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Malheur Potato Growers Association Reviews Last Season, Plans for 1960

Malheur County Potato Growers association members held their annual meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, at Boulevard Grange hall. They elected new directors for the coming year, reviewed the 1959 season, heard an address on what is necessary to make a successful grower bargaining association, and made tentative plans for the advertising program for another year.

Jaycees to Present Baby Resuscitator To Local Hospital

At a Jaycee executive meeting held Jan. 19, plans were formulated for a membership drive meeting slated for Jan. 28 in the community hall, according to W. A. Barton, president. Those interested in Jaycee activities are welcome and urged to attend, he said. Refreshments will be served. Harvey Springer will represent the local chamber of commerce and will present a proposal from the group regarding the care and display of the American and welcome flags belonging to that organization.

Program for this meeting will be conducted by Charles J. Smith, Malheur Memorial hospital administrator, who will present a film and demonstration on resuscitation. The Jaycees will present Smith with a check for the purchase of a baby resuscitator for use at the hospital. The annual Easter egg hunt was discussed and local merchants will soon be hearing from the Jaycees about this project.

District Skills Contest for FFA Slated Next Week

By Skipper Nakashima
Next Wednesday and Thursday the Snake river district of Future Farmers of America will hold the annual district skills contest at Vale. Potential candidates for representing the Nyssa chapter are Norman Baker and Jim Farmer from the junior class. Candidates from the senior class have not yet been chosen.

Six or eight boys will be chosen to represent Nyssa from the freshman and sophomore classes. These boys will be in such contests as seed identification, soldering, etc. while the junior and senior boys will be busy timing a tractor, setting points, welding, etc. Dean Sisson, Andrew Child, Gene Jones, Dave Moore or Reed Child will represent Nyssa in the public speaking contest. The local chapter will have entries in the scrapbook, secretary's book, treasurer's book and record book tests. Also representing Nyssa will be a parliamentary procedure team consisting of six boys with Dean Sisson as the team captain.

PTA Chili Dinner Is Well Attended

According to officers of the Nyssa PTA, approximately 500 persons were served Saturday night at the PTA chili supper held in the school cafeteria, and well over \$300 was taken in. A complete report of the event will be given by Mrs. Marion Glenn, chili supper chairman, at the next meeting of the PTA.

PTA president, Mrs. Max Urry and other officers have asked the Journal to express their thanks to Mrs. Glenn and her committee and to all those who contributed in any way to the success of the supper.

Well-Known Resident Mrs. Nettie Bennett Dies Wednesday

Mrs. Nettie Bennett, long active in Nyssa fraternal and civic affairs, died at Malheur Memorial hospital yesterday noon, Jan. 20, following a lingering illness.

For the past several months Mrs. Bennett had been living with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett, until last Friday morning when she became decidedly worse and was taken to the hospital.

Arrangements were incomplete at press time but funeral services will be held from Lienkaemper funeral home in Nyssa at 2 p.m. Saturday.

WEATHER . . .

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 13	30	11	—
Jan. 14	27	11	.02
Jan. 15	30	15	—
Jan. 16	22	9	.12
Jan. 17	29	14	—
Jan. 18	20	10	—
Jan. 19	22	4	—
Jan. 20	—	18	—

Owyhee Reservoir Storage.
Jan. 18, 1959—476,880 Acre Ft.
Jan. 18, 1960—216,610 Acre Ft.

M. Hartley Chosen To Represent Area In State JC Contest

The Jaycees of Malheur county have selected Mark Hartley, of the Oregon Trail community as the outstanding young farmer in the county.

Hartley will go to Seaside in February to compete with county nominees from all over the state for the Oregon title. He was nominated by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce as its choice for this area.

The contest was limited to the ages of 21 through 35.

Sen. Yturri Urges Voters to Resist Increases in Taxes

Senator Anthony Yturri addressed Nyssa Chamber of Commerce members at their Wednesday noon meeting. He discussed the tax situation in the state of Oregon.

He said that there were several plans that would probably be brought up for consideration by the next legislature, and that some of them would undoubtedly be for a sales tax of some sort. Others would be based on the net income.

The state senator said that there would be a number of strong groups bringing pressure for more money but that if the taxpayers were willing to economize and let it be known strong enough there would be no increases in present taxes.

Highway Projects Slated for County

According to the Oregon State Highway commission report of Jan. 13, 1960, bids will be received on two Malheur road projects at the next bid opening in Salem, Jan. 21.

One project calls for grading and paving of 8.5 miles of the Central-Oregon highway between Namorf and Harper junction, approximately 27 miles west of Vale. Plans call for widening and minor grade improvements to the existing highway except for a 1.5 mile portion about three miles west of Harper junction that will be a new alignment to cut out several curves on the old road.

When completed it will make the roadway four feet wider than the old and increase the width of the shoulder two feet.

The other project calls for removal of old signs and erection of new ones on the Olds Ferry-Idaho line section of the Old Oregon Trail highway, the Olds Ferry interchange, north Ontario interchange and the Idaho avenue interchange.

McPartland said that the school would be entirely free to the migrant children, with the state supplying the funds the first year. Attendance will be on a voluntary basis and will replace the schooling carried on by the Migrant Ministry last summer.

Members of the county committee other than McPartland, are Emery Skinner, county school superintendent, Tom Calkins, Ontario superintendent, Frank Ellis, Vale school principal, Mike Irons, Ontario teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Groves, Ontario teacher and Harold Newman, Adrian grade school principal.

Meeting to Organize Adult Farmer Classes Set Tonight at 7:30

An organizational meeting for adult farmer classes in advanced welding and in soils and fertilizers will be held at the Nyssa high school agriculture room tonight at 7:30, according to Carl Devlin, NHS ag instructor.

Anyone interested in either of these two classes are asked to attend this meeting. At least 10 are needed for the welding class and 12 or more are needed for the soils and fertilizers class.

Devlin states that for additional information, interested parties may call him at 2-2444 or FR 2-2565.

MR. AND MRS. H. L. PACE RETURN FROM HAWAII VISIT

APPLE VALLEY—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pace have just returned from a two-week vacation spent touring the four major islands of Hawaii from Jan. 1 to 15. They left by jet plane from Portland and made the crossing in 4 hours and 55 minutes.

They report many beautiful sights and were surprised one morning when having breakfast at Woody's by a phone call from the daughter of the Rev. A. P. Henthorn of Parma. She is living in Hawaii and had heard a radio announcement that the Paces of Parma were there visiting and immediately called to greet them and to receive news from home.

Annual City of Nyssa Activity Report By Departments Given by A. Colby

The 1959 departmental reports of the city of Nyssa, as presented at the Jan. 12 meeting of the council by City Manager Art Colby are listed below:
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
Fire Division
(Ralph Lawrence, Fire Chief)
Total city alarms this year—20.
Property loss in 1959—To be reported by fire department upon promulgation of figures by state fire marshal.
Fire department personnel—25 volunteers.
Inspection Division—
Residential building permits—20 with total valuation of \$246,100.
Commercial building permits—3 with \$6,500 valuation.
Residential remodeling permits—25; total, \$35,835.
Non-residential remodeling—11; valuation, \$129,677.
Total permits issued—59 with a valuation of \$420,112.
Sewer inspections in 1959—25.
Gas inspections for year—76.
Police Department
(Lee Hansen, Police Chief)
Prisoner meals served in 1959—1927; no record for 1958 and 1957.
Days served in jail—1959, 683; 1958, 587; 1957, 372.
Total cases in 1959—420; 1958, 340; 1957, 380.
Escorts and special services in 1959—83.
Fatal traffic accidents—2.
Minor traffic accidents—11.
Total 1959 fines collected during 1959—\$6,491.09.
Public intoxication—138.
Vagrancy cases—37.
Traffic arrests—159.
Department of Law
(Hal Henigson, City Attorney)
Number of council meetings—17.
Ordinances prepared—9.
Deeds—7.
Contract modifications—3.
Resolutions—7.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Sewer Department
(Ralph Lowe, Superintendent)
Average dry weather flow for 1959—3,491 MGD.
Total sludge pumped—553,000 gallons.
Hours of plant maintenance—446.
Street and Park Department
(Bill Newell, Superintendent)
Blocks swept—9,561.
Gravel hauled during year—4,568 cubic yards.
Water Department
(Tom Weeks, Superintendent)
Average daily production from Ranney collector—860 MGD.
Total production—321,843,000 gallons.
Total chlorine used in 1959—2,587 pounds.
River hardness, annual average—maximum, 231; minimum, 212.
Collector hardness—maximum, 362; minimum, 336.

County Grand Jury To Investigate Death of J. Marez

The Malheur county grand jury will be given the task of inquiring into the death of Jimmie Marez when it convenes at Vale Monday.

Marez was killed this past Christmas eve on Nyssa's Main street by a car driven by Guy William "Buzz" Blunck, 23, of Nyssa.

Since the last report made by the Journal, Lt. Bears of the Oregon State Police has given lie detector tests to the driver of the death car, Blunck, and two of the passengers at the time of the accident, Roger Morris and Ronald Woodie. The third passenger, Vernon O. Dove, was questioned again and this was recorded on tape.

Results of these investigations have not been made public but will be presented to the grand jury.

State to Conduct Cairo Summer School For Malheur County Migrant Children

According to Walter McPartland, Nyssa school superintendent, one of the migrant worker bills passed by the 1959 Oregon legislature provided for funds to set up a training program for the children of migrant workers where needed in the state.

It was determined last week that Malheur county should have such a school established for a period of from six to eight weeks next summer. Ronald Petrie, State department of agriculture education administrator for migrant children finished the survey and decided there might be as many as 300 children that would be attending such a school.

Tentative plans call for the school to be held at Cairo center due to it being nearer the center of the area represented by Vale, Ontario, Nyssa and Adrian than any other school. It is probable that each of the above named districts will furnish a bus for transportation.

McPartland said that the school would be entirely free to the migrant children, with the state supplying the funds the first year.

Juvenile Discussion Highlights Program At Jan. 14 PTA Meet

At the Nyssa PTA meeting held last Thursday evening, the invocation was given by Father John Baumgartner. The opening musical selection was presented by Jim Jamieson on trumpet and Bob Pond at the piano.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. Max Urry, president. Wilton Jackson gave an explanation of two changes to be made in the by-laws to be voted on at the next meeting. Cliff Main reported on the chili supper and Mrs. Dudley Kurtz gave a report on magazine subscriptions.

Highlight of the evening was the panel discussion, "What Causes Delinquency?" Discussion consisted of 10 minute talks by each panel member. Panel moderator was Virgil Seward, sixth grade teacher.

The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jackson and their committee served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Winning the room count were: First grade, Mrs. Larry Bauman; second grade, Mrs. Frances Bates; third grade, Mrs. Leo Gonyer; fourth grade, Mrs. Madge Thomson; fifth grade, Mrs. Hazel Lane; sixth grade, Ellis Parrill; seventh grade, James Nalley; eighth grade, Irl Nolen; and freshmen and juniors.

Ruralists Loo' Nyssa Eagles Hall Tuesday

Burglars broke into the Nyssa Eagles hall Tuesday morning some time between closing time at 12 midnight and 7 a.m., according to Lee Hansen, chief of police.

An undetermined amount of money was taken from a cash register, pin ball machine, juke box and bowling game. Also missing were some bottles of whiskey in holiday decanters and a three-piece luggage set.

Entry was gained by working the night latch on the rear door, and the sheriff made a check for fingerprints. No arrests had been made at press time.

Nyssa High School BASKETBALL!

Friday, Jan. 22—Bulldogs vs. Payette, Nyssa high gym.
Saturday, Jan. 23—Bulldogs vs. Meridian at Meridian.
Tuesday, Jan. 26—Bulldogs vs. Emmett, Nyssa high gym.
Preliminary games begin at 6:45. Varsity games start at 8:15 p.m.
"Support the Fighting Bulldogs!"

P. House Leaves To Appear Before U.S. Senate Group

Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, left by plane Wednesday to testify before the U. S. Senate Interior and Insular affairs committee Jan. 22 on Senate bill 1388. This is a bill to provide for establishment, by the secretary of the interior, of a Pacific Northwest account and for other purposes.

One of the provisions of the bill is to provide for payment of construction costs of the Owyhee and Vale irrigation projects by net power revenues of northwest federal dams after water users have completed 50 years of payments, thus reducing the total obligations of water users of the projects.

House will appear on behalf of the North and South Boards of Control, Owyhee project. He will also testify before the sub-committee on irrigation of the committee on Interior and Insular affairs of the U. S. House of Representatives on Jan. 25.

Various Local Activities Under Way For March of Dimes to Aid in Fight Against Polio, Birth Defects, Arthritis

It is the time of year for the annual March of Dimes drive throughout the entire nation. This year the program will be the most ambitious ever undertaken by a voluntary health organization, according to officers of the national foundation.

This year's campaign aim is to prevent crippling diseases that directly affect one in every four U.S. families. These targets are birth defects and arthritis as well as polio. The weapons are the same as have been so successful against polio in the past—research, patient aid, training for more badly needed professionals to fight disease.

Birth defects affect one of every 16 babies born in the U. S. today. The annual number of these is 250,000 and half of these suffer serious illness or disability for life.

Arthritis and rheumatic diseases have afflicted over 11 million Americans, made 320,000 unemployable and costs over \$4 million per day.

More than 50,000 polio victims still get patient aid from the March of Dimes and, in spite of the opinion of many people, the disease is not a thing of the past. Some 10,000 patients have been added to the list in 1958 and 1959.

Local Chairmen Named
Mr. and Mrs. O'Dell Warr are chairmen for the Nyssa and Adrian areas for the 1960 drive and Mrs. Joe Dority is their assistant in charge of the Mothers March of Dimes in both towns and all the rural areas adjoining them.

Many activities have been planned, and some already been carried out, by the various organizations and individuals in the area. There is work for everyone and the small children and teenagers are taking an active part, the chairmen emphasize.

Chuck Smith of the First National Bank of Oregon, Nyssa branch, has been named treasurer of the local drive and all money collected should be turned over to him, Mrs. Warr reported.

Officially the drive started Monday afternoon when Mrs. Vic Marshall had a coffee for ladies in the Nyssa and Adrian areas. Those present were Mrs. Duane Holcomb, Frank Jayo, Warren Farmer, Joe Dority, O'Dell Warr, George Vanderwall, Neil Dimmick, Charles Schweizer, L. L. Kreager and Edward Kido. During the coffee hour, the area chairman, Mrs. Warr gave an introductory talk on the program and told what the money would be used for.

Activities Calendar
Canisters placed in the places of business in Nyssa and Adrian, last week.
Jan. 20—Coffee by Mrs. Herman Towne, Jan. 23—Coffee by Mrs. (Continued on Page 6)

Miss Roth Winner Of Betty Crocker Homemaker Title

The 1960 Betty Crocker homemaker of tomorrow in Nyssa high school is Miss Joy Gay Roth, a senior enrolled in homemaking 3, according to Mrs. Virginia Steffens, NHS home economics instructor. Miss Roth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roth. She received the highest score in a 50 minute examination on home-making knowledge and aptitude, taken by senior girls in home-making 3.

Joy Gay was presented an award by Mrs. Steffens at the regular Future Homemakers of America meeting held Tuesday evening.

Her examination paper will be submitted for competition with other high school winners to name the state Betty Crocker homemaker of tomorrow. The test was prepared and judged by Science Research association of Chicago, and was taken by a record number of 379,018 girls in 12,597 high schools across the country.

Scholarships and tours will be awarded to state winners.

Woodworking Course For Adults to Begin Saturday at School

Individuals interested in taking a course in machine woodworking will attend the first session at the industrial arts shop (next to the school cafeteria), this Saturday, Jan. 23, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, as announced by W. A. Barton, industrial arts instructor.

The course will consist of 10 sessions and it is planned that they will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Cost of the course will be \$12.50 per project or per person, Barton stated.

Hust Is Only Winner In Bank Days Event

Names drawn this week at the Tuesday Bank Days event were J. I. Brady of route 2, Nyssa, for the \$50 jackpot prize; Ray Dennett of route 1, New Plymouth, for the \$10 second prize; and G. W. Hust of route 1, Ontario, for third prize of \$5.

Hust was in a participating store to claim \$5. The others were not present. Jackpot prize will be \$100 next Tuesday.