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## Six-State Conference Legion Leaders Plan for Membership Campaigns

The American Legion six-state conference, held in Nyssa last Saturday and Sunday, was primarily to plan membership campaigns. The Saturday session started at 9 a. m. and ended at 5 p. m. A banquet that evening, with approximately 50 in attendance, was served by Nyssa Legion Auxiliary post No. 79 at the new Nyssa community hall.

## Ullman Opposes Federal Subsidy For Idaho Power

Congressman Al Ullman (D-Ore.) this week strongly urged the defeat of legislation authorizing federal subsidies for private power companies operating upstream storage dams. The House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee is currently considering various proposals permitting payments to owners of non-federal projects for benefits the government may obtain at downstream dams.

In a statement submitted to the committee, Ullman labeled the legislation "another utility bonanza" resulting in a "windfall amounting to millions of dollars. Private power companies developing upstream sites do so as a privilege and according to specific conditions set forth in their licenses," Ullman said. "Why, then, should the federal government make payments for incidental benefits which may accrue from the granting of federal licenses. Assuredly these benefits are not much to ask in return for the profits resulting from private development of the public's water resources."

Congressman Ullman said he rejected the theory that federal subsidies were a necessary "incentive" to get private power companies to coordinate their operations with federal projects. "A more desirable method is to require coordination as a condition in the license granted to the private companies by the Federal Power commission."

As an example of the effect of the proposed legislation, Ullman referred to the three small dams licensed to the Idaho Power company in the Middle Snake. "These bills would require the federal government to pay Idaho Power company for downstream benefits at eight federal projects — payments that would undoubtedly run into millions of dollars over the service life of these dams. "I strenuously object," Ullman continued, "to a proposal providing cash or other financial awards to the Idaho Power company for the privilege of underdeveloping this stretch of the Snake river. It was a mistake to grant a federal license in the first place; it would compound the tragedy to play Santa Claus again and hand the Idaho Power company an unanticipated windfall amounting to millions of dollars."

## Attend Square Dance Meeting in Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Peterson of Nyssa, Mr. and Mrs. Orland White of Ontario and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Hiatt of Vale were in Portland from Friday until Monday to attend a State Square Dance convention. Meetings were all day Friday and Saturday at the Multnomah hotel, and dancing was at Jantzen beach those same days.

The program was made up of callers from the state of Oregon. Peterson had the honor of calling on both evening programs.

There were approximately 3000 people at the Friday event and over 4000 on Saturday. Square dancers from nearly every state were represented and some servicemen, on leave, from foreign countries.

On Sunday, the program consisted of a farewell dance at Jantzen beach with callers from out-of-state, mostly from Idaho, California and Washington.

## REBEKAH, ODD FELLOWS PICNIC SUNDAY AT PARK

The Rebekah and Odd Fellows picnic will be held Sunday in Nyssa south park at 1 p. m. Everyone is asked to bring their own basket lunch and table service.

All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their families are invited.

## Directors Recommend Local Growers To Stop All Potato Consignments

The directors of the Malheur Potato Growers' association have asked the secretary to mail letters to members recommending that they do not dispose of their potatoes through consignments.

This was the result of a Tuesday night meeting in Ontario, according to Bill Russell, director at Nyssa. He said that when growers consigned their potatoes there was no price consideration and

"More and more World War II and Korean conflict veterans, now established in communities throughout the nation, are finding they best can serve their community through the service programs of the American Legion," George W. Rulon, Indianapolis, Ind., national Legion director of membership and post activities, told delegates at the conference here Sunday.

### Membership Totals 2,680,000

Speaking at the concluding session, ending Sunday noon, Rulon pointed out that membership in the American Legion now totals some 2,680,000 and is running about 16,000 ahead of last year.

"We are confident," he said, "that as more and more projects develop in the northwest, Legion membership in this area will continue to expand."

The conference was attended by 35 visitors, largely department commanders, adjutants and membership chairmen representing nearly 110,000 Legionnaires in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Montana and Wyoming.

Other speakers included James C. Bangs of Pocatello, national vice commander of the American Legion, and Jack Wulf of Butte, Mont., vice chairman of the national Legion membership committee.

Lou Babb of Boise, Idaho department adjutant, said plans for membership campaigns were reviewed by each of the state Legion leaders, and that membership drives will get underway immediately. He pointed out that all six states reported membership gains during the past year.

## Nyssa City Council Receives, Reviews Sewage System Study

The city council of Nyssa has received and reviewed an engineering report of the city's sewage system. This report was authorized by the council in March. Portions of the survey were accomplished during 1956 and 1957. The purpose of the report is to develop a systematic plan for the expansion of the existing collection system and sewage treatment facilities commensurate with existing and anticipated future sewage needs. The report was accomplished by the firm of Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, engineering consultants.

The report indicates that some 120 residences and several commercial buildings, principally to the north and northwest, cannot be served by the existing system. It further reports that present treatment facilities are currently overloaded. Without question the problem will not decrease as time goes by; instead it will become steadily worse, even though the community were not to add another service. Two methods of sewage treatment have been suggested in the report, one being improvement of the existing facility, the other being the abandonment of the existing plant and construction of stabilization ponds or lagoons such as used by Vale and Ontario.

Three service areas have been recommended by the engineers. These areas are north and northwest, west and south. Total cost of construction will be dependent upon the areas to be served and the type of treatment desired. The engineers have estimated a cost of \$5.50 per lineal foot for an 8-inch sewer in the ground. Providing two lots are served by the sewer, the cost would be approximately \$2.75 per front foot per lot. The lineal foot cost of construction is based on present cost of sewer construction in this area.

Federal aid is available to any city in the amount of 30 percent of the cost of interceptor sewers, treatment works and outfall sewers up to a maximum grant of \$250,000. The report did not consider any special amount of federal aid to be received since the grant is dependent upon the demand and availability of such aid.

The Gate City Journal received a nice framed certificate of appreciation from the Department of Oregon American Legion Auxiliary, this week. It reads, "This certificate is presented to the Gate City Journal with sincere appreciation, and highest praise is extended for the excellent assistance rendered in publicizing the aims and accomplishments of the American Legion Auxiliary in your community," and was signed by department officers.

## Journal Is Presented Auxiliary Certificate

The greater part of this honor is due the previous owners, and the present management accepts it on behalf of both, with grateful "thanks."

The American Legion Auxiliary would like to get a count of their hospital beds. If anyone knows where these beds are, phone 3159. If not in use, please return.



A MOBILE CAROUSEL in the Mexican Fiesta parade greatly pleased parade watchers and provided entertainment for kiddies throughout the day-long festivities.—Journal Photo.

## Record Crowd Attends Area's Big Mexican Fiesta at Nyssa Saturday

What many called the biggest crowd yet, in Nyssa, visited the Mexican Fiesta held here Saturday. Henry Zobell, manager of the local Amalgamated Sugar factory, who acted as the English-speaking master of ceremonies, estimated the number of visitors at 5000, and a representative of the Idaho Employment service estimated that at one time there were 4500 in the park.

But whether or not it was the biggest crowd, there is no doubt that there were more people having fun than ever before in Nyssa. It was an orderly crowd with all activities well planned and carried out with a minimum of delay and change from the printed program.

Bob Thompson, Chamber of Commerce fiesta chairman, reported Wednesday that it was well received by the merchants and townspeople, and that as a business booster it was a huge success. He expressed his thanks to all the people who helped him make it possible, and the Chamber asked that a letter be written to the over-all director, Raul T. Vega, thanking him and asking that he be invited to come again and do the work at the next fiesta.

The festivities started at 10 a. m. with a parade of gaily decorated floats and novelty cars. In the float division the prizes were: \$25 to Nyssa labor camp for its Cortez arrival; \$15 to the Wilder labor camp for its salute to the Oregon Centennial by a Mexican boy shaking hands with an American boy, and the third and fourth prizes went to Greenleaf and Nyssa.

Following the ending of the parade at the South city park, Henry Zobell, as representative of the sponsoring organizations, gave a welcome address, tracing the history of the sugar beets back to a time when there were no migrant workers here and the businessmen were sometimes called out to help thin the beets.

"In the years since the workers began to come into Treasure Valley and perform the field work we have found that you are an honest and dependable worker," he said. "It is our hope that our relations may always be such that you will desire to come here again."

### Mural Unveiled

Mayor Grant Rinehart and Robert Van Horne, manager of the Nampa sugar beet growers ass'n., unveiled a large mural painted by Rudy Fernandez of the Wilder labor camp. The mural depicted the journey of the Mexican people from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas across the mountain

### Auxiliary to VFW Selects 'Civic Defense' AS Essay Contest Topic

The opening of its 25th annual National High School Essay contest was announced today by the ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The topic will be "Civil Defense—An American Tradition."

Students in all public, private and parochial high schools are eligible to enter the contest. National prizes are: first, \$1,000 cash; second, \$500; third, \$250; and fourth, \$100; plus 20 cash honorable mention awards. In addition, the federal Office of Civil Defense Mobilization will award a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond to the first-place winner in each state. State and local contest winners also receive additional auxiliary awards which vary with the community.

The essay contest was started by the VFW auxiliary in 1935 to encourage young people to think and write on patriotic subjects. During the last school year more than 35,000 students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia entered the national contest. Dr. Shane MacCarthy, director of the President's Council on Youth Fitness, was chairman of the national judges.

### No Winners Tuesday In Bank Days Event

The names drawn this week at the Nyssa Bank Days drawing were: W. E. Young of route 1, Ontario; Paul Thompson, route 2, Parma; and J. C. Parker, route 1, Fruitland. None of the three were in Nyssa to collect the prizes.

The weekly drawing is Tuesday in Nyssa at 3 p. m. No purchase is necessary. The only requirement is to be in a participating store at the time of the drawing.

### Primary Graduation Plans Announced

Plans are being made for the annual graduation of the girls from primary to be held Aug. 14 at 8 p. m. in the LDS chapel at Parma, according to Mmes. Raymond Bowers, Lee Stoker and Elwood Flinders, who are making arrangements.

President Arvel L. Child will be the evening's speaker and President Fred Blacker of Ontario will give the requirements and present the certificates to approximately 50 girls who have completed eight years of primary work and will be graduated to the MIA.

The evening's entertainment will feature a program and refreshments will be served.

## PTA Health Head Urges Early Exams

Early examination of all prospective first grade students was urged this week by Mrs. Gus Liming, PTA health committee chairman. She said the examinations must be completed prior to school opening.

The goldenrod sheets, available at all Nyssa doctors' offices, should be sent to Mrs. Liming at 513 Ehrgood when they are completed.

## Primary Outline Given Ward Officers At Annual Dinner

Members of the LDS ward primary presidencies from Ontario, Vale, Parma, Owyhee and Nyssa were honor guests at the annual dinner meeting given by the stake officers Monday evening at the Owyhee ward chapel. Hostesses included the Mmes. Elwood Flinders, Raymond Bowers of Parma and Lee Stoker of Owyhee, and Mel Beck, stake priesthood advisor to the primary.

Special guests included Arvel L. Child, Fred Blacker and Leland Montgomery, members of the Nyssa stake presidency, and Mrs. Mark Moncur and Mrs. Tren Jones, former member of the board, now living in Moses Lake. Following the smorgasbord style dinner, a business meeting was held and the year's outline for the primary and objects were given and after dinner speakers included President Child, President Blacker and Mr. Beck.

### Graveside Services For Abraham L. Scott

Abraham Lincoln Scott, age 64, died Sunday in the Malheur Memorial hospital at Nyssa. Mr. Scott was born in Franklin, Neb., July 23, 1875, but spent the past 20 years in the Adrian, Ore., area.

He is survived by two sons, Chester and Floyd Scott of Ontario, Calif. Graveside services were held Tuesday morning, Aug. 4, at the Nyssa cemetery under the direction of the Lienkaemper funeral home with the Rev. Paul L. Ludlow conducting the service.

## Well-Known Rancher Succumbs Monday

Fred Koopman, well-known farmer and rancher, died Aug. 4, 1959, in Parma. He was born Aug. 31, 1878, in Holland but had lived in the Nyssa area for the past 61 years. His old home on Alberta avenue past the LDS church is one of the old landmarks of Nyssa.

He is survived by one son, John Koopman, Malheur county assessor, of Vale, Ore. Services will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 10 a. m. at the Lienkaemper funeral home with the Rev. Paul L. Ludlow officiating. Interment will be in the Nyssa cemetery.

### County Masonic Picnic To Be Held Sunday

A county wide Masonic picnic will be held in Nyssa south park Sunday, Aug. 9, beginning at 1:30 p. m. All Masons and Easter Star members are invited to bring their families. Those attending are asked to bring picnic basket and table service. Ice cream, coffee and punch will be furnished.

### Psychiatry Professor To Speak at Hospital

Dr. Henry Dixon, Sr., who is a practicing psychiatrist in Portland and a professor of psychiatry at the University of Oregon Medical school, will speak at 3 p. m. Friday at a women's meeting at the hospital.

### 1943 Graduates of Nyssa High School Hold First Class Reunion August 1-2

The 1943 graduating class of Nyssa high school held its first reunion this past Saturday and Sunday. There were more than 80 people in attendance, including graduates, their mates and children, and teachers.

A banquet and program were held at the school cafeteria Saturday night with Emil Stunz, former student body president, acting as master of ceremonies. Judy Wilson, daughter of one of the graduates, rendered a piano number. A memorial service was held to honor four deceased classmates: Efton Council, Theron Poulson, Tommy Matheny, and Bob Brown; and two deceased teachers, Fred Stark and Harold Parent.

Sunday was given over to visiting and a covered-dish picnic held on the school lawn, which was attended by the children who played games for which prizes were given.

The out-of-town teachers present were Misses Vivian Widmer of Bremerton, Wash., Lois Rice of Amity, Ore., Mrs. Ralph Harworth of Nampa and Gilbert Henry of Hermiston. Also present was Mayor Grant Rinehart of Nyssa who taught the class from the fifth through the eighth grade. Letters were read from classmates who found it impossible to attend. All changes of address are to be mailed to Dick Tension of Nyssa, and the next reunion date was set for 1968 with Raymond G. Larson as chairman.

A complete list of those in attendance and their addresses will be published next week.

## Nyssa School Term Begins Aug. 31; Registration Times for Grades Listed

Nyssa schools will open Aug. 31 this year, Supt. W. L. McPartland told the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon. He said the teaching staff was filled last week with the hiring of a high school instructor and a junior high teacher. Registration for high school begins Aug. 18 when seniors register during the day and evening. Juniors register Aug. 19, sophomores Aug. 20, and the freshmen sign up Aug. 21.

## Repair, Cleanup Work Continues At Grade School

Deteriorating brick in the Nyssa grade school building is being replaced with concrete this week, Supt. W. L. McPartland said yesterday. This is part of a program to prepare the building for the school year, which begins Aug. 31. The work now being done on the building raises the foundation several inches. McPartland said alkali dirt was piled against brick when the building was built in 1934, and that bricks exposed to the dirt now crumble at a touch.

Other work includes a general cleanup, raising of a front sidewalk of the building, and leveling of a play area in back of the school building.

Some 500 desks have been varnished, floors cleaned and waxed, and considerable painting has been done, McPartland said.

## Fire Department Has Busy Week

The Nyssa volunteer fire department has had a busy week, due partly to a pair of false alarms.

Both false alarms were due to short circuits in the fire alarm telephone line. The first was near midnight Wednesday last week, and the second about 6 o'clock the following morning.

The telephone line shorted out after a multi-line cable was cut on the city's south side by a crew laying gas pipe.

Later Thursday the department was called to the Roland Holmes ranch southwest of town, where a grass fire had ignited piled lumber. The fire caused little damage.

## Nebraska Picnic Slated Sunday At South Park

Plans are completed for the Nebraska day picnic, slated for Aug. 9, at Nyssa south park, according to Mrs. Lyle Grunke, program chairman.

This has been an annual affair for the past 15 years. The centennial theme will be carried out. Those who possibly can, are asked to come in centennial dress. Costumes will be judged and prizes given.

There will be entertainment for all. Guessing the number of "square" nails will be a highlight of the afternoon, and prizes will be given.

Games for children will be under the direction of Glenda Huffman.

### Bully Creek Project Another Step Nearer

Tuesday afternoon the Journal received this wire: "Full Senate Interior committee today voted approval of House-passed bill to authorize Bully Creek dam and reservoir. Expect early Senate approval so bill can be presented to President for his signature before end of this session."

—Dick Neuberger  
United States Senator

### Boy Scout Troop 419 Returns From Camp

Ten members of the Lions club sponsored Boy Scout troop 419 returned after spending six days at Camp Billy Rice at Warm Lake, Idaho. Sydney Kelly accompanied the boys as adult advisor.

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At 8 p. m. Friday evening, at the hospital, he will speak to the medical staff and to all medical men in the surrounding territory.

Dr. Dixon's talks will be on psychiatry and all persons interested in the field of medicine and psychology are invited and urged to attend.

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