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Exchangee Keeps Christmas, Boosts Fiesta



RESIDENTS OF THE PAUL HOUSE HOME, seated around their 1961 Christmas tree, are (left to right) Mrs. House, Bonnie, Butch, Paul House and Miss Leila Alampay, exchange student from the Philippines. Leila is making her home with the Houses during the 1961-62 school year while attending Nyssa high school under the American Field Service program. Plans for a "Philippine Fiesta," scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, were inspired by her presence in Nyssa. Leila expresses it this way, "I hope everyone will attend

the 'Philippine Fiesta.' It is for next year's exchange student, a very good cause, and besides I think everyone who attends will have a wonderful time." The evening's entertainment will include a variety of Filipino-inspired attractions for both students and adults. A fashion show, a teenage dance to music of the "Sugar Beats" in the music room, art and trade exhibits, Philippine foods, folk dancing and native music sung by the NHS chorus will be among activities.

—Photo by Schoen.

Gradual Warming Eases Flooding Danger on Snake

The danger of flooding from ice-blocked Snake river in the Ontario, Weiser and Payette areas has eased off somewhat with the gradual rise in temperatures during the past few days.

Extremely cold temperatures the early part of last week had let ice floes collect and jam together sufficiently that people were crossing the Snake from bank to bank. Ice dams caused the river above the obstructions to rise about four feet and flood some lowlands. Rising water on the Payette river covered some gravel pit equipment and on the Weiser river endangered the city sewage disposal plant.

The situations were surveyed by Army Engineers from Walla Walla, Wash., Civil Defense heads from Oregon and Idaho and Oregon State police. All hoped for a gradual warmup all along the front to relieve the pressure gradually to avoid flooding below the jams and to keep the water from rising higher above them as additional ice collected. What action would be taken should conditions worsen has not been announced.

Moisture Content Readings Taken In Owyhee Areas

"We can't really tell just how much good the recent snow will do us this season until we can get moisture content readings," remarked Paul House, manager of North Board of Control, Owyhee project. He told a Journal reporter Wednesday that those readings are now being taken but would not be completed and reported until this weekend or possibly Monday.

House flew over the area Friday to take depth readings at several stations in locations with elevations from 6000 to 8000 feet.

Storms this year have deposited what is described as an average amount of snow on the Owyhee watershed area, House said.

Oregon Canyon has 14 inches of snow; Battle Creek, seven inches; Red Canyon, 10; Bull Basin, six; Trout Creek, 12; and Quinn Ridge, three, the manager reported. Measurements at other stations include Mud Flat, nine inches of snow with 1.7 water content, and South Mountain, 16 inches with 5.6 moisture content.

The shallow snow depth at Quinn Ridge is due to winds blowing the snow off the ridge, House concluded.

C. E. Leseberg, Contractor on Owyhee Dam Road Project, Hopes To Complete Entire 17-Mile Job Before June 1, 1962

Full Season Use by Tourists and Fishermen Would Be a Big Boost to Economy of Area

C. E. Leseberg, Nyssa contractor and successful bidder on the Owyhee dam road project, said Wednesday that he would be unable to start any part of the construction until the frost was all out of the ground, but that he hoped to have the entire job completed by June 1 of this year.

The completion time for the crushed rock surface and oil

mat wearing surface was set for June 1, 1962, with a Sept. 1 deadline for construction of the oil mat wearing surface. So if Leseberg can complete the entire job by June 1, fishermen and tourists will have a hard-surfaced road all the way to Cherry Creek park before summer begins.

The new construction will begin at the end of the present pavement near the Owyhee river siphon of the North canal, Owyhee project, and extend approximately 17 miles to the upper park (about one mile short of Cherry Creek resort).

Details of Work Outlined

Leseberg's contract with Malheur county, which will make payment and supervise the work, calls for spreading 500 cubic yards of crushed rock per mile, with rock or gravel to be of 3/4"-0" size and not more than 60 percent less than 40 percent of it to pass through a 1/4"-inch screen. This will then be graded and rolled until thoroughly compacted before the oil can be applied.

Oiling will consist of spreading two oil mats over a 20-foot roadway, with a seven-day lapse between applications, and brooming the road the first five days following each application.

Leseberg's bid of \$78,445 for the entire project was approximately \$7,000 lower than that of Bryan C. Rambo company of Nampa and almost \$21,000 under Arthur Simpson and company of Baker.

Rinehart Named AFS Group Head; Study Fiesta Plans

Grant Rinehart was named chairman of the local AFS (American Field Service) committee when the group met last Thursday for luncheon in the school cafeteria. Other officers elected were Gene Chester, vice chairman and Mrs. Max Urry, secretary.

Various committee members were appointed at the Jan. 25 session. The group also made final plans for the Philippine Fiesta slated at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the cafeteria.

Miss Leila Alampay, NHS exchange student from the islands, will be featured during the AFS-sponsored fiesta. A fashion show, teenage dance, art and trade exhibits, Philippine foods, folk dancing and native music will be among other attractions. Proceeds will be used to bring an exchange student to Nyssa high school next year.

Eighty-Eight Nyssa High Students Earn Bulldog Honor Roll Recognition

Attaining perfect GPA's, Don Arai and Jim Benedict headed the Bulldog honor roll for the first semester. Benedict, a sophomore, obtained his grades in English II, typing, industrial arts, physical education, biology and geometry.

Arai, a senior, was enrolled in Journalism II, chemistry, trigonometry, physical education, modern problems and advanced placement English. A total of 88 students achieved honor roll standings.

Students earning this placement were Sharon Newman, Linda Morrison, Judy Lorraine, Billy Lawrence, Vicki Maxfield, Carol Haney, Leora King, Dickie Servoss, Pam Alexander, Jeanie Seuell, Georgia Peterson, Hazel Dillon, Carolyn Tensen, Joyce Morinaka, Ann Cleaver, Gary Wilson.

Dale Laurance, Wayne Riggs, Christy Wyckoff, Margery Morton, Nancy Lytle, Nadine Spitz, Vicki Newman, Greg Sumner, Owen Berrett, Leila Alampay, Anne Stringer, Bob Hendricks, Mary Kay Olsen, Cheryl Zesiger, Paul Okano, Wilma Williamson and Paul Wilson.

Students qualifying for this category were Karen Bybee, Jerry Long, Pat Wright, Ellen Saito, Robert Palmer, Marilyn Clarkson, Shirley Ashby, Irene Wilson, Lucille White, Judy Wilson, Carol Reece, Dave Walker, Alice Wilson, Linda Myrick, Gloria Erwin, J. Draper.

Ona Winchester, Glenda Hoffman, Marilyn Gonyer, John Lytle, Stephen Henigson, Michael Mc-

Oregon and Idaho Onion Growers Set Joint Meet Feb. 6; To Elect Officers, Study Growing, Marketing Problems

Chemical Weed Control, Market Research, Mechanized Field Work Up for Discussion

Onion growers of Malheur county and southwestern Idaho will convene in a joint annual meeting of their two grower associations at Ontario Tuesday, Feb. 6, reports Turner Bond, secretary for the Malheur Onion Growers association. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in East Side Cafe, and the two groups will provide lunch at noon for members and guests.

Presidents James Wakagawa of the Idaho association and Roy Hirai of the Malheur organization will alternate as presiding officer, with Hirai directing the morning session and Wakagawa presiding in the afternoon. The two presidents report plans for a comprehensive program covering industry developments and association projects.

A key problem to be studied, according to Bond, is the effect of the Texas freeze and high closing prices for the current crop on planting intentions for the coming season. Association directors note that such a condition in onion markets usually leads to a bust the following season through overproduction.

Urges "Reasonable" Plantings

Arrangements are being pushed to have an officer of National Onion association speak to the local growers and to review production prospects for the coming year. The national association is assembling records to show how various acreage levels have affected onion prices in the past (Continued on Page 5)

Earl Flock To Run For Re-Election In May Primary

Earl Flock, Ontario, announced Wednesday that he would be a candidate in the Republican primary May 18 for the four-year term of county commissioner. He had not filed but said he had "talked it over" with his wife and they felt he should be able to do a good job since he had some experience in the office.

Flock made an unsuccessful race for county judge in the May 1960 primary, but, with the endorsement of the county Republican Central committee, was appointed by the county court on July 13 to fill the unexpired term of George Cleaver, resigned.

The committee endorsed him again and requested that his name be placed on the ballot in the November general election and he won handily over George Cloud for the two-year term as county commissioner.

Journal records show Flock was born in Custer county, Neb., and came to Ontario in 1913. He was graduated from Fruitland high school, attended normal school and taught for several years in Idaho and at Oregon Trail near Nyssa.

He was engaged in farming and ranching from 1930 to 1960 in the Harper area. After selling his ranch he moved to Vale and a little later to his present home on Sunset Drive, Ontario.

MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE FOR BOY SCOUT DISPLAYS

According to Keith Gates, district scout executive, materials for Boy Scout window displays are now available and may be picked up at the I. D. store in Ontario.

REALTORS NAMED TO BOARD

Ken Pond of Nyssa, C. C. Cunningham of Vale, Helen Dealy, Jay Phillips and F. M. Christiansen of Ontario were recently elected and installed as directors of Malheur chapter of the National Association of Real Estate boards.

Nyssa Musicians Dominate All-Star Band



MEMBERS OF THE ALL-STAR BAND selected at the recent University of Nevada band clinic staged in Reno are shown in the above photo. Of the 18 honored students, seven of them are from Nyssa. On the platform are (left to right) front row, Sondra Holmes, Nyssa; Barbara Cimino, Crockett, Calif.; second row, Mike Jefferies, Nyssa; Roger Maulding, Nyssa; Wendy Webster, Quincy, Calif.; Don Bell, Caldwell, Idaho; D. L. Fife, Nyssa; third row, Morey Johnson, Crockett; Dick McPartland, Nyssa; Mike Off, Nyssa; Alvin Her-

don, Quincy; back row, Andy McCluskey, Caldwell; Terry Williams, Quincy; Randy Towery, Caldwell; and Susan Morgan, Portola, Calif. To the far right in the photo are Judi Bingham, Nyssa; Bill Wolthius, Crockett; and Mike Requist, Caldwell. Upon receiving this picture from John Carrico of the university department of music, Smith also received a letter which read in part, "We certainly enjoyed the fine appearance your band made in every way—musicianship, show-

Crop Insurance Plan Available To Area Farmers

"New Single Crop Settlement Plan" of the Federal Crop Insurance program is being used by thousands of farmers in the northwest. Malheur county farmers have been asking for protection on a single crop basis for several years, according to J. Ford Anderson, district director for Federal Crop Insurance in this area, and Virgil McCracken, key fieldman.

This plan is available on wheat and barley, Anderson reported. Other crops including sugar beets and potatoes are expected to be added for the 1963 crop year. Some of the reasons why this program has expanded so rapidly the last few years are explained in the paragraphs that follow.

Farmers Increase Production

United States farm efficiency is the envy of the world. Since 1948 farmers have increased production per hour of labor by 75 percent. Again, since 1948, yields have increased by an average of 45 percent. Efficiency and yields have led to volume production, which in turn has meant narrower profit margins.

Of each dollar a farmer earns, production costs claim 70 cents. This leaves only 30 cents to cover labor, management and return on investment.

Narrow profit margins are having some far-reaching effects. One of these is that farming is becoming more risky. In event of a complete crop loss, a farmer operating on a 30 percent margin stands to lose the equivalent of 3 1/2 years' profit.

Big Loss Caused by Drought

Although science has helped hold losses to a minimum, each year insects and disease alone continue to cost the farmers the equivalent of production from 50 million acres. Neither insects nor

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Big \$150 Jackpot Prize Offered Next Week

Names drawn this week at Nyssa Bank Days event were Everett Pearson, \$125 jackpot; H. Nickerbocker, \$10 second award; and Ray Kinion, third prize of \$5.

No winners were on hand to claim their awards. Jackpot will advance to \$150 next Tuesday as this was the fourth consecutive week it has been unclaimed.

Sixth Graders Slate Band Concert Friday

Announcement has been made by Bob Q. Smith, Nyssa music instructor, that a sixth grade band concert will be given at 2 p.m. Friday in the grade school multipurpose room.

This will be the end of the first three-month period for the music students, Smith said.

The group will be directed by Smith, assisted by student conductors Mike Off, Carol Haney and Ona Lou Winchester.

The public is invited to attend this Friday afternoon concert.

Legume Seed Growers Will Consider Wide Range of Topics at Friday Meet

Malheur legume seed growers are slated to hear speakers on a wide range of subjects pertinent to the seed industry at their annual membership meeting Friday, Feb. 2, reports Fred Hagelstein, extension agent and secretary to the group.

Included in the all-day program, according to Hagelstein, will be discussions on pollinator research, alfalfa seed market trends, dodder control, seed cleaning and certification.

The seed growers association meeting will get under way at 9:30 a.m. in Oregon Trail Grange hall southwest of Nyssa. Association President Ted Avery of Adrian will preside at the meeting.

W. P. Stephen, Oregon State university entomologist, is scheduled to discuss latest research on both leaf cutter and alkali bee, important legume seed pollinators in the area. Stephen is well-known for his research work on pollinators—much of this work having been done in Malheur county.

Slated to discuss alfalfa varieties and market trends is Dr. J. Ritchie Cowan, farm crops departmental head at Oregon State university.

Other OSU Speakers Listed

Two other speakers from OSU are scheduled on the program—Dr. Rodney Frakes who will discuss alfalfa breeding research and Harold Fennell, seed certification specialist. Included in Fennell's presentation will be a film showing operations of the OSU seed testing laboratory. Luther Bice of the seed trade will also talk to seed growers.

Election of directors will be held to fill posts of directors whose terms are expiring. These include Dewey Garner, representing the Adrian-Newell Heights district; Masa Nishihara, Ridgeview; Emory Cameron, Big Bend; George Folkman, Sunset Valley; Wayne Simpson, Buena Vista; and Clyde Bybee, Owyhee.

The meeting will be an all-day affair with lunch being served by ladies of the grange.

W. B. Russell Attends Postmaster Meeting

Acting Postmaster William B. Russell spent part of last week in Seattle attending a training program conducted by the regional office of the P.O. department for newly appointed postmasters.

Russell will receive further training from an experienced instructor from one of the nearby offices of comparable size, regional officials, by visiting another post office and last by a final inspection of the local office by a postal inspector.

Also in attendance at the Seattle school were seven other newly appointed postmasters from Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.