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Royal Produce Warehouse Destroyed By Fire of Undetermined Origin; Loss Of \$70,000 Includes Onions in Storage Building Engulfed in Flames When Alarm Answered by Volunteer Fire Department

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Royal Produce storage warehouse Saturday night. The building, located adjacent to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks just off South First street, was engulfed in flames when reported to local volunteer firemen at about 11:30 p.m.

Lost with the building were about 15,000 one-hundred pound bags of onions. Most of these belonged to the Hirai and Sadamori brothers, owners of the produce company. They estimated loss at \$70,000 with insurance on the building and part of the onions.

Alarm Sent From Depot

The fire was reported by a member of the night crew at the nearby railroad depot. Firemen kept a high voltage wire over the building from burning. It supplies power to the nearby Amalgamated Sugar factory.

Roy Sadamori said the building was constructed about seven or eight years ago and that the owners had not yet discussed the matter of rebuilding.

Mystery Evening Planned by Dads For PTA Session

Nyssa PTA members are wondering what the "Dads" are really up to as they plan activities for the 8 o'clock meeting this evening in the cafeteria.

Chairman Bill Hamilton has been pretty mysterious about a program on gun safety, according to Mrs. Leonard Hewett, publicity chairman.

It has been rumored that there will be quite a few surprises in store. Hamilton was heard to mention that it is going to be a colorful program, especially the garb to be worn by some members of the panel.

When questioned about the panel, he announced it would be an authentic "Stump the Stars" contest. He also mentioned that there will be "cocktails" and there may even be a quartet comprised of some of Nyssa's top talent, rendering "The Deer Hunter's Blues."

It appears that Dad's night has something very special in store, Mrs. Hewett said. All PTA members are urged to attend this meeting and find out just what is on the agenda. Dads are especially reminded that they will count double for the room count totals.

Refreshments will be served by Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Peterson and their committee. This we are sure of, Mrs. Hewett concluded.

Lost, Injured Dog Returned to Owners

A German shorthair, "Ginger," is reported in good condition by owners, Norman and Janet Baker, after spending a week with a broken leg in the Dry Creek country south of Owyhee dam.

Baker had taken the dog hunting Sunday, Sept. 29, and she apparently fell from his pickup. The owner had returned to the area nearly every day last week in search of Ginger but found no trace of her.

Dick Pounds, Malheur county deputy sheriff, was hunting in the same general area last Sunday and found the injured dog, approximately 17 miles from where she was lost.

She devoured Pounds' lunch and water supply, and it is assumed that she had no nourishment during the time she was away from home.

Upon Ginger's return to Nyssa, she was taken to a local veterinarian who set the broken leg and she is now recuperating at the home of her owners.

Adrian Area Club Members, Leaders Presented 4-H Achievement Awards

Over 100 4-H members and leaders received achievement awards at a meeting held Oct. 4 at the Adrian grade school. Members from the Adrian, Owyhee and Ridgeview communities received pins and certificates for having completed 4-H projects during the past year.

Bronze first year pins, silver third year and gold fifth year pins were presented by William Spittler, representative from the Nyssa branch of the First National Bank. Certificates for second, fourth, sixth and successive years in 4-H were awarded by E. M. Hauser, county extension agent.

There were 32 members receiving awards for completing their first year of 4-H, 16 received second year awards, 17 got third year pins and 17 qualified for

Fall Blossoms!

Violets, forsythia and spirea, all in bloom, were brought to the Journal office last week by Orland Cheldelin after he saw the picture of Ben Sheat and his apple blossoms in last week's issue of the Journal.

It has also been reported that Mrs. Egger Off, Nyssa fourth grade teacher, picked a purple iris bloom and took it to school with her Wednesday morning.

For what more proof could one ask in determining that it's the weather that is out of focus, not the bloomin' plants?

Complete Safety Training at Refinery



SUPERVISORS, FIELDMEN and members of the safety committee of the Nyssa factory of Amalgamated Sugar company recently completed a six-hour basic safety training course. Instructor was Stanley Day, special service representative of the Oregon Industrial Accident commission, assisted by Linn DeWald, safety director for Amalgamated. The men in this photo are (front row, left to right) Henry Zobell, Roy T. Carter, J. R. Winchell, Frell Blair, Lewis Riggs and Harold Merritt. Second row, Clarence Lancaster, Lorin Goates, Reid Gyllenskog, Laurens Kuijper. Third row, S. R. Whitaker, Art Cartwright, Earl Boston, Douglas Cruson and Raymond Larson. Top row, Glen Talbot, Mural Lewis and Instructor Day. Individual certificates will be given by the state commission to all who completed the course. A second photo will appear in next week's issue of the Journal, showing other Amalgamated employees who have completed the course.

A Time for Action

Fire Prevention Campaign Requested To Save Human Lives and Cut Losses

A step-up in fire prevention efforts to hold down the nation's gigantic fire toll was urged this week by Lewis A. Vincent, general manager of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Vincent said that Fire Prevention Week—Oct. 6 to 12—is a logical starting point.

Commenting on the nation's human fire toll—11,800 persons lost their lives from fire last year and thousands more were injured—Vincent said: "The loss of a single life is a tragedy, and the loss of nearly twelve thousand lives gives emphasis to the need for everyone to be constantly alert to this ever present threat. The loss of life can and must be reduced. There can be no relaxation in the efforts to eliminate uncontrolled fire."

"A point to be remembered," he continued, "is that each one of those persons who died or was injured was an individual, and while the statistics show large numbers, the individual suffering and the grief of friends and relatives underline the need for thinking not only in terms of large numbers but more importantly of the individual."

The Measures of Loss

In relation to property destroyed or damaged by fire, the dollar value of property destroyed and the number of fire losses which occur are the usual measures of the fire loss, Vincent said.

"The fire loss for 1962 measured in dollars, which amounted to \$1,265,002,000 is an enormous drain on the economy of this country," he added. "Every effort must be made to reduce that loss."

"We must remember that the fire loss is made up of a large number of fires, any one of which

In Case of Fire . . .

AT HOME—Quickly get everybody out of the house.

Call the fire department. (Be sure everyone in your family knows how to call the fire department.)

AT PUBLIC GATHERINGS—Walk, do not run, to the nearest exit. Call the fire department immediately.

Keep calm! —National Board Of Fire Underwriters

Tom Jones Elected Head of OT Grange; Other Officers Told

A regular meeting of Oregon Trail Grange was held Oct. 3 in the Grange hall. During the session, new officers were elected for the coming year.

Tom Jones was named master. Assisting him will be Frank Sherwood as overseer; Ellen Gardiner, lecturer; Ira Price, steward; A. M. Duff, assistant steward; Clara Price, chaplain; Clella Jamison, treasurer.

Other new officers include Lucille Runcorn, secretary; Rommel Moss, gate keeper; Violet Drydale, Ceres; Marguerite Moss, Pomona; Orma Cleaver, Flora; Evelyn Duff, L. A. Steward and Ira Price, hall board.

Executive committee members are Russell Gressley, Loyd Adams and Tom Drydale.



THIS PHOTO was taken by a Journal photographer just before collapse of the framework of the Royal Produce warehouse which was destroyed Saturday night by fire. The structure was owned by the Sadamori and Hirai brothers.

Bill Wilson Injured By Falling Elevator

The condition of Bill Wilson, who was seriously injured Sunday in a farm accident, is much improved, it was reported late Wednesday by a member of the family.

Wilson suffered a broken thigh bone and internal injuries when a beet harvester elevator fell on him while he was working on the machine.

He underwent exploratory surgery, following the accident, at Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.

The Wilson family resides just beyond the north city limits of Nyssa.

ATTENDS CONVENTION

Glenn Ward, Adrian high school superintendent, attended an Oregon Association of Secondary Principals' convention Monday and Tuesday at Corvallis. Theme of the meeting was "Education for the Non-College Student."

Stop Sign Hooded For Beet Haulers

At the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night the city council voted to hood the stop sign at South Seventh and King avenue for east-west traffic during the beet harvest.

This will enable trucks coming in on Adrian Boulevard to make it to the factory with only the stop at Main and South First street intersection. Otherwise, they travel through the congested area at the school grounds, stop at Sixth street and possibly again at the light on Second and Main.

Plan on Trial Basis

City Manager Art Colby said this would be on a trial basis and if the 25-mile per hour speed limit was not obeyed the sign would be uncovered again. North-south traffic on South Seventh will still be governed by the stop sign.

In other actions the council affirmed Mayor Grant Rinehart's appointment of Gene Stunz to a four-year term on the planning commission. It referred the petition for a stop sign at Sixth and Bower for study by the planning commission.

Corey Shows Slides To Senior Citizens

Senior Citizen club members met Oct. 4 at the Catholic parish hall with 16 in attendance. Following a sack lunch, Maurice Corey showed slides of scenes from his home on Snake river, Succor creek, the Leslie Gulch area and of a trip to Michigan.

During the business session, it was decided to hold club meetings on the first and third Fridays of each month. The group also agreed that there would be no discussion of politics, religion or race differences.

Next meeting will be Oct. 18 in the parish hall.

Stunz to Head Drive For Boy Scout Funds

Emil Stunz has been named general chairman for the community's annual Boy Scout fund drive. Activities will begin Oct. 24 with a 6:45 a.m. kickoff breakfast at Brownie's cafe.

Others assisting with the campaign are Wilton Jackson, general solicitor; Ken Pond, auditing; Marv Jefferies, activities arrangement chairman; and Stan Thompson, publicity.

In the Citrus Belt?



A LEMON, 11 inches in circumference, can be seen on this small tree, owned and displayed by Ed Warren of 319 Ennis avenue. A count by Mrs. Warren revealed 102 blooms at the time this photo was taken last Thursday morning. The lemon tree was sent to Warren on his birthday three years ago by a daughter, Mrs. Maxine Peachey of Spokane, as she knew that he was fond of plant life.

Oregonians Vote Tuesday, October 15 In Special Election on \$60 Million Tax Bill Passed by 1963 Legislature

Defeat Expected in Spite of Organized Efforts of Educational Agencies in State

Oregon voters will determine Tuesday, Oct. 15, if House Bill 1846 passed by the 1963 legislative session to increase personal and corporation income taxes shall become law.

The legislature came up with the bill at the last of the longest session in the history of the state. It marked political wrangling and apparently was accepted as the best that could be agreed upon at that time. It did not please the governor and he let it become law without his signature.

Estimate of Financial Effects

It would increase personal income taxes \$49.5 million, corporate excise taxes \$700,000 and permit a pre-payment of approximately \$14 million in withholding taxes (if deemed necessary) for a total of \$64.2 million.

The bill would add new payers to the present list to bring in an estimated \$3 million of this total. Otherwise the same people would pay the increased bill.

Proposed Division of Increase

The legislature provided in the bill for \$15.5 million to go for basic school support, \$18.1 million for higher education and \$1.9 million for community colleges. Of the \$404 million anticipated revenue in the general fund, basic school support funds would receive \$135 million or approximately one-third of this total.

Higher education would get \$92.8 million for 22.9 percent of the total and all other educational departments \$18.2 million for a 4.5 percent of the \$404 million. Other state departments would receive the other 40 percent.

Dilemma for Higher Education

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton has ruled that the governor cannot make any cuts in the \$135 million going to basic school aid. Hence, if the people should reject the measure the \$60 million added on by the bill would have to be cut from other funds, provided the legislature were not called in and permitted a change in the basic school fund. It is evident that this would cut a big slice in the remaining agencies.

But few believe the governor would shoulder the responsibility for making the necessary cuts. It's almost a foregone conclusion that this would mean political death for Governor Hatfield, so he will call the legislature back and put the matter back into their laps.

Method of Voting

Some Journal readers have been confused about the manner of casting their votes. If it is desired to vote for the \$60 million increase check the "YES" box and if the increase is not favored check the "NO" box on the ballot.

Educators Want Bill Passed

Most educators, from the elementary schools through the colleges, favor retaining the bill as is, lest they lose part or all of the \$60 million increase. Parent-

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Nyssa Factory Begins Processing Of Sugar Beets

Harvest of sugar beets began Monday with the factory starting processing Tuesday, according to Henry Zobell, manager of the Nyssa district.

Beets are being received from all parts of the district on a limited basis until cooler weather permits stockpiling at the receiving stations. The plant can process about 6,500 tons daily and is receiving beets by rail from the Weiser and Vale districts.

Rain Wednesday morning halted harvesting in the afternoon but Zobell said it would help harvesting, provided it wasn't too heavy, as the fields were beginning to get rather dry.

Visitors Welcome at Plant

Starting next Monday, visitors will be escorted through the plant between 1 and 7 p.m., including Sundays and holidays. Appointments are not necessary, Zobell said, except in case of larger groups wishing to view operations.

Sunday Is Deadline For Clothing Drive

Deadline date to leave articles for Church World Service clothing drive is Sunday, Oct. 13. Summer garments, socks, mufflers, caps, gloves, all kinds of children's clothing and layettes are items needed by refugees.

Men's, boys' and children's shoes of all sizes are especially needed. Also women's shoes, sizes five and up but no open toes, high heels or backless shoes should be sent. All shoes should be tied together in pairs, blankets and quilts are urgently needed for refugees who have lost everything in man-made or natural disasters.

Articles should be boxed, securely tied and left at the Methodist church for pick up by the service truck. Eight cents per pound should also be included for use in processing.

ALFALFA SEED STOLEN FROM D. KURTZ FARM

According to state police records, it was reported on Oct. 2 by Dudley Kurtz that approximately 1,000 pounds of alfalfa seed was stolen from his farm.

The report indicates that the thieves started the combine, unloaded the seed into a pickup truck and took off.

Sponsoring Episcopal Guild Reports Rewarding Exhibit by Local Artists

Nyssa's first art show proved to be highly rewarding to local artists, sponsors and viewers, according to Mrs. William Schireman, chairman of the sponsoring St. Paul's Episcopal guild.

Registration figures reveal that 427 persons took time to attend the outstanding show featuring the works of Carlos Parra, Dr. J. J. Sarazin and Virginia Brandt.

Those registering represent-

ed 18 cities including Portland, Springfield, Redmond and nearly all Treasure Valley communities. In charge of guest registration were Angie Parra, a sister of Carlos; Mrs. Dorothy Russell, member of the sponsoring guild; Mrs. David Sarazin, daughter-in-law of Dr. Sarazin; and Mrs. Dale Haney, a daughter of Mrs. Brandt.

Artists Meet Visitors

The three artists were on hand to meet all visitors during the two-day event.

Mrs. Brandt and Parra will register paintings at the 28th annual art exhibit in Boise. Mrs. Brandt will enter her Mitchell Butte scene and Parra will register three of his paintings on Oct. 15.

It is reported that Carlos, 17, is probably the youngest artist invited to enter this exhibit where work of professional artists will be displayed. Mrs. Brandt has exhibited before at the Boise show. If accepted, their entries will be on display Nov. 3 through Dec. 9 in the Idaho capital city.

Members of the sponsoring guild and the local artists wish to express their thanks to all who

made this showing possible, including newspapers of the area and radio station KSRV for publicity. City Manager Art Colby for signs and patrons who attended.

High School Students To Appear on TV

Scheduled to appear Monday over TV channel 7 on behalf of the forthcoming NHS "Hootenanny" are local high school musicians, Carolyn and Marilyn Pond, John Wohlecke and Greg Sumner.

This announcement was made Tuesday by Chick Quinowski, chairman of the Oct. 19 folk-song event. They will be seen during the Periscope program which begins at 10 a.m.

Nyssa music students will also appear at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, on the Bonnie Wallis show over channel 2, Quinowski said. Participating students were not known at press time Wednesday.

The "Hootenanny" is slated to begin at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, Oct. 19, in the high school cafeteria.