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## High Winds, Rain and Freezing Cause Widespread Damage to Nyssa Area In Past Week; Property Losses Small

Family Orchards Hardest Hit; Early Fruit Thought Destroyed; Beets Damaged Little

The weather has been highly varied in Malheur county during the past week. Temperatures ranging from a high of 70 degrees Sunday to a reported (unofficial) low of 20 in the Cow Hollow area yesterday (Wednesday) have brought high winds, snow, frost, a pelting of rain and a minimum of sunshine. North Board of Control in Nyssa reported .06 inches

## College Trustees To Ask Approval Of Building Levy

Board of trustee members of Treasure Valley Community college have announced that the college will ask voter approval on May 6 for a one-mill, three-year serial levy. This levy would yield approximately \$42,000 each year and would be used primarily to match state building funds under the 75 percent state, 25 percent local community college building formula.

In making this announcement, Dr. John Easley, chairman of the college board of trustees, emphasized the need to have the local funds available so that the Oregon legislature and the State Department of Education can be sure of Treasure Valley Community college readiness to accept and match state building funds.

At the present time the college has a request before the Oregon legislature for \$362,000 in state building funds.

## 'Career Night' Slated For Eighth Graders

High school career night for eighth grade students and their parents is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in the Nyssa high school cafeteria. It has been announced by Mrs. Harriet Brumbach, NHS counselor.

Muriel Lancaster, junior high principal, will preside. "Orientation for High School Careers" will be theme of the meeting.

Mrs. Lois Peterson of the state employment office in Ontario will discuss "The World of Work."

Gene Chester, high school principal, will talk on required subjects and state requirements for graduation. Mrs. Brumbach will speak on college entrance requirements. High school students will be present to discuss opportunities for pre-vocational training through activities. A special musical program will also be given.

## IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Ellis Walters was taken to Malheur Memorial hospital last Friday and remains in critical condition.

## Sen. Yturri Misses Week of Activity; Discusses State Constitution Revision

By ANTHONY YTURRI, State Senator

I apologize for not having submitted a newsletter last week. Unfortunately, it was necessary to enter the hospital for the second time this session. As a result, I missed an entire week and am now on limited service for another period. Again I wish to thank the many well-wishers who wrote me of their concern for my health.

Knowledge of such concern has touched me deeply. I am most grateful and very humble.

One of the important subjects at this session is Constitutional Revision and perhaps devotion of this letter to that subject is appropriate.

Someone conceived the idea that Oregon's Constitution should be modernized and streamlined. No one had produced any evidence that any citizen has in any way been injured, damaged or hurt by reason of the existence of the present document. No human, civil, property or other rights have been abridged, curtailed or adversely affected.

**Legislature Appoints Commission**  
Nevertheless, the 1961 Legislature provided for the appointment of a commission to renovate our ancient document. (Apparently the value broadly assigned to "antiques" is not attached to constitutions.)

The commission, composed of legislators, lawyers and public members, worked long and hard toward creation of a streamlined and so-called "modern" document.

Our existing Constitution has been in existence for more than 100 years and has been amended at least 111 times. It is true that it contains a substantial amount of material that is better expressed in the form of "statutes" that can be changed from session to session by the legislature.

week .35 inch on Thursday and .03 on Monday of this week. That of Thursday fell in a short time, in contrast to that of the previous weekend, and packed a crust on a lot of the heavy soil. Farmers are busy now breaking that up to let the tender beet plants come through.

## Temperatures Destroy Fruit

The freezing temperatures have destroyed most of the family orchards of sweet cherries, peaches, apricots and plums, plus considerable damage to early apple crops.

Commercial orchards have been damaged much less, according to Harry Sandquist, county agricultural agent, who said Wednesday afternoon that smudge pots had kept damage at a minimum.

Henry Zobel, manager of the Nyssa Amalgamated Sugar company district, said reports from all sections of the area showed little damage to sugar beets. He estimated frost and wind damage at approximately one percent of the total crop with the most severe losses in the sandy soil fields in the Parma area.

## Property Damaged by Wind

Straight winds reaching 40 to 50 miles per hour hit the area about 5 p.m. Sunday and caused minor damage to roofs and small buildings.

Farmers Feed and Seed lost roofs off two small storage buildings on the north side of Main street, a big door on the large storage building at south edge of town and had a metal self-feeder blow over at the feed lot west of Nyssa.

Mrs. Anna Pratt reported a big metal granary blown into the field on the Lee Cables place southwest of Nyssa. It was believed to be a total loss.

The roof was blown off the home of Mary Rios, Nyssa route 2; Wilson Bros. Department store had a large neon sign damaged; a plate glass was blown out at the Denny Bartron home on the highway north of town.

Part of a new concrete block fence was blown down at the Taylor residence on Reece avenue and nearby the backstop at the high school baseball diamond was blown over.

Considerable roof damage at Malheur Memorial hospital and Nyssa Food Center was reported. Minor damage was reported to a considerable number of residences throughout the area.



THIS AERIAL PHOTO was taken on April 11 by Ron Schoen from a plane piloted by Ted Morgan and shows the condition of the elementary school playground. Scattered over the space are water puddles and students. The dark spot at the left of the picture is beet dirt, dumped there by area farmers at request of school authorities. Through thoughts and penmanship of elementary teachers, the playground tells its life history in a story printed below.

## Lament of the Obsolete Playground

By Elementary School Staff

I am an old pox-marked school playground. I get that run-down feeling every time three or four hundred kids tromp on me as they go to lunch or out to play.

My cousins in neighboring communities have it much nicer than I. Most of them have patches of asphalt and are not as bald as I am.

I'm tough, though. But when it rains, I really soften up. The kids have a grand time playing slickety-slosh, hopslipscotch and mudball between the maze of fascinating puddles.

## Varied Articles Retrieved

The teachers frantically retrieve boots, shoes and kids that were mired. The principal puts oversized girl's jeans on soaked, reluctant boys and promises more

severe measures if they come in with saturated clothes again.

Mothers use Cheer with other Blue Monday wash day dissolvants to send my topsoil down the drain—forever gone. But the custodians really help! They reclaim tons of my real estate from the building but by then I'm loaded with stuff called floor wax.

## Withstands Troubles 20 Years

When it's dry, my alkali crust disintegrates and blows — once again I'm frowned upon. Yes, I'm full of woes but not self pity! I've patiently withstood the gamut for the past 20 years or better so I know that if I must, I can carry on.

Some people have tried to help me out. I do have some trees and a patch of gravel although much

of that has been carried off embedded in skin. Last fall helpful farmers piled beet dirt on half of my surface. I really appreciate that because there is talk of seeding that part. Then again—maybe it's for the Soil Bank; I haven't felt the seeds yet!

I hear rumors that a thing called "budget" holds my fate. How I long for some green grass and some patches of black-top; but just as grass needs water, this budget needs votes, lots of votes. It would be great to have the facilities necessary to do my part toward a better physical fitness program for these kids that tromp me year after year.

You know how it is . . . old playgrounds never die; they just lay that way!

## NEWS TOPICS DISCUSSED BY NYSSA TOASTMASTERS

Table topics discussed by Nyssa Toastmasters last week were current news items.

Speeches were given by Don Bowers, Pete Broers and Bob Love. Bowers talked on reliance of society and civilization on the can opener. Broers spoke on strong convictions and stated that they must be as strong as steel, yet flexible and resilient. He gave historic examples of how ideas were changed.

Love gave an explanation of law enforcement work and told of expectations of personnel.

## Women's Tournament To Begin Saturday At Local Sugar Bowl

The bowling balls will start rolling at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon when the first team events are scheduled for the first annual Women's City association tournament at the Sugar Bowl.

Doubles and singles contests will begin at 4:30 p.m. with more team events slated at 7 p.m.

Team contests will resume at 2 p.m. Sunday with doubles and singles events scheduled at 4:30, 7 and 9 p.m.

## Know Your Faculty

By WALTER L. McPARTLAND, Superintendent of Schools

## Nyssa Third Grade Teachers

**VIRGIL SEWARD** attended the Nyssa high school in 1939 and 1940 but was graduated from Parma high in 1942. He received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Northwest Nazarene college and has been doing graduate work at the College of Idaho.

Virgil has been teaching in Idaho and Oregon for the past 12 years. He has a farm on the Idaho side about three miles from Nyssa so his children attend the Parma schools.

**MRS. VALE HAGEY** attended high school at Union, Ore., and went on to receive her bachelor degree from Eastern Oregon college. She has been in the teaching profession 21 years, 10 of which have been in the Nyssa system.

Mrs. Hagey's family consists of one daughter and a granddaughter.

**MRS. NAOMI MAY** graduated from Oakley high school and attended Albion Normal, Idaho university and Eastern Oregon college. She holds a bachelor of science degree. Mrs. May has taught school for 17 years, mostly in Idaho, but has been in the Nyssa district for the past six years.

Mrs. May has five children who have made her a grandmother 19 times.

**MRS. HELEN GONYER** attended high school at Belle Fourche, S.D., and took her teacher training at Black Hills Teacher college in Spearfish, S.D. She taught in rural schools of South Dakota and Iowa and in the junior high school social studies work.

She spent two terms as county superintendent of schools in Butte county, S.D., and worked for two years for the Motor Vehicle department of South Dakota. Besides working for two years in the Bureau of Reclamation office in Nyssa, Mrs. Gonyer has spent 10 years teaching in the third grade.

A daughter, Gloria, is working on her master's degree at Brigham Young university and Marilyn is a sophomore at Nyssa high.

**MRS. MURIEL JUDD** received her high school training in Montrose, S.D., and attended South Dakota State Normal, Sioux Falls college at Cheney, Wash. She received her bachelor's degree at Idaho College of Education.

Mrs. Judd has taught in rural schools of south Dakota and at St. Maries, Belleville, Parma and Avery, all in Idaho. Altogether she has accumulated 33 years in classroom work.

Mr. and Mrs. Judd live east of Parma. A son, Eugene, is with the Idaho Power company at Jerome, Idaho.



NYSSA'S STAFF of third grade teachers includes (standing, left to right) Mrs. Vale Hagey, Virgil Seward, Mrs. Muriel Judd and Mrs. Helen Gonyer. Seated is Mrs. Naomi May.

## School Budget of \$719,223 for Nyssa District 26 Will Be Voted on May 6; \$116,575 Outside 6 Percent Limitation

Minor Changes From Published Budget Add To Music and Journalism Department Funds

Directors of Nyssa School District 26 have submitted a \$719,223 budget for voter consideration at the May 6 election. Of this amount \$116,575 is outside the six percent limitation.

Following lively, and sometimes warm, discussion at the Tuesday night budget hearing, the board made only minor changes in the budget as carried in the Journal. \$6000 was added for an assistant music director and \$300 for the journalism department.

Other than the school and budget board members, 62 patrons made up the largest crowd in attendance at a budget hearing in Nyssa in recent years. Many of those were there in the interest of securing an assistant music director for the coming year, under the theory that one man was unable to handle the 450 student load in the music departments.

## Petitions Presented

Board Chairman Warren Farmer asked for a report from the petition circulators. Mrs. Mark Hartley presented the petitions to the board together with a report that 288 district voters had signed them.

Farmer then asked for comments from those who were opposed to adding this amount into the budget. Wilton Jackson said he felt the school was badly in need of a grade school library and the addition of a foreign language course that should take priority over an expanded music program.

Grant Rinehart said he had little respect for petitions as he thought people would sign them for almost any cause.

## Present Director Unaware

Mrs. Hartley said she wished to make it clear that Robert Q. Smith (present music director who has resigned) had nothing to do with the circulating of the petitions and did not know the action was contemplated when started.

Mrs. Max Urry said that an assistant would enable music to be started in the lower grades. Superintendent W. L. McPartland explained that another teacher would add music in the elementary grades plus making choral music available for the freshman class where there is now a conflict in schedule due to physical education class at that time. He said the instrumental music group would not be enlarged.

## Says Board Running "Scared"

Rinehart said the board was running "scared" and worried too much about rumors. He said he would repeat what he had said (Continued on Page 6)

## ANNUAL DANCE RECITAL TO BE STAGED APRIL 26

The 14th annual recital by pupils of Betty Madge Wilson's school of dancing will be presented at 8 o'clock Friday evening, April 26, in the high school auditorium.

Proceeds from the event will go to Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary, sponsoring organization.

## Smith Sees Increase in Bills Presented To Legislature; Tax Program Sought

By ROBERT F. SMITH, State Representative

The plot thickens. This week the Legislature has seen a tremendous increase in the amount of bills coming up for third reading and final passage and also the first fruits of the Tax committee, which has been working since Jan. 12 to produce some sort of tax program which would solve the monetary problems of the state of Oregon.

To me and many other legislators, and I am sure most of the public, it is always interesting to analyze how the Tax committee can vote out of committee tax programs without a knowledge of how much money the Ways and Means committee is going to appropriate for operation of state government.

However, be that as it may, this week in the Legislature saw two trial balloons sail toward the House of Representatives—one sailing through and the other punctured.

## Sensitive to Public Opinion

The Tax committee, not unlike most of the Legislature, is a group of nine people more than sensitive to public opinion, fearing that what they hope to do will no doubt be unpopular, recognizing that even though unpopular, they must pass legislation to raise taxes in some area. The attempt this week was to test members of the House of Representatives as to their sensitivity toward taxation.

It has been estimated by many here in Salem that to meet the needs of the state, between \$50 and \$60 million in new money must be raised. If this be true,

## Road Maintenance Levy Election Set In City April 26

A special election for a \$13,000 continuing street levy for maintenance, cleaning and repair of city streets will be held at city hall Friday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. This levy has been in effect for the past 10 years as a five-mill street levy, according to City Manager Art Colby.

The street department budget for 1962-63 is \$38,150 for personnel, maintenance and operation. The street levy provides approximately \$13,000 and state gas tax apportionment \$19,000. The balance is obtained by general fund transfer.

Colby reported that during the past five years the street department has swept 3,000 miles of streets, sealed 150,000 square yards of pavement, rebuilt gutters, patched and maintained existing streets, constructed 2,500 lineal feet of new streets, assisted in the improvement of East Main by curb, gutter and widening, improvement of Park avenue and improved drainage of all intersections.

King avenue and Fifth street, Fourth and Walnut avenue are scheduled for this summer. The street department is also assisting in the construction of Street Improvement District No. 6 by construction of drainage facilities. A portion of work planned for this summer consists of rebuilding new gutters and improvement of existing gravel streets and alleys.

## Chairman of Drives Reports Collections

Bob Chatelain, local chairman of the recent Red Cross fund drive, has reported a total collection of \$272.84 in Nyssa and surrounding rural area.

He has asked the Journal to express his appreciation to Bishop Frell Blair and Counselor Leslie Burbank of Nyssa LDS First and Second wards and to their various ward groups. Nyssa First ward assisted with city solicitations, while the Second ward was in charge of rural area collections.

Chatelain was also local chairman for the Heart fund drive conducted in February and has reported that approximately \$150 was collected. Mrs. Virginia Steffens and her FHA girls were in charge of the drive for the Nyssa area under chairmanship of Lynn Jackson.

## Cigarette Tax Defeated

The trial balloons sent to the House this week would have raised \$26,000,000 of new money for the state. The first was the cigarette tax, which would have produced \$15,000,000 in the first biennium. The cigarette tax was defeated on the floor of the House, later reconsidered and sent back to the Taxation committee. In the current Tax committee plans the cigarette tax is necessary to give the whole complement of the tax picture its necessary balance.

The second trial balloon was a one-shot revenue program which will raise \$11,000,000. It would provide that employers, about 7,000 in number and who pay more than \$100 per month of withholding, would send in their withholding payments each month rather than quarterly. In other words, it would follow the federal program of tax withholding in payment.

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