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Nyssa Building Permits Issued
In 1958 Jump 25% Over Previous
Year With 61 Totalling \$225,170

Building permits issued in Nyssa in 1958 jumped about 25 percent from those issued in 1957 to a total of \$225,170. This represented the issuing of 21 permits for new residences, 19 permits for new commercial or non-residence buildings and 21 permits issued for additions, and alterations of existing buildings in the city.

March of Dimes
Plans Slated
For Nyssa Area

Local committee plans for Nyssa's 1959 March of Dimes were forging ahead this week, according to Nyssa chairman J. R. Garner, with committees appointed and the first activities set.

The first "chain-reaction coffee hour" for the March of Dimes will be given by Nyssa's mayor's wife, Mrs. Cliff Main, Friday, according to Mrs. Phyllis Grasty, local publicity chairman. She explained that it was hoped each lady at the March of Dimes coffee hour would in turn give one of her own and, as the chain grew, at least one would be held every day in January.

Mrs. Lyle Grunke is also giving a March of Dimes luncheon Monday for all local committee members working with women's activities in the upcoming drive, Mrs. Grasty said.

Garner said his 1959 committee chairman had all been named, including Mrs. Grasty, publicity; Lloyd Wilson, factory and gifts; Mrs. Grunke, mothers' march; Hal Henigson, clubs and organizations; Walter McPartland, Nyssa school collections; Mrs. Mark Hartley, amateur talent show, and Miss Doris Benedict, special events.

Garner said the Nyssa Lions club will distribute and pick up the March of Dimes store coin collectors this year.

Public Interest
Film Showing
Slated Jan. 6

The public is invited to attend a meeting and showing of films in the Little Theater of the Nyssa junior high school Tuesday night, Jan. 6 at 8 o'clock. It was announced this week. Purpose of the meeting is to present the films, "Tuesday's Child" and "No Less Precious."

During the past few months considerable interest has been shown in problems concerned with educating the children of this community who are mentally retarded to the extent that the regular school classroom is unequipped to meet their needs, it was reported.

On several occasions groups of interested parents have met to study this subject. These meetings Mrs. Josephine Rigney, special education instructor stated, have resulted in the following conclusions:

1. There is a general need for more wide-spread information on the subject.
2. Special educational facilities are needed for these children.
3. Some children with mental retardation can be taught to live socially competent and adequately independent lives.

Nyssa-Adrian Community Progress, Development Illustrated in Complete Recapitulation of 1958 Newsworthy Happenings

Right from the January announcement that farm crops in this area totaled nearly \$30 million, through the March naming of a Nyssa as Oregon's Mother of the Year and summer reports of a record-breaking sugar beet crop, on through a multitude of successful citywide promotions at various times of the year, progress and prosperity and community-mindedness highlighted the news of 1958 in this area.

A glance over this re-cap of 1958's news shows again the wide-spread interest and participation of this area's people in community affairs. Such a glance shows a great many Nyssa and Adrian people heading actively wide community projects, being named district and state-wide leaders, and, of course, working devotedly on the local scene.

As has become the New Year's custom, the Gate City Journal is again summarizing the past year's news to give readers an overall picture of what has been happening in their community in 1958.

All kinds of things make the news—accidents, violence, deaths, progress and, occasionally even lack of progress. But, as also is the custom, people who have made the news in 1958 in this area have done so, by-in-large, on the basis of progress and their participation in public affairs.

January
Total value of Malheur county's agricultural production for 1957 was estimated at \$29,624,460, which was more than a million dollars above 1955 although a little under the preceding year. Sugar beet values soared more than a quarter-of-a-million dollars over the preceding year. Joyce Adele Gentry arrived at 12:50 a.m. New Year's day at the Malheur Memorial hospital to win Nyssa's stork derby.

Mrs. Harold S. Wilson of Nyssa was appointed Malheur county chairman for the 1959 Heart Fund

Call Santa Night
Popular Locally

Nyssa's Call Santa program, held last Tuesday night for a first time, was considered a success by local Jaycees, sponsors of the program.

Chairman Bert Huff said Santa talked to some 56 children in this area on that night. Jaycees, who helped Santa, reported they enjoyed the evening's work, particularly some of the comments from local youngsters.

Huff said that, at this time, the Jaycees plan to make Call Santa night an annual affair in Nyssa.

City Manager's
Office Readied

In preparation for the arrival of Nyssa's new city manager Jan. 5, that office in the city hall was being painted and cleaned up this week.

Arthur H. Colby, 39, of Hutchinson, Kan., was named Nyssa's new city manager last week by the city council at a special meeting. He is expected to assume his duties next Monday, with tentative plans to bring his family to Nyssa sometime in the middle of the month.

Colby was interviewed by the council Dec. 13. His application was one of several being considered by the council from more than 20 originally received following the resignation of former city manager A. R. (Jack) Midgough.

Colby has been working for the city of Hutchinson since 1956 as a civil engineer, as superintendent of services, in the building inspection division, and with the planning commission.

Prison Sentence
Issued by Judge
For Local Thefts

Jack Groves, 42, a Coos Bay logger who was charged with larceny of a Nyssa store, was sentenced to four years in the Oregon state penitentiary by circuit court judge Jeff Dorroh, Jr. Monday after he entered a plea of guilty.

Groves was indicted by a grand jury the week before. He had admitted stealing an electric coffee pot from Eder's and women's hose from Bracken's on Dec. 5 when he appeared before Nyssa Justice of the Peace Don Graham for a preliminary hearing.

Christmas Spirits
Result in Fines

Two Nyssans found the Christmas holiday season a little more expensive than they anticipated last week, according to Justice of the Peace Don Graham's court records.

J. B. Lindsey was fined \$25 plus \$4.50 costs for being drunk on a public highway Christmas day and Andres Gonzales was fined \$150 plus costs and 30 days in jail for drunk driving on Dec. 26. Gonzales' jail sentence was to be suspended if his fine was paid on or before Jan. 5.

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Blood Drawing
Appeal Made
For Sign-Ups

With the need for blood in this area more pressing this year than ever before, advance pledges, particularly in the Nyssa area, for Monday's semi-annual Nyssa-Adrian Red Cross blood drive are lagging, according to Mrs. Gus Liming, drive chairman. However, she said this year's committee is expecting a big drive in spite of this.

There have been better advance registrations from the Adrian area this year, Mrs. Liming said, and a lot more donors are expected from this area than are signed up. The Adrian American Legion Auxiliary will serve as the hostess group for Monday's blood drawing.

Mrs. Liming said that in the past there have been a lot of "walk-ins," donors who have not signed advance pledges, at the Nyssa-Adrian blood drawings and she urged as many of these people as possible to sign pledges before Monday.

Most pledge sheets that were distributed to business firms throughout the area have been picked up by the committee, but Mrs. Liming said the pink "save-a-life" pledge blanks distributed by Nyssa school children may be turned in to Ralph Lawrence at the Nyssa Insurance agency, or the pledge may even be phoned in to Nyssa 2544, anytime through Monday.

Monday's drawing will be in the Nyssa's high school gym from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Mrs. Liming said that every year the need for blood over the Christmas and New Year's holidays in this area runs the blood bank critically low. For this reason, and because the Nyssa-Adrian area has always maintained an outstanding record in blood drawings, the Red Cross bloodmobile always comes to Nyssa first thing right after the first of the year to help fill up their shelves.

She said the need for blood is particularly pressing right now, with the need for type O-negative almost to the point of desperation. She urged everyone in the area to sign advance pledge sheets or to stop at the high school gym during the drawing hours Monday. Those who make advance pledges will be sent a card by the committee notifying them of the time of the appointment for them to donate blood.

January has always seen the heaviest blood drawings of the two set each year in this area. In January of 1954 the Nyssa-Adrian area contributed 478 pints of blood to break all records for the state and for the Boise region. Last January some 335 pints of bloods were given.

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'58 Farm Income Surpasses
Previous Year by \$2,700,000Christmas Lights
Stolen in Nyssa

A number of outdoor Christmas tree light thefts in the Nyssa area have been reported in the past few days, according to police chief Lee Hansen.

The chief said the thieves apparently have been taking only the light bulbs from local outdoor Christmas decorations. Local police are investigating the thefts.

Mrs. Aden Wilson reported Tuesday that 41 bulbs were stolen Monday night from the strings of outdoor lights in front of their home at 423 No. 3rd St. A ladder would have been required to reach some of the missing bulbs, she added.

Bulk Mailing
Rates Raised
By Post Office

Nyssans were reminded of the Jan. 1 postal rate increase on 3rd class bulk and permit mail by Postmaster Lloyd Lewis this week.

Lewis said the minimum postage on bulk mail will jump to 2-cents per piece today from its previous 1½ cents, with the pound rate for heavier pieces going to 16-cents from the old rate of 14-cents. He explained that the minimum rate for non-profit organizations will remain at 1-cents per piece but their rates for heavier mail will also jump to 16-cents a pound from a previous 10-cents.

The Postmaster also reminded Nyssans that the bulk mailing fee, which has been \$110 a year, increases today to \$20 a year. This fee must be paid, he said, when the first 3rd class bulk mail is presented at the Post Office.

The final postal rate increase to go into effect has been postponed until May 1, Lewis said. This will increase the minimum charge for odd-sized postage from 3-cents to 6-cents.

Some 2nd class publication postal rates were also raised by the Post Department today.

First class rates and single rate third class mail were both raised by the Post Office Aug. 1.

Local Youth Fined
On Basic Rule Law

A local youth, John A. Ussing, was found guilty in Nyssa's justice court last Wednesday of violation of the basic rule and fined \$25 plus \$4.50 costs.

The youth was cited by state police on the charge Sept. 20 following a rear-end collision of the Ussing vehicle with a pickup driven by Charles Taylor on the highway between Nyssa and Ontario. Judge Don Graham said the trial had been postponed several times at the requests of both Ussing's attorneys and District Attorney E. Otis Smith.

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'\$32,300,000 Crop Value Estimated
By County Agent; Potatoes Decline,
Onions Show Increase for Off-Set

Malheur county's estimated value of farm crops for 1958 soared \$2,712,140 above that of 1957 for a grand total of \$32,336,600, it was announced Monday by Harry Sandquist, county extension agent.

Of the 15 basic crops listed in the county agent's report, nine of them showed an increase in estimated value, five were below last year and one remained the same.

Livestock Lead Value

Livestock again led the list in valuation for a total of \$8,500,000 or nearly \$1 million above the 1957 value of \$7,600,000. Sugar beets held second place with less acreage and more yield and value than the previous year. In 1958 there were 16,447 acres that yielded 452,293 tons valued at \$5,880,000. This compares with 1957 when there were 16,496 acres yielding 404,631 tons valued at \$5,260,000.

Third place in value for Malheur's agricultural income was dairying which also showed an increase in 1958 over 1957. Although the number of cows remained at 20,000 for both years, the 1958 value of products was \$4,950,000 and the year before it was \$4,500,000. Sandquist explained that the increase was due primarily to sale of cows and calves instead of all the increase being represented in sale of butterfat.

Onions Off-set Spuds

Onions and potatoes did an about face in farm income during 1958 when acreage, yield and income bounced upward for onions. Increase in onion values, more than off-set the decline in potatoes which suffered a poor market.

Sandquist said that onions, whose estimated value in 1958 was \$2,452,000 may have to be adjusted upward because of the exceptionally good market being enjoyed. Acreage in 1958 was 2,700 that produced 1,800,000 bags. The year before acreage was 2,500 producing 600,000 bags valued at only \$1,200,000.

Potato acreage was increased from 10,500 to 12,000; yield rose from 1,720,000 bags to 1,800,000 bags, but the value dropped from 1957's \$2,900,000 downward to \$1,800,000 in 1958, or an average of \$1 received per hundred pounds.

Hay, Seed Up

Both alfalfa hay and alfalfa seed went up in value, the hay value set at \$2,625,000 for 175,000 tons on 50,000 acres, as compared to \$2,265,000 value for the same tonnage and same acreage in 1957. Alfalfa seed value was up to \$945,000 for 52,500 bushels from 7000 acres. The year before the value was \$506,250 for 35,750 bushels grown on 5,500 acres of land.

Wheat was another crop that brought in more money because of greater acreage and greater yield. The 1958 value was \$1,026,000 as compared to \$991,980 in 1957; acreage was 17,100 and yield 684,000 bushels and in 1957 (Continued on Page 8)

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Committee Heads
For Chamber
Named by Wilson

Chairmen of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce's numerous committees were announced this week by Robert Wilson, who will take over reigns as president of the organization from Wilton Jackson at the first 1959 meeting Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Each committee head will be able to choose other members to work with him for the year's activities, Wilson said.

Wilson said that the board and he are organizing the merchant's promotion committee, whose chairman will be announced later. Others appointed by the president with assistance from the board of directors are: Reed Ray, budget and finance; Leonard Hewett, membership; Tom Jones, industrial development; Bernard Eastman, new business; Walter McPartland, banquet; Rev. Paul Ludlow, farm workers; Duane Alters, legislative; Jake Fischer, roads, and Ted Morgan, agriculture.

Ken Renstrom, parks and recreation; Ham Chadderdon, education; Ralph Lawrence, publicity; Bob Thompson, public events; Ken Renstrom, Centennial; Rex Voeller, Christmas lighting and decorations; Gus Liming, city council; Eddie Taylor, attendance, and Wilton Jackson, Western Idaho-Eastern Oregon Industrial Development council.

Other officers are Fred Bracken, vice president; Ralph Lawrence, secretary and treasurer, and Jackson, Voeller, Don Moss and Lloyd Mackrill, directors.

Nyssa PTA Slates
Panel of Youths
At Thursday Meet

"Together We Hear Our Youths" is the title of the Nyssa PTA program chairmaned by Clyde Swisher, English and journalism instructor at NHS. The regular meeting is slated for Thursday Jan. 8 at the high school, beginning at 8 p.m. Featured on the evening's agenda is a youth panel.

Refreshments will be served under the chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sager.

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