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## Heavy January Storms Improve 1964 Irrigation Water Storage Outlook; Snow Cover, Water Content Normal

### Forecasts of Streamflow Indicate Supply Also Good in Other County Reservoirs

Improvement in a satisfactory outlook for 1964 water supplies in Malheur county was given further assurance by heavy January storms which brought substantial additions to the mountain snowpack and additional water to supplement the vital supplies stored in county reservoirs.

This encouraging news was reported in the Feb. 1 water supply outlook issued by W. T. Frost and Bob L. Whaley for the Soil Conservation Service, Oregon State University and Oregon State engineer.

## Home Economics Agent's Position To Be Terminated

The adult home economics agent's position in Malheur county presently occupied by Mrs. Edna Mae Wimsatt is being terminated on or before June 30, 1964, according to Gene M. Lear, associate director of Oregon State University Extension Service.

The position is being terminated because of a lack of operating funds resulting from reductions ordered by the governor and confirmed by the legislature in special session. Twenty-eight extension staff positions are being eliminated in the state.

Curtailed of the home economics work will be necessary, but as much as possible of the present program will be continued. Remaining staff members will be assuming additional project leadership in order to provide a continuing program in home economics, 4-H club work and agriculture, according to Harry R. Sandquist, chairman of the Malheur county extension staff.

Mrs. Wimsatt's future plans are indefinite at this time.

## Nyssa Bowling Lads Take National Honors In Doubles Contest

Two Nyssa youths, Don Winchester and Hal Brendle, placed fifth nationally in doubles competition during the recent Christmas tournament conducted by the American Junior Bowling Congress in establishments throughout the country.

During the tourney staged Dec. 27-28 at the local Sugar Bowl, Hal rolled scratch games of 174 and 190 in the doubles event for a total handicap series of 396. Don's scratch games were 162 and 164, with a total 342 handicap series, making the boys a combined 738 handicap score.

A record of total entries for this year's competition is not available; however, last year there were 80,646 doubles entries from throughout the nation so the bowling ability of these Bantam boys can be highly appreciated by those interested in the sport.

Results from tournaments held locally throughout the nation were forwarded to AJBC national headquarters in Chicago where they were tabulated and compared.

Hal is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brendle, while Don's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ace Winchester. The boys will be presented with trophies at a later date.

## Nyssa Board Okays Non-Graded Plan For Use in Lower Primary Classes

The Nyssa school board met with 15 primary teachers and Principal Clarice Poor Monday evening to discuss the non-graded concept for the first three grades. Mrs. Poor said that educators now like to refer to this program as the "Continuous Growth Program," where each child learns at his own ability rate.

School board members learned that this is a completely different approach than at present, and primary youngsters are grouped according to ability, mental maturity and growth; and each advances as he is able to learn.

It was brought out that most youngsters complete the three-year cycle in three years and if completed in less time are given more advanced and challenging work. Others may take four years

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## Plan Annual PTA International Dinner



THESE LADIES are among committee chairmen who are in charge of preparations for the forthcoming PTA international dinner. They are seated (left to right) Mrs. Harry Nakishima, Oriental foods; Mrs. Eugene DeMinck, overall chairman; Mrs. Bill Hamilton, ticket sales. Standing are Mrs. Niklei Sutschkow, German food; Mrs. Cees Hopman, Dutch food; Mrs. Duke Hipp, American

## School History Program Scheduled For Nyssa PTA Founder's Day Meet

Founder's Day will be observed at the Nyssa PTA meeting scheduled for 8 o'clock this evening in the high school cafeteria, according to Mrs. Leonard Hewett, publicity chairman. A Founder's Day talk will be given by Mrs. Dee Garner and a history of the local PTA will be presented by Mrs. Howard Myrick, president.

## Area Unemployed Lowest in State

Cold weather throughout January kept most outside activities at a minimum. Construction particularly felt the impact of the cold, as practically all projects shut down for the winter. Food processing activities remained at peak operations throughout the month and are expected to remain high for the next six weeks. Surprisingly, sales and services also were good for this off-season time.

In spite of the inclement weather, insured unemployment in the Ontario area was the lowest in percentage to covered employment in Oregon. Ontario's rate was 3.8 percent as of Jan. 30 and the highest rate of unemployment was Grants Pass with a percentage of 17.8 of the covered work force.

Some apprehension is being expressed by users of migrant labor. Public Law No. 78, known as the "Bracero Bill," is due to expire Dec. 31, 1964. The Ontario area growers do not use this source of labor (Mexican nationals), nor have they been employed here since World War II.

Workers for this area are usually recruited in Texas and it is felt that most of the workers will remain in Texas or be siphoned off for California areas, thus depleting the potential supply here. Plans for meeting this situation were formulated at a national meeting of growers and employment service personnel Feb. 10 in Tucson, Ariz.

## Adrian School Budget Information Reported

Adrian budget document for the 1964-65 school year will be presented by Glenn Ward, budget officer, at a meeting to be held March 10 in the high school building.

A budget meeting is scheduled for March 20 at the high school and the budget summary will be published in the March 26 and April 2 issues of the Gate City Journal, Ward said.

April 14 is date set for the budget hearing and notices of the tax levy will be published April 16 and 23.

Patrons of the school district will vote on the budget during the May 4 annual school meeting, Supt. Ward concluded.

## Art Exhibit Slated In School Library

Students in Kim Kimmerling's art class will hold an exhibit and critique between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 this evening in the high school library, according to Miss Margery Nihart, high school art teacher.

All interested persons are invited to attend, Miss Nihart said.

## Farmers' Appreciation Day in Nyssa Planned for Saturday, Feb. 29; Farm Equipment, Supplies to Be Displayed

### Free Refreshments Available for Visitors At Bower Avenue Area Closed to Traffic

Farmers' Appreciation Day is set for Nyssa Saturday, Feb. 29, and with suitable weather, a huge crowd is expected. The newly formed Nyssa promotion committee is "going all out" to make this a banner day for the farmers. Plans are nearing completion and to date arrangements have been made to rope off Bower avenue for three blocks (Third to Sixth) to be used to display farm tractors, machinery, commercial vehicles, automotive supplies, feed, seed, fertilizer, manufactured bee boards, LP gas farm equipment and seed planters.

Walt Ford is chairman in charge of displays and says more room will be provided for late entries if they will notify him of space needed.

In addition to having these items displayed where farmers can see them with a minimum of effort, Ford says there will be a fat hog weight-guessing contest with it going to the winner as the prize.

Free hot dogs, coffee and punch will be served all day in the area with the local FFA boys doing the serving.

Feeling the time was appropriate, the school board has set this as dedication day for the new vocational agriculture building and biology laboratory.

The advisory council and promotion committee will work out the time and order of services and these will be announced in the Journal next week.

Farmers will find that practically all merchants in Nyssa will offer a wide variety of quality merchandise at fair prices for the farm folks—and all others.

The promotion committee desires to welcome all farmers and their families to Nyssa on this day regardless of where they normally trade. The contest is open and the food is free to all.

## Scouts Display Items For National Week

In observance of Boy Scout week, members of troop 419 have placed a large display of items in the window at Wilson Bros. Department store. Among articles are handbooks, scrapbooks, camping equipment, collections of arrowheads and other Indian artifacts, rock collections, hobby projects and numerous other items.

This troop is sponsored by the Nyssa PTA chapter; George Hirai is scoutmaster, assisted by Martin Greig. The boys meet at 7 p.m. every fourth Tuesday in the Methodist church.

Earlier in the week, another display could be seen in the Idaho Power company office, placed there by members of Cub unit 445. It was removed Tuesday to make room for a cooked food sale.

## TALK BY FARM BUREAU PRESIDENT DATED BY KCID

Thursday evening, Feb. 13, Charles Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation will speak at the annual Canyon county Farm Bureau winter banquet. Shuman's address will be broadcast on KCID, 1490 on the radio dial, at approximately 8 p.m.

## 'Gramercy Ghost' Rehearsals Begin For Cast of NHS Junior-Senior Play

What does a girl do with a ghost she has inherited? This question will be answered during the forthcoming Nyssa high school Junior-Senior class play, "Gramercy Ghost," being directed by Donald P. Bates, English and speech instructor.

Gloria Henderson, playing the part of Nancy Willard, has a problem with the ghost when her 102-year-old landlady, Miss Bullock, dies and wills her Nathaniel Coombs, a 1776 Revolutionary war ghost, portrayed by Norman Haney.

When Nancy begins to see and talk to Nathaniel, her fiancé, Parker Burnette, played by John Wohlcke, decides that she needs to go to a rest home.

Ray Gibson, a newspaper man known in the play as Charlie Stewart, covers the story of the inheritance and reluctantly shares Burnett's opinion until he begins checking on Nancy's story.

Stewart then sets out to help Nancy prove that Nathaniel really exists. The many complications arising from this hair-raising situation should make an interesting evening's entertainment.

Other members of the cast include Nadine Spitz, Lynn Jackson, Steve Henigson, Greg Sumner, Robert Corfield, Judi Moncur, Virginia Lewis and Ann Cleaver.

## Baby Bobcat Bagged



THIS PHOTO was snapped Saturday afternoon by a Journal photographer, not long after Bruce Child spotted the bobkitten in the cattle feedlot and killed it with the .410 shotgun he displays. The Edison Child family had been noticing strange tracks in the lot, but heretofore the animal or animals had managed to remain out of sight. Members of the family believe they may still have uninvited guests invading their premises as some of the tracks appear larger than those the kitten would have made. Bruce had gone to the feedlot to do away with some magpies that had been bothering the small calves when he spotted the animal.

## Malheur Labor Sponsors Group To Meet Feb. 18

Annual meeting of Malheur Labor Sponsors association will be held Tuesday, Feb. 18, at East Side cafe in Ontario, according to Steve Besse, county extension agent.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 12 noon with lunch being provided by the labor association. President Tom Burns advises that a very informative program has been arranged giving growers and interested parties a comprehensive picture of the labor outlook in Malheur county.

Reports will be given on the labor situation by Amalgamated Sugar company and the employment service. Discussions will be held on sanitation, pending legislation, the Bracero law and its effect on Malheur county labor.

Directors for the next two years will be elected. Outgoing directors are Everett Taylor, Darrell Standage, Tom Burns, Jay Gibson and Ted Morinaka.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

## Masterson Resigns From Ore-Ida Firm

Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., held its annual stockholders meeting Monday at 2:30 p.m. at Moore hotel in Ontario.

The stockholders retained all company officials and directors with one exception. G. A. Masterson, Sr., resigned as vice president of cattle operations in order to devote full time to private feed lot operations. Masterson, a well-known business man, has been closely connected with Ore-Ida from the early 1950's when he became an important backer and shareowner.

He was replaced on the board of directors by Ken Inahara, a Seattle import-export executive. Inahara is a former resident and prominent grower in the Ontario area.

Officials who were retained include F. Nephi Greig (Ontario), president and chairman of the board; Golden T. Grigg (Burley), senior vice president (farming); Vanness Anderson (Burley), vice president (farming); Otis Williams (Burley), vice president (production).

David B. Berelson (San Francisco), vice president (sales), not present at meeting; Ross E. Butler (Ontario), corporate secretary; Glenn E. Call (Ontario), treasurer. Attorneys Frank Nash (Portland) and Martin P. Gallagher (Ontario) were also in attendance.

Grigg reported that Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., had net sales in 1963 of \$24,062,269 with a gross profit of \$6,364,912 and a net income of \$624,965. Net sales for the year 1963 showed a six percent increase over sales in 1962.