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Council Adopts Ordinance for Street Improvement Unit; Hires Audit Firm; Delays License for Rooming Houses**Proposed New District Would Add 12 Blocks Of Paving, Curbing and Guttering to Streets**

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday, Aug. 14, the city council adopted two new ordinances, following third and final reading; approved hiring a firm of certified public accountants to audit city accounts; approved renewal of some rooming house licenses and tabled others; approved accounts current and approved changes in accounting practices, following a preliminary audit report for year ending June 30.

Japan Nite-Obon Festival Planned Saturday Evening

Activities will begin at 6 o'clock with Japanese teriyaki chicken and other Nippon dishes being served at the annual Japan Nite-Obon festival to be held Saturday evening, Aug. 18, at the Buddhist church on SE Fourth street in Ontario.

At 8 o'clock the Obon Odori (Japanese folk dancing) will begin out of doors on the church parking lot which will be gaily decorated. There will be 100 to 125 people, both young and old in colorful kimonos or happi coats.

Dancing will last until 10 o'clock. There will be other entertainment during intermissions. Those planning to attend are asked to take yukatas, kimonos or happi coats.

The Rev. Y. Takemura, minister, will show visitors the altar of the church. According to George Isleri, publicity chairman, a considerable amount of work has been done on it since last year.

Obon, as it is observed today, is essentially a memorial service for the departed as well as a thanksgiving for the living who are making life possible for the Buddhists. A spirit of gaiety and festivity pervading the occasion makes it entirely different from other Buddhist memorial services.

Buddhists participating in these dances (while feeling the sense of loss of their loved ones and friends) still feel an even stronger sense of faith in Amida (Buddha of Infinite Life and Light). Amida is sometimes called the Buddha of Boundless Light which penetrates the 10 quarters of the universe.

The guiding Life and Light permeates even the darkness of the Inferno of Starvation to bring about complete salvation. Those participating hope to be enveloped in the Life and Light of the Amida Buddha from time immemorial.

Legionnaires Vote To Organize Unit For Youth of Area

At the Aug. 2 regular meeting of American Legion post 79, members voted unanimously to adopt and organize a "Sons of Legion Squadron."

This organization will be comprised of sons, grandsons and stepsons of Legionnaires and will include boys from age 7 to 15 years.

F. E. "Pete" Petrie, Nyssa patrolman, was named squadron leader. Legion officers state that he is well qualified, having had many experiences with programs and achievements of young citizens.

Purpose of the organization is to make better citizens of local young men. Various programs will be instituted including advanced training in first aid, use and care of firearms, primary stages of judo and many other projects of interest to young men.

Next regular Legion meeting will be at 8 o'clock this evening at the community hall. All Legionnaires and boys interested in this newly adopted program are urged to attend.

Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit to Return To Malheur County for Film Retakes

The mobile x-ray unit will return to Malheur county Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 21-22, for the purpose of taking large films of those persons whose small x-ray films showed any suspected abnormality.

This is the most important part of the unit's case-finding purpose and all those who received letters asking them to come in for a retake should make every effort to fulfill the appointment. There is no charge for this large film.

The unit will be parked across from the Conklin school, 483 S.W. Second avenue in Ontario. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

Ordinance No. 410, adopted, is for creation of Street Improvement District No. 6 and covers various sections in the west and northwest part of Nyssa for curb, guttering and paving.

Ordinance 411 amends previous ordinances governing rates for private parties using the municipal swimming pool. Under new rates private parties may use the pool, not to exceed two hours, for a minimum of \$20 for 20 adults. Over 20 in the group would be charged additionally, based on number of children and adults at regular rates.

Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery will receive \$800 for audit of city records for fiscal year ending June 30. This is now required by Oregon law. The firm indicated annual audits, after the first year, would be \$600.

Action on Rooming Houses

Following discussion of individual applications for license renewals, the following licenses were approved for renewal: East Side Cabins, Chet's Motel, Arrowhead Motel, Western Hotel, Nora's Place, El Sombrero, Owyhee Hotel, Oregon Gate Cabins and Star Hotel.

Tabled, pending compliance with city code governing operation, were Riverside Cabins, Fox's Cabins (formerly Alcor's) and Chadwick's Cabins.

Rena's Rooms license was tabled pending outcome of recent indictment by county grand jury on charge of operating a bawdy house.

Recommendations made by City Accountant Grant Rinehart for minor changes in accounting procedures were approved unanimously.

City Manager Slates Spray Dates; Reveals Progress of Census

The city of Nyssa will receive another application of insect spray Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, the weather permitting, is announcement made by City Manager Art Colby.

The spraying equipment will be north of Main street on Monday, south of Main on Tuesday and in the east part of town on Wednesday.

Colby reports that the city census is well under way. The Jaycees have just completed their section of town and Lions members are progressing with their part of the program.

The entire city census should be completed by Monday, Aug. 20.

The sponsoring organizations are endeavoring to contact all residents within the city limits. However, if some are missed, they are asked to contact the city hall, phone 372-3915, and report house number, names and ages of those residing in the household.

JAYCEES TOLD OF CENSUS PROGRAM; MEET SOCIALLY

Art Colby, city manager, was guest speaker when Nyssa Jaycees met last Thursday at their new meeting place, "Love Notes." He outlined the city census survey being conducted by Jaycees and Lions club members.

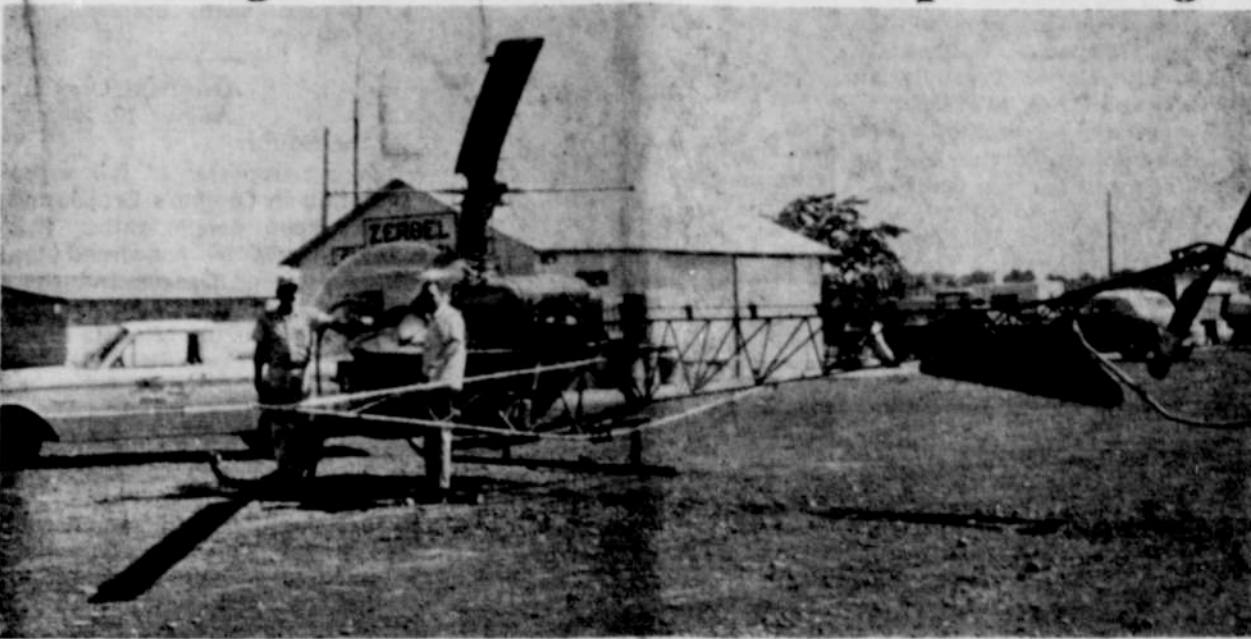
The Jaycees and their wives met socially last Saturday evening for a swimming party in the Nyssa pool and later gathered at the Bob Chatelain home where the group was served refreshments and spent the remainder of the evening dancing.

Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit to Return To Malheur County for Film Retakes

Those persons who received a grey envelope are to come to the unit between 10:30 and 12 noon for a miniature retake. These grey letters mean that there was a technical difficulty which made the film unsatisfactory for reading.

Schedule 135 Retakes

Approximately 3,000 persons were x-rayed in the county during the July visit of the mobile unit. Of this number 135 are scheduled for retakes. The Tuberculosis and Health association and the County Health department are both anxious that all of that number will be on hand for this important follow-up.

Whirlybird to Be Used in Crop Dusting

R. E. "MAC" MCCARTHY, chief pilot for Helicopter Services company of Yakima, Wash., and Ron Zerbel of Zerbel Flying Service pose with a whirlybird at Zerbel's flying station near Adrian. The machine was flown here last weekend to be used for crop spraying by the local flying service. Photo on left is McCarthy who will pilot the helicopter for Zerbel. —Staff Photos.

Zerbel Adds 'Copter for Crop Service; Growers See Demonstration Monday

Zerbel Flying Service introduced helicopter spraying to this area Monday afternoon with a demonstration before approximately 200 farmers gathered at the Mark Hartley farm southwest of Nyssa.

R. E. McCarthy, Yakima, Wash., pilot, gave a brief talk on the advantages of a helicopter over fixed-wing planes, told the group of farmers the area he would cover and then proceeded to spray it with colored water in order that they could examine the plants afterwards and see the effectiveness of it.

Ron Zerbel, owner of the local flying service, said he had secured the services of the 'copter because this season had demonstrated a real need for more thorough and longer lasting pest control in the area.

He said insects were much larger in number, migration from one field to another and from area to area had been much more apparent and that as a result spraying for growers had been never-ending. Some spraying came almost as soon as a previous application was finished, he said.

Advantages of 'Copter Listed

Listed as advantages of spraying by 'copter rather than by planes were (1) more thorough coverage of the plant with the 'copter being low over the fields and stirring the plants so that they were covered thoroughly and not just on top, (2) better coverage of all areas of field—trees, buildings and overhead lines do not bother the 'copter from covering adjoining areas, (3) can control poisonous sprays by flying at low altitude and shooting it on the ground—no wind drift, that is gotten from conventional planes.

Zerbel said he was not discontinuing plane spraying but that the helicopter would be available

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Avey Recovers Pants —But Loses \$130 Cash

Pilot Jack Avey of Wenatchee, Wash., lost his pants and \$130 cash when a sneak thief entered his room at Adrian Tuesday night.

The pants, billfold and identification papers were returned Wednesday morning by Mrs. Pete Keim who found them stuffed in their mailbox at the Fred Bennett farm about 10 miles northwest of Adrian.

Avey is the fortunate pilot who walked away from the Zerbel plane crash Aug. 5 with minor bruises.

NYSSA TOASTMASTERS HOLD ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION

Nyssa Toastmasters deviated from their regular routine at their Thursday morning meeting.

Round-table discussion topics included "City Government," "Medicine," "School Problems" and "Crop Dusting," with all members taking part in the program.

'Copter View of Air Crash

THIS AERIAL PHOTO was taken from the helicopter now being used for crop dusting in this area by Zerbel Flying Service. The picture shows a wrecked plane as it was being dismantled Monday morning following a mishap in a beet field in the Kingman Colony area northeast of Adrian. Pilot Buck Erickson reported engine failure forced him down about 3 p.m. Saturday. The crashed plane was leased from Hillcrest Aircraft Service at Lewiston, Idaho, by Zerbel Flying Service. This was the second mishap for the local flying service within the past week. On Monday evening, a third accident occurred on the David Ballantyne place southwest of Nyssa. The machine nosed over as Pilot Clyde Ritter made a forced landing. Ontario Flight Service, owner of the plane, said it was only slightly damaged and would be flying again shortly. All three pilots suffered only minor injuries. Flight service owners, pilots and area residents are hoping the "third" mishap will end the series. —Staff Photo.

Nyssa School Board Rejects All Bids For Training Car and Merit Pay Plan; Awards Heating Contract for Old Gym**Believe Merit Plan Calls for More Money Than Taxpayers Would Approve Just Now**

At the regular monthly meeting, Aug. 9, the Nyssa school board (1) rejected all bids for a driver training car, (2) sold the old school bus, (3) accepted bids for four heaters and a hot water heater for the old gymnasium and (4) rejected the pay features of a merit pay plan developed by the teachers and administrators.

The three bids which had been received for the 1962 driver training vehicle were rejected because no bid was considered a fair price for the car. Highest bid received was \$1457. For each of the last two years the district has obtained \$2100 for the used training car. The board decided to offer this year's car for sale at \$1900.

The 1948 Ford school bus was sold to Louis Emery of Parma who submitted the highest bid of \$325.

Bids on installation of four 150,000 BTU unit heaters and a hot water heater for the old gymnasium were opened and the low bid of McCrae Heating and Plumbing of Payette of \$2363 was accepted. Cascade Natural Gas company will install the gas line to the building at an approximate cost of \$328.

Reject Merit Pay Plan

The committee for the study of a merit system for teachers gave a complete report. This committee, consisting of Carl Devin, chairman; Clarice Poor, secretary; Gene Chester, Tavie Hendricks, Madge Thomson, Muri Lancaster and Frank Parr, has studied carefully about 20 different plans.

Committee members have given of their own time one three-hour evening each week during the past 12 months in order to present the most feasible plan for the Nyssa school system, should the board decide to adopt a merit plan. From this study, the committee formulated the plan which was submitted to the board for consideration.

Purpose of a merit system is to attempt to improve the teaching program of a school system by recognizing and rewarding outstanding teaching. Under such a system, those teachers rated as having most merit would advance at a more rapid rate on the pay scale.

Other Procedure Outlined

The second classification would be for those teachers who were considered proficient and who would advance at the regular rate. If teachers fell in the third class, there would be a limit of four steps of advancement after the probationary period. Anyone falling below the minimum would be dismissed.

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Blood Group Names Spotted of Canteen For Aug. 28 Drawing

Members of the local Red Cross blood committee announce that the LDS Nyssa First ward Relief society will have charge of canteen service at the Aug. 28 blood drawing. Mrs. S. R. Mitchell has been named chairman.

The Nyssa merchants' committee has agreed that donors may participate in the Bank Days drawing and will receive their cash award if their name is called while visiting the bloodmobile at 3 o'clock.

The next blood drawing will be Tuesday, Aug. 28, between the hours of 12 noon and 6 p.m. in the high school gym. The quota is 200 pints of blood.

Births This Week at Malheur Memorial Post Records in Nursery Department

New records were set this week in the nursery department at Malheur Memorial hospital. Two sets of twins were born and were occupants of the nursery at the same time—the first time in the history of the hospital, according to Manager Chuck Smith.

A third set of twins is pending and the hospital was forced to borrow an incubator from a Caldwell hospital—another first in the history of the local institution.

A record number of infants (9) occupied the nursery this week—a second time for the hospital. The first time was in 1959. Yearly average occupancy for the nursery is 21 percent. That average increased in 1961 by 4 percent when 287 babies were born in the hospital. There have been 167 births so far this year.

Infant Statistics Listed

Parents of the twins (all unnamed) are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Garriek of 504 North Seventh street (boy, 5 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces; girl, 3 pounds) and Mr. and Mrs.

All Teaching Spots Filled; 47 Apply For Manager Post

Superintendent of Schools W. L. McPartland said Wednesday that all Nyssa teaching positions are filled with the signing of a contract this week by Mrs. Lana Schenk to teach one of the first grades.

Forty-seven applications have been filed with the superintendent for position of business manager-clerk. A decision will be made when all applicants have had an opportunity to submit complete credentials and references.

McPartland said there have been inquiries regarding adult classes for this winter. Money for these courses was one item cut from the school budget. Due to lack of funds, lack of sufficient exhaust facilities in the present agriculture shop and due to the extra time required by the vocational-agriculture instructor to plan and carry through such courses, adult classes will not be offered this year.

K. Renstrom Attends Session in Pittsburgh; Gives Resume of Trip

Eagles State President and Mrs. Ken Renstrom returned Sunday evening from a three-week trip east.

Renstrom attended International Eagles grand aerie convention in Pittsburgh, Pa. He reports a busy four-day session. Keynote speaker was Mayor Bartle of Kansas City, Mo. Other guest speakers included Jack Dempsey, Two-Ton Tony Galento, Buddy Baer, Gov. Lawrence of Pennsylvania and Arch Bishop Cardinal Spellman.

Mrs. Renstrom visited her brother and sister-in-law, Lt. Col. and Mrs. H. W. Myers in Madison, Wis., while her husband attended the convention.

Enroute east, the Nyssa couple traveled via southern Colorado and Springfield, Mo., and returned by way of the Black Hills and Yellowstone park. They visited five national monuments, 11 national parks and crossed eight mountain ranges.

Renstrom said a highlight of the trip was in Yellowstone park where they watched for 30 minutes while a cougar was stalking a flock of geese, with an eagle diving at the cougar. The incident occurred approximately 100 yards from the Renstrom car.

The Nyssan himself broke up the show when he crawled upon the hood of his vehicle to view through his field glasses. He frightened the cougar away.

AFL-CIO PICNIC SLATED SATURDAY IN PAYETTE

Consolidated councils of Eastern Oregon, AFL-CIO, will hold their annual picnic at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Payette park.

The public is invited to the potluck dinner and subsequent meeting. Each family is asked to take covered dish and own table service.