chamberlain.

Sponsoring the event are members of the Chamber of Commerce merchants committee listed on page 10 of this issue of The Journal. These firms are giving tickets for a drawing to be held at 4:30 Saturday afternoon for two different outdoor motors. The drawing is not considered a lottery since an entrant in the contest does not have to buy merchandise for a ticket, although bonus tickets are given by the firms.

No owner or manager of participating firms or their immediate families are eligible, although their employees can take part. A ticket holder or member of his immediate family must be 18 years of age or older to claim the free motors, Chamberlain said.

From noon until 4 p.m. Saturday free boat rides will be furnished at the Nyssa boat docks on the Snake river adjacent to the bridge. The chairman emphasized that crews of adult supervisors will be on hand at the boat docks to direct those wanting free rides.

Adrian's Third Rocket Misfires Sunday Afternoon



FOUR MEMBERS of Adrian's Rocket club—Steve Sayre, Larry Norris, Donald Ashcraft and Les Brice—unsuccessfully attempted to fire their third rocket Sunday afternoon. The rocket actually fired, but failed to take to the air when the nose cone blew and burned out. The first firing attempt March 23 was a success with the missile reaching 1500 feet and traveling at speeds up to 500 miles per hour. Their second attempt March 30 was also a failure when the rocket fell on its side at the time it fired. Another attempt will be made as soon as a new rocket is completed, the boys said.

In the top photo, from the left, Ashcraft, Norris, Brice and Joe Mackey are loading the rocket before firing. In the left photo Brice and Ashcraft view the remains of their missile after it had burned on the ground. The right bottom photo shows the rocket just as it blew out its nose cone and began to burn.—Journal Photo.



Adrian SCS Head Tells of District; C.C. Plugs Owyhee

Dick Kreigh, chairman of the Adrian Soil Conservation district board of supervisors, explained procedure to form and reasons for the newly organized district at Wednesday's meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce. The area extends from the Malheur river south for approximately 48 miles and is from 22 to 24 miles wide, containing 500 farms, Kreigh said.

To start formation of the district, a minimum of 25 owners or enough to represent 70 percent of the land involved was required. Final vote for formation required a two-thirds majority of those voting and eligibility specified an owner with 10 acres or more of land. Approval of the Adrian district came in January with a 68 to 4 vote.

Kreigh said that technical assistance for drainage, leveling and other problems were among chief benefits. No taxes are levied on the property involved; all funds come from federal appropriations. Beginning July 1, an office with three persons employed will be opened.

Ralph Lawrence, Chamber secretary who presided at the meeting, stated the Chamber will assist in getting farmers in this area in forming a similar district or annexing to Adrian's district, if such action is desired and legal matters can be worked out. Frank Sherwood reported that a similar district was rejected by farmers in the Nyssa area several years ago.

Members voted to expend \$110 for three months near Caldwell to publicize Lake Owyhee and Nyssa and to join the Northwest Travel association.

Sugar Beet Thinning Well Underway; Stands Good; Labor Supply Ample

Warmer weather this past week prompted sugar beet thinning to get underway with the beets making a little growth for the first time in some days, according to Henry Zobell, manager of Amalgamated Sugar company's Nyssa district.

Zobell said the farm labor supply for the spring beet work is very adequate in this area at this time.

The sugar beet growers' board of directors met Monday in Nyssa with sugar factory representatives and presidents of labor sponsoring organizations in this area regarding "farm labor's problems with growers and growers problems with farm labor."

The group decided to form an adjustment committee composed of representatives of the growers, sugar company and labor sponsoring groups to inspect fields and make recommendations in the cases of these problems.

When complaints are received, this committee will check the condition of the fields, the quality of work being done and make recommendations to those involved. The Growers association sent letters yesterday to all members advising them of the board's recommendations.

Last Friday approximately 140 of the same representatives, including Texas, Arizona and California crew leaders, met in Ontario and discussed quality of farm labor work, housing plans, wages and supervision. At that time farm workers were encouraged to enroll their youngsters in local schools and to participate in community affairs.

Warmer weather also has increased the flow of irrigation water from Owyhee reservoir, according to the North Board of Control. Some 957 second feet of water was flowing for irrigation (Continued on Page 12)

"Flight" to Boise Saves Child's Life

The life of a one-year-old girl was saved last Thursday when she was rushed from Nyssa to Boise in 37 minutes for emergency surgery.

Glória Apadoca, daughter of Mrs. Lupe Apadoca, had a bean lodged in her bronchus and was rushed to Dr. L. A. Maulding for treatment. Dr. Maulding made arrangements for the child to receive treatment by a specialist in Boise and she was taken to a hospital there by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett. They were escorted through Boise by that city's police department.

Dr. Maulding said the youngster's left lung had collapsed and that it was necessary for the Boise doctor to remove the bean with a bronchoscope. She is still confined to the Boise hospital and is reported to be "doing well."

Ray's Food Fair Starts Business In Nyssa Today

Ray's Food Fair opened for business Thursday morning in the building formerly occupied by Gordon's Drive-In and the M & W at the "Y" on West Main. The new food store is owned and operated by Reed and Lynn Ray, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ray, who operated Gordon's Drive-In here for several years.

The building has been completely remodeled and redecorated with all new fixtures installed. A second entrance to the market has been built on the north side of the building facing a second parking lot.

Reed Ray, who has operated a bakery in the same building for several years, will be joined by his brother, Lynn Ray, in August following four years in the Air Force.

Although the store is now open for business, a grand opening will be held at a later date, Ray said.

Local High School Senior Named Top Oregon Mathematics Student, Wins National Merit Scholarship

Tom Sallee, Nyssa high school senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sallee of 213 South 7th, was rated as the top mathematics student in Oregon this week with the announcement of statewide results of a National High School Mathematics Contest held the first part of March.

At the same time, but in an entirely separate action, it was announced that Sallee has been awarded a National Merit Scholarship to the California Institute of Technology as a result of his high ranking on National Merit tests given last year.

Sallee made a score of 127.5 in the National High School Mathematics test. His closest competitor in the state of Oregon, Robert Ames of Tigard, had a score of only 82. More than 3,000 Oregon high school students representing 78 high schools entered the contest this year.

Nyssa high school ranked second statewide with Tigard posting the best total score. The top three individual student scores were totaled to give each school's score. Frank Parr and Jim Moss were the other two high ranking Nyssa students in the contest.

National results of the tests (Continued on Page 6)

Monday Election Set for School Board Members

An election for a member of Nyssa's school board and for two members of the Malheur Rural School district will be held in the Little theater of Nyssa's high school from 2 till 8 p.m. Monday, May 5.

According to R. V. Wilson, superintendent of schools, only one vacancy is to be filled in the Nyssa board at this election, that of the expired term of Warren Farmer. Farmer is the only name that will appear on the ballot, but there will be space to write in candidates.

Nominations for both the local and county boards were made by petition bearing the signatures of school district voters.

Nyssa district voters will also cast ballots for a director from this district and for a director at large for the Malheur Rural School district.

John Stam will be the only name on the ballot for director from the Nyssa district since a petition on his behalf was the only one received by the county school superintendent.

C. William Moore of Vale, Lester Panike of Annex and Asbury Pugh of Brogan are all candidates for the rural school district's director at large.

Both rural board members will be elected for a three-year term.

\$50 Bank Days Pot Offered on Tuesday

Nyssa Bank Days drawing at 3 p.m. next Tuesday will offer a \$50 prize to an individual whose name is drawn providing the lucky person is in one of the participating stores at that time.

This week's \$25 purse was missed by H. H. Howell of 520 Good avenue.

Nyssa Lions Elect 1958-59 Officers At Regular Meet

The Nyssa Lions club elected their 1958-59 officers at their regular weekly meeting Monday noon at Carl's Doll House.

Those chosen included Walter McPartland, president; Ed Michaelson, first vice president; Donald Oldemeyer, second vice president; James Nichols, third vice president; Clyde Wellner, secretary-treasurer; Dean Lancaster, tail twister; Lauren Wright, Lion tamer; and Jack Jenkins and Dick Tensen, directors.

The Lions also made arrangements to set up a car pool to help provide transportation for the Boy Scouts when they go on trips. Ward Weneke and McPartland announced plans to take 23 scouts to Givens Hot Springs Friday and return Saturday afternoon.

Tom Sallee and Ilene Moss Achieve Top Honor Spots for Senior Class



Ilene Moss



Tom Sallee

Tom Sallee and Ilene Moss are valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 1958 senior graduating class of Nyssa high school, Jack Jenkins, high school principal, announced Tuesday. Top honor students among 69 seniors, Sallee attained a grade point average of 1.05 out of a perfect grade of 1 and Miss Moss, 1.21 for their four years of high schooling.

The valedictorian, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sallee has been active in track, tennis and dramatic productions during all four years, Thespians and Letterman's club, three years and Hi-Y for

two years. During his senior year, Sallee has served as secretary of Thespians and Letterman's club and president of Hi-Y, and has been active in Science club.

He attained first place standing in the tests at the conclusion of the JESSI program conducted at OSC recently and was just awarded a national merit scholarship to California Institute of Technology. An outstanding math student, he placed third in the state math test last year and attained first place this year.

Miss Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moss, is also a member of the JESSI program and was just awarded a national merit scholarship to California Institute of Technology. An outstanding math student, she placed third in the state math test last year and attained first place this year.

Students Hold Elections, Hear Of "Law Day"

Campaign speeches, a student body election and "Law Day U.S.A." speakers will occupy most of this morning and noon hour for Nyssa high school students.

The annual student body election will be preceded this year by a "Law Day" assembly in connection with the American Bar association and President Eisenhower's proclamation of this day to create an awareness of government under law. Mayor Cliff Main has also issued a similar proclamation for Nyssa.

James Cox, Ontario attorney, will be principal speaker at the assembly with Mayor Main, Representative Emil Stunz, President of the Chamber of Commerce Wilton Jackson, Police Chief Lee Hanson, Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence and City Attorney Hal Henigson, all making an appearance, according to Henigson who made arrangements for the affair.

Following the "Law Day U.S.A." assembly, brief campaign speeches by student body officer candidates will be presented and the annual student body election will be held.

Candidates, all chosen during Friday's primary election, will include Roger Bergam and Tim McGinnis for president, Celia Bybee and Karen Ellis for secretary, Bruce Fife and Monty Sulling for treasurer, Doris Benedict and Marilyn Oden for interclass rivalry chairman and Patty Matsunaga and Nancy Hill for public relations chairman.

Five yell leaders will also be picked from the following girls: Gretchen Rinehart, Marjorie Tyler, Marlene Adams, Joanne Maulding, Terri Morinaka, Diane Low, Barbara Beck, Connie McCrady, Broshia Case, Linda Moncur, Teresa Bingham, Glenda Benoit, Louise Hanby and Anna Mae Fife.

Demo Meetings Bring Members, Candidates Out

Dave Epps, Portland, chairman of the Oregon Democratic Central committee visited Nyssa last Thursday, conferring with local party leaders, and was principal speaker that evening at Boulevard Grange hall at a county-wide meeting.

The state chairman emphasized that unemployment and rising prices have been caused by the Eisenhower administration's hard money policy.

Incumbent State Rep. Emil A. Stunz and Clyde Snider, both of Nyssa and candidates for the Democratic nomination for state representative, were introduced by County Chairman Tom Jones.

The two men outlined their platforms and views on legislative matters.

Monday evening Nyssa Democratic club No. 1 met in Nyssa with Bill Willis, Adrian, presiding as president of the club.

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Snider to Enter Medical School

Ned LeRoy Snider, Nyssa, has been accepted for admission to the University of Oregon medical school, Portland, and will begin his studies next fall.

Snider, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Snider, is a graduate of Nyssa high school and took his premedical studies at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Training for a doctor in general practice consists of three or four years of college study, four years of medical school and one year of internship. Additional two to five years of training is required if the doctor wishes to specialize.

Local TM Officers Installed Wednesday

New officers for the Nyssa Toastmasters club were installed by the Caldwell Toastmasters at their regular dinner meeting there Wednesday evening.

Elected last week to the executive slate were Ralph Lawrence, president; Ray Harmon, educational vice president; Grant Rinehart, administrative vice president; Paul House, secretary, and Bill Mangan, sergeant at arms.