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## Nyssa Business Population Increases 6.7 Percent in '60, According to Survey

The business population of Nyssa increased 6.7 percent during 1960, according to recent statistics released by J. Harry White, district manager of the Portland office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. Basing his facts on a physical count of the January 1961 edition of the Dun & Bradstreet reference book, White reports that 89 business were listed for Nyssa in 1959 and today 95 businesses are listed.

## Council Discusses Juvenile Needs, Asks More Help

Many aspects of problems of juveniles in Malheur county were discussed and extent of work now being covered by Robert L. Kriner, county juvenile officer, was outlined at a meeting Jan. 12 of the Juvenile Court Advisory Council. Attending the session were some 25 representatives from combined areas of Nyssa, Ontario, Vale and Adrian, including Mrs. Robert C. Smith and Mrs. J. W. Rigney of Nyssa.

It was very apparent to all present, Mrs. Rigney reported, that it has become impossible for one man to do an adequate job in so large an area and with so many related problems to be resolved.

With this thought in mind the council went on record as recommending to the county court that a full-time secretary be hired to do the great amount of paper work connected with Kriner's office and that a full-time person be employed to serve as attendance officer. It was believed this would enable the juvenile department to serve schools in the county in an efficient manner and thus prevent much of the delinquency which comes as an aftermath of extended truancy.

Another area of emphasis discussed by the council was the matter of some kind of a detention home and school which appears to be badly needed. There seems to be a great number of children who could be kept from serious delinquency if proper measures could be taken soon enough. Eastern Oregon area has no facility whatever for providing any kind of detention. To make matters worse, Oregon's facilities in the western part of the state are badly overcrowded.

## Seed Growers Set Meeting at Adrian

Malheur Alfalfa Seed Growers will hold their annual meeting at Adrian grade school Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m., according to George Folkman, president of the group. Several specialists are slated to bring latest seed production and marketing information to the growers.

Folkman said all seed growers are invited to the meeting which will end with a business session and election of officers.

The organization reference book lists those manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers who seek or grant commercial credit but it does not include some of the service and professional businesses such as beauty and barber shops, security dealers and real estate brokers. Therefore, figures for total business would be higher than quoted in the publication.

According to White, each January business concerns in all parts of the United States are asked by Dun & Bradstreet for copies of their financial statements. This year requests are being sent to approximately three million business concerns—to the corner grocery store worth a few thousand dollars as well as to businesses worth millions.

Using the reference book listings as a guide, it is interesting to note the number of business firms in the principal communities of Malheur county:

Ontario	204
Nyssa	95
Vale	57

Back of each listing of a business in the reference book is a Dun & Bradstreet credit report. The report includes a history of the business (who owns it, who runs it and how long it has been operating), a description of what the business does and how it does it, a financial section which usually includes the latest financial statement and record of how the business pays its bills.

While credit reports are primarily used by business men who want to evaluate the credit risk of a business before shipping or selling, insurance underwriters also use credit reports to review risks, rates and coverage for fire and other types of insurance.

## Funds Still Needed For Memorial Clock; Instrument Selected

Forty-five friends of the Lee Miller family have donated to the memorial fund, it was announced this week by Mrs. Mark Hartley, a member of the fund committee.

A 12-inch diameter, double-dial Stromberg clock has been located and will be purchased through Paulus Jewelry. The instrument will be hung in the hall of Nyssa high school as a memorial to Mr. Miller who served the schools for many years as custodian.

More funds are needed, however, to meet the purchase price of the clock, Mrs. Hartley said. Those wishing to donate may leave their contribution with Mrs. Bob Fangen at Fangen Bros. Floral shop.

A complete record is being kept and all donations will be acknowledged, Mrs. Hartley added.

## Executive Group Directs PTA Activities



IN THIS PHOTO, taken at the last regular PTA meeting, Jan. 12, are members of the newly selected executive committee of Nyssa PTA. They are, left to right, Mrs. Lester Cleaver; president; Mrs. Cliff Main, secretary; Mrs. Mark Hartley, first vice president; Mrs. Ted Morgan, Arcadia area representative; Mrs. Lyle Miner, treasurer; and Mrs. Art Colby, Nyssa area representative. Another committee member, Mrs. Duane Holcomb, Oregon rail area representative, did not get in the picture.

—Photo by Schoen.

## Unlimited Progress Is Topic of Message Heard at PTA Meet

At the Jan. 12 meeting of the Nyssa PTA, guest speaker was Mrs. Ruth Hocks of Portland. She chose as the theme of her message "Unlimited Progress," with reference to factors of juvenile delinquency and what might be done to prevent it.

As a leading psychologist the speaker and her husband discussed the matter with other authorities in their field and the resulting conclusions were entitled "Unlimited Progress."

Among questions touched upon were what punishment might be dealt to parents of delinquents, should high school boys have cars, should junior high students date and the necessity of being an individualist in dealing with a child's wants.

After the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Lester Cleaver, "America" was sung and Bishop Howard Bair of the LDS church offered the invocation. Mrs. Bill Barton invited the public to attend classes that have just begun on parent and family life education. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis gave a brief report on their trip to the White House conference at Salem and thanked PTA members for sending them as delegates.

Mrs. Hocks then gave her talk and concluded the program by opening the meeting to group discussion.

Room count winners were: first grade, Mrs. Opal Alcorn; second grade, Miss Frances Bateman; third grade, Virgil Seward; fourth grade, Mrs. Elaine Nelson; fifth grade, Mrs. Hazel Lane; sixth grade, Mrs. Mary Hatt; seventh grade, James Nally; eighth grade, Irl Nolan, and seniors.

## Second Discussion Slated Tuesday Night

Family Life Education committee of Nyssa PTA will hold a second study discussion on fourth, fifth and sixth grade children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Colby Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 8:15 p.m.

Topic will be "Spurring Their Progress in School," with Mrs. Corrine Smitheran of the Ontario school system as resource leader. Mrs. W. A. Barton, chairman of the committee, emphasized that these study sessions are for both mothers and fathers. She further adds that it is not necessary to attend the whole series of meetings but urges parents to attend those sessions that are of interest to them.

## Faculty Reports Good Enrollment

Adult classes which were organized Monday, Jan. 9, at Nyssa high school started off with an enrollment of 86 in five different classes, it was announced this week by Supt. W. L. McPartland. Welding is being offered in both beginner and advanced classes with an enrollment of 13 in each class. Carl Devin is instructor. There are 12 members in farm law class under Gene Stunz.

Mrs. Bonita Witty has 17 taking her conversational Spanish course. Miss Margery Nihart has 14 adult students enrolled in bookkeeping and typing classes. Basic English class, taught by Mel Calhoun, has 17 members.

McPartland said that he and faculty members are very encouraged to see so many adults interested in some phase of schooling. Any additional class can be organized if there are 10 or more members.

## Stunz Named to Four Committees; Outline of Governor's Program Given

By Rep. Emil A. Stunz  
Salem, Oregon  
Jan. 15, 1961

Dear Readers:

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, a day long orientation meeting was held for all those who wished to attend. Development of a law from an idea to the statute books was followed through by Sam Haley, legislative council member. The information we gained will help us to expedite our work and thus speed up the end of the session.

I have been named to serve on the following committees: agriculture, financial affairs, public health and welfare, and highways, of which I am co-chairman. It was a disappointment to me not to be named to the reapportionment committee.

**Homestead Bill Introduced**  
There has been a homestead bill filed that will be of interest to many people of our county and state. It gives homestead tax exemption to elderly citizens of limited incomes. It would apply to heads of households, 70 years of age or older (an amendment of 65 years is suggested) who do not have a total income in excess of \$2500. It would provide a homestead property tax exemption not to exceed \$5000 of the true cash value of the residence.

Another prospective law is one that would establish State Forestry department work camps, to provide summer jobs for boys between the ages of 15 and 19 years.

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## Nyssa School Board Appoints Committee On Building Needs

According to Superintendent W. L. McPartland, the Nyssa school board has selected the following area residents to serve as a building committee:

Victor Haburchak, Gene Deminck, Ken Pond, Bob Holmes, John Briehl, Grant Rinehart, Gene Stunz, Lester Cleaver, Cecil Houston, John Olsen, Cliff Main, Hubert Christensen, Alan Jones.

Van Ure, Mrs. Harold Wilson, Mrs. Lloyd Lewis, Mrs. Max Urry, Mrs. Mark Hartley, Fred Arai and Kayno Saito.

Purpose of this committee is to help decide immediate building needs. Those most urgent are improvement in science facilities (at the high school, room for a guidance program and additional high school classrooms, McPartland said.

High school enrollment will grow from 320 to over 400 by school year 1962-63, the superintendent added.

## Adrian PTA Members To See Cancer Films At Tonight's Meeting

An outstanding program has been arranged for Adrian PTA when it meets Thursday evening, Jan. 19, at 8 o'clock, according to PTA officers. The meeting will be held in the recreation room of the grade school building.

The American Cancer society is furnishing two films to be shown, "To Smoke or Not to Smoke" and "The Other City." Dr. Gus Tanaka of Ontario will have charge of an open discussion period following the films. Mrs. Earl Winn, program chairman, states this is all free to the public.

Refreshment committee includes Mrs. Kenneth Price, Mrs. Robert Duncan and Mrs. Ron Zerbe, representing mothers of the third grade room.

## Nyssa's Social and Health Problems Discussed by Christian Action Group

Nyssa Christian Action and Community Service group met at the Methodist church Friday evening. Present were representatives of Parent-Teachers' association, high school, junior high and grade school, city council, city police department, nine local churches and Malheur county court.

Purpose of the meeting was three-fold: recognition of common goals which exist within all Christian groups, an attempt to evaluate and define social and health problems which exist in the Nyssa area, and to discuss ways and means of further uniting community efforts.

**Problems Enumerated**  
A report from a communicable disease release by Oregon State Board of Health revealed the following facts regarding the Nyssa area: there is a definite upswing of cases of venereal disease among teenage youth, from 1957 to 1959 there has been a 47 percent increase in births to unwed mothers, and infectious syphilis has almost doubled during the past year.

Robert Kriner, Malheur county juvenile officer, was guest speaker. He emphasized the need for more parental control of individual youth, the problems involved when these same young people are allowed an uncontrolled use of cars, and the dangers of early dating, particularly among the 12-14 year age group.

Kriner's talk was followed by a group discussion in which City Manager Art Colby outlined city policies regarding control of social problems. Colby definitely assured the group of his sincerity in trying to maintain a program of clean city government and also explained some of the existing laws regarding the present social problems.

**Police Chief Outlines Plan**  
Chief of Police Robert L. Love outlined a plan he is formulating which will work toward better control of young drivers. The Rev. John Briehl brought out the following points:

City authorities can only maintain the level of city government that is demanded by united thinking of the people. Efforts of the community must be united in recognition of the problems that exist and be consistent in working toward solving them. This idea was in contrast to what Mr. Briehl termed the "crusaders who flared up from time to time getting people all stirred up but actually accomplishing very little."

W. L. McPartland spoke briefly of the need for more parents to take active leadership in various youth programs and the consideration that needs to be given regarding the pressing need for more foster homes. He also pointed out that while Nyssa has many fine students from excellent homes there have been a number of cases where young men and women could have been saved from becoming criminals if the proper facilities had been available at the right time.

Date of the February meeting of the Christian Action and Community Service group will be announced at a later date.

## Malheur Nurse Indicates Concern About County Tuberculosis Problem

At the regular monthly board meeting of Malheur County Tuberculosis and Health association, Mrs. Edna Blaylock, county health nurse, reported on proceedings of the Action conference on tuberculosis held in the fall. "Accelerate Control of Tuberculosis Now" gave the conference its name; it included both private and institutional physicians and personnel of local, state and national, official and voluntary health agencies.

Mrs. Blaylock indicated concern about the TB problem in Malheur county, where the highest incidence of positive skin reactors has been found in the high school testing. The conference pointed out that detection of the disease is the first step toward eventual control, which can be done within 10 years if public apathy can be overcome and all existing agencies cooperate fully.

## Chest X-rays Not Harmful

Use of skin tests and chest x-rays should be intensified. Some people have the erroneous idea that x-rays from the mobile unit are harmful but there is less radiation from a miniature chest x-ray than from wearing a watch with a radium dial. The mobile x-ray unit will be in the county for two weeks in May and the public is urged to take advantage of this free service.

A three-year skin testing program in county schools has been set up with freshman and senior high school students being tested every year. Parents of these students should realize the importance of this program and consent to having their children tested.

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## Malheur Potato Growers to Hear Outlook for 1961

"Potato Outlook for 1961" will be featured on the program of the Malheur Potato Growers association annual meeting to be held next Tuesday, Jan. 24, reports Lawren King, association president.

Robert Wilcox, extension agricultural economist from Boise, will discuss potato economic outlook at the all day sessions beginning at 10 a.m. at the Boulevard Grange hall near Cairo. Other speakers on the program include Don Palmer, administrator of the Oregon Potato commission, and Wesley Roberts, president of Malheur Potato Bargaining association.

Palmer will discuss statewide projects and activities of the Oregon Potato commission. The commission was created in 1949 to promote the production, marketing and utilization of Oregon potatoes.

Roberts will report on progress of the Malheur Potato Bargaining association. This association resulted after a year's study by a committee of the growers association. The basic service of this bargaining group will be to negotiate contract price and other terms in processing potato contracts for some 220 association members.

Among other reports to be heard at the potato growers annual meeting will be a report from the advertising committee. For the last several years potato growers have conducted extensive advertising programs in both fresh and processed potatoes.

Fred Hagelstein, county extension agent and secretary of the association, is slated to give a report on 1960 potato research projects conducted at Malheur Experiment station and financed by the potato growers association. Research the past year included potato variety trials and residue tests on soil insecticides.

Election of new grower members to the board of directors of the association will also be conducted.

## Wiser, Benoit Win Bank Day Awards At Tuesday Drawing

Thomas F. Wiser, 7 East Fourth street, was recipient of the \$100 jackpot prize and C. J. Benoit, 117 Park avenue, was winner of the \$5 third award at Nyssa Bank Days event this week.

Everett C. Higley, route 1, New Plymouth, was drawn for the \$10 second award but he was not present in a participating store to claim his prize.



Captain RALPH E. MAZE, U.S. Army

## Capt. R. Maze to Attend Staff College Prior to Transfer for Overseas Duty

Capt. Ralph E. Maze, formerly assigned to U.S. Army Training Center, Armor (USATCA), Fort Knox, Ky., was recently reassigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to attend the Command and General Staff college there.

The 33-year-old captain, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maze, 519 North Eighth street, Nyssa, began his military career in 1948 and later entered Officer's Candidate school, Fort Riley, Kan., graduating as a second lieutenant in October 1950.

there, Capt. Maze was assigned to an army reserve unit in Hawaii at Fort De Rusey, Honolulu.

A 1945 graduate of Nyssa high school, he later entered College of Idaho, Caldwell, in 1946.

Upon completion of the course offered at Leavenworth, Capt. Maze will be assigned to Germany in May of this year. The Army veteran has done tours of duty in both the states and overseas.

While stationed at Fort Knox he was living with his wife, the former Miss Alma Mauket of Haubstadt, Ind., and their two children, Kirk Leon, 7, and Kay Loree, 5.

Prior to going to Fort Knox in June 1957 and assuming the position of secretary to General Staff