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Governor's Group, Students Interview Farm Labor



TEN WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY students, under the direction of Dr. Mark Martinez Infante of the Civil Rights division of the State Bureau of Labor, completed a fact finding survey of Malheur county's migrant labor Monday. Malheur was the first of ten counties to be studied by a Governor's inter-agency committee on agricultural labor. The students were all members of Dr. John Rademaker's sociology class at Willamette. The professor accompanied them on the field trip which was part of the student's Project "M" (Migrant Labor).

Included in the group of interviewers pictured above are Drs. Infante and Infante and Rademaker, Harry Baker and Calvin Fouts of the Oregon Bureau of Labor, Sam Hernandez and Apapito Campos who assisted as translators, and students David Patch, whose father was principal of Nyssa's high school from 1947 to 1951, Cesar Balim-seda, Jack Rasmussen, Larry Stratton, Claude Garvin, Dale Daniel, Ann Harper, Janice Norbuck, Barbara Simon, and Louise Henderson. The ten students were housed in Nyssa homes through the Oregon Council of Churches.

The group divided into teams of two, interviewed approximately 450 farm laborers in the migrant camps in Nyssa, Adrian and Ontario as part of the inter-agency survey. Questionnaires, in both Spanish and English, or conditions in the camps, were designed to determine what the laborers thought of the community, labor contractors, conditions in the camps, sanitation, wage patterns, etc. As part of Project "M" Dr. Rademaker's sociology classes have conducted similar surveys among business men and growers in previous years.

The group arrived in Malheur county Friday and left Monday.

City Council Throws Out Slated Street Improvement District Second Time

Three Newspapers, Radio Station Join To Bring Election Returns to Public

Malheur county's three newspapers, The Ontario Argus-Observer, The Malheur Enterprise and The Gate City Journal, together with radio station KSRV will again pool their efforts to collect primary election returns for immediate radio broadcast and for complete tabulation in the newspapers. "Election return headquarters" will be maintained at The Journal office in Nyssa and at The Argus-Observer in Ontario after the polls close at 8 p.m. Friday, May 16.

At a meeting in Ontario last Friday, arrangements were made for each of the four news facilities to obtain early returns which will be announced over KSRV as soon as first counts are available. Each of the newspapers plans to have complete tabulation of votes

cast by precincts in their subsequent publications.

The Journal will be responsible for obtaining returns from eight of the county's 32 precincts—Adrian, Arcadia, Nyssa, 1, 2 and 3, Owyhee, Ridgeview and Sunset. County Clerk Homer Schnell, who met with the four news representatives, said that his office is making arrangements with each of the election board chairmen to give out early returns as well as "trends" when possible, in such a manner that brief interruptions will not interfere with vote counting.

The Journal office will be open until late election night, as will the Argus-Observer, and all residents of the Nyssa community are invited to visit The Journal any time during the evening.

Unanimous Action Kills Project, To Date \$14,250 Costs Incurred

Nyssa's city council scrapped their \$200,000 street and alley improvement district No. 5 for the second time last night because more than \$55,500 dollars in assessments have not been paid.

By unanimous action the six councilmen present instructed City Attorney Harold Henigson to draw up ordinances nullifying the ordinances establishing the improvement district and the charter amendment providing the issuance of \$48,000 in general obligation bonds to pay the city's portion of the project.

All city councilmen, except Grant Rinehart who is confined from a recent illness, were present at last night's meeting which was also attended by more than 30 interested persons.

Four petitions signed by a total of 121 property owners in the district were presented to the council. Five other petitions signed by voters throughout Nyssa were also presented. All petitions urged the council to reconsider their action in forming the improvement district.

The petitions were prepared by Martin P. Gallagher, Ontario attorney, who also served as spokesman to the council for some of those urging the abandonment of the improvements.

Two of those present took the floor to express their approval of the improvements and urge the council not to drop the program at this time. One expressed the fear that dropping the project at this time would in essence be submitting to minority rule.

At the time of the council's action last night a total of \$118,258.20 of the total assessments in the street and alley improvement district had been either paid in cash or Bancrofted. Some \$55,548.89 of the total of \$173,807.19 in assessments remained to be collected. The deadline for payment had been set as April 28, just 10 days after the final assessment notices were mailed.

The council was informed that people owing some \$12,876.89 of the delinquent assessments had agreed to come in and pay or Bancroft that amount. City officials have been unable to contact people owing \$24,275.25 in assessments. The officials said that when contacting the people with the delinquent assessments, 39 (representing \$17,236.17 of total assessments) declined to pay them or said they would wait until the council took further action on the program.

About \$14,250 has been spent to date on Street and Alley Improvement District No. 5 with \$10,500 going for engineering fees, \$1,250 for attorney's fees and an estimated \$2,500 for city administration costs connected with the project.

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Display, Rides, Free Motors Ready As Nyssa Businesses Finalize Plans For Friday, Saturday "Boat Days"

Preparations are being completed today for Nyssa's Boat Days tomorrow and Saturday, sponsored by the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The two-day event will feature two outdoor motors to be given away Saturday, free boat rides on the Snake river from noon till 4 p.m. Saturday, Boat Days "Specials" by merchants throughout Nyssa and a huge display of boats, motors and all facilities for water sports.

Sugar Payments Friday to Total Over \$250,000

More than \$250,000 in checks representing the first subsequent payment on the 1957 sugar beet crop, will go into the mails tomorrow to growers in the Nyssa district of Amalgamated Sugar Co., according to Manager Henry Zobell.

The final payment on 1957's crop is scheduled to go out Oct. 20, Zobell said. The initial payment of \$9.50 a ton was paid Nov. 15 and a government payment of \$2.33 was made in December. Friday's payment, Zobell explained, is based on 40 cents a ton for last year's crop. More than 625,000 tons of beets were delivered to the sugar company by area growers during 1957.

Thinning of the 1958 crop of beets, Zobell said, is progressing very satisfactorily with about half of the thinning in the Nyssa, Adrian, Ontario and Parma districts expected to be completed by this week end.

The farm labor supply for the spring work, he added, continues to be sufficient with quite a bit of mechanization in the area relieving some of the demand for labor.

Along with the progress of spring thinning, Zobell said most of the beets in this area are showing the need of irrigation, or soon will be.

Student Election Names R. Bergam NHS President

Roger Bergam was elected 1958-59 student body president of the Nyssa high school in an election held May 1 climaxing two weeks of campaign. Filling the remaining offices are Don Walker, vice president; Celia Bybee, secretary; Bruce Fife, treasurer; Marilyn Oden, interclass rivalry chairman, and Patty Matsunaga, public relations chairman.

Varsity cheerleaders were selected from a group of 14. They are Gretchen Rinehart, Marlene Adams, Joan Maulding, Barbara Beck and Teresa Bingham.

A formal installation will be held May 19 during Award night ceremonies to be conducted by Chuck Rieb, out-going president.

Bossellys Awarded \$50 Bank Days Pot

S. E. Bosselly of route 1, Nyssa, was recipient of the Nyssa Bank Days award of \$50 for this week.

Next Tuesday a \$25 purse will be presented at the regular 3 o'clock drawing. The individual whose name is drawn must be in one of the participating stores at that time to win.

Ballot Facsimiles Appear This Issue Of The Journal

This week's Gate City Journal carries facsimiles of Democratic, Republican and non-partisan ballots as prescribed by revision of the voting laws at the last session of the Oregon legislature.

Although sample ballots for each of the county's 32 precincts are available from County Clerk Homer Schnell, the quantity is limited and voters are able to clip the ballots from the newspaper for thorough study. Names are rotated on both official and sample ballots, while those printed in the newspaper are in alphabetical order. Precinct committees are also omitted from the facsimiles appearing in this week's Journal.

The Oregon statute requires that names of candidates be rotated so that any one candidate does not have "preference" by having his name appear at the top of the list in all precincts. However, all official ballots for a particular precinct must be identical.

The Oregon primary election is Friday, May 16, with polls open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Stunz Is First Political Candidate To Accept Chamber's 10-Minute Offer

In a 10-minute Chamber of Commerce speech Wednesday noon, State Rep. Emil Stunz emphasized that there isn't much a legislator can do to lower the farmer's property taxes because the state has not levied an ad valorem tax since 1941.

"As most of you already know, I voted for a motion to take a bill away from the house tax committee in the 1957 session that would have repealed the law whereby the state would automatically levy a 6-mill tax any time the state ran out of money in the general fund," Stunz said.

He went on to explain that the bill did not pass the regular session, but at the special session the same bill passed the house on the last day and was signed into law a few days later.

Stunz, incumbent representative, is a candidate for the Democratic

nomination to succeed himself. He is opposed in the primaries by Clyde Snider, Nyssa attorney, and Ed Oakes of Ontario and Ironside is seeking the write-in nomination on the Republican ticket.

Opposes Surpluses

The speaker stated that he has no ambition to go any higher in politics and that he pays his own way so he is not obligated to anyone or to any pressure groups.

"In this way I can vote for the best interests of Malheur county and the state of Oregon," Stunz said.

Stunz stated he will oppose any large tax surpluses, which are what he termed a means of inviting reckless spending by future legislators. He cited his opposition to abolish the three-man board of control and making it a one-man board appointed by the governor. "In general I would oppose any type of legislation that would raise taxes and any legislation that would take government control away from the local level and give it to the state," he said.

Big Budget Increases

A chart displayed and explained by Stunz revealed that in 1938 Oregon's population was 1 million

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New Publication For Eagles Lodge Appears Here

The first issue of "The Nyssa Eagle" made its appearance this week as a new publication for the Nyssa aerie 2134 of Fraternal Order of Eagles. Serving on the editorial staff are Bob Thompson, secretary of the local lodge, and John Birrell, member of the aerie and Gate City Journal news editor.

Thompson said the publication will be issued the forepart of each month and is being mailed free to all members of the Nyssa aerie.

Suggestions are welcome from Eagles and members of the auxiliary.

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Cancer Funds Nearly Double Last Campaign

County cancer donations reached a high of \$1105.02 this week to almost double last year's funds of \$620.50, according to Malheur county cancer campaign chairman Mrs. Don Graham.

Larger donations were received from Kingman Kolony Polyanna club, Adrian American Legion auxiliary, Hilda Davis coffee hour, cannisters and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Moss.

The Nyssa Rebekah lodge raised \$25.50 for the cancer fund at a coffee hour held April 24 at the home of Mrs. Theron Wheeler.

Darlene Lockett Selected Sunday

Miss Darlene Lockett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Lockett of Huntington, was chosen by the Malheur County Sheriff's Posse as their group representative in the queen contests throughout the area. Miss Lockett is well known in this area for her accomplishments in horsemanship.

The contest which was held Sunday, May 4, at the Vale rodeo park hosted five contestants, according to Roy Holmes.

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Helen Winter Wins Heroism Medal



MISS HELEN WINTER, recipient of the American Legion medal for heroism, is shown above receiving the award from District Commander Fred E. Bennett. The honor was bestowed at the regular meeting of the Job's Daughter's bethel No. 3 Thursday night. Miss Winter was presented the honor for "her heroic action July 20 when she was instrumental in saving the life of her 11-year-old brother, Harlan Winter, by applying pressure to a severed artery in his throat." The youth was injured when he fell on a

pair of scissors, severing the external carotid artery. Miss Winter, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Winter, called for medical help, then laid her brother on the floor and using a towel applied pressure which kept the bleeding down one-third until the doctor arrived on the scene. It was reported. According to Post 79 Commander Harold Wendle, the Legion learned of the heroic act in the Gate City Journal when the story was carried as a special feature shortly after the incident occurred.

Smaller Schools Suffer Losses Of Basic Funds

Malheur county schools received \$147,838.66 more in basic school support funds for 1957-58 than they did for the 1956-57 fiscal year, according to figures released this week by William E. Leggett, county school superintendent. Total funds for the current year, including the \$15 per census child increase voted by the 1957 legislature, were \$786,443.65 and last year the amount was \$638,604.99.

Nyssa's total state funds this year amounted to \$178,855.63, or an increase of \$45,504.54 over the year before. Ontario's total support this year was \$304,091.05 as compared to \$225,133.06 last year.

Adrian's district 61 received \$477.90 less this year, or a total of \$32,378.39 as compared to \$32,856.29, while the union high district 4 at Adrian received \$17,464.06 this year, or \$1,646.67 less than the total of \$19,110.73 from the state fund a year ago.

Sixteen of the districts in the county received less funds this year than last, 12 received more funds and one was allotted the same amount as the year before—Sheaville, \$658.96.

Districts receiving less basic funds are Brogan, Rockville, Jordan Valley, Ironside, Beulah, Juntura, Ridgeview, Willowcreek, Lower Bend, Jefferson, McDermitt, Harper, Cow Creek and the non-high district, in addition to Adrian's two districts mentioned above.

Commencement Exercises Set For NHS Group

Approximately 68 Nyssa high school students will be participating in commencement exercises Thursday evening, May 22, according to Principal Jack Jenkins. Highlighting commencement week activities are baccalaureate services Sunday, May 18; award night May 20 and graduation exercises May 22 at which diplomas and scholarships will be awarded.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Rev. John Briel of the Faith Lutheran church. The program will begin with the procession by the high school band, under the direction of Robert Q. Smith.

Dr. Tom Shearer, president of College of Idaho, will deliver the commencement address that evening, followed by a speech from the valedictorian, Tom Sallee.

Jenkins stated that finishing of the program details are being arranged. The NHS band will present several numbers and Miss Barbara McPartland will present a piano solo.

Farmer and Stam Named Directors At Monday Polls

Warren Farmer was re-elected to the Nyssa school board at an election held Monday at the Little Theatre of the high school. A total of 33 votes were cast with Dr. John Olsen receiving one write-in ballot and Farmer, 32.

Nyssa voters also elected John Stam as director from the Nyssa rural district with 31 votes.

Candidates for the rural school district's director-at-large William Moore, receiving 18 votes; Lester Panike, six and Aubrey Pugh, 2. Results from county-wide elections held Monday were not available at press time.

Flag Pole Erected By Nyssa Legion

A 30-foot flag pole was installed in front of the Nyssa Justice court building Friday by the American Legion post No. 79.

Installation was accomplished by Leon Roberts, Clyde Stephens and Don Graham, members of the legion, it was reported.