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Union Pacific Operating Extra Trains Thru Nyssa Due to Flooded Sections Of Lines From Bay Area to Portland

Hundreds of Autos Assembled on Coast Loaded on Triple-Deck Cars Pass Each Day

Tom Jones, Union Pacific freight agent in Nyssa, said that not only had traffic been restored on the main line through here, but that they were moving freight through Nyssa that would normally go from the San Francisco Bay area to Portland and Seattle.

He reported the trains handling freight traffic had increased by at least 50 percent over normal. The size of the trains are about the same as usual in order to maintain speed.

Flooding Dec. 22 took a bridge out at Arlington, Ore., across the John Day river, completely stopping all traffic west for a few days. Then for several more days local traffic was again started, serving points in between.

On the same night a bridge across Clover Creek at King Hill, Idaho, was washed out, slowing eastbound traffic. The railroad has a double track there and by using the remaining track, traffic was shuttled over this part and never fully stopped, except for a few hours delay.

Traffic was restored on a delayed basis on the entire line Dec. 26. Maintenance costs are still high in the high water areas, Jones said, with no estimate available as to the cost to the railroad for repairs made to date.

Auto Shipments Heavy
One freight through Nyssa last Thursday carried 42 consecutive carloads of automobiles and trucks routed via Ogden from the Oakland-Los Angeles assembly plants of General Motors and Ford Motor company. Some of these were double-deck and some triple-deck with from 12 to 18 vehicles on each car. This is usual on several trains each day, Jones said, and anyone never having been at an assembly plant can see more new cars than ever seen before.

Another innovation of the railroads is the triple-deck livestock cars whereby shippers can ship more stock at cheaper rates. And, in some localities, the roads are permitted to operate trucks that pick up livestock on the farm and deliver it to rail points.

All these changes and rate alterations are subject to approval of the ICC or where intra-state by the public utility commissions of the individual states.

WEATHER . . .
Date Max. Min. Prec.
Dec. 30 44 21 22
Dec. 31 34 23 —
Jan. 1 33 2 —
Jan. 2 38 2 —
Jan. 3 35 28 —
Jan. 4 34 29 .08
Jan. 5 46 28 .10
Jan. 6 — 39 —

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
Jan. 6, 1965 658,250 Acre Ft.
Jan. 6, 1964 270,610 Acre Ft.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS PRESENT YULE PROGRAM
Students in Mrs. Mark Moncur's Jack and Jill Kindergarten presented a Christmas program on Dec. 22 for their parents. Following the program, Santa Claus visited the school with gifts and treats for the children.

ANNUAL MEETING SLATED
Landowners in the Nyssa-Arcadia Drainage district will hold their annual meeting at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the district office, 106 Main street, Nyssa.

Adults to Register For Evening Classes At Nyssa High School
The hour of 8 p.m. has been set for all adult training registration meetings to be held at Nyssa high school, under auspices of Treasure Valley Community college.

Subjects and registration session dates are rapid reading, Jan. 11; welding, Jan. 11; tailoring, Jan. 11; interior decorating, Jan. 13; preventative veterinary medicine, Jan. 14.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Stanley Sisson, NHS v.o.-ag instructor, or the college administrative office.

DAY HAS MAJOR SURGERY
Buena Vista—Mrs. Roxy Ritchie accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day to Boise on Dec. 28 and again on Dec. 30 when Day entered St. Luke's hospital and last Thursday morning underwent major surgery. Mrs. Day and Mrs. Ritchie were Dec. 30-31 overnight guests of a cousin, Weir Hoffman in the Idaho capital city, returning home Friday evening.

Day underwent surgery again on Wednesday and his condition was not known at press time.

Nyssa Hoopsters To Meet Falcons, Vikings, Panthers

In a Dec. 30 hoop tilt at Burns, the Nyssa Bulldogs fell to defeat at the hands of the unbeaten Highlanders with a 69-48 final score.

Top gunner for the local team was Alan Cottle who chalked up 16 counters, followed by Gerald Wyckoff, 10; Dick Meisinger and Bob Smit, 9 each; with Neil Bohannon and John Moore both tossing in two.

To date the Bulldogs have tallied a record of two wins, three losses.

The local lads have three contests coming up within the next week, all away from home.

They will meet Vallivue Friday evening on the Idaho court; Vale, Saturday evening; and on Tuesday evening, Jan. 12, will be pitted against the Parma Panthers.

Next home game will be Friday, Jan. 15, against the Emmett Huskies with the preliminary game starting at 6:45 p.m.

Trio Escapes Injury In Sunday Accident Near Jordan Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and Lucille returned home Monday afternoon, one day later than previously planned, from a 2½-week holiday trip into Old Mexico and California.

The trio traveled via Las Vegas, Phoenix and Tucson to Nogales where they crossed the border into Mexico and went as far as Hermisillo and Guaymas in that country. On their return trip, they re-entered the United States at Tijuana, visited friends and relatives in San Diego before going to Los Angeles.

They viewed the Rose parade, attended the Rose Bowl game and also visited relatives in that area.

As they were returning home Sunday, they ran into a snow storm and encountered slick roads south of Jordan Valley. The rear of their pickup-camper slid off the pavement on the right side of the highway, causing them to skid across the road, off the thoroughfare and down a 10-foot embankment. The vehicle rolled over, coming to rest on its wheels and the camper was completely demolished.

The trio escaped with minor bruises and Mrs. Bertram reports they feel they are fortunate as serious injury could have resulted.

Mrs. Bertram and Lucille went to Jordan Valley and stayed in the home of former Nyssans, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson and family. Bertram joined them there late that night and all returned home Monday.

BOARD REPORTS CHANGES

E. H. (Shorty) Brandt, a member of the North Board of Control, was named chairman of the group at a meeting held Tuesday evening. He replaces M. L. Judd, former chairman, now retired.

Herschel Thompson was named as a new member of the board to fill the vacancy created by Judd's retirement.

VERNON LAW TO SPEAK IN NYSSA SUNDAY EVENING

Vernon Law of Meridian, professional baseball pitcher with the Pittsburgh Pirates, will speak at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, in the Nyssa LDS First ward.

Reed Ray, who reported the speaking engagement to the Journal, also asked this publication to announce that all residents of the area are invited.

Stork Derby Winner?



"HELLO, WORLD—AND HAPPY NEW YEAR" could very easily be the words that little Miss Melanie Anne Bates would be saying if she could talk. The tiny miss is a daughter of Don and Becky Bates and was the first-born in 1965 at Malheur Memorial hospital and also first in the county. Shown here in the arms of her mother, Melanie Anne arrived at 6:25 a.m. on New Year's day, weighed 7 pounds, 2½ ounces and measured 18½ inches from head to toe.

—Journal Photo.

Melanie Anne Bates Captures Title, Wins Numerous Gifts in Baby Contest

Donald Bates, NHS English and speech instructor, and his wife, Rebecca of Parma, are parents of the first baby to be born in 1965 at Malheur Memorial hospital, arriving at 6:25 a.m. on New Year's day.

Melanie Anne was also the first 1965 baby to be born in Malheur county and in addition to receiving many gifts from

cake. J. Murl Burns of the Farmers Group agency gave a hand-knit baby sweater with the Don Moss Firestone store giving a surprise gift.

Additional Gifts Listed
Other Nyssa merchants and contest prizes are First National Bank of Oregon, \$5 savings account; Zinn's Flying "A" service, car lubrication job; Gate City Journal, one-year subscription; Idaho Power company, \$3 in cash; M and W Market, case of baby food.

The Merc Department store, one dozen diapers; Nyssa Food Center, 12 cans of baby milk; Owyhee Beauty shop, haircut, shampoo and set for mother; Paulus Jewelry, baby silver; Polar Bear Drive-In, half gallon of ice cream; Pounds' Grocery and Sugar City 5 and 10, infant's dresses.

Ray's Food Fair, specially baked cake; Renstrom Insurance agency, electric bottle warmer; Shell Super service, 10 gallons of gas; Stork shop, infant's sleeping bag; Wilson's Market, gift of baby food.

BEAUTY COUNSELOR HOSTS TEA FOR NHS SENIOR GIRLS
Mrs. Gary Sant of Provo, Utah, entertained Dec. 23 with a tea in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moncur. Guests were girls of the Nyssa high school senior class.

During the social hour, Mrs. Sant told the girls of the program offered at Mary's Career college in Provo, at which she is an instructor.

Release of Owyhee Reservoir Water Started Wednesday as Flood Control Measure; To Keep 650,000-AF Storage

No Danger Seen for Lower Owyhee River From Present Watershed Snow Conditions

Release of water from Owyhee reservoir to provide flood control space began Wednesday morning.

The spillway ring gate was lowered two feet below the lake surface causeway, permitting 2000 second feet to flow down the outlet shaft into the Owyhee river.

The North and South Boards of Control voted, in separate meetings, Tuesday night that

the reservoir be held at 650,000 acre feet of storage to provide 65,000 acre feet of space for flood control. Any further action to be taken will be determined by the snow survey measurements of Feb. 1.

Capacity of the reservoir of usable water is 715,000 acre feet and storage at the time of release Wednesday morning was 658,250 acre feet.

Flood Danger Nil

Paul House, manager of North Board of Control, commenting on any flood danger on the Owyhee below the dam, told a Journal reporter Wednesday afternoon, "Snow on watersheds now would not produce flooding on the Owyhee. We do have an abnormal amount of snow now as when the last major flood came in 1952, but in that year snow kept adding to the already abnormal amount until March 1."

He further noted that in 1956, '57 and '58 similar conditions existed as now without any flooding. In 1957, 490,000 acre feet was released and in 1958, 483,000 acre feet came through the spillway.

The flood of 1892 was the worst on record in this area with that of 1952 ranking second and 1910 third.

County Safety Unit Sets Monday Meeting

First regular meeting of the Malheur County Safety council will be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening, Jan. 11, at East Side cafe in Ontario, according to Bob Dye. Purpose of the session is to elect officers for the coming year.

Dye reports that the state safety council requested the forming of the unit in Malheur county. During a previous meeting, chairmen were appointed for each of the three area towns. W. L. McPartland was named for Nyssa; Ben Justus, Vale; Veryl Thompson, Ontario.

These men, as well as others of the county, were asked to contact various organizations to have representatives at the Monday night session.

FFA Chapter Slates Saturday Canvass For March of Dimes

The local chapter of Future Farmers of America will be conducting its annual March of Dimes drive Saturday, Jan. 9, in Nyssa, is announcement made by Gary Moss and Bob Smit, chairman and co-chairman, respectively.

Sophomore students in the chapter will be canvassing the town with traditional tractor pulling a manure spreader.

They report that they have set their goal to top the funds collected by the 1963-64 FFA boys and urge all Nyssa residents to give generously.

Those who are away from home or business firm when the lads call are asked to send their contributions to the FFA chapter, c/o Nyssa high school.

JORDAN VALLEY YOUTH HURT IN RANCH MISHAP

David White of Jordan Valley was admitted Saturday to Malheur Memorial hospital suffering with a broken leg. It was reported that a large corral gate fell on him, breaking his leg in two places just above the ankle. The accident occurred on the Orville Fretwell ranch near Arook.

The 11-year-old lad was released Sunday and is reported to be recuperating at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White.

SKI AT BOGUS BASIN

Members of the Adrian high school senior class spent Wednesday skiing at Bogus Basin. The students were accompanied by Mrs. Agnes Dilley and Isaac Kimura, class advisers.

Chronology of Events Reviews Journal Front Page News Highlights of 1964

Following is what the editor considers the leading news events as recorded on the front pages of the Journal throughout 1964.

It is not intended to be comprehensive but only as a reminder of the events in chronological order. They include local, state and national affairs and embrace schools, local government, commercial promotions that affect the whole community served by the Journal.

From a publicity viewpoint, the highlight for Nyssa is probably the appearance of the high school band in the Rose Bowl parade at Pasadena—one of three bands, outside of California, representing the entire U.S. This appearance represented a culmination of two years' planning by Music Director Bob Q. Smith and band members.

Jan. 9—Jena Marie Burley becomes winner of annual First

Baby contest for 1964 at local hospital.

Jan. 16—Merchants Promotion committee organized as adjunct to chamber of commerce, to promote local trade.

FEBRUARY
Feb. 13—Heavy January snowfall indicates sufficient irrigation water in Lake Owyhee for 1964 crops.

Feb. 20—Dedication of Nyssa high new v.o.-ag building and biology facilities.

MARCH
March 12—Local schools face cut in state aid fund—local taxes result seen.

March 19—Explosion in Cascade Gas main at Ontario disrupts Nyssa service from 12 to 18 hours.

March 26—1964 beet acreage unchanged from 1963.

APRIL
April 2—Amalgamated Sugar company plans Nyssa laboratory to make individual sugar content tests.

April 9—No health hazards found in city water in spite of foul odor and taste.

April 16—Nyssa Mystery Value Day draws large crowd.

April 23—Postal service cuts announced by local postmaster.

April 30—League track meet set May 2 in Nyssa.

MAY
May 7—School budget fails by five votes—84 ballots turned in but not voted . . . Board to submit same figures for May 25 election.

May 14—Irrigation season starts with largest reserve since 1958 in Owyhee reservoir.

May 21—Rockefeller's win, in state Republican primary, over Lodge considered an upset.

May 28—Voters reject school budget (453 to 394) in second election. Board proposes \$25,000 cut for third election try on June 15.

JUNE
June 4—Sidewalk improvement district work gets under way on Main street in Nyssa.

June 18—3.07 inches of rainfall registered in preceding 19 days. Hay and seed damaged.

June 25—Raging Snake river takes one life at Ontario. Others saved in river mishaps during the weekend.

JULY
July 2—Nyssa given Sabre Jet plane for mounting in swimming pool park.

July 9—Oregon traffic deaths (564) and injuries (24,627) in 1963 set new high records.

July 16—City irrigation water use limited as necessary precaution to insure firefighting supply.

July 23—County court approves creation of weed control district (first in county) for Newell Heights community.

July 30—Treasure Valley Growers and Sales, Inc., established in Nyssa by Midwestern wholesaler and local citizens. Will provide seasonal employment for 25 workers.

AUGUST
Aug. 6—Wednesday storms damage wide area . . . 100-mile wind wreaks havoc on roofs, field crops, grain, orchards. Local school buildings receive \$8,000 damage . . . Utilities suffer most.

Aug. 20—Firefighting crews from county sent to Nevada to battle range fires. Back-to-School promotion by Nyssa merchants.

SEPTEMBER
Sept. 3—Cold and rain bring harvesting to a halt. Owyhee reservoir storage 513,520 acre feet, more than double previous year.

Sept. 10—Nyssa school enrollment of 1398 hits new high . . . Seniors and lower grades show most increase.

Sept. 17—Henry Zobell promoted to Amalgamated Ogden office . . . Replaced as Nyssa district manager by Ray Larson . . . Glenwood Pounds retires as Adrian postmaster after 24 years service . . . Boat races scheduled at Nyssa Sunday.

Sept. 24—Adrian Fire district organized, awaiting equipment . . . Fifth annual Krazy Day slated for weekend.

OCTOBER
Oct. 8—Nyssa youth, Carlos Parra, honored by receiving one of 45 Ford Foundation art scholarships at New York school . . .

Voter registration in county decreases 395 without corresponding decrease in population.

Oct. 15—Nyssa schools pay remaining debts to volunteers furnishing money for athletic field lights in 1948 . . . Thousands of hunters invade Malheur county for pheasant season opener.

Oct. 15—Malheur ranks second to Klamath county with shipment of 5,859 cars of potatoes during 1963.

Oct. 22—Malheur county valuation up \$1 million with \$250,000 raise in total taxes.

Oct. 29—National sugar beet acreage reduced 6 percent by agriculture administrative order . . . Local cut seen as possibly as high as 15 percent.

NOVEMBER
Nov. 5—Johnson-Humphrey Democratic ticket wins smashing nation-wide victory . . . carrying Oregon and 44 other states.

Nov. 12—Art Colby, Nyssa city manager for six years, announces resignation for similar position in Thornton, Colo., on Dec. 15 . . .

Thanksgiving promotion to feature turkey races by local merchants as jockeys.

Nov. 19—Bob Smith, Malheur-Harney county representative, chosen as Republican majority house leader for 1965 session at Salem.

Nov. 26—Pheral Dodson, Nampa, hired as Malheur Memorial hospital administrator to replace Charles J. Smith, resigned.

DECEMBER
Dec. 10—Nyssa Christmas parade features religious rather than commercial aspect. Draws hundreds from outside the Nyssa trade area.

Dec. 17—Announcement of enormous changes in auto insurance rates to be effective Jan. 1.

Dec. 24—Nyssa's Idaho Power Manager Paul Penrod retires following 36 years of company service . . . Replaced by Dale Adams of Hazelton, Idaho.

Dec. 31—Babson forecast indicates continuing prosperity for early part of 1965 with taxes, wages, business failures all increasing.