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Idaho Canning Company Operations Traced Through Planting, Harvest, Plant Corn Processing for Shipment

The Idaho Canning company plant of Nyssa is in full production canning maize. We commonly call it corn but, according to Encyclopedia Britannica, this is not good usage since corn is synonymous with "grain," and may be applied to any cereal, in many countries.

Anyway, the local canning company is running "full blast" and putting up an enormous amount of sweet corn. According to Bob Moss, Payette, assistant manager of Idaho Canning plants, the plant in Nyssa can put up in four 10-hour shifts more corn than the entire state of Idaho will normally use in one year. It will put up 25 tons of corn in one hour and can process 100 acres each 24-hour day. These figures make the housewife's job of canning the family supply of corn seem rather puny.

Nyssa Carloads Lead Malheur Potato Shipments

Carlot shipments of potatoes from Malheur county from Wednesday of last week through Tuesday of this week total 95 cars, bringing total shipments to 927 cars for the year, compared with 1519 cars at this same time in 1959.

As usual, over two-thirds of the total shipped from the county is from Nyssa, with 687 cars, and the balance of 240 from Vale and Ontario.

Tom Jones, local freight agent, called the Journal's attention to the fact that Tuesday of this week shipments totaled 23 cars while last year the harvest was near enough completed that only six cars went out on the corresponding date.

Onion shipments are still above those of last year at this time. Shipments in 1960 are 31 to date as compared with 27 for last year at this time.

U. S. Department of Agriculture report No. 31, dated Sept. 6 from Caldwell reported, "Harvesting moderate, U. S. No. 1, demand exceeds supply; market stronger on U. S. No. 2, demand fair, market steady. Price to growers: Russets No. 1, \$3.15 to \$3.25 and for No. 2, \$1.10 to \$1.25.

Agriculture Census Shows Malheur Farm Averages 764 Acres

The 1959 census of agriculture, conducted in Malheur county last fall, counted 1,993 farms, according to a preliminary report just issued by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. Total land in farms was 1,523,214 acres. Average size of farm was 764.3 acres. The average value of farms (land and buildings) in the county was \$47,689.

Of the county's farm operators, 1,212 owned their farms, 461 owned part of the land and rented additional acreage, and 308 were tenant farmers.

Average age of farm operators in the county was 48.6 years and there were 265 farm operators 65 or more years of age.

Of the 1,993 farms in the county, 1,708 were commercial farms.

Detailed statistics on crops, livestock, equipment, etc., are presented in the preliminary report, with comparable statistics for 1954. Copies of the county report may be obtained for 10 cents from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.

'Knowledge: It's Up to You' Message Conveyed to Students by Nyssa Mayor

By MAYOR GRANT RINEHART

Education can be defined as the training of man's body, the formation of his character, the cultivation of his mind, and the manner in which these are related to one another.

In a democracy, such as ours, one of the greatest demands is knowledge of government or political science. Without this knowledge by each member of a democracy, there can be nothing but internal decay through misuse of government and the end result would be failure of our government. This must be a responsibility of each individual.

The second responsibility of an individual is a choice of vocation. At least the general field of vocation should be chosen during the years of senior high school, and as much use made of all available knowledge in this chosen field.

Some Will Accept Challenge

From this phase of education, many individuals will have the opportunity and some few will accept the challenge of increasing the knowledge in their vocation, for the growth and betterment not only of themselves but of the society in which they live.

A vocational education alone cannot fully develop their common humanity. It is not adequate to make them good as men, as citizens or as children of God. In fact, a vocational education alone will tend to make rote animals of the educated, with no interests other than their work and then only an unsatisfactory, monotonous existence.

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Operation Larger Than Realized
The operation is much larger than the Journal writer expected to find, and since the operation lasts only about one month out of each year it is doubtful if many Nyssa residents realize how large it is.

Moss took the writer on a conducted tour of the plant and it is understandable why it is mechanized on such a large scale. He informed us that the best corn in the world was grown right here in the valley and that it needed to be processed in a hurry once it was ready.

Idaho Canning company has another plant at Payette. It was constructed in 1903 to can peas originally, but soon began the canning of corn and this operation eventually replaced the other when it became known that the quality of the corn grown here was unsurpassed.

The Nyssa factory was erected in 1946 and over the years has been gradually increased in size approximately 50 percent. Production of corn in the area has also risen that amount without a corresponding increase in acreage. The two plants are owned by a closed corporation with Bob Moss and his father being among the largest stockholders.

Fieldmen Aid Farmers
Field representatives are continually working to aid farmers who contract corn with the company. The growers use Golden Cross seed produced by the company and are told when to plant their fields in order that the corn will mature at different times and keep a steady supply at harvest time.

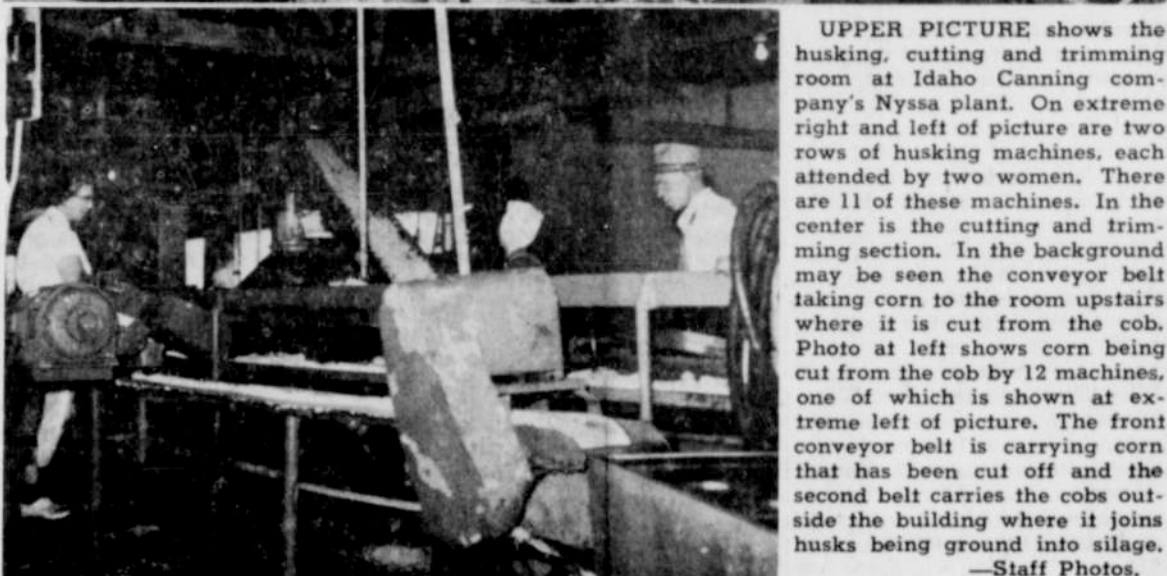
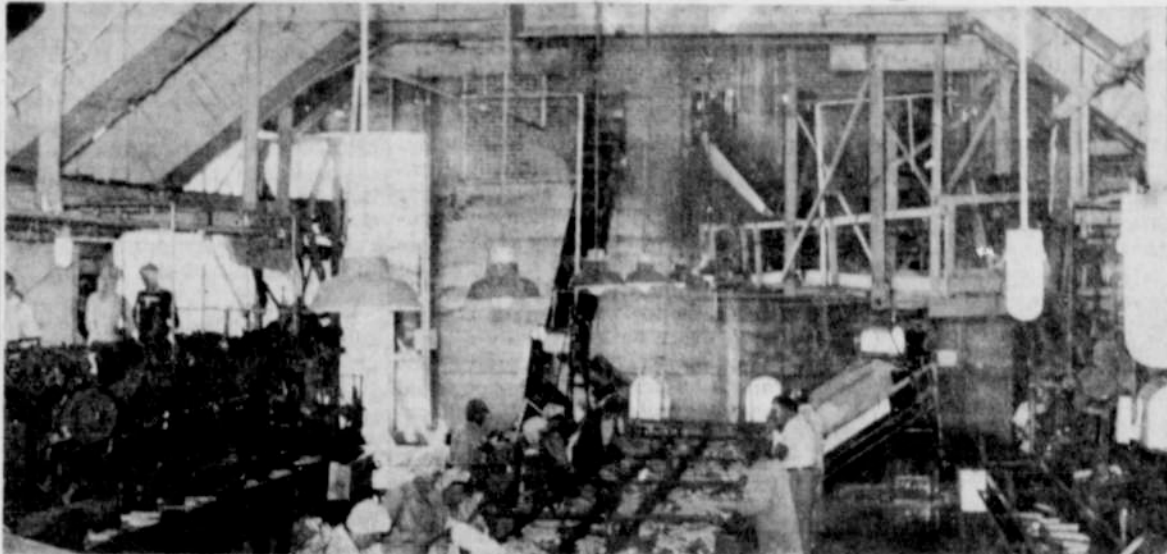
The fieldman also tells the farmer when to water his crop, when (Continued on Page 7)

Ralph Lowe Claims \$10 Bank Days Award

Names drawn this week at Nyssa Bank Days event were Joseph J. Montague, route 2, Parma, for the \$150 jackpot prize; Ralph Lowe, 709 North Second, Nyssa, \$10 second prize and Ora E. Clark, Nyssa, for third prize of \$5.

Lowe was present in a participating store to claim his award. Next week the jackpot will advance to the maximum of \$200.

Corn Season Canning in Full Operation



UPPER PICTURE shows the husking, cutting and trimming room at Idaho Canning company's Nyssa plant. On extreme right and left of picture are two rows of husking machines, each attended by two women. There are 11 of these machines. In the center is the cutting and trimming section. In the background may be seen the conveyor belt taking corn to the room upstairs where it is cut from the cob. Photo at left shows corn being cut from the cob by 12 machines, one of which is shown at extreme left of picture. The front conveyor belt is carrying corn that has been cut off and the second belt carries the cobs outside the building where it joins husks being ground into silage. —Staff Photos.

Nyssa AFS Group Meets to Discuss Student Exchange

Members of Nyssa chapter of American Field service met at Brownie's cafe at noon Aug. 27. Attending the meeting were Gene Chester, Bob Thompson, Bill Russell, Mary Sallee, Joe Bellon, Tom Jones, Clarice Poor, Duane Holcomb, Fred Arai, Evelyn Newman, Pat Wright, Harlan Sager, Mrs. Max Urry, Walter McPartland, Jack Meyers, Frank Wilson, Gene Stunz, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rinehart and Lena Kalaya, exchange student from Greece who is making her home with the Rineharts, under the AFS program.

The American Field service is a private, non-profit, educational organization, whose purpose is furthering of understanding and good will among peoples of the world. It carries out this purpose by bringing teenage students from abroad to study in American high schools and preparatory schools and to live with American families and communities for a year. AFS also sends American teenagers abroad to live with families and attend school for two to five months.

The AFS was founded in 1914 as a volunteer ambulance corps and served with the allied forces in both World War I and II. Its peacetime program of international exchange on the teenage level was founded in 1947, the summer program in 1950 and the school program in 1957.

Discussed at the recent meeting were qualifications for the AFS Americans abroad. The group is hoping that some student will meet those qualifications and have the desire to study in a foreign country.

Candidates must be at least 16 years of age by June 30, 1960, must have studied a foreign language for two years by June 1960. Latin is considered a foreign language. (Continued on Page 7)

Legion Auxiliary Unit Receives Awards

Mrs. C. M. Pounds, delegate to the recent state convention, presented Legion auxiliary members with various awards when they met in regular session Thursday evening. These awards were given to her at the convention in Seaside to be presented to the Nyssa unit. They consisted of certificate of meritorious service, history award and certificate recognizing outstanding achievement in the poppy program.

During the business portion of the meeting held at community hall, tentative plans were made for a smorgasbord to be held during pheasant season. Plans were made to attend district conference in Adrian Sept. 21.

The civil defense committee urged all members to see, if possible, the Boise air raid shelter.

Missing the pot-of-gold when their names were drawn were Ellen Brown, Kay Wheeler and Jeanine Lytle. None were on hand to claim their winnings.

Onion Growers To Host National Meeting Oct. 7-8

The National Onion association is formulating plans to meet in Ontario Oct. 7 and 8. Heading up a local committee to make arrangements for the two-day meeting are Tom Iseri and Joe Komoto of Ontario, reports Fred Hagelstein, Malheur county extension agent.

A meeting of onion producers and shippers organizations of eastern Oregon and western Idaho was recently held in Ontario, Iseri and Komoto made committee assignments for local arrangements at that time.

Some 150 national association members are expected to attend the two-day meet. This will be the third year that local producer and shipper associations have hosted a National Onion association meeting.

Committee chairmen for the Oct. 7-8 meeting include Roy Hirai, Nyssa, registration; George Sugai, Payette, banquet; and Bob Burns, Nampa, transportation. The entertainment committee is headed by Jerry Stone of Parma. Publicity will be handled by Fred Hagelstein and Ralph McDonald, Parma.

Other committee chairmen include decorations, Tom Moore of Nyssa, and special guest invitations, Jerry Stone, Charles Burns and Joe Komoto.

Growers to Receive Potato Price Bonus From Ore-Ida Plant

Growers will receive 25 cents per hundredweight bonus on all No. 2 grade Russet variety potatoes on contract to Ore-Ida Potato Products, Inc. The bonus will be paid on the date of the last payment on the contracts.

The voluntary bonus was announced this week by F. Nephri Grigg, Ore-Ida president, as a help to area growers whose crops were damaged by late spring frosts causing a greater percentage of No. 2 grade potatoes which are contracted at cheaper prices.

Total prices on contracts are arrived at by percentage of No. 1 and No. 2 potatoes harvested. Total bonus to growers is estimated to be about \$150,000.

PTA MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

Nyssa PTA meeting was scheduled to be held Sept. 8 (tonight), but according to Mrs. Lester Cleaver, president, has now been postponed until Thursday night, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m.

WEATHER . . .

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Aug. 31	90	52	—
Sept. 1	88	48	—
Sept. 2	88	56	—
Sept. 3	94	55	—
Sept. 4	76	58	.38
Sept. 5	78	48	—
Sept. 6	74	48	—
Sept. 7	—	50	—

Owyhee Lake Storage
Sept. 7, 1960 — 217,510 Acre Ft.
Sept. 7, 1959 — 179,760 Acre Ft.

Chamber of Commerce Speaker Lists Possibilities of Owyhee Development; Oct. 8-9 Dedication Plans Discussed

Lloyd Russell, president of Owyhee Lake resort, was guest speaker at the Wednesday noon meeting of Nyssa Chamber of Commerce. He is quite enthusiastic about Malheur county's future and especially the recreational possibilities.

He said the greatest needs to develop the possibility of the Owyhee lake area were: (1) a decent road to the lake and (2) many more overnight accommodations in the surrounding towns.

Russell told of the Malheur county exhibit at the state fair in 1957 and said that the people inquiring of the area were not interested in the farms and crops produced but were asking about fishing, hunting, rock hunting and beautiful scenery. We can expect a feature article in the Saturday Evening Post in the near future, he said, as one of its writers had recently spent a day and night in the Owyhee reservoir area.

Park Dedication Planned

Plans are being made for state highway and state park officials to be guests of the county at the lake and to attend a dedication of the park and the erection of a commemorative plaque for a Mr. McCormick on Oct. 8 and 9.

Mr. McCormick is a deceased member of the park commission, formerly of Pendleton, and it is assumed that the park will bear his name. The road above the dam now under construction will also be completed by that time.

Ken Renstrom suggested that other towns, through the Malheur Development association, be invited to take part in the dedication ceremonies and aid in getting a large crowd out.

Association Members Named

Tom Jones said members of the new county development group representing Nyssa had been tentatively selected. They are Renstrom, Ham Chadderdon and Bill Wahlert.

Leonard Hewett reported no recent activity in the Industrial Development corporation.

Bob Allen, who recently moved here from Texas and plans erection of a bowling alley, was a guest at the meeting.

Winners Announced In Booth Competition At Malheur Fair

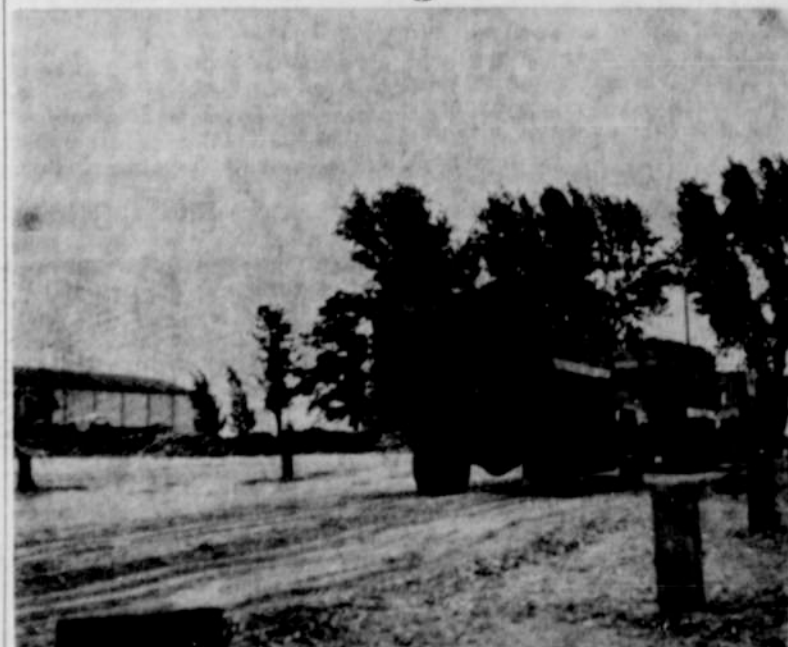
In fair booth competition at this year's Malheur county fair, in class I, blue ribbons and \$50 awards were presented to Ontario Garden club on their booth, "The Golden Touch of Midas;" Oregon Slope Grange, Vale Farm Bureau, Harper Grange, Oregon Trail Grange and Vale Grange.

Red ribbons and \$40 went to Nyssa Town and Country Garden club on their entry, "Alice in Wonderland;" Boulevard Grange, Ontario Heights Grange, Adrian Farm Bureau and Willowcreek Grange. A white ribbon and \$30 were presented to Vale Garden club on their booth, "Sleeping Beauty." Traveling trophy was awarded by Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

In classes II and III, blue ribbons and \$25 awards were presented to Malheur county library and FHA club. Red ribbons and \$20 awards went to Methodist youth fellowship and Cow Belles. White ribbons and \$15 awards were won by Pilgrim Lutheran church and Malheur 4-H leaders.

Awards of merit and \$5 were presented to Guernsey club, Holstein club, FFA, American Cancer society, Malheur Soil Conservation district, Harper Civic club and Owyhee Community church.

The Waiting Line . . .



THIS ROW OF TRUCKS loaded with corn is waiting at Idaho Canning company's Nyssa plant to unload onto the dock which can be seen in the background already filled to capacity. The corn is shoveled by tractor-dozers onto conveyor belts which carry it inside the cannery for processing. —Staff Photo.