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Over \$4 Million Mailed This Week To Sugar Growers

Henry Zobell, local manager of Amalgamated Sugar company plant, announced yesterday that checks totaling \$4,425,000 will be mailed from the Nyssa office Friday to sugar growers in this area. This is \$9.50 per ton and represents approximately 72 percent of the total amount to be received, based on last year's prices and income.

This initial payment will be only for beets delivered up to the last of October. Another payment will be made on the same tonnage basis on Nov. 25 to cover beets delivered through Nov. 15. Zobell said the government payment of approximately \$2.33 per ton was usually mailed by the ASC office during the month of December.

Harvest is fast nearing an end with approximately 95 percent of the beets delivered. Daily tonnage of the harvest has dropped from 38,000 tons two weeks ago to 12,000 tons as of yesterday. Beets in the ground are no longer growing and there is no incentive for the farmer to leave them unharvested any longer, Zobell said, and that they would all be gotten out while the weather was still good, if possible.

He reported that the refinery is still processing about 4600 to 4700 tons per day and would not until about the end of February, when they hoped to end the campaign. Storage beets are keeping well, there has been no spoilage to date and none is anticipated.

State Farm Prices Mark Oct. Gains; U.S. Total Down

Oregon farm prices showed a mixed pattern of ups and downs in October and ended up with an average 2 percent higher than a month ago, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

At the same time, reports from the U. S. department of agriculture show prices received by farmers over the nation dropped seasonally in October to a point 2 percent lower than last month and the lowest in nearly two years. National farm prices now stand 6 percent below last year and the lowest since November 1957.

In Oregon, October egg and turkey prices moved up, and milk and milk cows also carried higher price tags. Feed grains and wheat climbed and hay and potato prices also rose.

These gains in state farm prices were partially offset by lower prices on most meat animals and wool, broiler prices dropped for the second straight month and corn prices turned lower. However, gains averaged more than losses for the state's farmers and total farm prices averaged 2 percent higher than in September and 4 percent above a year ago.

Meanwhile, prices received by U. S. farmers fell to the lowest average in nearly two years. Cattle, hogs, corn, grapefruit, calves and eggs all moved down. Higher prices on milk, fresh tomatoes and wheat only partially offset the decline.

Prices the nation's farmers pay for goods and services also moved lower in October, but at a much slower rate, Mrs. Horrell found. Farm wage rates were down, as were prices paid for farm production items.

With prices received by farmers dropping faster than prices paid by farmers, the purchasing power of farm products slipped a little last month. The parity ratio—the government's yardstick for measuring the relationship between prices received and prices paid by farmers—fell to one point below September this year, six points below October 1958, and the lowest since August 1940.

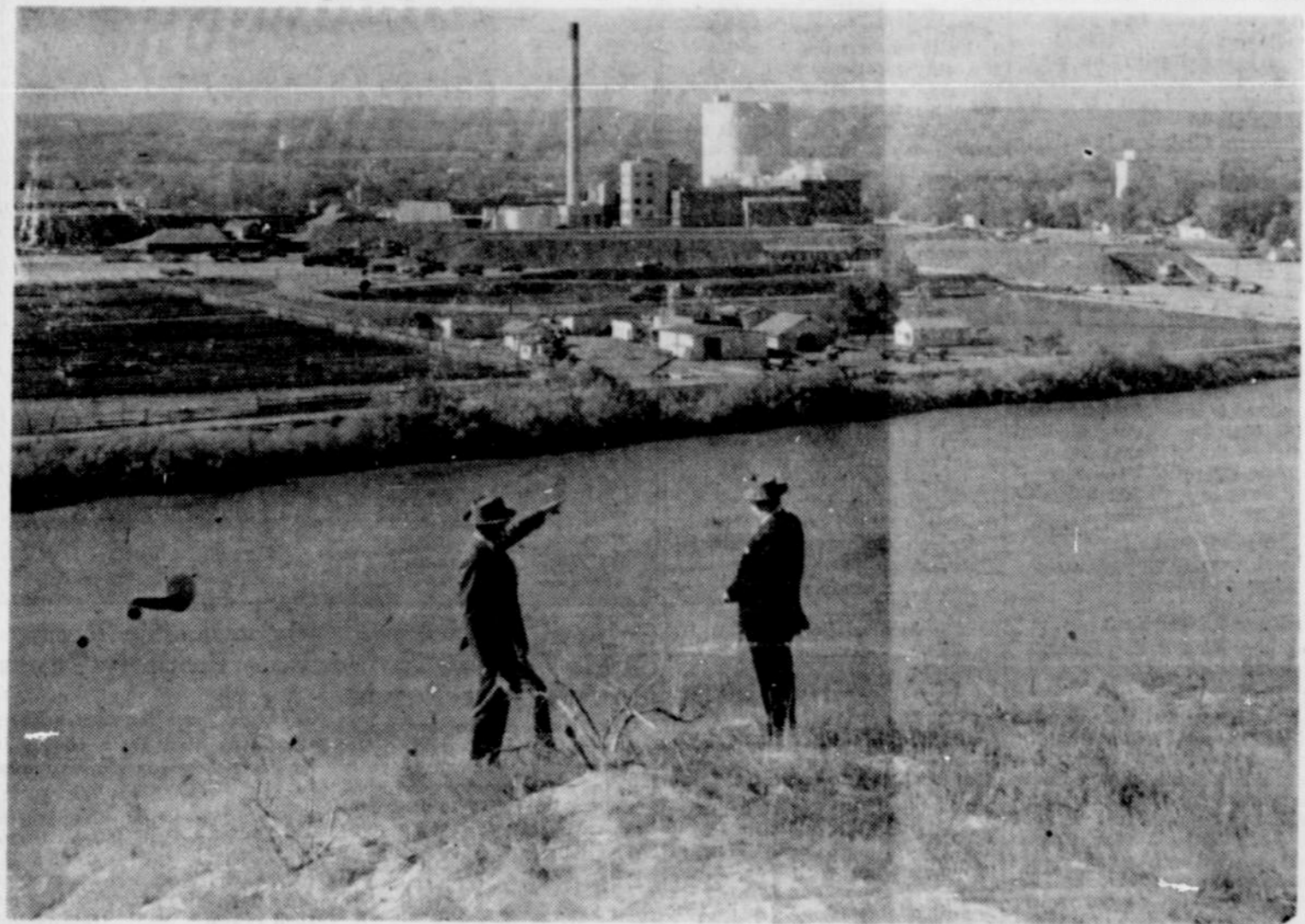
'Diary of Anne Frank' Will Feature Double Female Cast in Senior Play

"The Diary of Anne Frank," senior class play will be presented Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13th and 14th at 8 p.m. at the Nyssa high school, under the direction of Lawrence Schwarz and Mrs. Harriet Brumbach, senior class advisors. The play will feature a double female cast.

It deals with the daily lives of two Jewish families, the Franks and the Van Daans during the years of World War II in Amsterdam. They hide in Mr. Frank's attic-office to escape capture by the Nazis.

Anne Frank will be portrayed by Dianne Maulding and Sandra Nicholson. Mr. Frank will be played by Marilyn Johnson. Mrs. Frank will be Sharon Medlock

Nyssa's Expanding Sugar Refinery Viewed from State Line on Snake River



HERE'S AN IDAHO-EYE-VIEW of the Amalgamated Sugar company's big refinery at Nyssa. Gleaming white are the four new silos, capable of storing 36,000,000 pounds of White Satin sugar. Pointing across the Snake river toward the plant and its growing mountains of storage sugar beets is Henry D. Zobell, Nyssa area manager for Amalgamated. To the left are the stock feeding pens of the company. Interested spectator is Harold E. Carlson, Portland, editor of the Oregon Independent Grocer and secretary of the Independent Retail Grocers of Oregon. State grocers are great boosters of White Satin, since it is the only sugar produced in Oregon.

Nyssa to Host Eastern Oregon CEC Organization

The Eastern Oregon chapter of the CEC (Council for Exceptional Children) will meet in Nyssa Saturday, Nov. 14, in room 3 of the high school building. Representatives are expected from Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, Ontario and Adrian.

General theme of the session will be "The Crippled Child." Josephine Rigney, program chairman, announces the following program: 9 a.m., registration (coffee served, courtesy of the Nyssa PTA); 9:30 a.m., business meeting; 10:15 a.m., demonstration of physical therapy by Marcelle Montgomery, physical therapist; 11:15 a.m., special music, courtesy of Robert Q. Smith, director of music, Nyssa high school; 11:45 a.m., luncheon (served by Nyssa FHA girls under the direction of Mrs. Charles Steffens); greetings by Dr. Grant Hughes, Malheur county health officer.

1 to 2 p.m., panel discussion. Subject, "The Crippled Child in School." Panel members will include Mary Weir, teacher in Adrian schools; Edna Blaylock; Malheur county nurse; Dr. David Sarazin, Nyssa physician; Mary Ann Edwards, director of special education, Ontario schools; and Norman M. Reynolds, consultant, education of crippled children, state department of education, Salem.

Table decorations are planned to feature products of Malheur county and each luncheon guest will receive a tiny sack of White Satin sugar, courtesy of Amalgamated Sugar company.

The meeting is open to the public and anyone interested in problems concerning crippled children is urged to attend. Luncheon will be \$1.25 per plate and luncheon reservations should be given to Mrs. Rigney no later than today (Thursday).

One-Car Accident Saturday Claims Nyssa Infant's Life

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at Lienkaemper chapel for Curtis Christopherson, 8-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence "Chris" Christopherson, who died Saturday evening in a Boise hospital from injuries sustained in a one-car accident nine miles west of Boise early that afternoon. The family was in the process of moving to live in Nyssa for three years.

Bishop Charles Mann of the LDS First ward conducted the services and interment was in the Nyssa cemetery. The baby was riding in the car with his mother when she hit a soft shoulder and glanced down to see if he was still asleep on the front seat, losing control of the car which overturned.

Following the accident, Mrs. Christopherson was treated in a Boise hospital and released and her sister, Miss Judy Bingham, 15, Nyssa, was hospitalized with a broken arm, abrasions and contusions. She was moved Monday morning to Malheur Memorial hospital.

Survivors of the infant, besides his parents, include two brothers, Craig and Kim; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bingham of Nyssa, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Christopherson, Gooding, Idaho; and his great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Jones, Magna, Utah.

Sugar Beet Price Determination Set

The department of agriculture has made its determination of fair and reasonable prices for the 1959 crop of sugar beets, according to the Malheur Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. The determination requires processor-producers to pay prices for sugar beets not less than those provided for in their 1959-crop purchase contracts with growers.

Department officials stated that the 1959 contracts provide for about the same sharing of returns between growers and processors as the contracts for the 1958 crop.

Average returns to Malheur county growers for the 1958 crop of sugar beets will approximate \$11.11 per ton. In addition, growers will receive Sugar act payments of about \$2.33 per ton.

Sugar beet growers will be notified when their application for payment is ready for signature.

GRADE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD TONIGHT

Grade school "open house" will be held at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) in the grade school gymnasium. There will be a special program on science and arithmetic and also a display of new books and manipulative teaching devices used in the teaching of these subjects.

Amalgamated's White Satin Factory Declared One of Most Modern in U.S.

Oregon's only sugar refinery, which is one of Eastern Oregon's largest industries, observed its 22nd birthday last month. The Amalgamated Sugar company's sugar beet refinery at Nyssa now is recognized as one of the most modern and highly efficient among 67 plants now processing beets in the United States. The company produces a complete line of White Satin sugar.

Right now sugar beet farmers in the rich Treasure Valley of Eastern Oregon are completing harvest of a crop that will return upwards of \$9 million. This year's crop is expected to total 685,000 tons, reports Henry D. Zobell, Amalgamated's Nyssa district manager. They will come from approximately 25,000 acres.

Yield Per Acre Nears Record At the start of the beet harvest season on Oct. 5, Zobell reported that the company expected an acreage yield of 25.6 tons per acre, now raised to 27 tons per acre. This would mean the 1958 sugar beet yield of 27.5 tons per acre, which was a world record, exceeding the prior year by 15 percent. This year's crop, however, is better than average and much higher than the national average of about 16 tons per acre.

Amalgamated has spent approximately \$1 million in improvements to the Nyssa refinery in the past two seasons. Last year \$250,000 was spent in remodeling the plant and adding equipment. The increased unloading facilities were speeded by one-third. Included was the installation of a

Antelopes Lose Final Contest, Rate Fourth Place

In the last game of the 1959 season, Adrian was beaten by Fruitland 26 to 13 in a night game Friday. This left the Antelopes with a record of 4 wins and 3 losses for fourth place in the SRV-B league standings.

At the end of the first quarter the game was all tied up, 7 to 7 through touchdowns by Joe Robinson and the extra point by Sager of Fruitland and Don Costly making the touchdown and Chuck Nelson the extra point for Adrian.

Adrian moved ahead 13 to 7 on a pass play to Alan Bonbright but Fruitland went ahead then by making their extra point after their touchdown.

Fruitland wrapped it up in the fourth quarter with two plunges across the goal line by Sager and Robinson.

S.S. Representatives' Schedule Is Changed

Allan Rainsberry, field representative from the La Grande district office of the Social Security administration, announces that his presence at the Ontario city hall scheduled for Nov. 12 has been changed to Nov. 13. Office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rainsberry advises any farmers who have operated their farms this year and have become totally and permanently disabled to contact him for information about the disability program.

Farmers have now been covered under Social Security long enough to meet the time requirements for disability should they become disabled this year or later.

Storage Facilities Added

This summer, four new storage silos were erected adjacent to the plant. The 160-foot structures have a storage of 36,000,000 pounds of bulk sugar to be used prior to shipment out to bakeries, candy makers, etc. Some 5,000 cubic yards of cement were used, hoisted in half-yard buckets as the silos grew higher.

The White Satin refinery here set a new all-time high record of production last year of 183,213,200 pounds, or approximately 10 percent more than the prior year. This is the equivalent to more than 100 pounds of sugar per man, woman and child in Oregon.

The refinery closed only last March 5, 1959, after a 156-day continuous operation, which was the second longest in the plant's history. Refinery wages of more than \$1,200,000, along with that received by beet growers and others, means that White Satin annually gives the economy of Eastern Oregon at least a \$12 million shot in the arm.

The importance of Oregonians using White Satin is emphasized by Harry Moss, Oregon White Satin sales manager. "If this Oregon product were all purchased in Oregon," he explains, "it would mean \$1.50 to \$2 per ton more for each Oregon beet grower. You can readily estimate that means more than \$1 million."

White Satin Sugar pays more taxes directly and indirectly to the state and counties of Oregon than all other sugar companies combine, Moss also reported.

City Council Accepts Sub-Division, Approves Sewer District Ordinance, Hears Planning Committee Reports

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, the city council voted to accept the plat of the Miner sub-division, and instructed the mayor and city recorder to sign the plat; approved ordinance No. 389, creating sewer district No. 3 and set Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. as time for the remonstrance hearing; and considered the various recommendations that were submitted in the planning committee's report.

Mayor Grant Rinehart presided over the meeting and all members of the council were present, along with City Manager Art Colby and City Attorney Hal Henigson.

Other actions taken were: approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, approval of current accounts and the renewal of a liquor license for the Nyssa Tavern for 1960, and rejection of a \$25 offer for a 95- x 114-ft. tract in block 1 of Industrial sub-division.

To Prepare Vacating Ordinance

Hearing had been set for this night for anyone objecting to the petition for the city vacating a portion of Park addition and as there were no objectors to be heard, the council voted to instruct the city manager to prepare an ordinance for this purpose, subject to the submission of a plat of the proposed sub-division by Ventures, Incorporated.

Action was deferred, pending further study, on the planning committee recommendation on the sale of lot 6, block 1, Industrial sub-division, and on the report of the city manager regarding securing ambulance service for the city.

Halt Permits in Sub-Division

After discussion, the council referred to the utilities commission the matter of hiring a consulting engineer for the proposed sewer project, and voted to issue no further building permits in the Industrial sub-division until the Morgan sub-division plat has been recorded and that utilities be connected to the homes having building permits at the present time.

At a previous meeting it was voted to accept the low bid for a police car of Cable Chevrolet company, but since the steel strike had shut down delivery of cars, the possibility of overhauling the present police car was considered.

Rural Fire District To Elect New Director

The Nyssa Rural Fire Protection District will hold their annual election December 7, 1959. At this time they will elect a director to replace Frank Sherwood whose term will expire at the end of the year.

Secretary, Frank Parr, says that any qualified member of the district may run for this vacancy and have his name placed on the ballot by securing 15 qualified electors on his petition and filing it with the secretary at least 10 days prior to the election.

Present officials of the fire district are: Jacob Fischer, president; Frank Sherwood, vice president; Wilbur Atherton, Loyd Adams and Frank Parr.

The voting place will be the City Hall in Nyssa, the voting hours 2 to 6 p.m. and the judges selected are John Wulf, Gerrit Stam, and H. R. Sherwood.

ATTENDS NAVY SCHOOL

City Manager Art Colby left yesterday for Huemene, Calif., where he will spend two weeks on Naval Reserve training duty. He will attend the Civil Engineer corps school.

Hunters' Question 'What Happened to 1959 Pheasants?' Answered by Oregon State Game Commission Biologists

What happened to the pheasants? This puzzling question has been on the tongues of upland bird gunners ever since the season opened on Oct. 10.

There is little doubt that bird hunters have had a hard time finding the same action this year that they experienced during last year's excellent hunt when easy limits of birds were the rule. This year a limit of ringnecks is the exception rather than the rule.

Except for the Willamette valley, reports from biologists show that the pheasant populations are considerably below that of last year. When hunters begin to compare gunning last year's bumper bird crop with the meager gunning this year, it's like comparing a full rain barrel with one that has a busted spout. However, although hunting is not up to par, field checks of hunter success on opening weekend compared favorably with the 1955 and 1956 seasons, before the boom in upland bird populations began.

Most noticeable drop in the pheasant population is through the heavily hunted Umatilla and Malheur districts where hunters with experienced dogs found the

going rough. The usual comment by hunters in these two areas is, "If you don't have a good dog you might as well stay at home." The Oregon Game commission is also concerned with the unexpected decline in the pheasant populations and at a recent meeting in Portland seriously considered curtailing the bag limit in Malheur county by removal of the one hen in the daily bag allowed in this area from Nov. 7 through 15.

After consideration, the commission concluded that hunting pressures would be light because of the poor shooting and that an emergency change in the printed regulations would result in unnecessary confusion. With the roosters wild and mainly in the sagebrush draws and a good dog essential for any degree of success a single hen in the bag would be little incentive to lure hunters any distance. The game commission suggested that hunters in the Malheur district apply their own brakes in shooting hen pheasants during the Nov. 7-15 period.

But what's the answer to this sudden decline in pheasant numbers? The question is as puzzling

Local Educators Sponsor Series Of Broadcasts

The Nyssa Education association, under the chairmanship of Mrs. John Schenk, sponsored a series of radio broadcasts over KSRV and an essay contest to emphasize American Education week, Nov. 8-14.

Each program used as its theme song the new alma mater song of Nyssa high school, composed by Robert Q. Smith and sung by the chorus under his direction.

The radio programs were as follows: Sunday, Mrs. Mark Hartley discussed money spent for schools from a parents' point of view. Henry Zobell spoke on how the Nyssa school board is elected and its functions. Monday, Supt. of Schools Walter McPartland discussed the value of communication to world understandings. Wilton Jackson discussed adult education in the Nyssa schools.

Tuesday, a panel of high school students discussed teacher responsibilities, working conditions and salaries of the Nyssa faculty as compared to the national average. Wednesday, Mrs. Josephine Rigney gave an overall view of the special education program in Nyssa. Gene Stunz discussed why the voting public needs to understand how the tax dollar is proportioned.

1959 Farm Census Now Underway; 1954 Figures Given

The 1959 Census of Agriculture, now under way in Malheur County, will bring up to date farm statistics last collected in 1954, when the farm census revealed the following facts:

The value of products sold in 1954 by farm operators was \$25,907,764.

The value of all crops sold was \$14,133,085 and included \$12,268,493 for field crops, \$1,702,325 for vegetables, \$65,167 for fruits and nuts, and \$97,100 for horticultural specialties.

The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$11,762,328 and included \$3,164,158 for dairy products, \$272,225 for poultry and poultry products, and \$8,325,945 for livestock and livestock products.

The value of forest products sold from the county's farms was \$12,351.

LOCAL TEACHERS ATTEND MEETING AT PENDLETON

Glenn Purdon, consultant for the Oregon State Department of Education, Salem, conducted a special workshop on the education of mentally retarded children in Pendleton Saturday. The material presented was largely concerned with the curriculum which is needed to teach the mentally retarded child who is educable.

Teachers attending from this area were Josephine Rigney, Nyssa; Thelma Borge, Adrian; Mary Ann Edwards and Jennie Boston, Ontario.

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The picture in all these states has been identical. Game agents, as did biologists for the Oregon State Game commission, this spring tallied one of the highest winter carryover of adult birds going into the breeding season ever recorded.

Here in Oregon, the spring breeding census was exceptionally high, and with good food and cover available, the fall outlook appeared bright. But, the anticipated good hatch of young birds failed to materialize.

Small broods and late nesting were the rule throughout eastern Oregon pheasant country. Many of the broods were so late the youngsters were barely able to fly by the time the bird season

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