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## Hopefuls Accord Favorable Response To 'Know Your Candidate' Program Sponsored by Malheur Farm Bureau

### Aspirants to Answer Pertinent Questions At Slated Series of Public Political Meetings

Malheur County Farm Bureau Citizenship Planning committee reported this week that response to its "Know Your Candidate" program has been very good.

Majority of the political aspirants have responded with a desire to accept the chance to explain their views on matters that concern the office they are seeking.

## Primary Voters Determine Pay Of Legislators

Although there will be 14 state measures to be determined by the voters in the general election, November 8, there is only one to be voted on in the primary election May 20. It is a measure referred by the legislature on increasing salaries of legislators from \$600 to \$2100 per year. It is SJR 25 to amend Article 4, section 29 of the state constitution.

At the present time the legislators get \$600 per year, or \$1200 per term with only mileage for one round trip from home to Salem at the rate of ten cents per mile. They get stationary and postage.

According to information released by the Bi-Partisan Committee For Fair Legislation, a study by political scientists and students of government shows that the pay should be enough so that anyone can afford to serve, and yet not enough to be attractive solely for financial reward.

The study also shows that inadequate legislative pay leads to two things: it eliminates young people who would like to serve and it gradually leads to legislatures composed, in the main, of wealthier people.

If approved, the new salary plan would become effective the date of its passage, thereby adding to the income of present office holders for the remainder of 1959.

## H. Schnell Seeks Re-election, Tells Of Qualifications

By J. Homer Schnell  
I was elected to the office of Malheur county clerk in 1956, and I am seeking re-election to that office in the forthcoming election. I would like to take this opportunity to explain a few of the duties of the clerk and also some of the reasons why I feel that I am qualified to be re-elected to this office.

It is the duty of the county clerk to serve as clerk of the circuit court, county court, and possibly in the near future, be clerk of the district court if such a court is created for Malheur county. In all such courts, the clerk must record the proceedings of the court and keep all records, files and papers or books appertaining to



CLERK J. HOMER SCHNELL  
... Asks Return to County Office

the court. He must also attend the terms of court and administer oaths under the direction of the court.

The county clerk is the recorder of conveyances and shall have the custody of all files and records of deeds, mortgages, and contracts affecting the title of real property.

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## Nyssa Pastors Slate Good Friday Services At Methodist Church

Good Friday union services will be held at the Methodist church with seven local ministers participating.

There will be special music by the Methodist choir, congregational singing and meditations on the "Seven Words from the Cross."

The hour of service is from 12 noon to 1 o'clock on April 15.

## Nyssa School Names 1960 Honor Students

NHS Valedictorian

Class Salutatorian



BONNIE ARAI  
(From the Nyssa High Bulldog)

Bonnie Arai, valedictorian for the class of 1960, has achieved a GPA of 1.05 during her four years in high school.

Bonnie has held many offices during her high school career which include GAA sports manager for two years, GAA reporter, assistant historian and historian for Girls' league and sophomore class secretary.

Other offices she has held are FHA reporter, FHA vice president, advertising manager for the Bulldog and student body secretary. She was also a member of the drill team for two years.

Bonnie was voted "most likely to succeed" by her classmates this year and has participated in city government day as judge.

Attending Girls' state last summer and receiving the Elks leadership scholarship from Nyssa are some of her Bonnie's honors.

Some of her church offices have been president and social chairman for the young people's group and librarian for Sunday school. Bonnie's next goal is college.



MARLYN JOHNSON

Salutatorian honors for the class of '60 go to Marlyn Johnson who attained a GPA of 1.08 during his high school career. He received three 2's in high school, two in algebra II and one in PE.

Marlyn's high school activities include Thespians, chorus, Science club, Lettermen's club and library. He has been in the junior class play and the senior class play and has participated in football, tennis, track and wrestling.

During his junior year, Marlyn attended JESSI for one week at Corvallis. In his senior year he was voted the "most studious senior boy" and also placed second in the local Elks' scholarship contest.

Marlyn attends the Methodist church and is a member of the choir. He is presently president of the Methodist Youth fellowship group in his church.

After graduating from NHS, Marlyn plans to attend the University of Oregon and major in physics.

## Auxiliary Plans Canning Program For Hospital Use

Mrs. Joe Dority, president of Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary, reports a canning program is being planned with canned fruit and vegetables to be used at the local hospital.

Seventeen ladies, representing various organizations, were present March 18 at a planning meeting held at the home of Mrs. Dority. Mrs. Emma Merrick of the hospital cooking staff gave a report of the number of cans of fruit and vegetables used during 1959, an approximate estimate of cans needed for a yearly period.

Mrs. Dority states that any club or organization wishing to head this project may contact her, as this is a tremendous undertaking the auxiliary has assumed.

Organizations which have already agreed to take a season or part of a season for canning include Faith Lutheran church, rhubarb; Eagles auxiliary, apricots; and Rebekah lodge, filling in with any fruit.

Boy Scouts have agreed to pick any fruit that will be donated for this purpose, and anyone having fruit or vegetables for the canning program may contact her, Mrs. Dority states.

The Amalgamated Sugar company has agreed to add its support to the project and produce will be canned at Allen's Cannery in Fruitland.

## Census Enumerators Request Cooperation

Mrs. Ellen Bowers, census crew leader for the south part of Malheur county requests that residents of her district try to cooperate with enumerators on return calls.

When the census taker calls the first time and finds no one at home, she will leave a slip which will contain her name and the time that she will return to that residence. Mrs. Bowers requests that every effort be made to keep that appointment, but if impossible, asks that residents contact the enumerator and make arrangements for a return call. Census enumerators do not get paid for return visits.

## Two Winners Named At Bank Days Event

Names drawn this week at Nyssa Bank Days event were Alice Lasley of Nyssa for the \$100 jackpot prize; H. G. (Pat) Parker of route 2, Nyssa, for the \$10 second prize, and Fred Deffer, route 1, Nyssa, for third prize of \$5.

Alice Lasley was on hand to collect the \$100 jackpot prize and Deffer was also present to receive third prize of \$5. The jackpot prize will revert to \$50 next week.

## Chamber Hears Proposed Change In Tuesday Event

At the Wednesday noon meeting Chamber of Commerce members heard a report on the markings to be used at turn-offs from U. S. highway 30 in Oregon, were told of changes in the give-away Bank Days program for Tuesday afternoon, and witnessed a short film on the Oregon Wagon Train in its westward trek.

## Nyssa Undesignated on Highway

Hubert Leuck, who attended the highway meeting in Ontario Wednesday morning, noted that at no place along the new freeway of U. S. 30 would there be any signs telling travelers where to turn off to Vale and Nyssa or how or when to leave the speedway to get on these routes. He said only intersecting highways were to be marked and the towns nearest on each side of the intersecting highway.

Fred Bracken, reporting for the merchants' promotion committee, said that as soon as certificates could be printed the Tuesday cash give-away day would be changed to coupons to be used only at places of merchants participating in the program. No other changes were anticipated, he said.

## Film Shows Local Scene

The Oregon Wagon Train film was furnished through courtesy of New York Life Insurance company and showed numerous shots along the 3000-mile journey. One of these scenes was at the Nyssa bridge on the Snake river crossing.

One guest, Irvin Miller, candidate for the Republican nomination for Malheur county sheriff, was present.

## Nyssa Co-op Has Personnel Change

Effective last Friday, April 1, Ernie Metcalf of Napa, Calif., replaced Ed Mason as manager of the Nyssa Cooperative Supply.

Mason, who has been manager of the company for the past two years had asked to be relieved of the managerial duties that he might spend more of his time in the field serving the farmers.

Metcalf is no stranger to the county nor to this type of work, as he spent ten years as manager of the Vale Consumers Co-op from 1946 to 1956 when he moved to California to go into the grocery business for himself.

He says that he plans no changes in personnel and will strive to continue giving the same courteous, friendly service as has been rendered in the past.

The new manager has a daughter, Mrs. Dorrance Staudage, living in Vale and a 17 year old daughter, De-Ena, who is a senior in high school in Napa. She and Mrs. Metcalf will move here following the end of school.

## C. Steffens Receives Plaque for Service To Community Youth

The Idaho youth and government committee presented Chas. Steffens with a service plaque Friday night at the annual youth and government banquet in Boise.

The award was made for Mr. Steffens' long and continuous service to the youth of the community through the YMCA. Miss Afton Bittion of Idaho Falls received an award for ten years of YWCA service.

Steffens, who has the longest service in the northwest area, first began working with boys YMCA clubs in 1941. He is advisor of the local Hi-Y group in Nyssa high school.

Four delegates from the Nyssa club who attended the two day legislative conference are Dean Sisson, Harry Nakashima, Michael Wilson and Forest Huffman.

## Christianity Is Basis For Easter Parades

First Easter parades weren't the fashion shows pictured by Irving Berlin in his popular song but were the celebration of a new life by early Christians.

The custom of wearing new clothes on Easter Sunday began when the newly baptized Christians were clothed in garments of white linen to represent the purity in their new way of living. It represented a uniform of cleanliness in their living and they gladly displayed themselves.

Researchers with World Book Encyclopedia report that baptism has always been closely associated with Easter. Just as the Resurrection represents the new life of Christ, so baptism signifies the initiation of the believer into a new life.

In the early church, Lent was the annual preparation for baptism and the sacrament was celebrated on Holy Saturday during the Easter vigil.

Eventually, all Christians began to dress for a colorful parade through the streets, bringing much joy to the clothing manufacturers.

The same authority notes that the rabbit may have become a symbol of Easter because of the moon. Some ancient people thought the rabbit a symbol of the moon and it controls the date of Easter.

In Belgium and France, church bells are said to deliver Easter eggs. One legend says that the bells, which do not ring from Good Friday to Easter, fly to Rome, return on Easter and drop their eggs.

## Owyhee Irrigation Boards Raise 1960 Water Allotment to 4 1/2 Acre Feet; Set April 11 as Date to Fill System Canals

### 210,000 Acre Feet Flow Into Owyhee Lake During March to Provide Welcome Increase

The Owyhee Project Board of Control, at their Tuesday meeting, raised the water allotment from four acre feet to four and one-half acre feet and set April 11 (this coming Monday) as the date water would be turned into the canals for the 1960 irrigation season.

The announcement was made Wednesday by Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control. He said this allotment is for all lands served by irrigation water from the Owyhee reservoir which includes the Owyhee Irrigation district, Ridgeview Irrigation district, new lands of the Gem Irrigation district, and all lands under the older pump districts which are served with gravity water from the canals of the North and South Boards of Control.

## Runoff Doubles Anticipation

House said the increase was made possible by the runoff into the reservoir during the month of March. This measured 210,000 acre feet and was nearly double the anticipated flow for this period. Of this total 39,440 acre feet were in the past week and totaled less than half of the week before when 87,000 acre feet were recorded. The decrease was caused by temperatures being much lower than the earlier week.

Snow in elevations below 6000 feet had melted by April 2 when the aerial snow markers were observed but there is still considerable snow at the upper elevations.

## Snow Averages 89% Normal

Snow water content at higher snow courses increased during the month. Silver City has 32 inches of snow with 13.2 inches water content; South mountain, 22 and 8.7 inches; and Jack's peak at an elevation of 8420 feet has 68 and 23.5 inches. The snow at 15 upper elevation courses averages 89 percent of normal for April 1.

House said an additional inflow of 250,000 acre feet into the reservoir was expected between now and July 1. Total acre feet in the reservoir on April 6, 1960, was 491,670, compared with 532,670 a year ago.

## Mitchells Return From Portland

Two of Nyssa's long time residents returned "home" last week, following a five year "visit" in the Portland area, when Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell moved back into the Brendle duplex at 412 Reece Avenue.

Mitchell was the first and only manager of the present bank from the time of its organization in 1937 until his retirement approximately five years ago when he was replaced by Leonard Hewett.

Following his retirement he went to "visit" in the Portland area and failed to return home for quite a "spell". While there he helped organize an independent bank in Milwaukee and served as its manager for about a year.

When Mitchell retired and left for Portland he was living in the same place he now occupies. Welcome home folks!

## Churchmen Plan Migrant Ministry Summer Program

The Malheur county Migrant Ministry committee met Friday afternoon at the Methodist church in Nyssa, with Miss Sarah Hall Goodwin, Oregon migrant ministry director.

The 1959 program was summarized and plans for 1960 were discussed. On April 20 at 10:30 a.m. a workshop conducted by Miss Goodwin for volunteer workers in the migrant ministry summer program and for anyone interested will be held in St. Matthews Episcopal church in Ontario. A general discussion of the migrant and his problems is to be held in the morning and group planning discussions in the afternoon.

Those present at the Nyssa meeting included the Reverends Douglas Burgoyne, Collis Blair and Donald Steiner, Ontario; the Rev. Robert McNeil of Vale; Mrs. William Schireman, Mrs. W. W. Foster, Mrs. Raymond Sager, Mrs. E. A. Laming, the Rev. and Mrs. Augusto Verseau, the Reverends Paul Ludlow, Earl Hastings and William Woodman, all of Nyssa.

## BENNETT ATTENDS LEGION MEETING IN PORTLAND

State Commander of the American Legion, Fred E. Bennett left for Portland Sunday afternoon to attend to Legion business. He will visit posts in other towns in the western part of the state prior to his return on April 11.

## City Commission Approves Changes Of Streets, Alleys

At the March 31 meeting, members of the City Planning commission approved a request for a change in the parking on the south side of Wilson's Super Market, subject to certain conditions, agreed with a request for the vacation of a certain alley in Park addition; and heard the commission secretary report that cost of curbing, guttering and paving the portion of Main street from the underpass to Snake river was being studied. The commission deferred action on zoning pending appointment of new members to replace those whose terms had expired.

The matter of the change in parking on south side of Wilson's Super Market was the result of a written request from the market asking the city to "remove the parking adjacent to their building on Good avenue side and to pave and curb to the sidewalk for either diagonal or parallel parking."

The commission approved the plan subject to the following conditions: "That the parking be removed on both sides of Good avenue from Second to Third street in line with the curb east of Second between First and Second." This would allow removal of approximately nine feet of parking and thereby make a wider sidewalk area and permit parallel or diagonal parking.

The secretary stated that he had received a verbal request to vacate "the east-west alley half in block 33, Park addition, lying between lots 6 through 10, inclusive, and lot 5." The vacation was recommended.

The secretary informed the commission that the council was unable to act upon their recommendations at the last meeting due to other pressing business and that further study would be given them and they would be acted upon at the April meeting.

## Robert G. Ingram Issues Statement On Sheriff Post

By Robert "Bob" Ingram  
I believe I am well qualified for the office of Malheur county sheriff. A life-time resident of the county and thoroughly familiar with its problems, I have



ROBERT "BOB" INGRAM  
... Chief Seeks Sheriff Title

spent the last 13 years as a peace officer, 12 as police chief of Vale.

During that time I have attended a number of advanced FBI training schools and various other law enforcement courses. I have worked closely with various police agencies, including county, state and federal offices.

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## WEATHER ...

| Date     | Max. | Min. | Prec. |
|----------|------|------|-------|
| March 30 | 54   | 42   | .03   |
| March 31 | 45   | 35   | .93   |
| April 1  | 56   | 33   | —     |
| April 2  | 66   | 38   | —     |
| April 3  | 70   | 36   | —     |
| April 4  | 76   | 41   | —     |
| April 5  | 79   | 42   | —     |
| April 6  | —    | 45   | —     |

Owyhee Lake Storage  
March 30, 1960... 452,230 Acre Ft.  
April 6, 1960... 491,670 Acre Ft.  
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