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First Official Moisture Report Shows Poor Irrigation Water Outlook Now Despite Increased Snow Pack Over '61

Watersheds Drier Due to Summer Drought; Record Low Holdover in Reservoirs Noted

At this early winter date outlook for irrigation water supplies in Malheur county during 1962 is extremely pessimistic in spite of a good mountain snow pack which is slightly better than average for Jan. 1, according to a report released by W. T. Frost, snow survey supervisor for U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Oregon Agricultural Experiment station and Oregon state engineer.

Attorney General Backs Court View In Salary Dispute

A ruling by the state attorney general's office dated Dec. 1, 1961, upheld the contention of Malheur county court that the annual salary of District Attorney E. Otis Smith should be \$10,800 and not \$14,300 as demanded and claimed by the district attorney.

The ruling was in the form of a letter addressed to Smith in reply to his request for a ruling on the matter. A copy of the ruling reached the Journal office in the mail from County Judge Ellis White Tuesday, Jan. 16. He said he picked up the copy while in Salem Thursday, Jan. 11, and that this was the first the county court had heard on the request for a ruling.

In the Dec. 14 issue of the Journal was a report that Smith had received no official opinion on the matter and "did not expect one until after the first of the year."

Background of Differences Given

In 1959 the annual salary of the Malheur county district attorney was set at \$6,500 by state law. (This permitted him to practice private law.) In 1960 the county budget board approved county

Schools Accept Phoned Excuses From Ill Students

At the Jan. 10 Nyssa school board meeting Muri Lancaster, junior high principal, and Gene Chester, high school principal, presented their policies in accounting for students. It was explained how each student was asked to telephone whenever it was necessary to be absent. The regulation gives illness as the only excusable absence.

Some of the problems involved are parents who write excuses that are not valid and the lack of an adequate program for students not academically inclined.

Committee members studying the bus stop at Garrison corner—E. H. Brandt, chairman, Dale Garrison, Don Graham, Sgt. Haines of Oregon State police, Tom Jones, Ralph Lawrence and W. L. McPartland—made the following recommendations to the school board, which were adopted:

1. That the school bus stop in the morning not be changed and that the vehicle continue to stop on the right-hand side of the road for loading.

2. That the evening bus cross the railroad tracks and unload just before the second railroad crossing. (The railroad at this point is in the Nyssa city yard limit so trains travel under 20 miles an hour, according to Tom Jones, Union Pacific agent).

Parents Urged To Guide, Encourage Students Making Science Fair Entries

By MURL LANCASTER, Nyssa Junior High Principal

Junior and senior high schools of Nyssa will hold a joint Science Fair on March 9, 1962. Science and math exhibits will be on display in the little theater and science department rooms of the high school from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Faculty members of the science and math departments are especially interested in securing cooperation of parents in promoting this affair. They hope parents will stimulate and encourage youngsters to their best efforts in whatever projects they decide to undertake.

Instructors urge parents to give as little physical aid as possible but want them to guide and encourage. A student may list any physical aid given him in the development of his project. This is an opportunity to learn intellectual honesty.

Process Important in Science

Science education is a unique area of learning. In all other subjects the product or accumulation of knowledge is the important thing. In science it is not the product but the process one undergoes to acquire the knowledge. That is real science education.

Dim prospects are chargeable directly to watershed soils which are drier than last year and to record low storage in reservoirs of the county. Remaining winter storms will have to produce super-abundant moisture, preferably as snow, to provide even average water supplies for county lands.

Snow cover on the Owyhee is 150 percent of last year and 106 percent of average (1943-57) for this date. On the Malheur watersheds, the snow pack is 231 percent of last year and 109 percent of the 15-year average for the Jan. 1 date.

Water May Be Lost to Soil

Selected soil moisture stations indicate slightly less moisture than last year at this date in the soil mantle of the upper watersheds. Unless rain or mid-winter snowmelt fills the soil, there can be as much as 9 inches of snowmelt water lost from the snow pack to recharge the soil mantle, reducing stream flow considerably.

Total water stored on Jan. 1 in Agency Valley and Warm Springs reservoirs is about 21,000 acre feet compared with 36,000 at this date last year. The 15-year average storage is close to 79,000 acre feet for Jan. 1.

Big Owyhee reservoir held about 68,000 acre feet Jan. 1, compared with 195,000 at this time in 1961. The 15-year average is about 378,000 acre feet.

Antelope reservoir is reported to be empty—the outlet was lowered last season to permit draining the last drop of water for use.

Storage Must Increase

These record low figures of storage will have to increase by great strides if water is to be available in sufficient quantity for next season's irrigation.

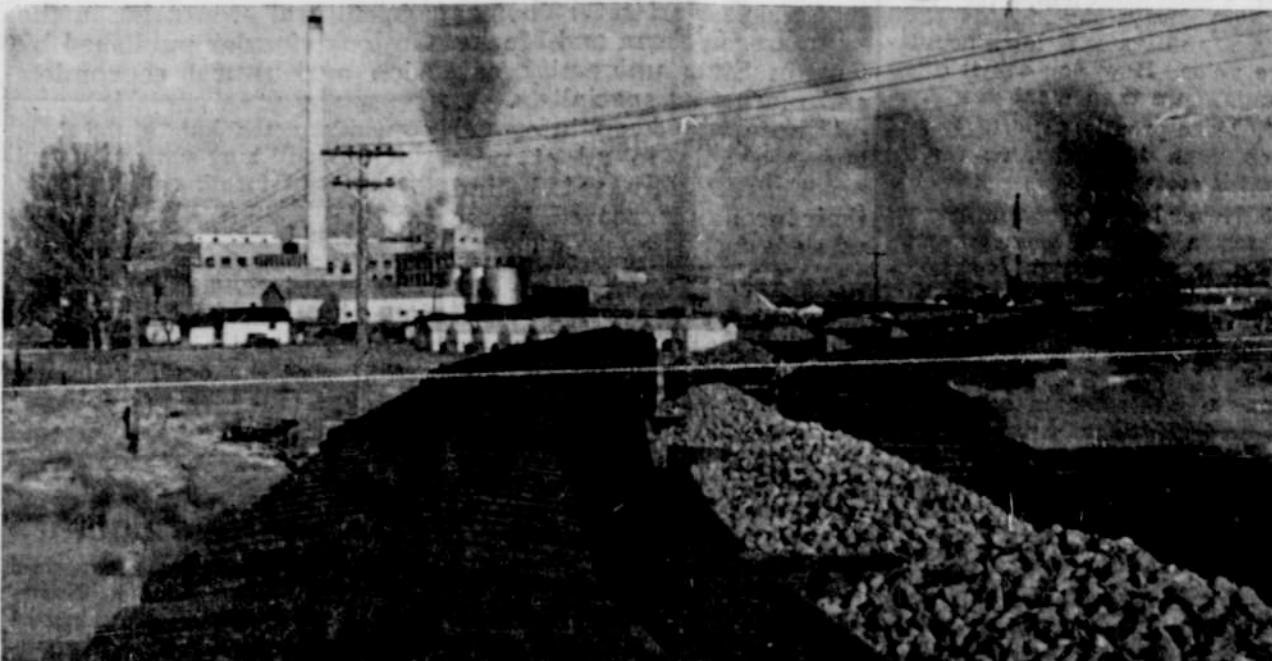
One striking indication of the extreme dryness of these southeastern watersheds is the slowness with which they begin to produce stream flow after the extreme summer drought. Records show that flow of the Owyhee river since Oct. 1 has been only 69 percent of average. The December flow was only 50 percent of average.

Statewide, the early winter outlook for 1962 irrigation water supplies range from a pessimistic situation in the southern tier of counties—Malheur, Harney, Lake and eastern Klamath—to adequate water supplies in most of the rest of the state.

Although the mountain snow pack is normal or better, the pessimism arises from lack of moisture in the soil mantle and especially from extremely short storage water supplies for many southeastern areas.

Next report on snow surveys and water supply conditions will be issued on Feb. 8 by the supervisor for the state and national agencies.

In 1938 . . . 'A Big Factory Then!'



THIS PHOTO was taken in the fall of 1938 during Amalgamated Sugar company's first Nyssa campaign. The photographer was atop a railroad car at the approximate site where the railroad spur joins the main track. He had his camera aimed at the back of the factory in a northeasterly direction. In the foreground may be seen carloads of beets brought in for processing. The row of small buildings is an old labor camp then located at the present site of pulp drier warehouse and concentrated steffen filtrate plant (popularly known as soup house). The long buildings just back of the refinery are the present fertilizer and seed storage structure and agriculture department implemented shed. The white buildings to the left of those are residences which no longer exist. The trees still remain with the present gas metering station near them. To extreme right of the photo is the old feed lot, now used for beet piling. In the background are the sagebrush-covered hills above the Snake river. While studying this photo, one longtime White Satin employee remarked, "And it was a big factory then!"

Dr. G. Rush Slated To Speak Tuesday At Jaycee Dinner

Dr. George Rush, plant breeder at Amalgamated Sugar company factory in Nyssa, will be featured speaker at the Nyssa Jaycee membership banquet Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the dining room of Brownie's cafe. The dinner will be served at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Rush, a native of Vancouver, B.C., has been employed by Amalgamated for the past 11 years. He received graduate work and his doctorate degree at the University of Wisconsin. He has been employed at the local White Satin refinery for the past seven years.

Approximately 15 to 20 young men, prospective members, will be invited to the dinner by regular Jaycee members.

Bob Chatelain, general chairman, has announced that Gene DeMinck, program chairman, and his committee comprised of Don Bowers and Bud Tibbets, have scheduled an evening of interesting features. It is anticipated that membership in the local organization will be increased.

President David W. Sarazin will speak to prospective members.

Family Finance Discussion Series Slated To Begin Wednesday in Nyssa

"Stretching Your Money" is theme of a new family finance discussion series to be offered Malheur county families starting next week, according to Mrs. Edna Mae Wimsatt, Malheur county extension agent.

Meeting place for the Nyssa sessions will be the high school little theater beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, with additional sessions on the four following Wednesdays at the same hour.

Ontario meetings will begin at 8 o'clock on the evening of Jan. 25 in the Ontario high school building. Vale sessions will be in the court house beginning at 2 p.m. Jan. 25. Enrollees will meet weekly at the same time and place for a total of five sessions.

Instructors for the course, according to Mrs. Wimsatt, will be six persons from the Malheur and Baker county extension staffs with each specializing in one phase of course presentation. The same course is being offered simultaneously in the two counties.

Brochures giving a "sneak preview" of the course are now being distributed throughout the county by members of an extension advisory committee assisting with enrollments for the course. Brochures and enrollment blanks are also available at the county extension office in Ontario. They may be picked up at the office or will be sent out to interested persons upon telephone request by calling TU 9-8628.

Various Topics To Be Covered

The five-week course will cover timely and basic information on family financial planning, budgets, attitudes and money, social security, life insurance and credit.

Mrs. Wimsatt points out that basic to wise management of income is to accept the fact that everyone has 100 percent of income to use—regardless of size. "Every time you spend a penny, nickel, dime or dollar you're using a little piece of your 100 percent of income that may move you closer or farther away from the kind of living you really want," the extension agent declared.

Five Sessions Being Offered

These five sessions being offered in each of the three Malheur county communities will get down to some "basics" of actually developing a pattern of spending that will take care of monthly needs and also set aside some money for long-term goals—such as education of children, home

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Roy Hirai Attends Potato Conference In Nation's Capital

Roy Hirai of Nyssa, Oregon representative to the National Advisory committee of the potato industry, returned home Jan. 8 from attendance at the first meeting of the advisory committee in Washington, D.C.

Appointed and called together by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, the committee met in Washington Jan. 3-5. At the end of three days deliberation, the committee recommended establishment of acreage allotments and marketing quotas for potatoes and consideration of a national marketing agreement for potatoes.

Hirai was one of 27 representatives of the potato industry throughout the nation called to serve on the secretary's advisory

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False Arrest Suit Amounting to \$5000 Plus Costs Filed Against Nyssa City, Police Officers R. Love and F. Petrie

Plaintiff Alleges 'Physical Pain, Suffering, Inconvenience;' City Carries No Insurance

A suit for \$5000 damages, plus costs, was filed in Circuit court at Vale Jan. 10, 1962, against the city of Nyssa and its police officers, Francis E. Petrie and Robert E. Love, chief of police for the city.

The suit arose from a charge of false arrest of Sherwin B. Guzman, a 15-year-old minor of Nyssa. Suit was filed by Attorney Pat Albano, Ontario, on behalf of Katie V. Guzman, mother of the minor, who was appointed guardian ad litem for the action.

According to the complaint filed, plaintiff alleged that Officer Petrie "did on Dec. 9 unlawfully, maliciously and without any written statement of charges and without process, warrant, commitment for any reasonable or probable cause whatever, apprehend and arrest plaintiff against his will and without his consent."

Other Charges Quoted

"That the said defendant, Petrie, placed the plaintiff in the Nyssa jail where he was unlawfully detained against his will for a period of approximately 44 hours; that during that time Petrie refused and failed to notify the parents of the plaintiff and did not allow him to seek the services of an attorney to advise him of his rights."

The suit further states that, with the knowledge and consent of Police Chief Love, that Petrie placed plaintiff in a room separate and apart from other persons in the police station and did make loud and violent threats and accusations at plaintiff. And that Petrie forcibly and without just cause or any cause whatever pushed plaintiff across the room into a chair thereby bruising and injuring plaintiff's leg.

Allegedly Photographed

Among other charges were that defendants failed to provide adequate nourishment and care and photographed plaintiff's head over a number assigned to him.

Plaintiff claimed damages because he claimed that said false arrest and imprisonment became a matter of common notoriety among friends and associates and in the general public, causing injury to plaintiff's reputation in the community. Plaintiff further claimed physical pain, inconvenience and mental suffering and humiliation.

At a special meeting of the city council Friday it was agreed that City Attorney Harold Henigson should represent the city's interest in defense of the suit.

City Manager Art Colby told a Journal reporter Wednesday that no insurance was carried to cover false arrest by city police officers.

State Consultant Visits Arcadia School

Mrs. K. Baalman, consultant in education of mentally retarded children, Oregon State Department of Education, spent last Wednesday in the Arcadia school.

While there she gave several demonstrations in various techniques for teaching children in the special classes. Mrs. Baalman expressed appreciation of the work Miss Nelle Hayes is doing and was very pleased with physical arrangements at the school.

During her demonstration lessons, she emphasized the importance of teaching social competencies to these children and showed how they can become a continual way of relating reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic to practical situations which are needed by all adults if they are to live acceptably within a community.

Vo-Ag Committee Tells School Board New Shop Facilities Needed at Nyssa

Nyssa high school vocational agricultural advisory committee met with school board members at the regular Jan. 10 meeting and presented the following recommendation, according to Supt. Walter L. McPartland.

The advisory council has studied the present facilities and needs of the vocational agriculture department and has found that the department for many years has been working under a difficult handicap in major shop facilities and space for high school and adult classes.

Upon checking shop space, it was discovered that students were working in less than 70 square feet of floor space per student where 200 square feet per student is recommended (one-third the recommended size), McPartland reported. Present size of the shop is 29 by 48 feet with state recommended size being 40 by 60 feet.

The present shop is further reduced by one-fourth by having valuable floor space taken up with stairways, a store room and benches, all of which are necessary.

Recommendations Listed

The superintendent said the advisory council made the following recommendations after much consideration:

1. That new vocational agriculture facilities be built as soon as possible—possibly with or before other building programs being and/or to be considered.
2. That the facilities include a shop (size to be shown), classroom, office, storage, laboratories,

outside work area, lavatories and washing facilities.

3. That the vo-ag plant be constructed immediately north of the present bus garage, as first choice.

4. That general considerations in the "Oregon Planning for Vocational Agricultural Facilities" booklet be followed.

5. That the construction follow design of other additions made in the past few years.

Areas To Be Upgraded

The committee stated that it is the desired hope these recommendations be followed and carried out to aid in upgrading of the vo-ag department in the following areas:

1. Increased shop size to enable better learning of farm machine repair.

2. Better and larger facilities as washing, lavatories, classroom, shop vision, lighting, doors, etc.

3. That these and other improvements will attract more enrollment in vo-ag classes and enable more and better adult classes to be held in the shop area.

4. Much better safety for students due to more working space and better accessibility from the shop due to better planned doors.