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April 16 Freeze Causes Extensive Damage to Fruit and Field Crops; 30 Percent of Sugar Beets Ruined

With the thermometer reading 25 for Saturday night, April 16, Nyssa experienced the coldest night on record by 4 degrees for that time of year. This late freeze killed out about 8000 acres of sugar beets, representing about 30 percent of the total crop in the area, did extensive damage to fruit side, and did lesser damage to some field crops throughout the area.

Local Groups Plan Study for Area Ambulance Use

A study is being made by representatives of the city, Malheur Memorial hospital and the rural fire department to determine the feasibility of making ambulance service available in the area.

Representing the city is Walker Low; the hospital, Hubert Christensen; and Frank Sherwood, the rural fire department. They have met on the matter and worked out some of the details necessary to a successful plan.

The proposed plan would entail a joint subsidy for a part of the cost for the first year. At the end of that time the three organizations would review operations for the year and try to determine if the service could be continued, and what changes, if any, should be made.

Another meeting will be held April 26, and any parties who might be interested in operating the ambulance are asked to contact any of the three men representing the organizations.

Science Students Receive Grant From Local Union

A \$100 scholarship has been granted students of Nyssa high school who study under the Junior Engineers and Scientists Summer Institute in Oregon colleges.

The grant was made by the Nyssa beet sugar refinery employees, local union No. 22918.

Each year Nyssa students receive specialized training in summer science and engineering courses and it is sometimes at a considerable financial sacrifice to the family.

Charles Steffens, Nyssa high school science instructor, states that Forrest Huffman plans to attend JESSI this summer and there may be others. They will be recipients of the scholarship monies.

The high school science club wishes to express appreciation to the local sugar refinery union for the generous grant and interest in conscientious students.

Nyssa Policeman Clem DeVinaspre To Resign May 1

After seven continuous years on the Nyssa police force, patrolman Clement ("Clem") Lopez De Vinaspre, has tendered his resignation to become effective May 1, 1960.

De Vinaspre's letter to the city officials dated April 15, 1960 reads as follows: "Gentlemen; Please accept my resignation as patrolman effective by May 1, 1960.

"I have enjoyed my employment with the city during the past seven years and particularly the opportunity of serving under Chief of Police E. L. Hansen." Yours truly, Clement Lopez De Vinaspre.

De Vinaspre says his plans are not fully complete but that he will be working in Boise and that it will not be police work.

Mrs. De Vinaspre is employed at the Malheur Memorial hospital in Nyssa.

Chest X-ray Unit Slated May 6-7 Filming in Nyssa

Mary Johnson of the county health office in Ontario met Friday morning at the Methodist church with a group of local women to discuss plans for the Oregon state board of health chest x-ray unit that will be here soon.

The ladies were representatives of the various churches and organizations of Nyssa. Mrs. Clifford Fox has been named local chairman.

The unit is scheduled to be in Nyssa, Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. On May 6 it will be at the Nyssa labor camp from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on May 7 it will be located on Main street in front of the Idaho Power office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Small Fry Claim Easter Hunt Prizes



SHOWN HERE are Timmy Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton, and Freddy Richter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Richter, as they received prizes at Schoen studios Saturday. Presenting the gifts is Miss Nancy Hill, an employee at Schoen's. The lads were recipients of two of the 274 prizes given by 43 local merchants at the Jaycee-sponsored annual Easter egg hunt Saturday in Nyssa south park.

No Winners Tuesday At Bank Days Event

Names drawn this week at Nyssa bank days event were Dick Stam of route 1, Fruitland, for the \$50 jackpot prize; Cecil O. Smith of Adrian, for the \$10 second prize; and Clyde Bybee of route 2, Nyssa, for third prize of \$5.

There were no winners. The jackpot prize will climb to \$100 next week.

Local Feed Dealer Plans Area Survey By FFA Students

Dwight Wyckoff, manager of Farmers Feed and Seed company, Nyssa, announced Monday that his firm was planning to conduct a market survey of farmers and stockmen of this area, with the possibility in mind of establishing a new related industry in the area.

Among the questions to be asked are: "What services are you now receiving from your feed and seed dealer? What services, not received, do you think would be desirable? How much grain do you raise; how much do you buy? Are you interested in diversifying your operations for additional sources of income? Would you be interested in a hay pellet mill in this area?"

Wyckoff says his firm had secured the services of the Nyssa FFA chapter to make the survey, which is to begin Monday, April 25. He said he felt they were a worthy organization that would do the job efficiently and that at the same time it would provide them with funds needed to send their two delegates to the national convention in Kansas City, or aid in the cost of putting on the annual father and son banquet.

There are about 40 FFA boys who will be taking part in this program, calling on each of their nearest neighbors, on their own time. Their survey will cover about the same area as in the Nyssa school district, according to Carl Devin, ag instructor. The answers will be held in strict confidence and cooperation of farmers called on will be appreciated, Wyckoff said.

Outgoing, Incoming FFA Officers to Aid Market Survey



SHOWN ABOVE is Carl Devin, agriculture teacher in Nyssa high school, together with the old officers and the newly elected of the Future Farmers of America chapter. They are a part of the 40 boys who will begin a market survey for a local firm this Monday. They plan to use the funds for delegate expense to the national convention in Kansas City. Seated, left to right, are Skipper Nakashima, George Jones, Jim Farmer, Dave Moore, Reed Patterson and David Hill. In the back row are Andrew Child, Will Hust, John Peterson, Instructor Devin, Dean Sisson and Gary Price.

Nyssa Bank Days Change Planned; Certificates Slated

The Tuesday Bank Days program is due to undergo a drastic change in the very near future. Where cash has been given before, certificates will be issued good for merchandise only at participating stores. At a meeting Wednesday of quite a number of merchants who have been supporting the program, it was voted to buy some flags to be displayed in front of the places of business on Tuesdays, identifying the establishment as a participant.

The flags can be made and painted "Bank Day Member" for approximately \$2 each. Most of the stores have flag poles of uniform height to which these can be attached. (Since JCC members are furnishing flags in most cases now, the old poles can be used for this new purpose.)

If it is necessary to get a new pole, they can be secured at a very modest cost. Not only will the flags identify the places where certificates can be redeemed, they will help dress up the town when properly displayed.

Bank Day members stressed that the program was open to all merchants of Nyssa and those not now belonging could get information they would need from any present participating member.

Thespians Discuss Play Presentation



PLOTTING STRATEGY last week during final preparations for the Nyssa junior class play being presented this week are cast members, kneeling left to right, Mike Wilson, Carolyn Horn, Peggy Yost; standing, Harlan Sager, Karen Ellis, David Moore, Richard Krause and Reed Patterson.

Viewers Acclaim Junior Class Play; Second Staging Set Tonight at NHS

"It was one of the funniest plays I've seen in ages," and "I was able to hear every line," were typical audience comments heard by Director Clyde Swisher following opening performance of the junior class arena-style play "Lo and Behold" Tuesday evening at Nyssa high school.

Tonight's performance is set for a prompt 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Limited seating is offered in order to maintain the intimacy of the arena method of staging. Tickets are available at the door; patrons are warned that latecomers will not be seated until the first intermission.

The comedy "Lo and Behold" tells of Milo Alcott (Reed Patterson) who dies, but finds no peace in the house he has willed to himself as a sanctuary for his spirit. He is pestered by three spirits who also want to share his home (Carolyn Horn, Mike Wilson and Peggy Yost).

Others in the cast who tend to frustrate the "dead" man are Harlan Sager, Karen Ellis, Harlan Krause and Dave Moore.

Nyssa C of C Hears President Corbett On Aims of JCC, Solon Flegel Propose 'Merit' Pay Plan for Oregon Teachers

Members of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce heard JCC State President "Corky" Corbett of Burns and Al Flegel, Roseburg, member of the legislative education interim committee make short talks at the Wednesday noon meeting.

Corbett explained that the Junior Chamber of Commerce had no connection with the Chamber of Commerce and that they were referred to as "junior" merely due to the age limits, 21-35, restricting active membership.

He said the main objective of the organization was training members for leadership and trying to instill the sense of responsibility necessary for citizens to have in our form of government. Cited as a danger to our form of government is the apathy of qualified voters when in a presidential year only 60 percent vote and in off years there are quite frequently only 25 percent voting.

Relates Educational Problems

Flegel, besides being a member of the interim education committee, has served three terms as representative for his county and owns a trucking concern in Roseburg. He was introduced by Emil Stunz as a Democratic delegate at large to the national convention.

He told of some of the problems he felt were facing education in the state of Oregon, and said that it was the responsibility of the state, and not the national government, to give equal educational opportunity to all citizens of the state. He further said that he very much doubted that we were paying as much property tax as we could, but that we were comparing the number of dollars we spend for taxes now as against those spent before inflation cut the value of the dollar so much.

Advocates 'Merit' Pay System

The greater part of the time was spent by Flegel telling why he felt that a "merit" pay system was so essential to getting good teachers in Oregon schools. He told of some schools that had adopted the plan in some form or other and quoted from studies made by the New England School Development council which had made a study of teacher competence and its relation to salary.

Suggests Wider Salary Range

Flegel cited findings from the Rockefeller Fund report in which it said, "As important as the level of pay is the fact that promotional policy for our school system is routine and depends more on seniority and training than on merit, and the top salary is not sufficiently above the bottom salary to constitute an incentive."

Other guests at the luncheon were Tully A. Griffin, Democratic candidate for Malheur county treasurer, and a representative of the Shell Oil company.

Final Pre-School Meeting Slated Tuesday Evening

A second and final pre-school meeting will be held Tuesday, April 26, at 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the primary school building. The first session was held Monday night.

The meetings, sponsored by the PTA with Mrs. W. A. Barton as chairman, were especially planned to be of informational value to parents who have children entering the first grade next September, that is, children who will be six years old on or before Nov. 15.

A first grade teacher panel will briefly review such areas of interest as (1) What is readiness? (2) Do we have a phonetic program? (3) What is the basic reading program? (4) developing readiness for number concepts; (5) manuscript writing and (6) other activities such as art, PE, music, science and social studies.

Everyone will be invited to ask questions, to browse through the primary building and to look over instructional materials in use.

ATTENDS PORTLAND MEET

Walter L. McPartland, Nyssa school superintendent, will leave Saturday to attend a superintendent meeting in Portland. His family will accompany him and will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jenkins, former Nyssans, in West Linn.

Physicians Tell Of Future Plans; Hughes to Leave

Official announcement was made Tuesday that Dr. Grant B. Hughes had sold his equipment to Dr. David W. Sarazin and would be leaving for Salem, Ore., some time in June.

Dr. Hughes will take extensive training in psychiatry to prepare for child guidance work. This study will be taken at Salem State hospital.

Dr. Sarazin, who has been associated with Dr. K. A. Danford and Dr. K. E. Kerby of the Sarazin clinic for the past two years, will move to the Dr. Hughes office at 2 North Main street May 1 and will be associated with Dr. Hughes until he leaves for Salem.

Dr. Hughes came to Nyssa in the spring of 1955, following a tour in the Naval Medical corps ending in Hawthorne, Nev., and has been in the same location here all the time. He has been president of the county medical society, has served as county chairman of the Republican central committee and is county health officer at the present time.

He has also been quite active in church and civic affairs in the community. Dr. and Mrs. Hughes say they look forward to the new work that he will be engaged in but that they regret having to leave the many friends they have made here.

Dr. Sarazin, having been born and reared in Nyssa, needs no introduction to people in this area.

Area Scout Council Annual Dinner Set April 23 at Ontario

The Ore-Ida Scout council annual potluck dinner will be held at the Ontario high school Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The dinner is for all unit leaders and committeemen.

Election of officers will be held. Arvel Child of Nyssa has been chosen by the nominating committee for council president for the coming year, according to Sid Tate of Payette.

There will be a 50th anniversary show presented by Scout units of Nyssa and Ontario.

Legion Dinner Set Saturday Night To Honor Bennett

Fred E. Bennett, departmental commander of the Oregon American Legion, will be honored at a party at the Moore hotel this Saturday night, April 23. The event is being sponsored by Legion posts of Vale, Ontario, Adrian and Nyssa, with the latter acting as host.

Many Legion dignitaries from throughout Oregon have made plans to attend along with Legionnaires, their wives and auxiliary members.

The party will start with a social hour from 6 to 7, to be followed with a banquet at 8 and a short program, with dancing to start about 9 o'clock. Jim "Windy" Wilkins of La Grande will serve as master of ceremonies.

Bennett has climbed the American Legion steps from being Nyssa post commander on through the district leadership to vice commander and commander of the state of Oregon. His term will expire the first part of July when his successor will be elected at the state convention.

County Cancer Unit Sponsors Vaudeville Show Next Thursday

Bob Humphreys, chairman of the Malheur county unit of the American Cancer society, has asked the Journal to announce that the unit will sponsor a fund-raising vaudeville show Thursday, April 28, at 8 p.m. in the Ontario high school auditorium.

The show will feature "Top Talent from Treasure Valley." Clint Bellows, well known vocalist, will perform as well as the newly formed barbershop quartet, Ontario chapter.

According to Humphreys, in addition there will be singing, dancing and instrumental acts especially selected to perform in this vaudeville presentation.