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## Irrigation Water Storage in Oregon Reservoirs on October 1, 1964, Higher Than 15-Year Average During 1943-57

### Carryover of 464,900 Acre Feet in Owyhee Reservoir, 140 Percent More Than Average

An Oct. 1 water supply and summary for Oregon of the season just closed shows mostly an adequate supply for the state as a whole.

In Malheur county, Lake Owyhee has an excellent carry-over of 464,900 acre feet, which is 140 percent over the 15-year average of 331,800, and is almost double that of 1963 when it was only 242,800 acre feet. Usable capacity is 715,000.

Warm Springs and Vale-Oregon districts delivered nearly the normal allotments although some lands in the latter got only three acre feet. Total carryover of the three reservoirs is down to 30,700 compared with 57,200 acre feet a year ago.

An unusually cool summer reduced the total needs for irrigation water. Watershed soil moisture is generally below average except in the northeast part of the state and fall rains are badly needed to recharge them before the snowpack begins to accumulate.

The report shows 24 of the state's major reservoirs have storage 11 percent better than last year and one percent better than the 1943-57 average.

### How Water Forecasts Are Made

Since most of the cultivated and populated areas of the west have relatively dry summers they must rely on snow falling on the mountains during the winter and spring months. This varies from place to place and from year to year; hence the agencies of the federal government make snow surveys monthly or semi-monthly, starting near the first of the year and continuing into the late spring months.

A snow survey consists of a series of about 10 samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanent marked line, up to 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The snow depth and water content are shown for each sampling point and the average is shown as the snow survey measurement for that given course.

### Several Factors Included

Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These furnish the key data for water supply forecasts. More accurate forecasts are obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included.

These forecasts are highly important to agriculture planning for each area from year to year as the farmer must plan his crops based on available water.

### ADRIAN TEACHERS ATTEND OREGON SCHOOL SESSIONS

Mrs. Robert Long and Mrs. Charles Newbill of the Adrian teaching staff attended a reading conference during the weekend at Portland. Robert Patterson, Adrian grade school principal, had attended a principals' conference at Eugene during the week and joined the ladies on Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Thompson and Miss Elma McCracken will attend meetings of the department of classroom teachers Friday and Saturday at Salem.

## Discussion Held On Budget Plans For Local Schools

The Nyssa school board held its first meeting Monday evening to organize, elect officers and make preliminary plans prior to working on the budget for next year.

The board is comprised of the seven members of the school board, plus seven property owners residing within the school district.

Roy Holmes was elected chairman; Farrell Peterson, vice chairman; and Vic Haburchak, secretary. Peterson presided in the absence of the chairman.

### English Head Speaks

Clyde Swisher, head of the high school English department, appeared before the board and explained the organization of the English department and how it operates. He brought out the continuity of the program, with all English teachers working together on curriculum and toward a common goal.

The budget board will hear from other departments within the school system and will also hear of desired or needed programs prior to actual work on the new budget.

## FHA-Sponsored Magazine Drive To Begin Tuesday

Miss Nancy Lytle was named general chairman of the annual magazine drive sponsored by the FHA chapter during a meeting held Tuesday morning. The girls were divided into teams with JoAnne Strickland and Sharon Cottrell chosen as captains.

According to Mrs. Virginia Steffens, FHA adviser, the drive is conducted under the Curtis plan and Mr. Soper, area chairman, will meet Tuesday, Oct. 27, with the girls to launch the campaign which will run approximately three weeks.

Funds earned by the chapter are used to meet its yearly budget of \$364. Of this amount, the girls spend \$100 for some worthy cause. Last year, the money was used to purchase an air conditioner for the nursing home wing at Malheur Memorial hospital, Mrs. Steffens reported.

### PANCAKE FEED SUCCESSFUL

According to Joe Witty, Adrian Lions club president, the pancake feed sponsored by the organization Tuesday evening was highly successful.

Proceeds from the project will be used for community benefits, Witty said.

## Annual Student Government Day Set Friday as Seniors Fill City Positions

Nyssa high school seniors will take over duties as city officials Friday, designated as Nyssa's sixth annual Student Government day.

According to Charles Quinowski, instructor of the NHS modern problems class, the following students have been elected to serve as city officials for the day.

Rolf Lier, AFS exchange student from Norway, has been named mayor. Gerald Wyckoff will serve as city manager; Alan Cottle, city clerk; Mike Hirai, municipal judge; Kent Main, city attorney; Robert Palmer, fire chief.

Linda Morrison, water superintendent; Paul Wilson, sewer superintendent; Ellen Saito, park superintendent; Carol Haney, librarian.

Councilmen will be Barbara Smit, Nadine Spitz, Sid Lancaster, Owen Berrett and Bill Lawrence. A run-off election was to be held later this week for the chief of police position.

### City Manager Speaks

City Manager Art Colby spent a part of yesterday and is spending some time today speaking to members of the modern problems class. He is discussing careers in public administration, giving instructions on local planning and preparations for city growth.

The elected officials will meet

## Volunteer Neighbors Harvest Auker Beets



SCENES LAST THURSDAY when neighbors and friends harvested beets planted by the late John Auker who succumbed on July 5 this year. Top photo shows a field located near Mrs. Auker's home in Big Bend. In the center is a scene of unloading operations at the Overstreet dump and railcars loaded with Auker beets. Picture on the left reveals that even the family pets accompanied their masters to the sugar beet harvest.

—Staff Photos.

## Films Scheduled On New Methods Of Math Teaching

The first in a series of films explaining modern mathematics will be shown at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, in the multi-purpose room at the primary school building, according to Mrs. Clarence Clapp, Nyssa PTA president.

These films will explain the newest methods for teaching mathematics, a plan which will be adopted into the school system next year. Mrs. Clarice Poor, grade school principal, will show the films and will be available to answer questions.

Parents with children in grades one through six are urged to attend and area residents interested in keeping up with the latest advances in learning are welcome, Mrs. Clapp concluded.

## FFA Delegates Attend Exposition in Portland

Steve Jensen, Van Schulthies and John Glascock were delegates representing the local FFA chapter at the Pacific International Exposition held Oct. 19 in Portland. Mike Petterson attended as alternate.

The local team placed 22nd among the 89 units entered in the livestock judging.

The boys spent Saturday night in Corvallis and toured the OSU campus before leaving for home on Sunday morning.

### WORLD WAR I VETERANS HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

World War I Barracks and auxiliary hosted the district 6 meeting last Sunday at Vale Grange hall with 66 persons in attendance for 1 o'clock dinner.

Guests were in attendance from Hermiston, Pendleton, Baker, La Grande and Payette.

Tables were decorated in Halloween colors. Covered wagon nut cups were used in observance of Vale's centennial. Name tags were bonnets for the ladies and top hats for the men.

## Colby Lists Schedule For City Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup in Nyssa will begin Monday, Oct. 26, according to City Manager Art Colby.

Piled leaves will be collected Monday and Tuesday south of Main street on both paved and dirt streets. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the leaf collection will continue north of Main street, from city limits to city limits, Colby said.

If necessary the same process will continue the following week under the same schedule, the city manager stated.

Colby cautions Nyssa residents against burning leaves on paved streets and asks that they do not pile them on the streets too far ahead of the pickup schedule as in case of rain, the drains will become clogged.

## Generous Area Residents Combine Efforts in Harvesting Sugar Beets

"What would life be like without good friends and loyal neighbors?" This question entered the mind of a Journal reporter when invited to sit down and eat with a jovial group of Adrian area residents last Thursday as they took time out for their noon meal while harvesting beets planted last spring by the late John Auker.

Mrs. Auker, wearing a grateful expression on her face, called at the Journal office Saturday requesting that the publication extend her deepest appreciation to those who gave so generously of their time and labor, using their own machinery.

Here are Mrs. Auker's words, "On behalf of myself and grandson, David Saxton, I extend our heartfelt thanks to neighbors and friends who assisted with the harvesting of beets last Thursday. In addition to this gesture being a tribute to our late husband and grandfather, it was an enormous help to us. Your kind gesture will never be forgotten."

### Noon Meal Provided

Sixty-three workers signed their names on sheets or paper furnished by area women who were in charge of serving the noon meal provided by them and many other ladies of the community.

On hand were an estimated 24 beet trucks, eight harvesters, six beaters, four extra tractors, eight extra truck drivers and 28 laborers with beet knives. Among the latter was O. P. Council, oldest of the group who is over 70 years of age. Also on hand was Wilson Witt, using his portable welder throughout the day to keep all items of machinery in running order.

### Rain Interrupts Harvest

Weatherwise, the previous day was a beautiful one, as was the following Friday. However, on the scheduled harvest date, the rains came and with it the mud. The workers were halted for a while, but after the moisture stopped falling and the fields dried some, they began again and finished a second field late Thursday evening, with the exception of one load of beets hauled to Overstreet dump the following morning.

A report to the Journal revealed that 108 truck loads of beets were taken out of the ground and hauled to the dump, netting 14 railcar loads.

### Volunteer Workers Listed

Perhaps some of the men failed to sign their names during the dinner hour and possibly others worked sometime during the day but did not join the group for the meal; however, those registered include W. V. Hopkins, L. L. Kreager, Earl Crocker, Elmer Wood, John L. Thiel, Leonard R. Wood, Charles W. Olson, Tokuo Nishimura, Cory Barton, Carl Begeman, Dyre Roberts, Wilson Witt, Ted Morinaka, Ernie Seuell, Mas Atagi, Tony Martinez, Owen Council, Kay Ishida, Herb Wenke,

## Malheur County Valuation Increases Almost \$1 Million; Tax Raise Nears \$250,000; County Tax Levy Decreases

### Nyssa Appraisal Raised \$36,000; City Levy Up \$6,000, Schools \$6,700, Hospital Down

Taxes and property valuations continue to increase in Malheur county. According to a recent release from the office of John Koopman, tax assessor, the valuation is \$45,286,557, up \$890,645 for 1964-65, while total taxes have increased for the same period by \$246,257.

Nyssa has a \$2,703,000 valuation (up \$36,000) with total tax bill up \$8,000 to \$267,000 for a total tax increase of \$8,300. Decreases are \$4,000 in hospital tax and \$1,900 for the county levy. Greatest increase (\$6,000) is in the city levy, or almost equal to the \$6,700 increase for special and intermediate school tax.

### Rural Valuation Increases

Rural Nyssa valuation is shown as \$5,019,000 (increase of \$254,000) with a total tax bill of \$402,000 for a \$15,000 increase. Here the special school tax led all increases with \$12,000, followed by intermediate school with \$7,000 and Treasure Valley Community college with \$4,905.

The biggest decrease was \$8,000 on hospital with the only other decrease being county, \$1,900.

### Third Biggest Increase in Adrian

Adrian district taxpayers had the third biggest tax increase in the county with \$16,633 more than for 1963-64. This is surpassed only by rural Ontario with \$78,000 and Ontario with \$75,000.

The greatest increase in Adrian was \$10,000 for taxes to operate the newly created fire district. The special school levy was \$9,000 higher, intermediate school up \$1,600 and TVCC \$1,800. Decreases were shown for county, road and hospital.

## Stockmen Slate Annual Meeting Friday in Ontario

Annual Malheur County Livestock association meeting will be held Oct. 23 at Moore hotel in Ontario, according to Grady Romans, president.

There will be reports on progress in the calf scour research project, beef imports, range rehabilitation and beef promotion activities. Also reporting will be committee chairmen of various association activities during the past year.

Programs of activities will be outlined for the group at joint meetings of several active committees, including legislative and taxation, wildlife, brand, multiple use of lands, junior activities, livestock health and beef promotion.

Romans invites anyone interested in the Malheur county livestock industry to attend meetings of the association and participate in discussions as well as attend the social hour and banquet that evening at Moore hotel dining room.

### PTA WORKSHOP SCHEDULED TUESDAY AT CAIRO SCHOOL

A county council PTA workshop will be held at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, Oct. 27, at the Cairo school plant, according to Mrs. Lester Fifer of Vale, publicity chairman. The workshop will be conducted by Mrs. James Flanagan of Ontario, president of the organization.

## Area Youngsters to Canvass Homes On Halloween Night to Aid UNICEF

Youngsters of the Nyssa-Adrian area will be "Trick or Treating for UNICEF" on Halloween night. Instead of treats for themselves, they will be collecting money to provide vitamins, medicines, milk and child welfare services for needy children in 116 countries of the world.

Again this year the Nyssa-Adrian Ministerial association will coordinate the UNICEF program with the Rev. Elmer Rosenkilde as chairman. By doing this, every area home will be visited and none will get more than one call from the UNICEF goblins, the chairman said.

### Three Districts in Nyssa

During a meeting last Monday evening at the Christian church, leaders from the various churches made plans for the Halloween program. The city of Nyssa has been divided into three areas, so that fourth, fifth and sixth grade students will make calls in one section; seventh, eighth and ninth graders in another section and 10th, 11th and 12th grade pupils in a third area.

Each group will report back to its area meeting place where refreshments will be served. The children will be supplied with official coin boxes and identification badges when they go out to make their calls.

## Nyissan to Head Malheur County 1964 Farm Census

Mrs. Ellen G. Bowers of Nyssa has been named a crew leader for the 1964 census of agriculture, John E. Tharaldson, director of the regional office of the U.S. Bureau of the Census at Seattle, announced this week. The new crew leader is one of about 1,825 persons throughout the U.S. to receive this appointment.

Mrs. Bowers will supervise a team of census enumerators who will visit all farms and ranches in Malheur county to collect official census questionnaires from farm operators. Enumeration of all farms in the county will take place in November and early December.

### Census Method Explained

The census will be taken in the following way: Shortly after Nov. 5, the Bureau of Census will mail census questionnaires to all rural boxholders. Those required to fill out the forms should do so and hold the questionnaires until a census enumerator comes to collect them. At that time, the enumerator will help answer any questions that may have proved troublesome.

The crew leader is a key person in conducting a census of agriculture. He recruits and trains the enumerators, schedules their work, reviews the accuracy of completed forms and conducts difficult interviews.

### Taken Every Five Years

The census of agriculture is taken every five years in years ending in "4" and "9" to gather information on the nation's agricultural resources and production. Such information is vital in making decisions affecting many segments of the U.S. economy. Data gathered includes the number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock inventories, information on farm equipment and improvements, income and some production expenditures.

The information will be published starting in 1965 for counties, states and the nation.

### ALFALFA SEED GROWERS TO MEET MONDAY EVENING

A meeting of alfalfa seed growers will be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening, Oct. 26, at Oregon Trail hall, according to George Folkman, president of Malheur County Legume Seed Growers association.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss alfalfa seed prices and supplies. Discussions will be held regarding the USDA report on seed production and seed production surveys made by the local association and Interstate Alfalfa Seed council.

Presidents of the United States, from Herbert Hoover to Lyndon B. Johnson, have all endorsed this program. Last year 11,000 communities across the country, comprising some three million children, participated in the UNICEF program.

### Countries Match Funds

A government requesting aid from these funds agrees to match UNICEF assistance by providing staff members, buildings and locally available supplies. In practice, governments spend an average of \$2.50 for every dollar given by UNICEF.

The country also agrees to continue the project as part of its permanent services after the period of assistance has been concluded. A little money contributed to UNICEF goes a long way there, the Rev. Rosenkilde added.

Meeting time and places for the various age groups will be announced in the Oct. 29 issue of the Journal.

### WEATHER . . .

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Oct. 14	77	39	—
Oct. 15	56	40	.19
Oct. 16	58	44	—
Oct. 17	58	28	—
Oct. 18	59	27	—
Oct. 19	60	29	—
Oct. 20	63	29	—
Oct. 21	—	30	—

### Owyhee Reservoir Storage

Oct. 19, 1964	442,460 Acre Ft.
Oct. 19, 1963	228,230 Acre Ft.