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## 1960 Christmas Mailing Near 5-Year Average; Cash Receipts Show Gain

Cancellations at the local post office for the two weeks preceding Christmas were almost the same as for that period in 1959, according to Postmaster Lloyd W. Lewis. But total receipts for the year showed an increase over the previous year of almost 5 percent.

## Plans Discussed For Current Year At Chamber Meet

With the president and vice president being absent, Ken Renstrom presided over an informal meeting of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon. And since only 22 members were present, attendance came up for discussion.

Other items discussed included program needs, promotions to be planned for the coming year, and collecting pledges for the Eastern Oregon-Idaho Development council.

W. L. McPartland reported on a study for extending a bid to Job's Daughters for the state convention to be held in June 1962. He said his survey indicated that Ontario could house about 700 of the 1200 to 1500 girls who would be in attendance. If Nyssa were willing to plan for it and actually desired to have it here, it could be handled with the feeding being done in the school cafeteria and using school facilities for meetings. Motion was made that costs be ascertained and a bid be made for the convention.

## Ullman Appointed To House Ways, Means Committee

Congressman Al Ullman, representing the second district of Eastern Oregon, was elected Monday to the powerful Ways and Means committee of the House of Representatives. This is the first time this honor has been conferred on an Oregon Democrat.

Ullman was nominated by Congressman Wayne Aspinall of Colorado and will be representing a number of western states. Aspinall is chairman of the Interior committee on which Ullman has served during the past four years.

The Ways and Means committee is parallel to the Finance committee of the senate and deals with taxes, social security and tariffs. All tax legislation originates within the committee and one big issue that will start in it will be medical care for the aged in 1961.

The chairman, like all other key committee heads, is a southerner, Congressman Wilbur D. Mills of Arkansas.

(Editor's Note: Chairmen are elected by the parties on a seniority basis and the south's one-party system has given these key spots all to their congressmen.)

Election to this committee is determined directly by a vote of the full membership of the house. Its Democratic members also serve as the Committee on committees for the party in the house and determines assignments for all other Democrats in the house.

Because of their leadership responsibilities, members of the Ways and Means committee are prohibited from serving on any other committees. Commenting on this, Ullman said, "Even though I must leave the Interior committee, I shall continue to dedicate myself as in the past to those natural resource matters vital to my district and the west."

## Sen. Morse Reveals Telephone Expansion

The following wire was received Wednesday afternoon just before press time:

Washington, D.C.  
Jan. 4, 1961

Editor  
Globe City Journal  
Nyssa, Oregon  
Rural Electrification administration today advised it has approved loan for Owyhee Telephone company in the amount of \$166,000. This will bring dial service to 170 new subscribers and will involve construction of approximately 170 miles of new line, mostly in Malheur county. Company will also build new dial exchange building in Jordan Valley.  
Pleased to convey this news.  
WAYNE MORSE  
U. S. Senator

letter mail since 1955 had remained almost constant during the Christmas period but that increased postal rates that became effective Aug. 1, 1958, increased revenue considerably. His figures showed 1957 revenue at \$36,522.21 with 1958 up to \$41,894.62 in spite of the increased rates being in effect less than one-half of the latter year.

## Peak Reached Dec. 19

During the two-week period preceding Christmas, the office handled 89,139 pieces of letter mail with the peak being reached on Dec. 19 when 12,345 were cancelled. Lewis said the largest day each year came on Monday preceding Christmas, as apparently local greetings were mailed following their weekend preparation.

Lewis said he wished to express his thanks to patrons for earlier mailings each year, as this insured better service with less chance of delay in delivery of all classes of mail.

Receipts in the local office were furnished the Journal from 1938, when the total was only \$12,578.03, for each year through 1960. The increase was very gradual through 1943 but jumped from \$16,000 to \$22,000 in 1944, and continued a steady climb until the peak was reached in 1954 at \$40,000, with the old rates still in effect. Since that time they have been very steady around the \$37,000 mark, if based on the old rates.

## In Present Location Since 1956

Lewis was appointed postmaster in August 1944 when the office was in the building of the present gas company office. It was moved to the present location June 30, 1956. The present building is owned by W. B. Russell and leased by the government.

It was built specifically for a post office, according to government plans and specifications, and Lewis says it has worked out very well. He says he is especially pleased with the lighting arrangement as it is possible to read anywhere in the building without shadows being present. The building is also adequate to handle considerably more mail than is being done now, he said.

## Lady Psychologist Scheduled to Speak At Jan. 12 PTA Meet

Regular meeting of the Nyssa PTA will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Ruth Hocks, psychologist from Portland. According to PTA officers, her subject is yet unknown, but as a representative at the state youth conference, she was recognized as a captivating person of outstanding intelligence. She is also a past state PTA president.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis, as representatives to the conference from this area, have made arrangements for her visit here. Mrs. Hocks or the Lewis couple will report on family life and living as discussed at the conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Haburchak will be in charge of refreshments for the Thursday meeting.

PTA officials invite the public to attend what promises to be a worthwhile program.

## John Deere Day Nyssa Showing Scheduled Jan. 11

John Deere day in Nyssa, free to all area farmers and their families, is set for next Wednesday, Jan. 11, according to Les Burbank, manager of B & M Equipment's local store.

"In addition to the free lunch and factory representatives present to discuss individual problems and explain about the new tractors and farm equipment, there will be a free showing of films at Nyssa theatre starting at 1 p.m., Burbank said.  
These will be the same films shown at "Deere Day in Dallas" and will include "Men, Ideas and Tractors," a picture of the Research and Engineering center where this entire new tractor line was conceived and tested with thousands of grueling hours of field work before going into mass production.  
Another film reviews farming for the past 123 years, showing the progress in farm machinery up to the present time.

## The Large and the Small...



THESE TWO SAY they might vie for the title of largest and smallest postmasters in Oregon, or even in the United States, and they are serving in towns only 12 miles apart. The big one is Lloyd Lewis, Nyssa postmaster since 1944, who is 6-ft. 1-in. tall and says his wife accuses him of weighing 300 pounds. Ready to prove that he may be small but mighty is Glenwood Pounds, Adrian's 5-ft. 2-in. 120-lb. postmaster since 1941. Pounds recently underwent throat surgery at Mayo clinic. He now uses a battery operated apparatus manufactured by Bell Telephone Co., which he places against his throat and as his mouth forms words, the apparatus vibrates, reproducing word sounds.

## Nazarene Church Wins Grand Prize In Garden Club Lighting Competition

Nyssa Church of the Nazarene was awarded the \$20 grand prize for the best overall Christmas display in the recent contest sponsored by Town and Country Garden Club members. The winning entry was a large three-dimensional Nativity scene painting. A constantly changing floodlight threw various colors on the scene located on the church lawn.

## 1961 Dog Licenses Now Available

Owners of dogs in the city of Nyssa are reminded that licenses are now due and available at the city hall. City Manager Art Colby reports there are no changes in the cost from that of last year—male dogs, \$2; spayed females, \$2; and unspayed females, \$3.

Licenses can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and up to noon on Saturdays throughout this month and February without penalty. March 1 unlicensed dogs will be picked up and impounded for four days before being destroyed, if the license and penalty are not paid during the time of impoundment.

If applicants have the same dog as licensed last year, they may mail description, fee and old license and have the license issued, Colby said.

## All Prizes Claimed At Tuesday Drawing

Names drawn this week at Nyssa Bank Days event were Rex Nichols, route 2, Parma, \$100 jackpot prize; Minnie Leuck, 215 Emison Ave., \$10 second award; and M. Atagi, route 1, Nyssa, for third prize of \$5. All winners were present to claim their awards.

This is the first time since Oct. 25, 1960, that all prizes were given. At that time W. D. Fitzsimons, Sam Hanby and H. F. Terhune were winners.

Next week the jackpot prize will revert to \$50.

## City Manager Reviews 1960 Progress

Following are accomplishments of Nyssa city administration during 1960 as listed by City Manager Art Colby:

- \$232,300 in sewer bonds sold for improvement to the sewer system and treatment facility.
- Sewer district No. 3 formed providing sewer facilities for the entire community.
- Sewer contracts awarded. Also 1.2 miles of sewer mains and laterals constructed to date, improvements to the treatment facility approximately 20 percent complete.
- New water and sewer ordinances passed by city council. Water ordinance to provide a more acceptable meter rate. Sewer ordinance to assist in financing \$178,000 in general obligation sewer bonds.

- Supplemental water supply of 288,000 gallons per day added to water system.
- Replaced Good avenue water main (1600 feet) with new 6-inch main and improved hydrants.
- City streets expanded and improved, developed 1800 feet of new streets in Miner addition. Sealed 79,000 square yards of paved streets.
- Installed storm drains at critical points to relieve storm water flooding intersections.
- Began codification of all city ordinances to form a Nyssa Municipal code.
- Employed a full time caretaker for the cemetery.
- Installed new street lights within the city, eliminating darkened areas.

## Twyla R. Snyder First '61 Baby Born At Local Hospital

Twyla Rae Snyder, 10 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 21 inches in length, was the first baby to be born at Malheur Memorial hospital in 1961. She arrived at 11:52 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 1.

Twyla Rae is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Snyder of Route 3, Parma, residing in the Big Bend area where her father is a farmer.

She joins two brothers, Doyal, 12, and Terrill, 4; two sisters, Zonda, 13, and Zailya, 3, all of the home.

The little miss has one great-grandmother, Mrs. Ava Smith of Caldwell. Her grandmothers are Mrs. Ada Snyder of 612 Cleveland and Mrs. Clara Smith of 1519 Main, also both of Caldwell.

Twyla Rae and her parents will receive many useful gifts from Nyssa merchants, in cooperation with the hospital which contributed \$50 toward expenses and attending physician, Dr. K. E. Kerby who gave \$50 credit on delivery.

## County Officials Take Oral Oaths At Court Session

Oaths of office were administered orally to Malheur county's new slate of officers Tuesday during Circuit court proceedings. Circuit Judge Jeff D. Dorroh presided and Martin Gallagher, president of the Malheur Bar association which instigated the ceremony, introduced Robert Lytle, former circuit judge.

Following an address by Lytle, officers individually appeared before Judge Dorroh and were given an opportunity to address the audience.

Reciting the oaths of office were Homer Schnell, clerk; Jacob Fischer, commissioner; Ellis A. White, county judge; George Van Horn, treasurer; Robert G. Ingram, sheriff; and John Koopman, assessor.

Assessor John Koopman states that during the 18 years he has served the county he cannot recall such a ceremony being held. In previous years, oaths of office were signed by officials prior to taking office, Koopman said.

Pastor John Briebl of the Nyssa and Vale Lutheran churches gave the opening and closing prayers.

## Farmer's Tax Guide Booklet Available From County Agent

The 1961 edition of Farmer's Tax Guide is now available in the county agent's office located in Ontario city hall. Harry Sandquist, county agent, said this publication prepared by the U.S. Treasury department is made available without cost to assist farmers in filing income and self-employment taxes.

Even though there are only minor changes in the law, Sandquist urged farmers to consult the current regulations. He said the publication explains most of the income tax rules which apply to farmers and those who have tax questions about farming. It is written in plain language and contains numerous examples to show how the rules work in actual situations.

## WEATHER...

Date	Max.	Min.
Dec. 28	38	21
Dec. 29	36	17
Dec. 30	35	17
Dec. 31	38	19
Jan. 1	30	18
Jan. 2	37	16
Jan. 3	34	13
Jan. 4	—	12

Owyhee Lake Storage  
Jan. 2, 1961 195,090 Acre Ft.  
Jan. 2, 1960 209,490 Acre Ft.

## 161-Pint Blood Drawing Here Tuesday Falls Short of Assigned Area Quota

The Red Cross blood drive conducted in Nyssa Jan. 3 netted 161 pints, Mrs. Bob Elliott, chairman, reports. The quota for the area was 200 pints.

J. R. Winchell reached the three-gallon mark at the Tuesday drawing. Joining the list of two-gallon donors was Tony Richter. New one-gallon club members are Mrs. Ethel Dail, Nyssa, and Cecil Evans of Parma.

Mrs. Elliott said 16 prospective volunteer donors were rejected for various reasons.

Other committee members assisting with the drive were Mrs. Ralph Lawrence, secretary; Wilton Jackson, recruitment chairman; and Mrs. Harold Henigson, publicity chairman.

## Many Assist With Drawing

The blood committee wishes to thank the following for their assistance: Eagles lodge of Nyssa for sponsoring the canteen and for postage furnished for the drawing; Mmes. Chris Valdez, Manuel Defuentes, Tony Martinez, Mike Castro, Jess Martinez, Joe Rodriguez and Frank Loera, all members of the Siempre Adelante organization, for canteen work; Nyssa Lions club members Ray Larson, Don Oldmeyer, James A. Nichols, Gene Chester, Stan Newman and Everett Heldt for loading and unloading the mobile unit.

Mrs. William La Bounty and Mrs. E. D. Michaelson, typists; Mrs. K. A. Danford, Mrs. E. A. Liming and Mrs. Tom Church, registered nurses; Mmes. David Sarazin, John Broad, Jake Fischer, Robert Thompson, Muri Lancaster, Jay Bybee and Hal Henigson, nurses aides.

A. B. Boeck, M.D., of Boise was attending physician during the day.

A complete roster of donors, listed according to blood group, will appear in the Journal when records are made available by the blood center in Boise.

## Ontario Jaycees Start Fund Drive To Assist Family

According to Clint Turner, Ontario Jaycees president, that organization has started a fund drive for the family of Bert L. Chaffin, Sr., occupants of the third car in a four-car collision near Ontario the morning of Christmas eve.

Two of the Chaffin children were killed in the crash and two injured along with the parents. Mrs. Chaffin will remain a patient at Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario for some time.

The idea of the drive started, Turner said, when Mrs. Jacob Fischer of Nyssa sent a check for \$10 to the Jaycees, the amount of her winnings in the recent Town and Country Garden club lighting contest conducted in Nyssa.

The Fischer residence won first place in the best doorway display. She sent her contribution with the suggestion that it be used in a fund for the Chaffin family.

Turner told a Journal reporter that he was sure the St. Helens, Ore., and Blackfoot, Idaho, Jaycees would be interested in the project, but that he had had no confirmation from them at this time. St. Helens and Blackfoot are the family's present and former places of residence.

For the Ontario area drive, Turner asked that names and addresses of donors be included with contributions, so that an accurate record may be kept of monies received, and the Chaffin family can be provided with names of the donors.

## Committee Reports More Funds Needed For Miller Memorial

Mrs. Mark Hartley, a member of the fund committee for the Lee Miller memorial, announced this week that additional funds are still needed for the purchase of a memorial gift to be presented to Nyssa high school.

It will be remembered that friends of Mr. Miller joined together following his death Nov. 26 and decided to purchase a double dial electric clock which will be hung in the main corridor at Nyssa high school as a memorial to him for years of service at the school.

Committee members are in the process of selecting the instrument and hope to be able to present it to the school in the near future, Mrs. Hartley said.

Contributions are still being taken and may be left with Mrs. Robert Fangen at Fangen Brothers' retail shop.

## Merchants' Crime Bulletin Planned For Regular Issue

Chief of Police R. W. Love issued a Merchants' Crime bulletin dated Dec. 28, 1960, to acquaint merchants with criminal activities in the area that might have a direct bearing upon them. It is planned to issue these at least twice each month starting with this month.

The bulletins will include the names of checkwriters, shoplifters and other criminals preying on businesses in the area. Also listed will be burglary methods and safety programs.

Under the chief's notes, he defined the law in the true legal sense as "that rule of human conduct that will be enforced by the state through its tribunals and officers. Its obligations bind human beings only and its sanction proceeds by political human society."

The new chief also used the bulletin as a means of expressing his gratitude for being allowed to become a part of the community and said he and his family hoped to have a long and happy association with the people of the area.

## Classes for Adults Scheduled Jan. 9 At High School

According to W. L. McPartland, superintendent of Nyssa schools, adult classes will begin Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the high school.

Basic English, taught by Mel Calhoun, will meet in room 17; conversational Spanish, instructed by Bonita Witty, will be held in room 3; Miss Margery Nihart will conduct a combined typing and bookkeeping class in room 16 and agriculture classes will meet in room 7 with Carl Devin instructing.

There will be a \$10 fee per class for each subject which will consist of 30 hours of class work, McPartland said.

## Adult Classes Slated In Machinery Repair, Welding, Farm Law

There are still openings in the adult farmer classes being held at Nyssa high school, it was announced yesterday by Carl G. Devin, Nyssa ag instructor.

Classes are being held in beginners welding, advanced welding, farm law and farm machinery repair.

Farm law and advanced welding classes are scheduled to be held tonight, beginners welding class will meet Monday night, Jan. 9, and farm machinery repair class, Tuesday evening, Jan. 10. All classes will start at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Anyone interested in any of these courses should contact Devin at Nyssa high school, phone FR 2-3415, or call FR 2-2565 at his home.

## Area Residents Urged To Attend Education Program Set Tonight

The public is invited to attend the "Lights on for Education" program at the high school cafeteria at 8 o'clock tonight, it was announced this week by Mrs. Gene Stunz, program chairman.

This session is an opportunity for Nyssa area residents to study education and child welfare issues the 1961 Oregon legislature will be considering. Included will be such topics of interest as migrant labor education bill, school board reorganization, its duties and policies and others of which residents of the community should be aware and understand.

Program panelists will include Ralph Lawrence, Henry Zobeil, Walter McPartland and Roy Larson, with Mrs. Stunz acting as panel moderator.

This program is a part of a statewide project to focus attention on many vital education and youth legislative measures to be considered when the state legislature convenes Jan. 9 in Salem. It is being sponsored by the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, Oregon Education association and Oregon School Board association.