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'Federal Controls and Subsidies Are Shackling the Farmer,' Farm Bureau State Official Tells Nyssa Chamber

Declares Returning to Market Price System Would Aid Farmers and Lower Tax Costs

Joe Hobson of Ontario, vice president of Oregon Farm Bureau, told the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce last week that "Federal controls and subsidies are shackling the American farmer today, and that there must be a return to the market price system."

Firms to Display Farm Equipment Used in This Area

Nyssa has long been recognized as the center of one of the best farming areas in the Treasure Valley. Not only is the land fertile but row crop farming is highly specialized.

Farm equipment manufacturers are aware of this and design and test machinery for use here. Special equipment has been designed and come into use in similar farm areas after having been proven here. Onions, potatoes, sugar beets and sweet corn are some of the crops using this new equipment for planting, cultivating and harvesting.

But making this equipment is not sufficient for the farmer—there must be a distributor with the machinery on hand for actual demonstrations, shops manned by skilled mechanics for necessary repairs and with replacement parts.

Nyssa is well blessed with farm machinery dealers who keep up to date with the newest machinery and latest methods of use. Recently B & M Equipment had a John Deere day for this purpose; Farmers Equipment had a Case Prevue day.

This Saturday, Ideal Gas and Appliance company will have a "Flaming Cultivation" day at the Nyssa school cafeteria showing how LP gas can be used profitably on the farm.

On Feb. 22 Nyssa Implement company will have an Oliver day at their North Main street store showing new tractors and machinery plus improvements made on existing models. Many of the changes are geared for areas like we have here.

Organizational Meet For PTA Cub Scouts Set Monday Evening

There will be an organizational meeting at 7:30 Monday evening, Feb. 18, for boys in the 8-10 age group who are interested in Cub Scouting. The session will be in the junior high school little theater. Keith T. Gates, area Boy Scout representative, will be in attendance.

Parents and boys are requested to be there promptly at 7:30 so an early adjournment may be achieved.

This troop will be under sponsorship of the Nyssa PTA and has been inactive for approximately six months.

Variety of Tax Measures Considered At Salem; Referral to Voters Predicted

By ROBERT F. SMITH, State Representative

This week of the legislature found the discussion centering around taxation. Most of the tax proposals have now been heard before the House Tax committee. They are many and varied. They roam from sales taxes to net business taxes.

Representative Rogers would tax three areas—through a sales tax, a net receipts tax and a net business tax—and refer the package to the people for their choice of one, or three, or none.

Representative John Mosser of Washington county would establish a flat 5 percent tax, extending the \$600 exemption to \$800 and eliminating the federal income tax deduction. Of course, the governor's net receipts tax plan would broaden the base of taxation, including people who have never paid a tax before, and reduce the existing rates while eliminating all deductions and exemptions. Representative McKinnis proposes a 3 percent sales tax which would be used for property tax relief and buildings for higher education.

All Prizes Unclaimed At Tuesday Drawing; Jackpot Reaches \$200

Names drawn this week at Nyssa Bank Days event were Dale Schneider, 613 North Sixth street, \$175 jackpot; Raymond Sager, 17 North Ninth street, \$10 second award; and Melvin Spitzer, route 1, Ontario, third prize of \$5.

Jackpot prize will advance to \$200 next Tuesday afternoon. This is the first time since Dec. 18 that high prize has reached the maximum amount.

Completes 52 Years in Sugar Industry



J. L. (LEN) CHURCH will retire early this summer from his duties as assistant superintendent of Amalgamated's sugar factory in Nyssa. He has been with the White Satin company since 1938 and in the sugar business for 52 years. He is shown here with the Nyssa plant's 2,000,000th 100-pound

bag of sugar packaged at 1:45 a.m. on the day ending Feb. 6 of this year. This is claimed to be a record in sugar production and according to Henry Zobell, plant manager, it is the first time production has hit this figure in one campaign in any of the company's factories.—Photo by Schoen.

Know Your Faculty

By WALTER L. McPARTLAND, Superintendent of Schools
GENE CHESTER, High School Principal

Gene Chester is completing his fourth year as principal of Nyssa high school. Gene came to Nyssa from Harper after serving that community for four years as superintendent. Previous to his stint there, Chester had been associated with the Vale high school in the capacity of coach, social studies teacher and biology instructor for eight years.

Gene is fundamentally a country boy at heart. Somewhere up around Soda Spring, Idaho, he started his school life in that institution fondly recalled as the "little red schoolhouse." From that first year until graduation, the Soda Springs public school system provided most of his guidance in academic work.

The halls of higher learning of Boise Junior college and the College of Idaho provided for his bachelor's degree and the University of Oregon was the site of his quest for a master's.

The Chesters have two boys, ages 8 and 12. Mrs. Chester is occupied in her spare time with a job selling real estate for a company in Vale.



GENE CHESTER
"A Country Boy at Heart"

Malheur Seed Group Dates Annual Meet Wednesday, Feb. 20

Malheur County Alfalfa Seed Grower's association will hold its annual meeting at Oregon Trail hall Wednesday, Feb. 20, starting at 10 a.m., according to Ted Avery, association president.

W. P. Stephen, entomologist from Oregon State university, will discuss latest research findings relating to leaf-cutter and alkali bees. These two insects have been the main source of pollination for local seed growers. J. Ritchie Cowan, head of the Farm Crops department at OSU, will inform growers of the latest advances in alfalfa plant breeding work and will cover latest varieties available for seed production.

Another OSU entomologist, R. W. Every, will talk about insect control and problems relating to resistance to insecticides encountered in destroying bugs that reduce alfalfa seed yields.

H. E. Fennell, certification specialist from OSU, will inform seed growers of latest policies concerning the certification of alfalfa seed. Ray Teal, marketing specialist from OSU, will present the latest information on the alfalfa seed supply outlook.

During the meeting directors will be elected to fill the expired terms of George Schiemer, L. W. Dierking, T. R. Avery, Harold Alexander and Lester Cleaver.

Sweetheart Ball Set Tomorrow Evening By Nyssa Stake MIA

Nyssa stake MIA is sponsoring a Sweetheart ball to be held at 9 o'clock Friday evening in the Nyssa stake house, it has been announced by Mrs. Frank Skeen.

During intermission a floor show will be presented, at which time tribute will be paid to some of the oldest sweethearts in the stake. Mrs. Skeen said. Special music and dance numbers will also be presented.

The public is invited to attend.

Long-Time Sugar Worker to Retire In Early Summer

This is a story of a man who has worked with the sugar industry for 52 years and will retire early this summer from his duties as assistant superintendent of Amalgamated Sugar's Nyssa refinery.

He is J. L. (Len) Church who was born in Denver, Colo., a son of Jack C. and Stella Church, and moved with his parents to Rocky Ford, Colo., when he was 8 years of age.

At age 11, he started working as office boy in the American Beet Sugar company in Rocky Ford and when 15 went to work in the factory there. (It was during this period that office employees would take his errand tips, put them in a container and save the total sum for his Christmas savings.) He was boiling sugar at age 18.

Mr. Church was united in marriage on June 30, 1921, to Pauline Gauger at La Juanta, Colo. They moved from Rocky Ford to Grand Junction in 1923 when Lennie went to work for the Holly Sugar company.

In 1927 he went to England with the Lincragan Sugar company which later became the British Sugar corporation. While abroad he worked in a supervisory capacity and on construction. He did not take his family the first year, (Continued on Page 7)

Toastmasters Discuss Advertising Phrases

Three five-minute talks were presented last Thursday morning at the regular meeting of Nyssa Toastmasters. Don Bowers spoke on the subject, "Are We Doing Our Part?" in connection with the Oregon State Game commission report cards. Bob Love discussed "Our Past and Changing Times," comparing the Roaring '20's to today in the world of crime.

"Centuries of Struggle" was title of the speech given by the Rev. Paul Ludlow in which he presented an account of slavery through history.

Table topics were selected phrases from television advertising provided by Dr. John Olsen, topic master. W. L. McPartland served as toastmaster and W. A. Barton was evaluator.

School Patrolmen Honored



SCHOOL PATROL HONORS last month went to Larry Wilson and Peggy Moore. Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson, was named patrol officer. Peggy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore and was given honors as patrolman of the month. Both are sixth grade students in Mrs. Mary Hatt's class room. —Staff Photo.

Nyssa School Board Approves Plans For New Vo-Ag Building; Proposal To Be Submitted to Voters March 4

\$95,000 Cost Includes Remodeling of Old Building for Biology Classroom and Lab

Nyssa school board okayed plans for a new vocational agriculture shop and classroom and remodeling of the old vo-ag shop for biology classroom and lab at the regular meeting Monday evening. Members voted to submit the proposal to voters of the district at a bond election to be held Monday, March 4, according to Dirick Nedry, district clerk.

This action culminates many months of planning, sessions with the architects, public meetings and joint meetings with the vocational agriculture advisory council, vo-ag and biology instructors, Nedry said.

The new vo-ag building will be located just north of the bus garage and will consist of classroom, shop, office, storage, rest rooms and fenced area. Estimated cost of this building is \$51,440; and architects and legal fees will place total cost right at \$95,000, a figure proposed by the advisory council at the public hearing a year ago.

Total Figure Set at \$95,000
It is proposed to remodel the present vo-ag shop into a biology classroom and laboratory. Cost of this construction and equipment will be \$34,185. Architects fees, legal fees and contingency, plus a small amount to refurbish the present vo-ag classroom will bring the estimated cost of all construction to about \$95,000, and this amount will be proposed in the bond election.

Superintendent W. L. McPartland advised the board that high school enrollment will increase from 365 this year to about 390 next year and will go to 425 in the 1964-65 school year, based on the size of the seventh and eighth grade classes that will enter high school in the next two years.

Extra Room Needed Next Year
After that the enrollment will level off, McPartland stated, barring any unforeseen economic developments in the area, as the classes all through the lower grades average between 110 and 120 students. For this reason the extra classroom will be badly needed next year, as well as the expanded biology facilities, the superintendent said.

After studying many different plans and proposals over the last several meetings, the board concluded that they will never be able to provide the additional classrooms needed at so reasonable cost, and voted unanimously to proceed with the bond issue.

Budget Board Members Named
In other action at the long session Roy Holmes and Clarence Lancaster were elected to three-year terms on the budget board. Holmes succeeds himself and Lancaster replaces Glen Peterson, who has served many years on the board.

Chairman Warren Farmer appointed Mark Hartley as the school board's representative on the vo-ag advisory council for a three-year term, succeeding Ray Larson, board member.

The law firm of Yturri, O'Kief and Cox was hired by the board to handle the legal work connected with the bond issue. It was pointed out that the local firm of Hengston and Stunz could not be retained because of Stunz' membership on the school board.

Sen. Yturri Sees Recurring Problems Facing Sessions of State Legislature

By ANTHONY YTURRI, State Senator

The longer one serves in the legislature, the more he is impressed with the fact that the problems never change. Session after session, the legislature faces the same situation. There is always the question of how much money the state should spend, and this raises the question of whether or not the tax laws should be changed.

We continue to hear the same arguments for spending and for taxes. In fact, it is not at all unusual for the same witnesses "for and against" to appear before the committees. Even the bills introduced are frequently the same. Legislators refer to such bills as "the old dogs." They are defeated session after session, but they continue to reappear. The trouble is that eventually they pass and become law.

Debate Taxes on Television
I appeared on the "Let's Face It" television program Wednesday evening in Portland together with Senator Pearson. We debated the respective merits of the "sales tax," "net receipts tax" and all the other tax programs that are being advocated.

We were in disagreement on several aspects, but the simple fact seems to be that our economy is not keeping abreast of the

Special Education To Be Discussed At PTA Tonight

When the Nyssa Parent-Teacher association convenes for its regular meeting at 8 o'clock this evening, the subject will be special education.

Marcelle Montgomery, physical therapist and a well-recognized authority in the field of cerebral palsy, will discuss the aspects of this disorder and explain how children so afflicted can be better understood and helped.

Miss Montgomery is not a stranger to Nyssa. She has been making regular visits to Malheur county during the past two years and in that time some 35 children and adults have been on her program for therapy.

Paul Starkovich of Salem, consultant in the education of visually handicapped children, State Department of Education, will also be present. He is expected to show a film on experiences of a blind child and he will discuss ways in which the state department can be of assistance to this district on matters of special education.

Further aspects of this evening's program will be displays of work done by the special class for retarded children. Miss Nelle Hayes, teacher of the class, will be present to discuss her work and answer questions.

Committee members for the program are Josephine Rigney, Mr. and Mrs. William Wahlert and Fred Arai, member of the Nyssa school board.

Local Unemployment Down Considerably From Previous Year

Claims for unemployment insurance remained well below January of 1962, according to Horace L. Arment, manager of the Ontario office, Oregon State Employment service. The most striking difference appears in weeks claimed. While new claims filed fell from 263 in January of 1962 to 209 for last month, the weeks of unemployment dropped from 2,448 in January of 1962 to 1,267 for January 1963.

Workers placed on jobs through the local office increased from 47 in January 1962 to 115 in January this year.

The first class under the Manpower Training and Development Act of 1962 commenced Feb. 4, with 40 students enrolled. All are residents of the local area taking English as a basic course and tractor operation as a vocational choice with the objective in view of farm production equipment operators.

level of services which the people expect to receive from the state. A sales tax for Oregon is gaining more and more favor and it is not at all unlikely that we will have such a tax in the next few years.

Several bills of interest have been introduced recently. Among them is Senate Bill 37 which would require an employer to furnish, free of charge, special protective equipment or apparel re-

Host Family Needed For Exchange Student

According to Mrs. Paul House, chairman of the AFS housing committee, a host family is needed for the 1963-64 foreign exchange student.

Any family interested in hosting an exchange student should contact Mrs. House at 372-3417.