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## City Council Rejects State Request For Paving Funds; Votes to Retain City Land; Okays Outside Water Line

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, July 11, the city council: (1) rejected the request of the state that the city pay approximately \$2000 additional for paving on Park avenue, (2) approved planning commission recommendation to retain all ground in the cemetery plot, (3) approved outside city water service for the Henigson and Jackson residences, and (4) found they had erred in approving new rate schedule for Nyssa Sanitation service.

## Drouth Situation To Be Discussed At Portland Meet

Malheur county court last week approved a proposal to gather information on the drouth situation, as requested by Weldon Reynolds, county Civil Defense director.

Data and opinions on conditions in the county were collected by Reynolds and sent to Col. A. M. Sheets, state director of Civil Defense at Salem.

Sheets is presenting it this week at a U. S. Department of Agriculture meeting in Portland and will ask that Malheur county be declared an emergency drouth area.

Col. Sheets has expressed the belief that the county could be named an emergency drouth area by the federal government due to the fact that it borders on Idaho state which has already been designated as such. Twenty counties in Utah have also been named as drouth areas.

Results of the Portland meeting are expected to be known here late this week or next.

## L. SCHWARZ RESIGNS POSITION AS INSTRUCTOR

Lawrence Schwarz, Nyssa high school instructor in American problems, speech and English, resigned this week to accept a position with the Sweet Home, Ore., school system, it was announced yesterday by Supt. Walter L. McPartland.

In addition to the vacancy left by Schwarz' resignation, there are still two teachers needed in the elementary school, McPartland said.

## NEWELL HEIGHTS AREA HAS NEW CORRESPONDENT

Effective immediately, Miss Alice Simpson is new Journal correspondent for the Newell Heights community, replacing Miss Karla Kriegh. Residents of that area having news items for the Journal may contact her at FR 2-2109.

## Enrollment at Migrant School Sets New Record; Swimming Is Highlight

By Mrs. J. W. Rigney

Enrollment at the school for migrant children at Cairo reached an all-time high Friday, July 7, when 157 boys and girls were counted at the school. This meant that six teachers would average better than 26 children per classroom, so special arrangements were made to add one more teacher. Mrs. Frances Bates was hired to teach an extra room.

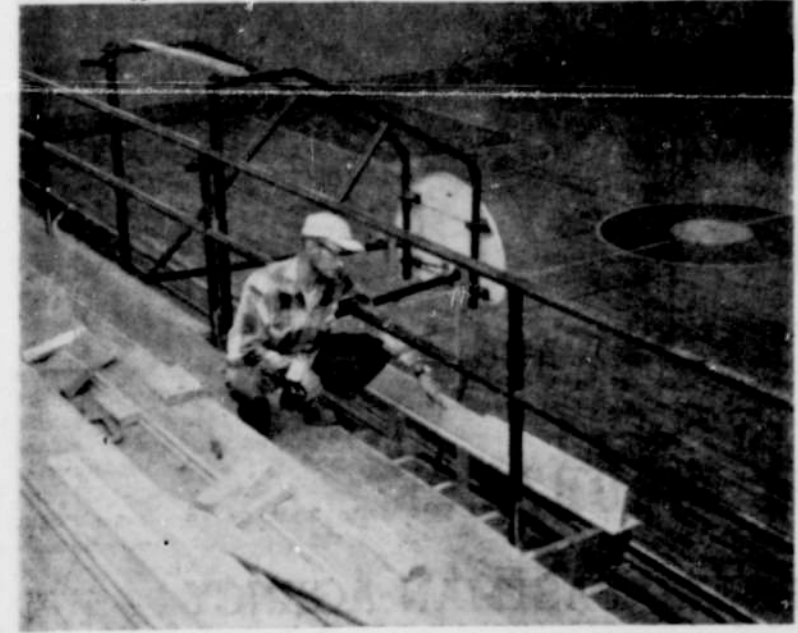
Interest in the school is high. The children come clean and well dressed. They are eager to share in the various projects provided. These consist of practical units on such subjects as farm life, farm pets, story writing, animal stories and an imaginary store where the principal purpose is to teach the children the use of coins in buying household foods which are found in regular grocery stores.

A hot lunch is served at 10:15 each day and even this period is used as an added means of developing better understanding and use of the English language.

Monday, July 10, was a red-letter day for it was swim day at the Ontario pool. Following a two-hour class period, all the children were loaded on two buses and taken to the pool. Here they were divided into groups and received lessons in swimming from eight of the regular instructors at the pool. The teachers joined their children for lessons and all enjoyed the water together.

These swim sessions will take place each Monday morning during the school program and if shining faces and enthusiastic reports are any indication, each Monday will find everyone on hand ready to participate!

## Gymnasium Remodeled



W. A. (BILL) BARTON, Nyssa high school industrial arts instructor, points to a board he had placed where the front edge of the gym balcony bleachers was previously located. This photo shows the contrast of the amount of playing space on the basketball court that may be seen when the remodeling project is completed. Approximately 16 inches is being removed from the front edge of the bleachers in order to give a clearer view of the court. Barton is being assisted with the carpentry work by Claud Brown, school custodian. —Staff Photo.

## Thieres Litter Post Office



SHOWN ABOVE is the scene left by post office burglars early Sunday morning. Left foreground shows drawers used by clerks with evidence of forcible entry on those not unlocked. The upper drawer, middle row, is the one from which \$42.18 was taken. On either side are the empty spaces where drawers had been removed and placed in the safe. Two rolls of stamps had been thrown into a waste basket.

## Council Plans to Contract for Urban Planning Program for Nyssa; Federal Agency Pays Two-Thirds of All Costs

The city "dads" passed a resolution Tuesday night authorizing the mayor and city recorder to enter into a contract with the Bureau of Municipal Research and Service of the University of Oregon for an urban planning program for Nyssa. Under the proposed contract the city will put up \$1000 cash (already budgeted) and \$250 labor by city personnel in making the survey and the federal government will supply the balance of \$2500 through a grant from the Federal Housing and Home Finance agency.

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The project will provide for maps, charts, studies and reports on the following:

1. Extend the city base map to include property adjacent to the city tending toward urbanization.
2. A land use study.
3. A population study.
4. Utilities maps.
5. A map showing existing zoning.
6. A land use plan.

## Hearing to Discuss Spring Development

July 18 at 10 a.m. is the date and time slated by Malheur county court for a public hearing to discuss development of Snively hot springs.

This property, which is located on the Owyhee lake road, is now under control of the Bureau of Reclamation. It consists of a hot-water swimming pool and some vacant buildings. The spring provides a four to five-inch piped flow of warm water.

The bureau is interested in having this property developed into a recreational area and is asking for full details of any such plans. It has been reported that various groups have expressed interest in the project.

A second hearing is slated July 26 at 2 p.m. for the purpose of discussing suggestions on use of additional fee money apportioned by the state for recreational facilities in the county.

## McPartland Tells Of Improvements At Nyssa Schools

Walter L. McPartland, superintendent of Nyssa schools, announced this week that several improvement and remodeling projects are under way this summer at the Nyssa school plant.

In prior years, spectators attending basketball games and sitting in the high school gym balcony bleachers have been unable to see players unless they were at least six or eight feet from the side edge of the basketball court.

Approximately 16 inches is being taken off the front edge of the bleachers to give a clear view of the playing floor. The superintendent said it would help considerably for those seated on the first five rows of the bleachers.

A ceiling is being installed in the room off the gym balcony so that the area may be used for additional classroom space.

Other improvement projects include stripping and finishing the entire high school building hallway, sanding and refinishing of approximately 300 desks and tables.

A new well is being dug to take care of irrigation on the football field and new land located northwest of primary building.

Plans are to remodel the high school office in the near future to include a conference room to be used by guidance personnel, McPartland added.

## Arena Set Friday, Saturday For Annual Nyssa Nite Rodeo

### Three Burglaries Plague Police During Weekend

Burglars hit three Nyssa spots during the weekend. Early Sunday morning the post office was robbed of \$42.18, the A & W Root Beer of approximately \$105 and sometime near the same period two railroad crew cars were forcibly entered with two radios, some clocks, shoes and approximately \$2 in pennies taken.

Entry was made at the post office by using a bar between the double doors and forcing the lock. Drawers at the service counter were forced in a similar manner but only one contained cash. The others containing cash were locked in the P.O. safe. The thieves disregarded all but cash, leaving two rolls of stamps in the waste basket.

Carl Burningham's A & W building was entered between 12:45 (when they closed) and 4:45 a.m. when police called him. Entry was made there by removing the screen from an open window in the rear. This was done after an unsuccessful attempt to force a rear door with a similar tool used on the post office.

Burningham lost \$54 from a metal box and about \$51 from a money bag on the premises. The juke box was forced open at the rear but the money was not located. Some effort was made on a cigarette machine with a pry tool but without success.

Entry was made in the crew cars by breaking a lock on one and tearing screens off another. No arrests had been made at Journal press time.

### James Stephen Wins \$100 Jackpot Award At Tuesday Drawing

James Stephen, route 2, Nyssa, was winner of the \$100 jackpot prize Tuesday at Nyssa Bank Days event. Other names drawn were Wayne Piercy, route 1, Nyssa, \$10 second award, and Mrs. Dick Gilmore, 401 South Ninth street, Payette, third prize of \$5. Jackpot prize will revert to the \$50 minimum next week.

### CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES SEWERS READY FOR TIE-INS

The new sewer lines are ready for tie-ins in all sections except two blocks between First and Second and between Beech and Chestnut, according to City Manager Art Colby. Part of the line in this area will be taken up but it will be ready next week, he said.

Application to tie-in must be made at the city hall. Colby said.

### Parades, Cowboy and Kids Events, Carnival Will Highlight Celebration

Nyssa Nite Rodeo officials promise there will be plenty of cowboys on hand both Friday and Saturday nights at 8:15 to contest rodeo stock furnished by Stephens and Thomas of Midvale, Idaho.

The parade each night will begin at 7:30 at First and Main, proceed down Main to Fifth street, south to Reece and will follow that street until it crosses King avenue onto the rodeo grounds. After arrival at the arena Friday night, a rodeo queen will be named from women riders in the parade.

Youngsters events, under chairmanship of Neil Dimmick, will include calf riding, greased pig scramble and shetland pony race. Children participating in these events are requested to have a signed permit from their parents who must be on the rodeo grounds while the children are competing.

### Barrel Race Scheduled

Entertainment, in addition to regular rodeo events, will also include girls' barrel race and clown antics.

Admission to the rodeo will be \$1.50, with children under 12 admitted free, if accompanied by their parents.

Elderly spectators or those unable to leave their cars should enter the grounds by way of the east entrance where autos will be parked in clear view of rodeo activities.

The street west of the rodeo arena will be blocked off, but there will be ample parking space on the school grounds, north of the arena or inside the rodeo grounds.

The area has been sprayed for insects by Ron Zerbel of Zerbel's Flying service. Members of the sponsoring Owyhee Riding club worked last weekend to prepare the grounds for the event.

### Carnival in Operation

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davis and son of Portland arrived in Nyssa Tuesday afternoon and began operation of carnival activities last night, including merry-go-round, ferris wheel, roll-o-plane, rock-o-plane, octopus and numerous concession stands. The Davis family confines their shows to Oregon and caters largely to the "small fry."

On the rodeo grounds will be a food stand and popcorn concession operated by members of Oregon Trail Hall association.

Many Nyssa merchants have been wearing western attire the past several days in preparation for the annual Nyssa Nite Rodeo sponsored by Owyhee Riding club. Nyssa Jaycees have been driving around the city with loud-speaker and "jail-wagon" threatening to cage those not wearing proper attire.

## Church Program Now in Progress At Labor Camps

Migrant Ministry program is now under way at Nyssa, Adrian, Vale and Ontario labor camps. Jorge Martinez has been sent to this community by the Oregon Council of Churches to serve as director. He was born and reared in Guadalajara, Mexico, and came to the United States in 1959 to study for the ministry at School of the Pacific, Berkeley, Calif.

### Purposes Listed

In Migrant Ministry churches are united to serve men, women and children who are following the crops. This program is centered in Christian faith and seeks to share that faith with the migrant and to develop in him a sense of his personal worth, belonging and responsibility.

It seeks to awaken the community to the opportunity and obligation of sharing equally all the protective benefits and warmth of community life.

It challenges the local churches to include these seasonal neighbors in their concern and full fellowship.

It calls on the state and nation to apply Christian principles to the economy in which migrants live and work.

### Program Outlined

According to staff workers, every Monday and Friday evenings are family nights at the Nyssa labor camp. Programs are entertained and movies or other entertainment are provided. Crafts are taught Tuesday mornings for younger children. Each Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning, sewing classes are held for the women.

Vacation Bible school will be conducted at the camp sometime in August.

The Rev. Robert McNeil of Vale is chairman of Malheur Migrant Ministry committee. Laymen of various churches are assisting with the program.

### TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Superintendent Walter L. McPartland will leave Tuesday for Eugene where he will attend a school administrators conference. His family plans to accompany him.

## Work Progresses on Swimming Pool



WORK ON NYSSA'S new swimming pool is progressing on schedule and should be completed around the first week in August, according to Art Colby, city manager and resident engineer. Workmen (in above photo, left to right) are Lamar Carlson, roddman; Colby; Dick Allbright, gunite foreman; and Jeff Marchant, gunite nozzleman. To the left is a 500 CFM compressor and air-placo gun being operated by Don Bjerraarde at the swimming pool site, Park avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets. This equipment can be seen, together with numerous sacks of cement, in the background of the above photo. —Journal Photos.

## WEATHER . . .

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
July 5	79	61	.22
July 6	88	58	.09
July 7	90	60	—
July 8	97	60	—
July 9	100	62	—
July 10	96	70	—
July 11	96	58	—
July 12	—	59	—

## Owyhee Lake Storage

July 12, 1961	184,530 Acre Ft.
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