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## County Court Opposes Planned Change In Welfare Payments That Would Stop Malheur's Use of Able-Bodied Clients

The county court in session at Vale last Wednesday vigorously opposed a proposed change in the method of payment of welfare funds that would eliminate the greater portion of work performed by welfare clients in the county.

Under the present plan general assistance funds are used to pay the entire amount received by a family on welfare.

## Potato Shipments Increase as Slow Market Reported

Potato shipments continue to increase with a peak expected within the next 10 days, according to Tom Jones, freight agent.

His records show 95 cars shipped since the report last week with approximately 30 due to have been shipped yesterday (Wednesday). Total number for this year (through Tuesday) was 148, or 100 more than had been shipped at this time last year.

Maturity has been slow but quality good up to this time. Hot weather, however, is beginning to have an adverse effect. The market has been slow the past few days, according to Tom Eldredge, manager of J. C. Watson company, and no prices are quoted for Reds. Early Gems have not been less than \$1.25 per hundred for No. 1's up to Wednesday of this week. White Rose variety is just starting to move and will probably open at \$1, Eldredge said.

## Daily Potato Market Reports to Be Issued By New Idaho Office

The Federal-State Market News office opened in Caldwell July 31 and will report daily potato markets in the local area until mid-September, according to Fred Hagelstein, Malheur county extension agent.

The daily potato report includes prices of potatoes at shipping points in this and other producing districts and at terminal markets. It also shows daily carlot movements of potatoes over the entire country.

John Kennedy is in charge of the Market News office, which is located at 1204 Cleveland boulevard in Caldwell. Reports on potato prices and movement of potatoes are issued each afternoon and are available by radio or in written form.

Radio station KSRV will again broadcast these daily market reports. Anyone wishing to receive the report in written form may do so by requesting it from Kennedy's office at Box 301, Caldwell, telephone 9-9396, or by a request at the county agent's office, city hall, Ontario, which will be relayed to the reporting office.

## NHS CLASS OF 1954 SLATES AUGUST REUNION

Nyssa high school graduating class of 1954 is planning a reunion Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13.

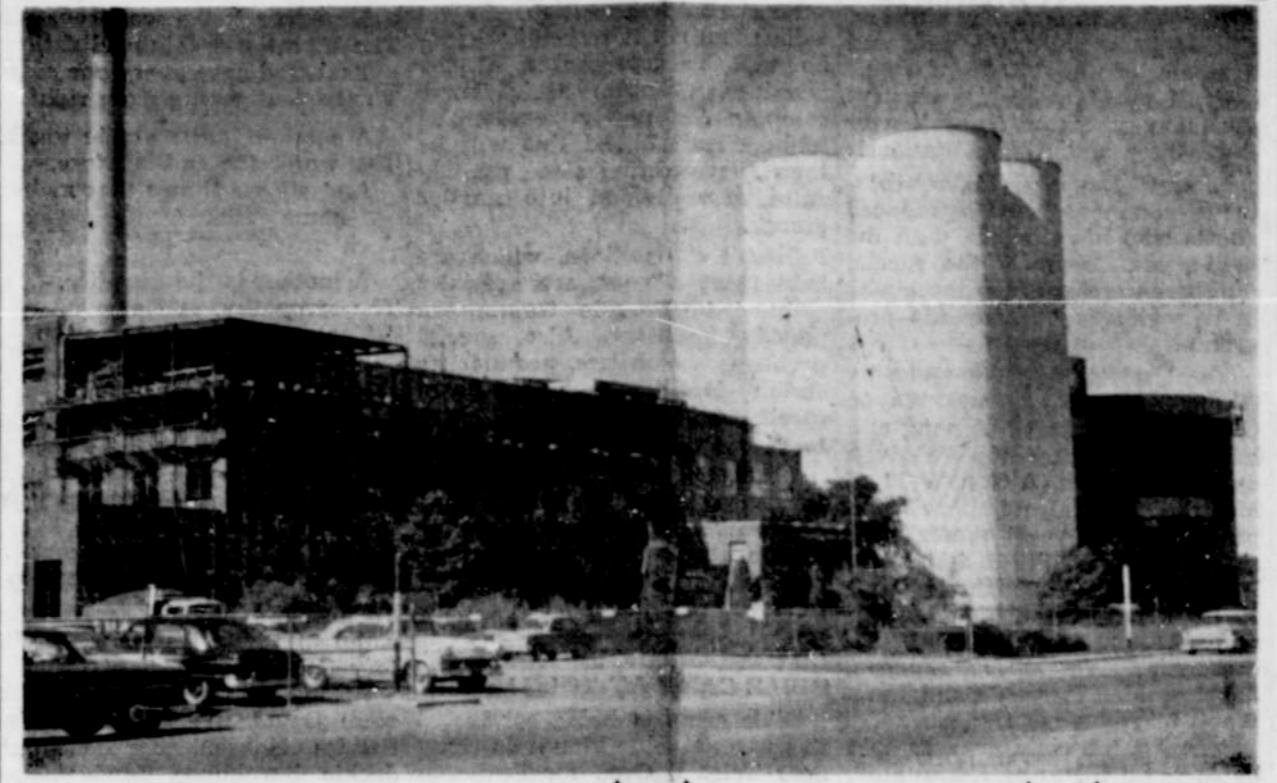
Members not receiving a notice of the reunion are asked to contact Mrs. Rodney Holcomb, 405 South Eighth, Nyssa.

## Promote Malheur Potatoes

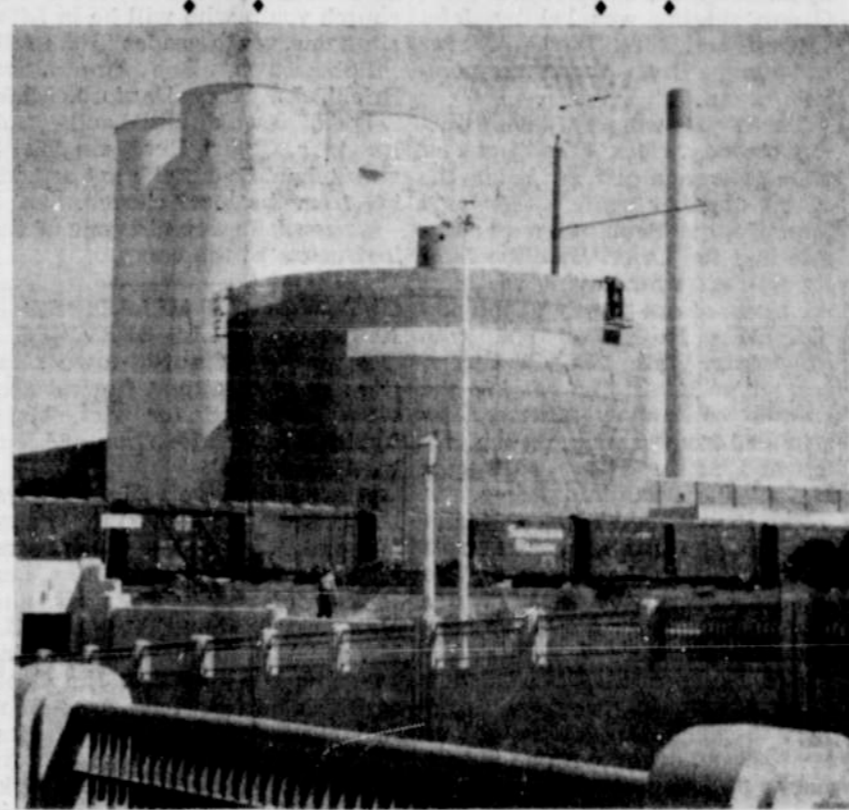


ELIZABETH CRAY (MISS RUSSET) was selected recently by Malheur Potato Growers to appear in five large display ads in a national publication, "The Packer," for promotion of Malheur county Russet potatoes. She is shown here with chamber of commerce heads (left to right) Ken Kessler, Vale; Chuck Harland, Ontario; and Ken Renstrom, Nyssa, as they display Malheur county Russets. Miss Cray is a daughter of Mrs. Violet Cray of Vale. She was a 1961 graduate of Vale high school and plans to attend college this fall. She is active in many sports and her hobbies are swimming, water skiing and horseback riding. —Photo by Schoen.

## Construction Progresses at Nyssa Refinery



NYSSA FACTORY of Amalgamated Sugar company is again making extensive additions and improvements to care for the largest acreage of sugar beets ever grown in this area. To the left in the above photo can be seen construction work being done to house a new slope diffuser located at the northeast corner of the building. The new addition takes in approximately 9400 square feet of floor space. To the extreme right of the photo, on the new silo, a man can be seen silhouetted against the sky in a workman's cage. Photo on the right shows the new silo under construction. It is 116 feet in diameter and will be 82 feet high when completed. It is made of steel and set on a five-foot base of reinforced concrete. It is located in the yard northwest of the five concrete silos. It will hold 40 million pounds or 400,000 100-pound bags of sugar and will almost double the amount of bulk storage capacity. —Staff Photos.



## Council Approves Henigson-Jackson Petition for Annexation, Pool Rules

In a special meeting at 113 Main street Tuesday noon, Aug. 1, the city council (1) authorized the city manager to have ordinance drawn up governing operation of the municipal swimming pool, (2) accepted a petition from Harold Henigson and Wilton Jackson for annexation of land they own and are purchasing on Alberta avenue and (3) agreed to run a 6-inch water line to serve the property of Henigson and Jackson.

The ordinance covering operation of the swimming pool will establish rates for use and rules as set up by the state of Oregon (carried elsewhere in this issue of the Journal).

The petition of Henigson and Jackson to have their lands annexed was in the form of a letter (copy as follows):

"The undersigned do hereby petition the City Council to annex the following described real property, owned and being purchased by the undersigned, lying contiguous to the Nyssa city limits: 'All of the N 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 19 South, Range 47 E.W.M.'"

"Excepting therefrom that parcel of land beginning at a point which is 30' South and 235' East of the Northwest corner of said N 1/2 W 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 19 South, Range 47 E.W.M., said point being the true point of beginning; thence running South 185'; thence running East 80'; thence running North 185'; thence running West 80'; to the point of beginning.

"The undersigned agree to obtain execution of any legal instruments required by the City of Nyssa to effectuate the annexation of said land within said City."

## Three Men Arrested On Burglary Charge

Three men were arrested by Nyssa police Sunday night on a charge of breaking and entering. Thomas Albert Hassell, 26; Herbert Thompson, 19, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; and Roger Johnson, 17, Nyssa labor camp, were placed under \$1500 bail and are still in the Nyssa jail awaiting preliminary hearing set for Aug. 3.

The trio is charged with breaking into Treasure Valley Packing company on Alberta avenue and taking approximately \$6 in currency.

They were apprehended through the efforts of a Nyssa resident who became suspicious of their actions near the packing plant and followed their car into town, notifying police who made the arrest.

## Grand Jury Finds Prisons in County To Be Inadequate

A recent inspection and report of public prisons in the county, made by Malheur's grand jury, found them lacking in facilities and sanitation.

The Nyssa jail is "highly unsanitary due to inadequate plumbing; floors and bunks are littered with refuse and in need of policing," according to the report. The jail is crowded and more and better facilities are required for handling the premises, the jury reported.

The group found that Ontario's city jail needs better facilities and requires better ventilation and cleaning. The women's quarters need clean bedding and cleaner mattresses, the jury declared.

Vale's city jail was found to be in need of better maintenance and cleaning. The grand jury reported that new quarters were needed for juveniles and women at Malheur county jail.

The jury found that more and better facilities are needed to handle prisoners as the present jail is antiquated and needs to be enlarged and renovated.

## Practical Plans for Home Protection Featured at Civil Defense Conference

"Recognition of civil defense by President John F. Kennedy and by Governor Mark Hatfield" was the topic stressed Tuesday by Col. Arthur M. Sheets, director of Oregon Civil Defense agency, when he spoke at a disaster conference in Ontario.

Approximately 350 area residents attended the meeting sponsored by Malheur county civil defense agency and district 20 of Oregon Nurses association. The number attending, including representatives of many civic and community groups, far exceeded that which was anticipated by sponsoring organizations.

The program featured practical home protection plans, facts about radioactive fallout, emergency health measures and training, home fallout shelters and a display of mobile emergency hospital equipment.

The morning program was opened by Mrs. Keith Carpenter, registered nurse, who gave a brief talk on purpose of the conference.

State CD Officers Speak In addition to Col. Sheets, state speakers included Anthony R. Cardillo, welfare officer for the state CD agency, who told of assistance to be expected from this area for evacuees of disaster regions, and Maylon E. Scott, oper-

## Nyssa's New \$60,000 Municipal Swim Pool to Open Wednesday, August 9; Dedication Ceremonies Due in 1962

Nyssa's new municipal swimming pool will be ready for use Wednesday of next week, according to City Manager Art Colby. He said there would be considerable work unfinished at that time but that it could be done with the pool operating.

An inspection by a Journal reporter Wednesday noon revealed that the decking around the pool had just been completed, except for smoothing down.

The pool proper was being cleaned preparatory to plastering and the bath house interior was being painted and hardware installed. The heater had not yet arrived, the fence to enclose the area was not there and the steps to the bath house still were to be poured, but with approximately 18 men working on the different portions of construction it should have a very different appearance in another week.

Park avenue paving along the south side will be completed prior to pool opening date.

## Lifeguards Selected

Lifeguards have been secured and will be on duty at all times the pool is in operation, Colby said, but some of the other personnel was still to be selected.

Charges for admission during the remainder of this season are as follows: (1) children under 6 years of age free, if accompanied by parent, (2) age 6 through high school, 25 cents per day, (3) adults, 50 cents per day or (4) season ticket for family for balance of season, \$5.

The pool will be closed each Wednesday, following the opening next Wednesday, for maintenance and cleaning. All other days it will open at 12 noon and remain open until 8 p.m.

## Swimming Pool Regulations

Rules and regulations are based on those set up as standard by the state of Oregon and are as follows:

1. No running, pushing or any "horse play" on the pool deck area or inside the building.
2. Only one person at a time to use the diving board.
3. Persons in street shoes or dressed in street clothes will not be allowed on the pool deck.
4. No edibles will be allowed on the pool deck.
5. No artificial swimming devices are allowed in the deep area. (No inner tubes allowed at all.)
6. No one except authorized personnel will be allowed in the filter room, office or bag room.
7. No one will be permitted in guard stations except lifeguard.
8. Small children or others with poor swimming ability must stay at the shallow end or in the wading pool.
9. No glass containers are allowed in the building or pool area.
10. All bathers must take a hot soapy shower before entering pool area.

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## Final Rites Held Monday Afternoon For Mary Lyells, Pioneer Resident

Funeral services for Mary Ellen Lyells were conducted Monday afternoon, July 31, 1961, at Lienkaemper chapel with the Rev. Howard Larsen of Ontario First Christian church officiating. She succumbed July 28, 1961, at Presbyterian nursing home in Ontario.

Mrs. Lyells, a pioneer resident of eastern Oregon, was born Dec. 13, 1861, in Denison, Iowa, a daughter of Ben and Rose Stevens.

She came to Oregon in 1877 by wagon train with other members of her family. They left Denison on April 4 of that year and arrived in Baker City on Sept. 29.

Enroute to Baker, they arrived in Vale three days following the Indian skirmish and were housed for three days in the old stone fort which still stands.

Mrs. Lyells was married July 25, 1880, in Baker to George W. Lyells. To this union six children were born, four of whom survive.

The family lived in Baker until 1883 when they moved to Malheur City and in 1891 moved to Vale. In 1900 the Lyells moved to Ontario where they resided until Mr. Lyells' death in 1924. Mrs. Lyells then made her home in Boise and Seattle until 1941 when she came to Nyssa. She entered the Ontario nursing home three years ago.

Mrs. Lyells was baptized at the age of three years in a river near Denison and was again baptized at the age of 92 in the Nyssa Christian church when she became a member of that denomination. She was a member of the auxiliary of Legion post 79 and had been a member of Rebekah lodge for 61 years, having joined in 1900 at Ontario.

## Cominco Fertilizer Warehouse Here Nears Completion

Cominco's new fertilizer storage warehouse on the Union Pacific railroad near the intersection of South First and King avenue is in the final stage of construction. All the steel was delivered Tuesday afternoon and construction began immediately on the wall and roof supports.

Al Garceau, foreman of the construction company, said the steel was prefabricated in their Spokane plant and would go up very rapidly. He said he expected to have the entire building completed in less than a week.

The building will be all steel with metal roof and walls with reinforced concrete foundation and floor. The interior will be free of pillars as the roof will be rigid frame. Interior will be 58 by 99 feet with 18-foot walls.

Garceau said the fertilizer would be stored in boxes with each box serving as its own pallet to facilitate moving.

It is presumed the company intends serving a rather wide area in the distribution of its Elephant brand products as tariff rates have been established for shipment from Canada to Nyssa and redistribution points as far away as New Meadows, Idaho. According to Tom Jones, freight agent for Union Pacific in Nyssa, the rate is the same as for other companies operating in this area.

Union Pacific has had a spur line to the building completed for some time.

## WHEAT SHIPMENTS SHOW INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Tom Jones, Union Pacific railroad freight agent at Nyssa, reported 68 cars of wheat had been shipped from the local station from July 12 through July 29. This was 28 more than shipped during the same period last year when 40 were moved out.

He reported no shipments since July 29 but said there were still some being held in storage due to increasing prices.

## TAYLOR MANAGES LOUNGE

Eddie Taylor took over Aug. 1 as owner-operator of Brownie's lounge at 113 Main street. Previous owner was Nick Rudelick.



Mary Ellen Lyells

She is survived by one son, William B. Lyells of Nyssa; three daughters, Mrs. Angie Cook of Nyssa, Mrs. Eva Poorman of Seattle and Mrs. Sylvia Palmer of Boise. Two sons preceded her in death. They were Frank who died in 1941 and Ed who succumbed in 1955.

Other survivors include one half-brother, Tom Stevens of Bloomington, Ill.; a half-sister, Mrs. Grace Miller of Sac City, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

Interment services were conducted by members of Rebekah lodge at Evergreen cemetery in Ontario. Pallbearers were Aden Wilson, Elvin Ballou, Marion Tracy, Sam McConnell, Tom Johnson and Hubert Leuck.