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## State Sanitary Authority Requests Immediate Overall Study of Nyssa Sewer Facilities and Treatment Plant

Nyssa has been requested by the Oregon State Sanitary authority to immediately begin an overall study, both engineering and financial, of the city's sewer system and treatment plant, according to a letter just received by the city from Kenneth H. Spies, deputy state sanitary engineer.

Such a study, the letter states, should not only cope with what he terms "the immediate problem" of Nyssa's sewer system, but offer a program to "bring the municipal collection system to all areas needing sewer service and bring the plant to maximum operating efficiency at the required degree of treatment."

The letter from the state sanitary authority stems from their annual inspection of local sewage disposal facilities, according to City Manager Art Colby. It reviews previous sanitary authority requests to the city for an investigation and work to correct waste disposal facilities.

Spies says the sanitary authority's district engineer has reported deficiencies in the capacity of the present lift station and outfall to the treatment plant "appears critical and may endanger the public health of residents of Nyssa."

What's more, he claims, investigations conducted in cooperation with the county health department show a number of homes in Nyssa discharge septic tank effluents into the Nyssa-Arcadia drain ditch where samples collected at approximately Ninth and Locust showed "heavy bacterial contamination."

In addition, he says, a considerable number of homes within the city limits are not served by the municipal sewer system.

In view of these things, Spies requests that the city "immediately begin an overall study." He also requests that the sanitary authority be advised in writing of progress made and that "plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval prior to construction."

Colby says some of the sanitary authority's requests are already being met and that the entire matter will be referred to the city council at their Feb. 10 regular meeting.

## Workers' TASC Credit Union Holds Meeting

Amalgamated Sugar company workers who are members of the Tasc Employees Federal Credit Union held their sixth annual meeting in Nyssa Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the community hall, according to E. L. Sumpter of Nyssa, chairman of arrangements.

Credit union President Arnold Covert of Nampa was re-elected for another year, and Claron Fuller was re-elected treasurer. J. R. Winchell of Nyssa was elected assistant secretary-treasurer. Gene DeMink was named clerk. Covert, Fuller, Winchell and DeMink comprise the board of directors. Mark Moncur and Ron Bingman were picked as representatives on the group's supervisory committee.

Bob Walters and Leland Ricks were named to the educational committee and Dick Newton to the credit committee.

A four-percent dividend was declared at the annual meeting attended by about 50 members. The group has some \$60,000 in shares among its 308 members.

Nyssa members presented a program at the meeting in addition to the showing of a film and the appearance of Wade Gustin, managing director of the Idaho Credit Union league.

## Schools Report Local Nominees For Elks Awards

Five Nyssa and Adrian high school seniors have been selected to represent their schools in the annual Ontario Elks' scholarship and leadership contest, it was announced this week. Nyssa scholarship candidates are Gretchen Rinehart and Dennis Spitz and leadership, Marilyn Oden and Roger Bergam. Phillip Hatch was selected as scholarship contender from Adrian.

These outstanding students, chosen by the faculties of their respective schools, will enter the county competition Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Elks' temple at Ontario, according to Elmer Jaques, scholarship chairman for Malheur county. Nyssa and Adrian nominees will compete with top students from Ontario, Vale and Harper for county honors.

Jaques explained that the top boy and girl scholarship winners in the county will be eligible for the district contest to be held March 15 at La Grande. Winners of the latter will enter state finals, then national competition.

Each entry in the county contest will receive a \$25 cash award and county winners each \$50, he stated.

Judges for the county scholarship contest are Bob Thompson, Nyssa; Jack Leafgren, Vale; and Maurice Irons, Ontario. Among qualifications considered for the scholarship awards are scholastic record, personality and financial need, Jaques explained.

## Break-Ins Plague Nyssa City Police

A series of three Nyssa warehouse break-ins plagued city police over the weekend but a few stamps were taken. Police also said part of the tools used to gain entry have been found.

The Muir-Roberts, Simplot and Nyssa Elevator warehouses and offices were all broken into over the weekend but the only thing reported taken was some stamps from Simplot's office. City police theorized the thieves were looking for money since merchandise and office equipment remained untouched.

At all three places, city police said, entry was first gained through the warehouse itself. At Muir-Roberts the thieves broke into the office by drilling a number of one-inch holes in an inside door to make an opening large enough for them to get a hand inside to unlock it.

At both Simplot's and Nyssa Elevator, they broke a small hole in the glass of inside doors so they could be unlocked.

Police reported the brace used to drill the holes in the door at Muir-Roberts has been found but as yet the bit has not been located. Suspects are being questioned.

## Area Beet Grower Meetings to Start

Plans were being finalized this week for Amalgamated Sugar company's annual growers meetings which get underway in the Nyssa-Nampa district Monday.

The first meeting will be held Monday afternoon in Parma with Oregon Slope growers meeting that evening. Vale growers meet Wednesday afternoon and Cairo growers Wednesday evening.

The meetings for Nyssa growers is slated for next Thursday afternoon in the Little theater and a meeting has been set for Adrian the same evening.

## Beet Processors, Growers Propose Act Extension

A U. S. Senate bill to extend indefinitely the Sugar act which governs sugar commerce throughout this country had the backing last week of Oregon senators and the beet sugar industry leaders.

Senators Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger introduced the measure along with 46 other senators from both parties. A similar measure is expected to be introduced in the House.

Administration backing was voiced when President Eisenhower called for extension of the act in his budget message. The bill is also supported by all 16 American beet sugar companies, sugar beet growers in Oregon and 21 other producing states, and all domestic cane producers.

The Sugar act sets annual acreage and marketing allotments which have assured ample sugar supplies at stable prices for the past 25 years. It has been reported, with bi-partisan support, by several congresses in the past.

William Carson of Weiser, who heads the Nyssa-Nampa beet growers said, "Our farmers must know well in advance what the regulations are to be. Our seed goes into the ground early in the spring, but before that step is taken, our whole farm program has to be carefully worked out in advance. We are much in favor of extension of the Sugar act, without amendment, and are depending upon the congress to complete action early in the current session."

A. E. Benning, executive vice president and general manager of Amalgamated Sugar company, operators of Nyssa's sugar processing plant, said, "We are glad to note that prompt attention is being given sugar legislation in the Senate and we sincerely hope early action will be forthcoming in the House."

It was pointed out by sugar beet representatives that "the program doesn't cost the taxpayer a cent."

No changes in the act are proposed in the current measure. Unless extended by this congress, the act expires on Dec. 31, 1960.

## School Conference Draws Principals

Two Nyssa school principals are set to attend a statewide secondary schools conference in Eugene tomorrow and Saturday.

High school principal Jack Jenkins and Junior high principal Muri Lancaster will be attending the Willamette valley conference which is under the sponsorship of the secondary schools' principals association and being held in cooperation with the state Department of Education.

## Local March of Dimes Nears End With Mothers March, Dance Saturday

Nyssa's 1959 March of Dimes was drawing to a close this week with their annual Mothers March on Polio and annual dance, both under the direction of Mrs. Lyle Grunke, scheduled for Saturday night, according to Mrs. Gene Grasty, local publicity chairman.

The Annual Mothers March on Polio will get underway at 6 o'clock Saturday evening, Mrs. Grunke said, and will continue until 8. She said all block mothers have been appointed for Saturday's Mothers March and it is planned to cover every house in every block in the city. She also urged residents to turn on their porch lights during these hours to assist in the drive.

**Dance Starts at 9 p.m.**  
The annual March of Dimes semi-formal and formal dance is set to begin at 9 o'clock Saturday night at Nyssa LDS Stake house, Mrs. Grunke said, with an eight-piece orchestra, featuring the best talent in the area, furnishing the music.

The Hi Steppers, a precision dance group termed a smashing success at the March of Dimes variety show by Mrs. Grasty, and the Job's Daughters drill team

## Licensee "Hands Over" Annual Fee



THE 1959 CITY DOG LICENSE fee was paid to City Manager Art Colby by the licensee himself this week as Chief, the canine pride and joy of a Nyssa city employee, Ralph Lowe, "handed over" \$2

## Charges Against Superintendent Dropped in Vale

Charges of embezzlement against Arthur W. Smith, ex-superintendent of Vale's elementary schools, were dismissed at the request of District Attorney E. Otis Smith in Circuit Judge Jeff Dorroh, Jr.'s court Monday after six jurors had been picked for the Vale man's trial.

The District Attorney said he moved for dismissal of the indictment after pre-trial testimony brought out the fact the defense could produce witnesses to testify there was a mixup, unknown to the ex-superintendent, in the \$350 washing machine involved in the charges.

Arthur Smith had been charged with embezzling a \$350 washing machine belonging to school district No. 5. Defense testimony indicated Smith had bought such a machine and that, while making repairs, the concern that sold the machine to him had replaced it with one bearing the serial number of a machine sold to the school.

Testimony indicated this replacement was made without the Vale man's knowledge and Smith's machine in turn delivered to the school. The District Attorney said this testimony was in direct contradiction to that presented to him and the Grand Jury at the time the ex-superintendent was indicted in October.

## Farm Loan Group Sets Annual Meet Next Wednesday

The annual stockholder's meeting of the Payette National Farm Loan association, which encompasses Payette, Washington and Adams counties, Idaho, and Malheur county in Oregon, will be held Feb. 4 at the American Legion hall in Payette, according to Jesse Tremelling, secretary-treasurer.

Invitations have been extended to 400 stockholders and guests to attend the noon dinner and ensuing meeting. After a short program, a report of the year's business will be presented.

## Nyssa Area Prosperity Predicted By C of C Annual Banquet Speaker

Greater prosperity in 1959 and 1960 than ever before was the prediction made to about 100 people attending the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night at the Oregon Trail hall by John T. Kimball, vice president and general manager of Idaho Power company, who was the speaker for the evening.

Kimball based his prediction on statistics showing that, nationally, 1958 closed with an upturn in business and that 1959 will see a \$15 to \$20 billion increase in goods and services throughout the country. He said that a greater proportion of this increase in business will be enjoyed by the Snake River valley and Lewiston areas than by most sections of the country.

The Boise area, which he said includes the Nyssa area, has been rated among the top 10 spots in the United States in business opportunities and potential.

Kimball cautioned those at the banquet, however, that there is an increasing need for businesses to "sell" if they are to get their

## Malheur Memorial Hospital Assn. Members Show Approval of Hospital District Overwhelmingly at Meeting

Members of the Malheur Memorial hospital association overwhelmingly approved three resolutions Monday night indicating their approval of the formation of a hospital taxing district by authorizing the turning over of all hospital assets and management to such a district at such a time a district might be created.

Association members also re-elected board members D. H. Christensen, who was board president this year, Bernard Eastman and Dick Forbess and named E. A. (Gus) Liming to the 1959 board at their annual meeting Monday night.

ELECTION PETITIONS READY  
D. H. Christensen, chairman of Malheur Memorial hospital's board, said yesterday that a board meeting will be called sometime next week to make arrangements for the canvassing of the proposed hospital district with petitions to call for an election of the formation of such a district. It will take the signatures of 15 percent of the legal voters in the proposed district to authorize such an election.

The board had recommended the formation of a hospital taxing district encompassing the city of Nyssa and an area based on the boundaries of the Nyssa Rural Road Assessment district No. 2, with a total assessed property value of \$7,422,000. Formation of such a district would have to have the approval of the voters within its proposed boundaries.

Wide Margin Given  
The first resolution, approved by association members by a 100 to 4 margin, changed their by-laws to permit the transferring of hospital property to a tax district. The second resolution, passed by a 78 to 1 vote, authorizes dissolution of the Malheur Memorial Hospital association after property and management is transferred to such a district.

The third resolution, carried by a 72 to 2 margin, specifically authorized transfer of all real and personal property assets owned by the association to a hospital district, when and if such a district is formed.

Vote Next Step  
In order for the residents of the proposed hospital tax district (Continued on Page 12)

## Science, Health, Math Text Books Selection Slated

Nyssa school district 26-C's book selection committee was slated to meet yesterday afternoon to pick science, health and mathematics text books for the next six years for the Nyssa school system, according to superintendent of schools Walter McPartland.

The committee is composed of representatives from the local elementary and grade schools and junior and senior high schools, McPartland said. The texts they decide on will probably be used in the system for the next six years, about the life-expectancy of the books themselves.

McPartland explained that a state Department of Education textbook committee makes original selections of from six to 8 different series of texts for each course. After studying samples of these, the local committee chooses the specific series to be used locally.

Text books for about one-third of the courses offered in the Nyssa schools are selected by such a committee every two years, McPartland said.

## Idaho Power Co. Medallion Home Showing Success

Local Idaho Power representative Dale Bingham termed, this week, the L. A. Dalley Gold Medallion home, open house a "big success". The Dalley home, the third Gold Medallion award home in this area, located near the Apple Valley area, hosted an excess of 100 viewers on Sunday Jan. 25, the second day of the showing.

Bingham further stated that this is only the second open house affair to be held in this locality.

Awards are given to homes that meet high requirements for modern electrical living. The Dalley home featured six of the above mentioned.

## Missing Pilot Search Directed Over Wide Area

Aerial and ground searches were being conducted yet late yesterday afternoon for a Vale pilot, John D. Miller who was declared missing at 3 a.m. Tuesday by the CAP.

Miller was enroute home from Reno when he encountered dense fog at which time he radioed Boise giving his location, which he thought to be in the Jordan Valley-Rome area, about one hour flying time from home, according to CAP officials.

Miller's wife is the former Velma Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Fox of Nyssa.

An organized search for the missing plane and pilot was not conducted Tuesday; however, approximately 35 planes were in the air on Wednesday, according to the Ontario CAP. Twenty-two of the planes represented Caldwell and Boise with the remainder flying from the Ontario Flight Service field.

A jeep posse out of Vale was combing the Ironside mountain area and Mrs. Miller's two brothers organized a jeep search party from Nyssa to the Mahogany Mt. area.

Civil Aeronautics Patrol officials reported late yesterday that three or four reports had been received from both the Vale and Ironside areas of a low flying plane about the time of Miller's last radio call. Officials further stated that Miller was approximately two hours ahead of schedule and that he possibly had two hours of gas left, which would mean he could be in a 400-mile radius.

The commission said they expect this high rate of assistance to the unemployed in the county to continue through January and February before decreasing.

Public welfare payments in General Assistance alone totaled \$7,186.37 in Malheur county in December, an increase of \$5,121.86 from the month before. Expenditures in all welfare commission categories throughout the county in December totaled \$38,824.56, an increase of \$3,009.56, or 8.5 percent, over November.

The county commission granted financial assistance to 415 eligible recipients in December and an additional 63 cases received social service but no money payment. This represented a total increase of 46 cases over November, with all of the increase falling into the categories of General Assistance and Child Welfare services.

The commission said the number of persons receiving Old Age assistance and Aid to the Disabled decreased slightly from the month before.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce, J. R. Garner reported on the Treasure Valley meeting held in Nampa Tuesday evening which he attended representing the Nyssa Chamber. Garner told the group that 3,000 Treasure Valley brochures have been ordered for Nyssa. Surrounding towns, Ontario, Vale, etc., ordered amounts to completely disburse the initial 50,000 printed.

A representative from the La Grande social security office, Mr. McCutcheon, spoke on the 1958 amendments to social security laws and how they affect each individual. He also enumerated changes in benefits for those drawing social security.

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