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## C of C Discusses Signs, Planning Commission, Parks

### Chairman Reports Bid on Highway Sign

Highway signs, city parks and the county planning commission were the main topics of discussion at the Wednesday meeting of Nyssa Chamber of Commerce.

Walt Ford, sign chairman, reported that he had received one bid for the erection of a highway 20-26 sign near Cairo junction and was waiting for another bid. He reported that he had contacted some of the firms directly affected by diverting tourist traffic and had gotten good response.

### Jaycees, Lions to Confer

President Vic Haburchak announced that representatives of the Lions club and Junior Chamber of Commerce would be at the next chamber meeting to discuss city parks and their future upkeep and use. Dr. David Sarazin told the club that his father and John Stringer gave the lands for the north park and he felt sure that there was a condition that they must be used for a park.

Ken Renstrom and Art Colby reported on a meeting held in Vale earlier in the day on the reactivation of the county planning commission. It was explained how this would affect growth adjoining city limits together with planning for roads and areas that might need to be used for parks and recreation.

Renstrom told that in his 20 years' observance in Malheur county that a lot of the publicly owned land was not available to public use due to private lands shutting off access.

## 'In the Beginning' Is Topic of Speech Heard by Nyssa Club

Bill Purcell was guest speaker at last week's meeting of Nyssa Toastmasters. His talk, entitled "In the Beginning," followed a religious theme.

Purcell is a member of Caldwell Toastmasters club, is area I governor and is one of the proprietors of the Nyssa Sugar Bowl. He was recently named top winner in area I speech competition and placed second in the district 15 contest held at Idaho Falls.

Other speakers included the Rev. Paul Ludlow and W. L. McPartland, superintendent of Nyssa schools. Pastor Ludlow spoke on "Harmonic Motion," pertaining to the inner ear and its relation to the sense of balance. McPartland's talk was entitled "Synopsis," an account of his recent trip to the eastern states.

Toastmaster was Don Bowers, while the topic on "Current Events" was assigned by Bob Sherbert.

## TIMING ASSOCIATION SLATES FRIDAY DANCE

Members of the Sugar City Timing association will hold their regular meeting at 8 o'clock this evening at the high school building. All interested residents of the area are invited to attend.

On Friday evening, July 26, the club is sponsoring a dance to be held at the grade school gym. Music will be furnished by the Chancellors for dancing between the hours of 9 p.m. and midnight.

## Ontario Voters Give 451-431 Approval For \$200,000 Golf Course Bond Issue

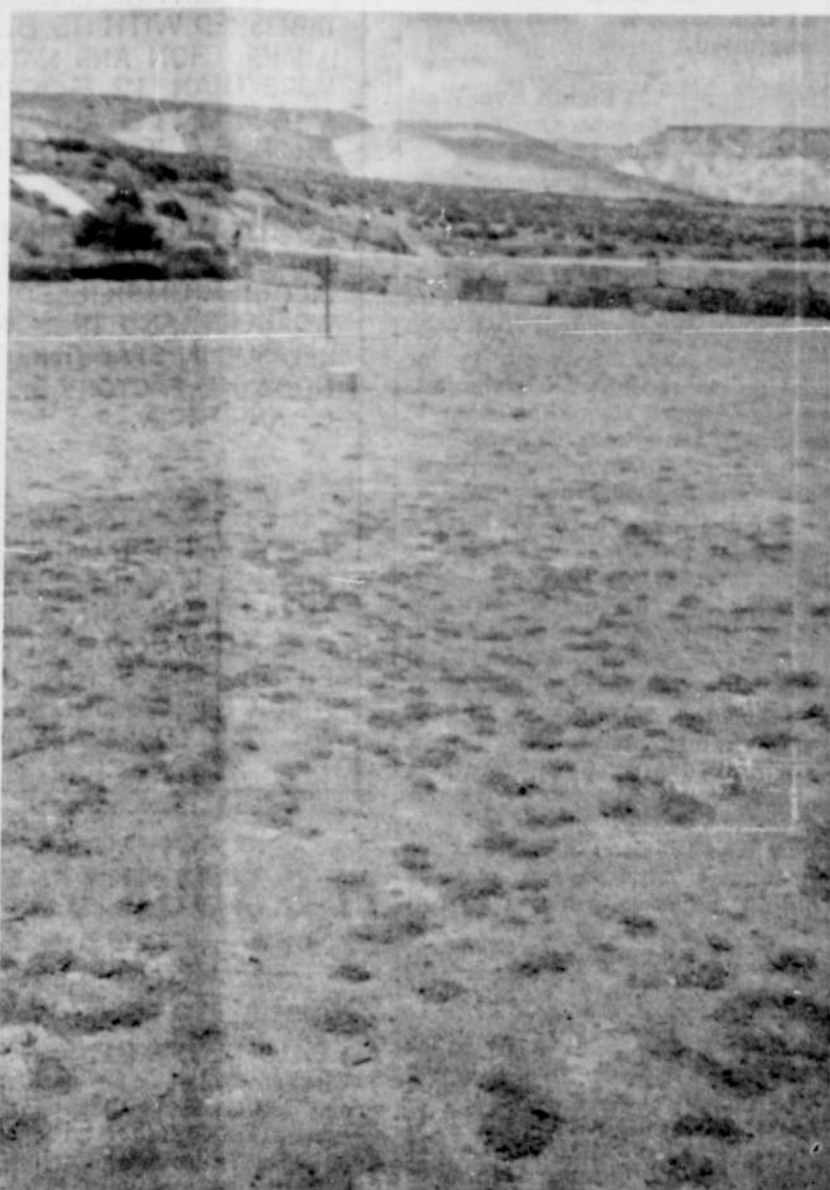
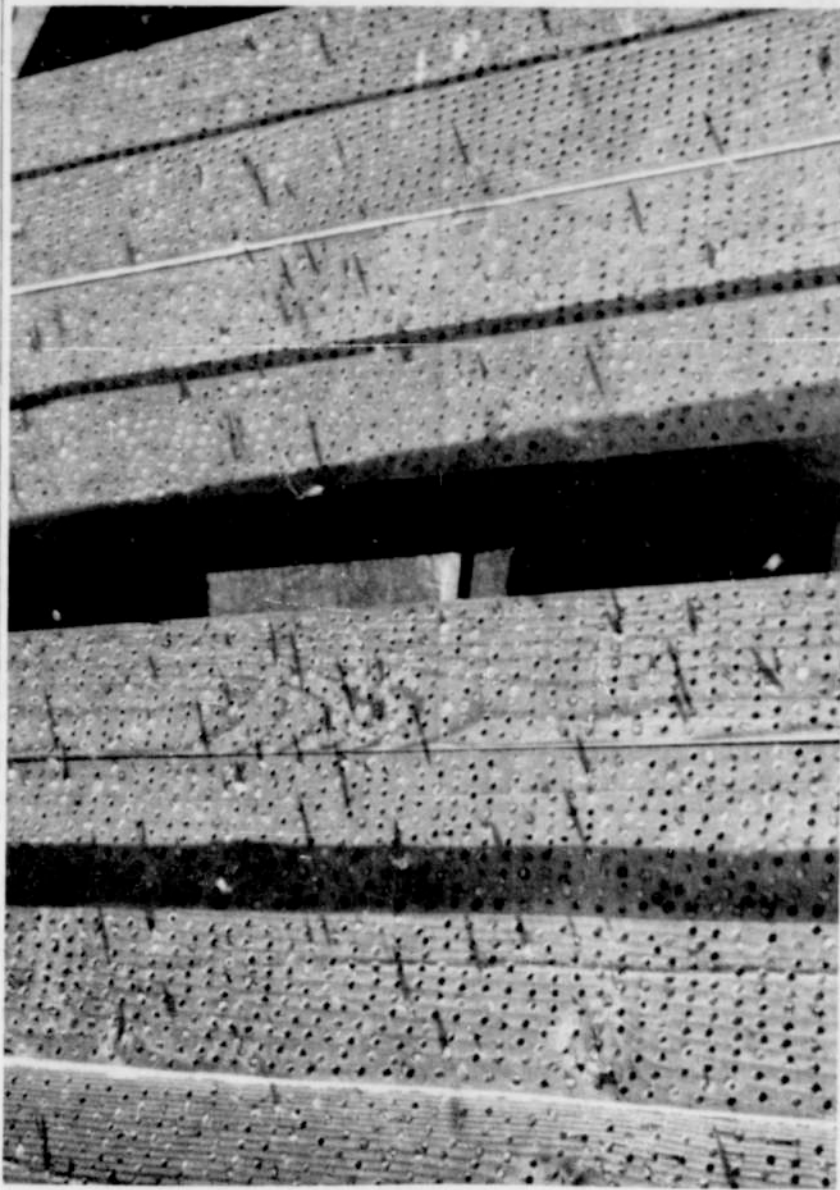
In Tuesday's election Ontario voters approved a \$200,000 bond issue for construction of a new 18-hole golf course.

With 883 votes cast there was only a 20-vote winning margin—451 for, 431 against and one not counted. One city official said it was the largest number of voters that had ever turned out in Ontario for a bond issue. The previous largest number, he said, was when the swimming pool bonds were voted on, and less than 500 voted then.

The nine-hole course, presently in use, was deeded by the city to Treasure Valley Community college to be used as a campus. It was expected at that time that it would be four or five years before the college would need the land for new buildings. But a faster growth than anticipated and a desire to secure funds from the last session of the legislature brought the issue up for fast action.

Members of the golf association carried on an intensive personal campaign prior to the election. Many of the downtown business firms and the chamber of commerce supported the issue. City council members issued a late statement that they felt morally obligated to back the move since they had been responsible for the

## About the Bees... and Alfalfa Seed Production



## Memories Live as Journalist Presents 'Those Dear Hearts and Gentle People Who Lived, Loved in His Home Town'

Young Folks of 1910 Travel Via 'Maggie' For Picnic in Country; Pose for Snapshot

By BRITT NEDRY

A group of young people on an auto trip in Nyssa 50-plus years ago posed for the "snap shot" accompanying this story, while on a picnic near Mitchell Butte. While conveniences were not as modern as now expected, they seem to be enjoying themselves and rumors persist that Doc Sarazin put horned toads in the sandwiches to embellish the taste.

The car in the photo belonged to Doc Sarazin. It may not have been the only car in the area, but it was the most notorious model and was given the name of "Maggie" by her many admirers.

The young doctor was chivalrous and generous and enjoyed driving his friends around the country, when the world was young and hearts were gay and hopeful.

### Had "Peaches" Complexions

The hats of the youths are conspicuous, especially the bowlers of Charlie Wilson and Doc Sarazin. The girls braved the sunshine which gave them a natural "peaches" complexion (without Revlon).

These young people were members of pioneer families of Malheur county. Four of them are still living in or near their old hometown; the others have passed on, "in blessed memory."

Claude Coward was drowned in the Snake river shortly after this picture was taken. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coward, Ford dealers for the area and stalwart citizens.

Elizabeth Boydell married E. Britt Nedry in 1916, the reporter of these pioneer stories and the

author of miles of written material in his own and many other publications, after a career in school administration at Tigard, Ore., a suburb of Portland.

### Becomes Sergeant in AEF

May Miller (English) married and settled at Elgin, Ore. C. C. (Charlie) Wilson, an attorney, became mayor of Nyssa, enlisted in the Army in 1917 and became a sergeant in the AEF. He visited Nyssa after the war, settled in Cleveland, Ohio, and died there.

Willis Megorden became chief of police at Nyssa. Arthur Boydell became an accountant with a construction company (now Morrison-Knudson), returned to Nyssa to engage in retail business, was active in civic and fraternal affairs and is now retired here. He married Blanch Nankervis of Butte, Mont., in 1916.

Eva Boydell had an extensive career in teaching at Nyssa, Ontario, Beaverton, Albany and The Dalles. She is now retired and is "Dear Aunt Eva" to many nephews and nieces who carry the names of Boydell, Nedry, Sarazin and others acquired by the mergers of time.

### Dr. Sarazin Has Long Career

Dr. J. J. Sarazin has had a long career as physician and civic leader in Malheur county. He was a

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Shown above are homes of the two types of bees that have been very large factors in increasing production of alfalfa seed in Malheur county. On the left are man-made homes for the leafcutter. The shadows are of moving bees looking for their own particular hole (3/16-inch in diameter). On the right is the artificial bed of the alkali bee showing the small mounds of dirt where new homes have been constructed by their boring holes in the ground. Both pictures were made at the L. W. Dierking place south of Adrian.

—Staff Photos.

## Holy Rosary Gets \$100,000 in Federal Aid for New Wing

Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario received word last week that it had been approved for \$100,000 matching funds for a new wing to the institution.

The notice came from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C., and was the result of an application made in April this year.

Arrangements have been made to borrow a like fund to build the new 54 x 70-foot addition to house the x-ray and radiological department.

According to the Ontario Argus-Observer, the new addition will be made on the north end of the present building. The architectural design will match that of the older building in material and appearance.

Robert Smith of Smith, Keys and Blakeley, Ontario architects, said the new wing was designed so that two or more floors could be added on the top if the need ever arose.

## 'FOREIGN AID' IS TOPIC AT TOASTMASTER MEETING

With Bob Sherbert as toastmaster, Nyssa Toastmasters held their weekly meeting July 24.

Denny Bingham, topic master, chose "Foreign Aid" as the table topic.

"Theatre" was the theme of a speech by Don Bates. Text of Don King's speech was "Service, Please." Wallace Prowell talked on "Responsibility."



THIS IS GARY BERG, only Little league Major baseball player from Nyssa to be selected as a member of the Ontario Elks all-star team. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Berg and plays in the third base position. The all-stars were selected from Little league Major teams in several towns in the valley. They were named at the end of the season following practice sessions. The all-stars have already won three contests from the Pendleton Nationals, Pendleton Americans and Baker all-stars. Their next single-elimination game will be Saturday at The Dalles against the all-stars from that area. Coaching the Elks squad are Jim Christian and Tobe Masingill of Payette.

## Alfalfa Seed Now Malheur's Fourth Most Valuable Crop; Only Potatoes, Sugar Beets and Alfalfa Hay Higher

### Increased Use of Alkali and Leafcutter Bees Is Big Factor in Production, Acreage Hike

Growing alfalfa for seed has become big business in Malheur county. It ranked fourth in value among agricultural crops in 1962 and acreage and yield continue to mount. Last year with 9,500 acres the seed crop was valued at \$2,835,000 and was topped only by sugar beets, potatoes and alfalfa hay. County Agricultural Agent Leeds Bailey estimates this year's crop at 12,000 acres.

Seed has been grown in the county commercially many years but it has been over a short period of 8 to 10 years that it has had such rapid growth.

L. W. Dierking on the highway south of Adrian was one of the first in the county to grow the crop for seed. Others tried it for some years, were in and out, but he has remained through all the years and found it to be very profitable. He has one field that has been in alfalfa continuously for 24 years and it is still better than average.

Dierking has continued to specialize in this one crop and has his own seed cleaning plant, housed in a special building located just west of his beautiful home and grounds.

### Bees Boost Production

Many different kinds of wild bees aid as pollinators but the native alkali bee is by far the most important. This lowly insect makes his home in the ground, preferably in alkali soil (whence he gets his name). He ranges farther from home than most any other bee and is less susceptible to insecticides than others.

Natural beds, from small in size to several acres, were known to exist in the county for several years but it remained for W. P. Stephen, Oregon entomologist, to make a study of the bee's efficiency as a pollinator.

Stephen built the first artificial bed on the George Schiemer farm west of Adrian. It was not too successful but was the start of further experiments that have become a science in building artificial beds and transplanting bees from the natural beds.

### Natural Bee Beds Listed

Some of the better known natural beds include George Schiemer's on Owyhee river north of his home, the Chadd, Ira Price and Notheis beds in Sunset Valley, the Leo Campbell bed south of Adrian, Floyd Gross on Succor creek and the E. E. Nelson bed 10 miles south of Adrian.

From these and Idaho beds have come the stock for 25 to 30 artificial beds. Like the natural beds, most of these are in the area south of Nyssa extending to Homedale and west to the high canal. That is the big factor in approximately two-thirds of the seed being produced in this area.

The largest of the man-made beds are George Schiemer's with 15,000 square feet and that of Dierking's with 12,000 square feet. Others range to small 20 x 20-foot plots for experimental purposes. Schiemer, following Stephen's experimental bed, was the first to build his own artificial bed. Another early builder was William Panike near Weiser.

### Leafcutter Bee Important

The small leafcutter bee has also become an important force in recent years. He is far different from the larger alkali bee in many respects. He makes his nest in almost any hole he can find suitable in size, ranges only about 100 yards compared with the two to three-mile range of the alkali, and is much more susceptible to insecticides. He also needs a new home in two or three years.

But he can be housed in holes bored in old boards, milk stoves or commercially molded plastic. He can be transported to fields not within range of alkali bees and can be stored inside when winter weather is severe. He has proved to be very important as a pollinator since his discovery in Oregon during 1958.

### Production Records Compared

Average yield of clean seed per acre in the U. S. for 1962 was 197 pounds per acre. For Oregon it was 620 pounds and for Malheur it was 780. Yields for the county have been reported as high as 2000 pounds per acre, on small plots, but County Agent Bailey says these have not been checked as measured acres. He is sure, however, it has been as high as 1800 pounds.

It is almost a certainty that acreage will continue to grow rapidly in the county and with wider use of both alkali and leafcutter bees the acreage yield will continue to rise. The little bees have been to alfalfa seed growers what commercial fertilizer has been to the row crop grower.

## LDS Road Shows Dated July 30-31 At Stake House

Announcement of the July 30-31 annual Nyssa LDS stake road shows was made Wednesday by Mrs. Robert Munn, stake director.

The performances will be staged both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by all six wards participating at 8 o'clock in the Nyssa LDS stake house. The public is invited to attend and there will be no admission charge.

Characters in the six original presentations will be portrayed by approximately 250 young people from throughout the valley. Owyhee ward will present a play entitled "Operation Cheese," under direction of Gay Bybee.

Charlene Putnam is director for "This Modern-tific Stuff" to be presented by Ontario Second ward.

"Way Out" is title of the Ontario ward show, directed by Norma Burnett.

Parma ward's production is entitled "Heap Big Bugaboo" with Merle Bake as director.

Vale ward, supervised by Clella Winkel, will stage "All Aboard for Love."

Nyssa Second ward, under direction of Colleen Froerer, will present "Make Mine American Style."

The productions will be judged both nights and those selected as the two top performances will be staged in divisional competition on Aug. 2 in Nampa and Aug. 3 in Weiser.

Varied acts will also be presented between the road show performances.

## Adrian Business Firms Reported Burglarized

With an estimated \$150 to \$250 loss, Oregon State Police have reported two Adrian business establishments burglarized early this week.

Vern Parker, manager of Van Petten Lumber yard, related to a Journal reporter that about \$750 worth of ammunition, transistor radios and knives were stolen Saturday night. The front door was knocked loose with a blunt instrument to allow illegal entry into the lumber yard store.

According to estimates of Bob Webster of the Adrian Oil company, Monday night's burglary of items including cigarettes, tires and radios constituted a \$400 to \$500 loss.

## WEATHER...

| Date    | Max. | Min. |
|---------|------|------|
| July 17 | 85   | 62   |
| July 18 | 85   | 55   |
| July 19 | 93   | 52   |
| July 20 | 95   | 58   |
| July 21 | 97   | 56   |
| July 22 | 93   | 64   |
| July 23 | 90   | 57   |

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
July 24, 1963 366,670 Acre Ft.  
July 24, 1962 312,340 Acre Ft.

## AWARDED \$78 SCHOLARSHIP

Vicki L. Maxfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maylin Maxfield, has been awarded a partial tuition scholarship of \$78 to Oregon State university. Vicki was salutatorian of the 1963 NHS graduating class.

## City Manager Asks Nyssans' Cooperation During Spray Period

City Manager Art Colby has announced that another insect spraying of Nyssa will be conducted by the city crew on Monday and Tuesday mornings of next week.

Spraying operations will begin at approximately 4 a.m., continuing until 6:30 or 7 o'clock, the city manager said. Weather conditions and wind direction will determine the streets to be covered at actual time of spraying.

Colby requests that all Nyssa residents close their windows during these spraying periods. He also asks their cooperation in waiting for several days before watering, thereby giving the spray cover time to be effective before it is washed from trees, shrubs and lawns.



ON A JOY RIDE and PICNIC in the Mitchell Butte area are Nyssa residents of 1910. They are (left to right) Claude Coward, Elizabeth (Bessie) Boydell, May Miller, Charlie Wilson, Eva Boydell, Willis Megorden, Bruce Duncan, Art Boydell and Dr. J. J. Sarazin. A report of the Gate City Journal and its functions from early days will appear in next week's issue, according to Britt Nedry, retired publisher who is compiling a series on early-day Nyssa.—Photo courtesy of Bob Thompson.