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Sports Fashions . . . 50 Years Ago



NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL squad members are shown with their coaches as they appeared approximately 50 years ago. Kneeling (left to right) are Maurice Rutledge, Clarence Bean, Dallas Duncan, William Teutsch, Jack McDonald, Bill Morey, Audrey Ward and Felton Duncan. Standing are Coach "Prof" White, Frank Morgan, assistant coach: Carl Rutledge, Ken Blodgett, Hank Teutsch, Walter Rutledge and Clair Gibson. (Photos taken from collection of Bob Thompson.)



THE NHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM of approximately a half century ago. Team members are (left to right) Georgia Brown, Mildred Clark, Chloe Johnson, Ethelwyn Boydell, Marion McDonald, Elsie Gibson, Florence McDonald and Frankie Brown.

Longtime Newspaper Editor Recalls Sports Activities of 50 Years Ago; Teams Pictured in Early-Day Photos

NHS Student Body Small Half Century Ago But Athletes Were Determined, Aggressive

By BRITT NEDRY

The 50th anniversary of the class of 1913, held at Nyssa city park on June 30 and the interest aroused therefrom, has developed a project showing some features of school activities and community life of that era.

This reporter is visiting in Nyssa (the old hometown) for two weeks, where he and Bess (Grandpa and Grandma Nedry) are taking care of the dog, cat, horses and grounds for Dirick while he is away on his two-week cruise in Naval Reserve training.

The Nyssa family is in San Diego, living at a motel while Dirick is aboard ship. Publisher Ted Brammer of the Gate City Journal has arranged to run these features in the hometown newspaper which has been published through all these years of growth and expansion in the Nyssa-Owyhee area.

Teams Make "Quite a Record"

The athletic teams pictured in this issue of the Journal were pre-eminently 50 years ago (plus) and represented a small but active student body. Determined to make up for lack in numbers they displayed aggressive teamwork and good sportsmanship. We gather that they won most of their games and made quite a record throughout the Snake River valley.

Whatever the win or loss record may be, they were in there doing their best under obvious handicaps and carrying the banner for the Nyssa schools with flourish and confidence.

The girls' team, of course, had the advantage in good looks, as is

obvious from the pictures. They have also made a record in longevity, as six of the eight girls are living and three of them have attended the school reunions held the past three years.

Grid Players Attend Reunions

Three members of the football team are living and all of them have attended the reunions. Jack McDonald has made the trip each year from Phoenix, Ariz. Bill Morey lives at Caldwell and Audrey Ward has resided in the old home region all through the years. He has been most active in keeping alive the old school spirit and has organized the school reunions for the past three years.

In writing short reviews of the past, it is impossible to give all the names of people who were there. We can give only a sketch of events and the names of those who at the time happened to be on teams or officers in organizations. The rest of us enjoy the memories of those times and places and say joyfully, "We were there."

Next week we hope to show sketches of some Nyssans active in the community life of a half century ago.

Warning! Viewing Partial Eclipse Of Sun Saturday Can Damage Eyes

Oregon State Board of Health, Oregon Optometric association and other groups have mailed out warnings that persons watching the partial eclipse of the sun Saturday, July 20, may suffer permanent damage to their eyes.

They maintain that there is no safe way to look directly at the sun during this period. Sun glasses, smoked glass or and avoid looking at the sky. And that if you must be outdoors to wear sunglasses and not look at the sky.

The infra-red rays of the sun burn the retina and there is no known method of filtering them out that will not leave lasting damage. The optometric association says it is best to stay indoors from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

ASSISTS JOURNAL STAFF

Assisting at the Journal office in the absence of Mrs. Earl Jennings, regular member of the staff, is Miss Jeanie Seuell, 1962-63 managing editor of the Nyssa high school Bulldog. Mrs. Jennings is vacationing with her family and her mother, Mrs. J. E. Wildman.

C of C Approves Go-Ahead on Road Marker Erection

Nyssa Chamber of Commerce gave "go-ahead" approval for the erection of a road sign or signs west of Cairo junction on U.S. Highways 20-26, at the Wednesday noon meeting.

The action came following a report that Ontario had funds for the erection of a sign trying to divert traffic from the two roads, through that city and onto the freeway. The Monday edition of the Ontario Argus-Oregonian carried an item that the money had been collected and final plans were to be made later this week. A phone call to one of the motel operators there verified the story.

Walt Ford was nominated as chairman of a committee to raise funds necessary for the sign or signs. He has been assisted by Wilton Jackson in an effort to get Ontario to leave matters as they are now.

Other Business Discussed

County Judge Ellis White asked that the chamber give financial aid for the Aug. 10 dedication ceremonies of Bully Creek dam. Chamber President Vic Haburachak told him it would be discussed by the board in the near future.

Stan Thompson reported that about six or seven persons attended the Nyssa Improvement committee meeting at Brownie's cafe Monday evening of this week. He said discussion centered around the weed problem and north city park.

County Commissioner Jake Fischer said the Succor creek road had been repaired and was now traveled through the canyon to the top of the hill. It will be traveled to the Rockville school in the near future, he said.

Another guest, Britt Nedry of Boise, was introduced by Ted Brammer.

Council Contract Covers Demolition Of Area Landmark

At the regular monthly meeting, July 9, the city council accepted the bid of Donald Sappe of Nyssa for the demolition of the old Tensen building on Main street adjoining the railroad.

Sappe's bid of \$750, plus salvage, was low of the three firms submitting bids. That of Will Sellman was \$1900, plus salvage and Holland Engineering company was second low bidder with \$800, plus salvage. Work is under way at this time.

In other business, the council approved second reading of Ordinance No. 417 for creation of an improvement district; heard third reading of Ordinance No. 414 relating to the excavation of public right-of-way; approved a 10-foot curb cut in the walk in front of Bracken's Department store and denied the request of Wayne Moncur for the erection of a motel sign on city property.

The curb cut request was made by officials of Standard Oil company to provide a driveway into a new gas station they propose to build at the intersection of Main and Second streets. Approval for the cut was subject to agreement between Bracken and the oil company.

City Attorney Harold Henigson gave a report on participation of the city at a Public Utilities commission hearing at Vale on the request of Idaho Power company for a rate increase.

Nyssa Bank Loans, Deposits Increase

According to figures compiled for the comptroller of currency, the Nyssa branch of First National Bank of Oregon had deposits of \$5,405,458 and loans of \$4,689,109 at the end of June.

The 1962 figures for mid-year showed deposits of \$5,068,415 and loans of \$4,270,602.

Area Scuba Divers Plan Exhibition At Bottom of Lake in Malheur Cave

Scuba divers Hal Hopper of Vale, Speed Porter and Don Connell of Nyssa plan a diving exhibition Sunday to the bottom of a body of water in Malheur cave, located approximately 40 miles south and a little west of Juntura.

The men are inviting all interested area residents to accompany them on the trip to the cave site. The divers and their company will meet in front of the Vale hotel and plan to leave from there at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

Porter reports that several persons have already indicated a desire to join the party. Those planning to take the tour are asked to take flashlights and own lunch. Drinking water is available at the location.

A Journal reporter contacted Cecil Morrison, Sr., of Nyssa, who has some knowledge about Malheur cave. He said the monument is now owned by the Burns Masonic lodge, having been deeded to them approximately two or three years ago by the federal government.

Known Throughout U.S. Lodge members have for a number of years held an annual cookout meeting at the site. The historical spot has become pretty well known throughout the United States, Morrison said.

The walls of the cave contain Indian writings, indicating that the red men probably discovered it a number of years ago. Porter told this reporter that

the entrance to the cave is approximately 10 feet high and 20 feet wide, located on a hillside in otherwise flat country.

Hope to Produce Findings

The tunnel slants downward and eventually opens into a large natural amphitheater where the lake is located. It is there that the men plan to do their underwater diving, hoping to come up with historical findings.

They will attempt to use dye markers to determine movement of the water. The men will be diving with the aid of underwater lights, supplied by a portable generator, hoping that those watching from above will be able to view their activities.

From the mouth of the cave, those entering must walk for about a quarter of a mile before reaching a stream which branches out into the body of water. A rowboat will be available for those desiring to explore the lake's surface, Porter said.

Pee-Wee Players Proficient



ENDING THEIR SEASON last Thursday with a record of 7 wins, 1 loss are the Pirates, a team belonging to the Nyssa Pee-Wee Baseball league. The lads are shown here with their coaches, Gerald Wyckoff at extreme left in the photo and his brother, Chris at far right. The young ball players are (left to right) front row, Ken Schilling, Kelly Huffman, Kevin Engstrom and Maurice Smith. Standing are Tommy Zittercob, Tony DeMinck, Steve Irby, Mark Hirai and Lynn Hirai. This team defeated the Dodgers in their final contest last Thursday, while the Tigers were winners over the Yankee Pee-Wees. Games were played each Tuesday and Thursday morning during the season. —Journal Photo.

1963 Malheur Tax Assessment Totals \$39,830,784; Figure \$785,194 Over 1962; Real Property Up, Personal Is Lower

Summary Shows Major Changes in Year With Explanations; Utilities Not Included

A summary of the county assessment roll, completed by Assessor John Koopman Tuesday, shows a total of \$39,830,784 for 1963, or an increase of \$785,194 over the 1962 figures.

The totals given the Journal do not include the public utility figures as they are compiled by the State Tax commission and will not be available until about Aug. 1.

The 1963 figures on real property of \$32,156,386 show an increase of \$384,641 over 1962. The major increases are: \$341,314 on improvements in five incorporated towns, \$387,325 on improvements outside corporate limits and \$156,237 on land (including both rural and urban).

Personal Property Decreases

The personal property figures of \$7,674,398 total are \$59,447 lower than those of 1962, with some items showing increases and some decreases.

The major decreases include inventories of merchandise, \$557,110; furniture and equipment in commercial use, \$108,734.

Major increases are: farm machinery and equipment, \$46,886; other machinery and equipment, \$430,290; and cattle (7000 head higher), \$92,985.

Koopman said there had not actually been a decrease in the amount of furniture and equipment in commercial use but that it was a matter of bookkeeping changes. Most of this item was shown in the increase column under machinery and equipment other than farm use.

Non-taxable Goods Listed

Listed on the form as information for the tax commission were two personal property items totaling over \$7 million that are not taxable. Over \$4 million was listed as being exempt under "Processor's Law." This includes items listed on the tax rolls Jan. 1 but held in storage for sale as agricultural products or by-products of the items. Among these items are stored sugar, potatoes, onions and potato by-products. If sold before April 30 they are not subject to tax.

Over \$3 million was listed under "Free Port Law" and covers merchandise in transit. It was reported on Jan. 1, 1963, but would not be sold if moved out before April 30.

Little change was shown in the number of horses, mules, sheep, goats and swine from the 1962 and 1963 figures. However, cattle increased 7000 while poultry went down from 4257 to 874.

REPUBLICANS PLAN SESSION

All interested persons are invited to attend the Republican central committee meeting this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The gathering will be held in the county court house at Vale.

Lou Wettstein is Malheur county Republican chairman.

WEATHER . . .

Date	Max.	Min.
July 10	80	61
July 11	81	56
July 12	89	56
July 13	94	57
July 14	91	66
July 15	82	69
July 16		

.07 inch precipitation was recorded July 14.

Owyhee Reservoir

July 17, 1963
July 17, 1962

County Extension Agent 4-H Class Changes for

Although 4-H classes at the August fair will be quite similar to previous years, a change has been announced by E. M. Sion agent.

Classes for market lambs will be divided by breed. All market lambs will be in one category, then divided into classes of about 12 to 14 animals per class. The minimum weight for market lambs is being raised from 70 to 80 pounds.

4-H club members must have owned and had possession of animals they exhibit prior to June 1, except weaner pigs and feeder lambs may have been obtained until July 1. Members may not buy and exhibit an animal after these dates.

A dog obedience class will be included for members of the 4-H Dog club. Contestants will be judged on how well they trained their dogs to obey.

Saddle Horse Class Provided

Classes for saddle horses will be provided at the August fair. There will be divisions in this contest for showmanship and performance.

The Idaho Extension agent has awarded a scholarship to a well-qualified student who has completed the 4-H program. The scholarship will be used for a year's tuition at a college or university.

The fair will be held at the Bower avenue fairgrounds, all business hours, including the residential section and the area south of the fairgrounds. The fair will be held on Saturday, August 10.