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Potato Growers, Shippers Ask USDA For Higher Standards as Prices Plunge; Shipments Remain High

Some 115 potato growers and shippers from eastern Oregon and western Idaho and their eight-man potato marketing agreement control committee met in two sessions in Ontario Tuesday evening and came up with some additional maturity standards in an effort to stabilize and improve the marketing of this year's potato crop.

Good Progress In Three Phases Lake Development

Excellent development is taking place at Lake Owyhee through development of the road, construction of a state park and construction of a new resort by Lake Owyhee, Inc., Ken Rensstrom told the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

The State Park service has set out numerous trees at the new park site and has a man on full-time duty during the summer months as well as a construction crew on hand at the present time.

The new lodge and motel units are progressing to the point that plumbing and wiring is now being installed. Lloyd Russell, president of the corporation, announced that sale of stock will close this week and that a large firm will purchase the remainder of the stock in one or more blocks. Slightly more than \$10,000 worth of stock remains to be sold, Rensstrom said.

Interest in the recreation area has been so intense that this season's visitors are expected to reach 60,000 even though the private corporation's facilities were not available. Last year's visitors totaled between 28,000 and 24,000, it was reported.

Other Chamber business included a vote to ask a Boise band to present a concert in the Nyssa city park the evening of Aug. 25.

Patrons Rush P. O. To Beat Increase; 1c Stamps Gone

All post offices in the Valley have depleted their supplies of 1-cent stamps as the result of the Aug. 1 increase in first class postage rates from 3 cents to 4 cents. Postmaster Lloyd Lewis said Tuesday. Almost all post offices ordered an excess amount of 1-centers which were on hand for the anticipated last minute rush to match them with 3-cent stamps and envelopes. The demand was for greater than any of the postmasters expected, Lewis said.

At Nyssa it was necessary to use postage due stamps and in some instances to make special notations to make sure first-class letters were dispatched on time. Lewis said that one firm mailed several letters this week with 3-cent stamps and a penny taped to the letter. The coins had to be removed before they were mailed from the Nyssa office.

Last Wednesday and Thursday were described as "like Christmas" at the Nyssa post office where an over-abundance of statements were mailed to beat the deadline. It was estimated that at least two-thirds of local business firms with charge accounts completed their mailings Thursday night instead of a larger majority allowing their mailing to wait until the forepart of the month.

The postmaster reported that surprisingly few letters have been mailed to this post office with 1-cent due and hardly any local residents have neglected to attach the 4-cent for the new required postage. Although the new 5-cent penalty rate to be paid by the addressee is not effective at the present time, far more oversights were expected on both outgoing and incoming mail, he commented.

Citizens Pay Cost Of Dust Oiling

Residents on about three blocks of east First and Second streets, nearly a block of Locust and a block of Green all engaged at their own expense, a firm from Nampa to oil their unpaved streets Monday.

The Nampa firm spread used oil from service stations on the Nyssa streets in an attempt to reduce the dust. First reports this week indicated dust had been combated in these areas.

Parma Man Gored By Bull Sunday

Leo Conley, Rt. 2, Parma, was gored by a charging bull on his ranch Sunday evening and rushed to Malheur Memorial hospital. Hospital authorities reported Conley suffered multiple lacerations and abrasions and underwent surgery Tuesday as a result of his injuries. His condition was termed serious but not critical.

It was reported that, because of the failure of an electric fence, Conley's stock got out into a field of hay Sunday evening and he was herding them in when the bull charged him from behind and knocked him down.

Higher Valuations, Lower Levies for Nyssa Area

Watermelon Feed Hosts Many Nyssa Youngsters

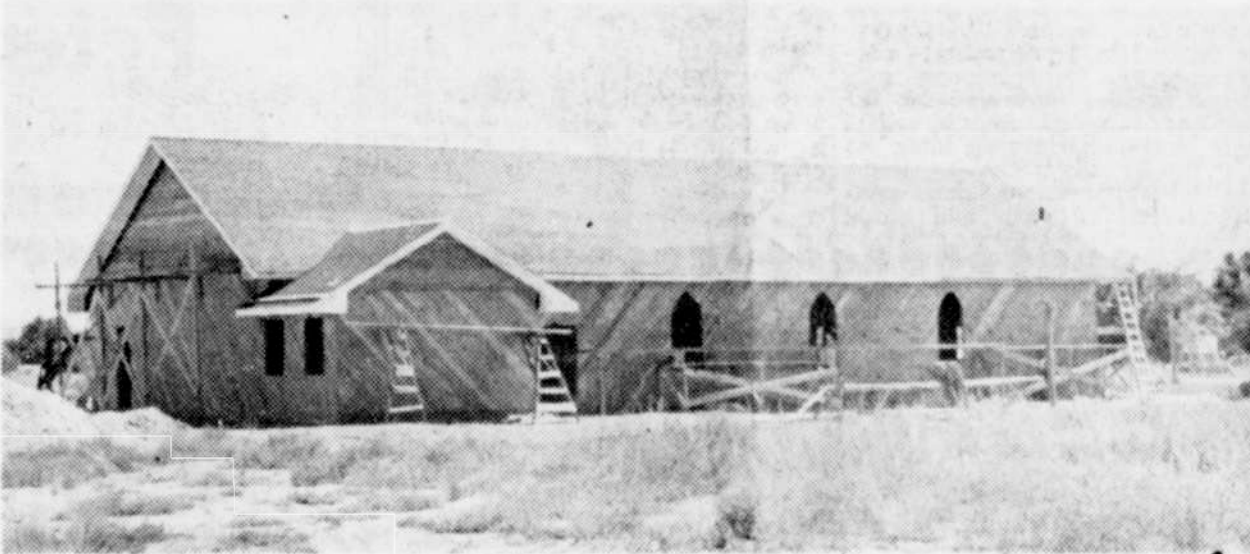


LOVE THAT WATERMELON! And that's what they did, when a majority of the 283 youngsters enrolled in Nyssa's summer recreational program feasted last Thursday at the Nyssa city park. The program came to a close on Friday afternoon following Thursday's field day and

Friday's swim at the Ontario pool. The program which lasted eight weeks was under the direction of Dwight Dickey, assisted by Miss Judy Savage. A variety of activities filled these weeks with Red Cross swimming instruction, handi-

crafts, soft ball and many other supervised sports highlighting instructions. The annual recreational program is sponsored and directed by Nyssa school district 26C with financial cooperation from the city and the Lions club. —Journal Photo.

Nyssa's New Catholic Church Nears Completion



Dedication services have been set for Sept. 14 for the new Catholic church on Locust avenue between Fifth and Sixth streets, according to Father John Baumgartner. The \$30,000 structure, 26 by 82 feet will be

completed by Oct. 1 and will be open for the public. The newly constructed building sets an angle on the property to keep the morning sun at an advantageous angle during the morning worship. Father

Baumgartner announced this week of church dignitaries who will be arriving in Nyssa for the September dedication. Rapid progress of the structure is noted in the picture above. —Journal Photo

Catholic Church Sets Dedication For September

Dedication services will be held Sept. 14, Sunday for the new Catholic church on Fifth and Locust in Nyssa, according to Father John Baumgartner. He further stated that date for completion of the structure is set for October 1, and the church will not be entirely finished for the dedication ceremony.

Archbishop William D. O'Brien, D.D., auxiliary archbishop of Chicago and president of Catholic church extension society, will come to Nyssa to bless the new church. He will be accompanied by his secretary, Monsignor McNichols, and also by Monsignor Francis McElligot of Chicago.

Monsignor McElligot has given \$10,000 toward the construction of the new church as a memorial to his mother. Since the patronal saint of his mother was St. Bridget of Kildare, the new church will be called St. Bridget's Catholic church. Monsignor McElligot will offer the first sacrifice of the Mass to be given in the new church.

A large gathering of Catholics is expected for the dedication, an event which is open to the public. Many dignitaries and priests of the neighboring area will be present. Plans are being made to let the public tour the new church after Oct. 1.

Nyssa Census Count Shows Increase Over 1950 Tally, Under Estimates

Preliminary tallies of Nyssa's first actual census count since 1950 showed some 238 less people living in the city than last year's certified population estimates, but nearly 70 more that were actually counted in the 1950 federal census.

However city officials emphasized that this 1958 count was still tentative since they were checking the enumeration for any errors or oversights. The count shows, at this time, about 2,592 people living within Nyssa's city limits.

If these census figures are correct it will mean a loss to the city of nearly \$20,000 in state-allocated funds from gasoline and liquor taxes. Last year the city received about \$23,000 of these state funds, allocated at about \$8

'False Cinch Bugs' Named as Culprits Of Nyssa Influx

The bugs that swept over sections of Nyssa last week were classified by County Agent Harry Sandquist's office this week as "false cinch bugs" after they received a report on the mysterious misfits from Oregon State college.

False cinch bugs multiply in weed patches, the county agent's office reports, and move out of these areas to greener pastures when the patches dry up. DDT will kill them and waves of the small bugs have done some crop damage, although none was reported in the local infestations recently in the Nyssa and Ontario areas.

The four sections of Nyssa that were overrun by the insects last week all reported the bugs gone by this week. Last week the bugs were reported to city officials as being around the Ninth and Walnut, Fifth and Ninth, Seventh and Maple and Second and Green areas in Nyssa. No damage from the swarms was reported.

Street Sprinkling Needs Extra Man

The city began the sprinkling of all graveled streets in Nyssa last week, as the result of a special council meeting earlier in the week.

A city street department employee is working full time, every day on sprinkling, city officials said, and all non-paved city streets will be covered by the city truck just as often as they possibly can.

It is expected that the truck will be sprinkling streets throughout Nyssa every day through August and part of September in an attempt to keep some of the dust down.

There are an estimated seven miles of unpaved streets in Nyssa.

Circuit Judge Naming Pending Governor Return

Malheur county's Democratic Central committee in special session Tuesday night voted 18 to 10 to endorse Nyssa Attorney Clyde Snider for appointment as circuit judge of the 9th district which encompasses Malheur and Harney counties, Democratic Chairman Tom Jones announced.

Jones said the endorsement came on the third ballot. A total of 29 precinct committeemen attended the meeting and the county chairman abstained from voting on all three ballots, he said.

The recommendation was telephoned to Gov. Robert Holmes' office Wednesday morning, followed by a letter from the central committee. Gov. Holmes, who will make the appointment to fill the vacancy created by the death of Judge M. A. Biggs, left Wednesday on a goodwill trip to Alaska and is expected to make the appointment upon his return.

When asked about the Central committee's naming of a candidate for state representative, Snider, the present candidate, is named circuit judge, Jones stated that a nominal committee composed of William Russell, Robert Pierce, Ivan Fritz, Gene Pratt and Mr. Winiford of Harper, would make its recommendations to the Central committee.

Seven-Foot High Fence Erected



Construction of a seven-foot high link fence between Nyssa's high school lawn and the highway began this week, as shown in the above photo. Materials for the fence were donated to the schools by John Stringer of Nyssa. This will serve as a guard for youngsters

Adjustment, New Property Increases County, City to All-Time High Point; City, School Levies Lopped 13 Mills

Nyssa's school district 26C and the city of Nyssa have shown the greatest proportionate decrease of any taxing units in the county in mill levies for taxes as the result of some new valuations, adjustment of rural assessed valuations and an increase in public utility ratios, it was announced this week by County Assessor John Koopman.

Property owners within the confines of the city of Nyssa will pay 74 mills for county, school and city taxes for the 1958-59 fiscal year, or a decrease of 13.8 mills from the total levy of 87.7 last year. The city's new valuation is \$2,327,470 and last year it was \$2,004,980.

Taxpayers in the rural area adjacent to Nyssa will pay 72.7 mills, or 13.3 less than the total of 86 mills levied last year. This includes county tax, school district 26C, Nyssa Road Improvement district and the rural fire protection district.

County Value New High Malheur county's total assessed valuation has reached an all-time high of \$32,895,190 as the result of some new property, increase in the public utility ratio, a blanket increase of approximately 20 percent on all real property and an adjustment on dwelling valuations. A breakdown of the definite changes has not been made, Koopman said, although all the rolls are complete.

Last year the county's total assessed valuation was \$27,520,492 and the year before it was \$26,607,821.

Nyssa Breakdown Charges Nyssa's total levy of 74 mills is divided among various units and is compared with the 1957-58 levy: county, 14.2 now, 14.3 last year; school district 26C, 17.8 plus 20.9 county-wide rural or a total of 38.7 mills as compared to 50.7 last year; city, 21.1 mills this year and 22.8 mills a year ago.

Ontario didn't fare so well in the adjustments, having an overall tax of 93 mills, but still a reduction from the 98.5-mill charge for 1957-58. Ontario gained more in its overall assessed valuation with a new, all-time high of \$5,488,653. Last year the valuation was \$4,746,638. While the city shared proportionately in adjustments that have been made, it is probable that more new property has been added to the rolls there than in any other unit in the county, Koopman said.

Ontario's school tax is 45.3 mills and the city levy is 33.5 mills. Vale's total tax levy is 92 mills, divided among elementary school of 11.8 mills, high school, 19.9 and the county-wide rural school levy of 20.9; the city levy is 23.8 and cemetery 1.4. Last year the overall levy at Vale was 102.8, or 10.8 (Continued on Page 4)

Fourth of July Bangs in August

Fourth of July is "being celebrated" in Nyssa the forepart of August and latter part of July, but police have been unable to determine who is shooting the firecrackers.

The mild explosions come at periodic intervals and have caused differences of opinion about whether they are actually firecrackers or back-firing cars. However, a few experts and unexploded firecrackers have been found to eliminate the entire blame on back-firing cars.

Lions Booth Hit By Two Break-Ins

Several 11-year-old boys forced their way into the Lions club's refreshment booth by the Nyssa high school athletic field upon two separate occasions last week. The boys were apprehended by school janitors and local police.

The Lions club reported that only a few bottles of pop and some gum were taken during the break-ins.

Registration Set For New School Year in Nyssa

Registration dates for the upcoming school year in Nyssa were announced this week by Superintendent of Schools Walter McPartland as preparations for a Sept. 2 opening were nearing completion.

High school registration will be held at the high school Aug. 20, 21 and 22 with seniors slated to register from 8 a.m. till noon and juniors from noon until 4:30 p.m. the first day. Sophomores will register from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, and freshmen from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22.

Juniors and seniors who cannot register during the day may sign up between 7 and 9 p.m. on either the 20th or 21st, with sophomores also permitted to register the evening of the 21st.

First Graders First grade registration will be held Aug. 21 and 22 in the primary building, McPartland said. Mothers of first graders will need three things when they register their children, the superintendent said—a "goldenrod form" showing completion of a physical examination and available at doctors' offices, a birth certificate for the child to be registered and \$1.50 for pencils, crayons and first grade writing paper to assure the children of uniform and adequate supplies.

Others on Sept. 2 All other elementary and junior high school youngsters will register Tuesday morning, Sept. 2, the first day of school. McPartland said all classes will be let out at noon the first day of school, with regular classes beginning Wednesday, Sept. 3. The superintendent said the last Nyssa teaching vacancy was filled this week when Mrs. Nina Baxter was hired to teach a first grade class. Mrs. Baxter is from Wendell, Ida., and has taught at Weiser.

Three Test Water Meters Installed, Only Two Remain

Three of the city's five "test" water meters were installed this past week. The one downtown commercial installation and one residential installation remain, according to city officials.

The meters are being installed at the city council's recommendation after they met July 21 in a special session to consider a citizens' utility committee report submitted to them by the mayor-appointed group.

Four are being installed at city councilmen's homes and one commercial installation will be made downtown. City Manager A. R. (Jack) Middaugh said no installation charges are being made for these meters since they are being installed for test purposes. Nor will there be any changes in water charges at these five places. They will be billed at their present rates, not a metered rate.

Year's First Game Violations Heard

Nyssa Justice of the Peace Don Graham heard his first hunting violation case of this year Tuesday, and it cost two Idaho residents \$29.50 each.

Felberto Vela and Jose A. Dominguez, both from Paul, Ida., pleaded guilty before Graham to poaching a chukar partridge and were both fined \$25 plus \$4.50 court costs.

State game commission employee Steve Swedberg made the arrests above Mitchell butte on the road to Owyhee dam and he said they were the first game violation arrests he has ever made.

Apricot Tree Fall Hurts Adrian Boy

Six-year-old Ranior Mancias of the Adrian labor camp was treated at the Malheur Memorial hospital for a broken right wrist Monday afternoon. He sustained the injury in a fall from an apricot tree.

Straw Stack Burns

Nyssa volunteer rural fire department was called to the Darwin Jensen farm on Clark Blvd. early Wednesday morning, where a straw stack, located close to a granary, another haystack and several buildings, was in flames.

Fire Chief Ralph Lawrence reported no damage other than the straw.