

Projects Improve City's Utilities, Parks and Streets

The approximately 2,800 citizens of Nyssa have been fortunate in recent years to have had a conservative administration that kept taxes at a minimum. At the same time progress has been made on the streets, water and sewer system and in providing recreation areas for the citizenry.

Practically all streets are hard-surfaced, sewer service has been extended city-wide, new water lines and hydrants have been added to provide better fire protection, parking areas constructed, plus a new road side park for tourist accommodation.

Recreational areas have been added along with the addition of 4.73 acres for a total of 12.2 acres in the four city parks. Included is a modern swimming pool made possible through the issuance of \$60,000 in general obligation bonds (approved by a four-to-one vote).

New sidewalks have been built in the downtown section through another bond issue, the approach from the Idaho side has been improved by widening the street (paid for by the city and state jointly) and the city-owned cemetery west of town has been beautified by paving the streets, planting new trees and providing a watering system for the grass.

Other Improvements Noted
The Malheur Memorial hospital is on more sound ground financially since creation of a tax district for it. Besides the new ambulance service recently established and operated by the hospital, it had added several pieces of equipment to better serve patients.

Improvements have been made at the labor camp, which was already the largest and nicest in Malheur county.
And not the least, or to be ignored, are improvements made by merchants on the interior and exterior appearances of buildings in the downtown section. Many of these were made this spring during the month-long Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up program in which the city furnished manpower and trucks for a period of three weeks.

More details will be found, accompanying pictures of improvements made by the city, on various pages.

Other Additions To Nyssa Listed

Two new coin-operated laundries were opened in Nyssa about the same time in 1960. King Laundromat, owned by Rex Voeller, located at 14 North Third, and Nyssa Kwik-Wash at the corner of First and Main, by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linegar.

Grand openings have also been held in the past two months by Harry's Rock Shop at 221 Main, Nyssa Gun and Sport Shop by Glenn Marcum at 310 Main and Bob's Freezer Meats at Fifth and Main.

A new business opening this week is Ray's Paint and Body Shop, next door to Bob's Freezer Meats on Main street. More information is carried on front page covering this event.

Nyssa Becomes Railroad Terminal

On Aug. 20, 1962, Nyssa was designated as a terminal point for the Union Pacific railroad with five trains leaving the local station daily, six days a week.

They serve towns in all directions, traveling roughly 300 miles, one way, each day. Homedale and Marsing (33 miles south) are dependent on this service as their only rail outlet, while New Plymouth and Weiser on the north have connections, as well as Burns, Ore., 163 rail miles west.

Each train carries a five-man crew, making 25 additional men working out of Nyssa.

Beet Lab Initiated

In June 1964 the Nyssa-Nampa Beet Growers association established a beet testing laboratory in the old Chevron station building at Second and Main in Nyssa.

The testing is used to try to learn what can be done to increase sugar content of beets. Dick Miller, a former teacher of soil classes at Colorado State university, was hired to head the testing.

Improvements Noted In Nyssa Schools

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In 1963 a vocal music instructor was hired and in 1965 the program for mentally retarded was extended into the junior high grades.

Nyssa schools are better known for their academic standings in the state and area than for the athletic teams, although for several years some top-ranking track and wrestling teams have been produced.

Gate City Journal Camera Depicts Development in Nyssa



THE CORNER of First and Main streets, on the south side of highway 20-26, underwent some drastic changes in July and August 1963. The old Tensen-Van Gilse building, an early-day Nyssa structure, was razed by Bud Sappe and his workmen. Directly on the corner, a large weed patch became a graveled public parking lot, with work done by city crews.



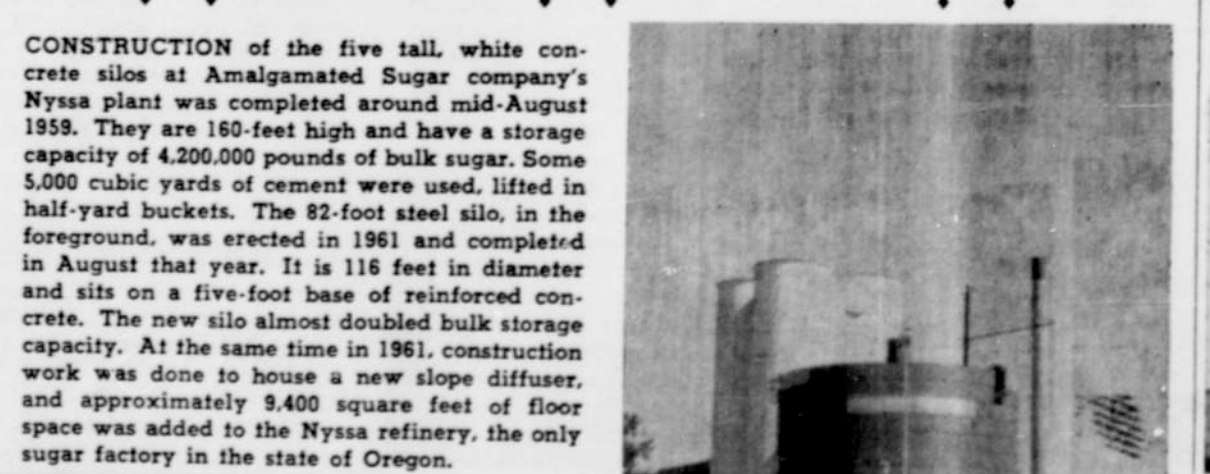
ANOTHER RECENT ADDITION of Nyssa business firms is the all-new Chevron station located at Third and Main streets, former site of the old Signal station. Construction was completed early in 1965 and the grand opening event was held April 10 this year. Manager Harold Kassman and his family came to the Nyssa area from Sprague, Wash.



THESE ARE THE HIGH-STEPPING Nyssa high school band students of 1963-64, who on Jan. 1, 1964, marched in the Rose Bowl parade at Pasadena under direction of Frank Turner, present music instructor. Some of these same students, together with instructor Bob O. Smith, also performed at the World's Fair in Seattle on May 31, 1952. They were described by fair officials as a "marvelous musical organization." Funds for the trips were raised by the students, numerous other Nyssa area residents and organizations, and by donations from others outside of the community. They are dressed in their powder-blue and off-white uniforms purchased in 1961.

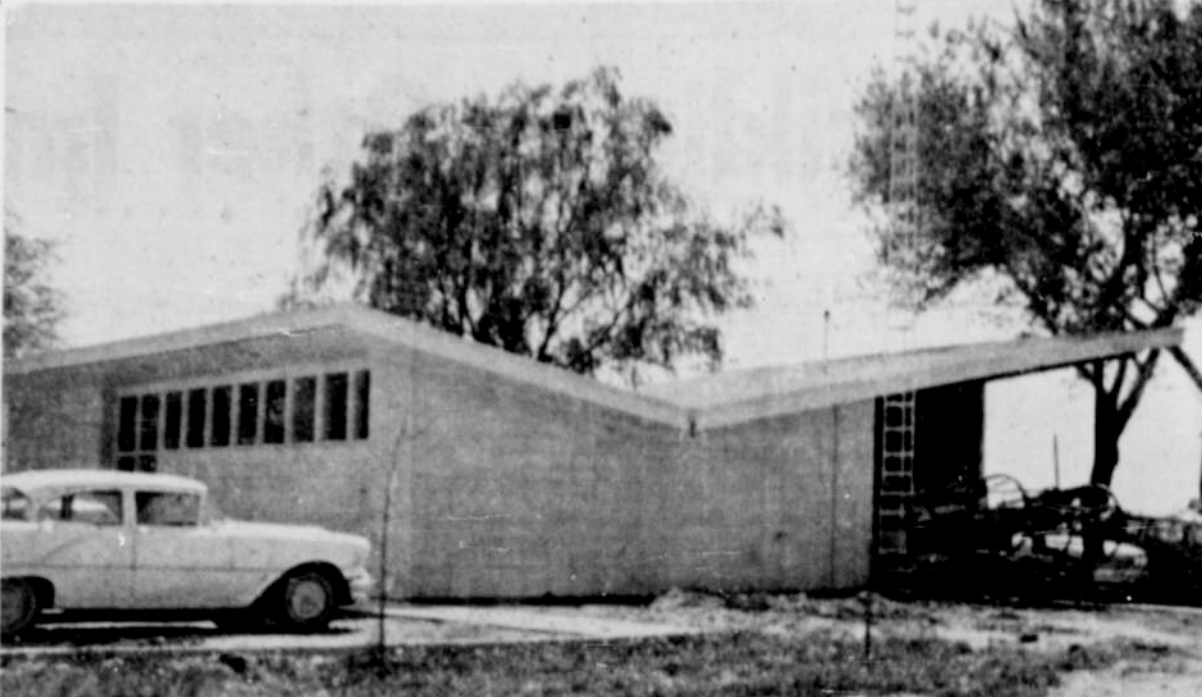


THROUGH COMBINED EFFORTS of the hospital district and the city of Nyssa, with some financial assistance from the local Jaycees, area ambulance service was provided early in March 1965. Members of the Nyssa police force serve as operators, with the vehicle being stationed at Malheur Memorial hospital. Pictured with the 1956 fully-equipped Cadillac ambulance are (left to right) Jaycee Byron Standerfer, Police Chief F. E. Petrie, John Stam, president of the hospital board, and Fred Koch, city manager. Stam drove the ambulance to Nyssa from Twin Falls after being flown there by Ted Morgan.



CONSTRUCTION of the five tall, white concrete silos at Amalgamated Sugar company's Nyssa plant was completed around mid-August 1959. They are 160-feet high and have a storage capacity of 4,200,000 pounds of bulk sugar. Some 5,000 cubic yards of cement were used, lifted in half-yard buckets. The 82-foot steel silo, in the foreground, was erected in 1961 and completed in August that year. It is 116 feet in diameter and sits on a five-foot base of reinforced concrete. The new silo almost doubled bulk storage capacity. At the same time in 1961, construction work was done to house a new slope diffuser, and approximately 9,400 square feet of floor space was added to the Nyssa refinery, the only sugar factory in the state of Oregon.

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OPEN HOUSE at the new Treasure Valley Animal hospital was held May 24, 1964, shortly after the structure was erected by Drs. Dwight Mason and Bert E. Ross. The building contains two sections — one for treatment, hospitalization, grooming and boarding of small animals and an area for treatment of large animals with outside stalls and corrals, in addition to offices. The business was moved from a small building on Main street to the new site on Alberta avenue.



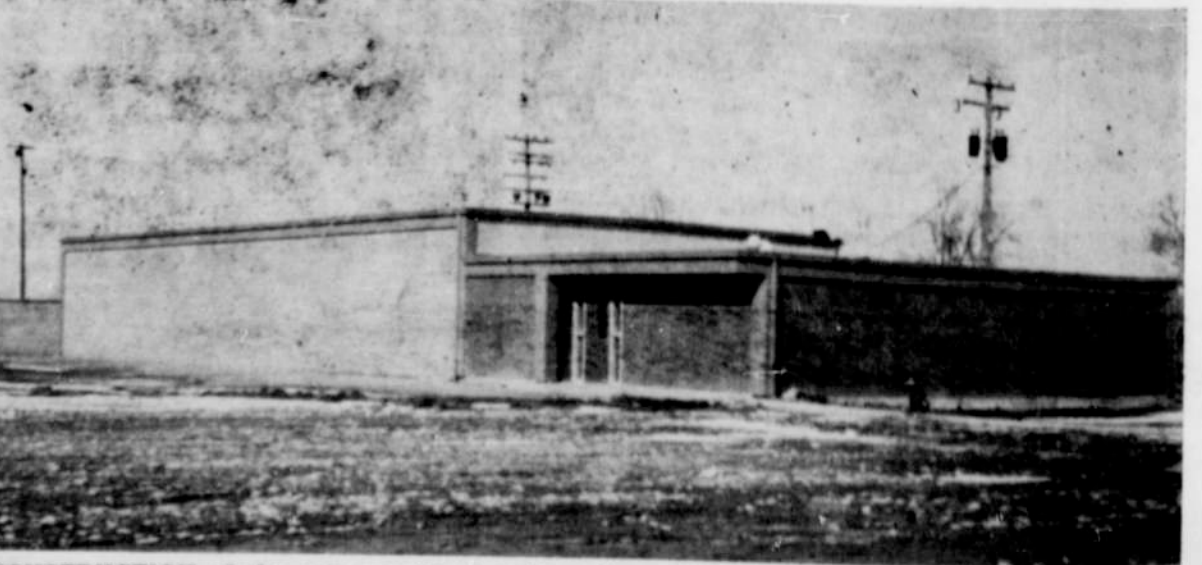
OPEN HOUSE was held Dec. 17, 1963, at the Ideal Gas and Appliance firm, owned by Wilton and Margery Jackson. The new structure replaced the old one which was destroyed by fire on Aug. 14 that year. The building is constructed of brick and concrete block and the front is glass-paneled from foundation to roof. It is located at 14 North First street.



THIS OVERNIGHT REST STOP and picnic park was given the final touches in August 1963. It was designed and built by the city, under supervision of former City Manager Art Colby. It is located on the Oregon side of Snake river, on the south side of highway 20-26 at the west end of the bridge. A nearby boat dock was completed shortly afterwards.



CONSTRUCTION on the J. R. Simplot building 20,500-square-foot structure houses a 52- x 78-foot packing shed, offices and a 96 x 150 produce storage area. It is located at Walnut and the UP railroad tracks.



CONSTRUCTION of the new vocational agriculture building on the high school campus was completed early in 1964, with dedication ceremonies held on Saturday, Feb. 29 (leap year). Leonard Hewett, former manager of the Nyssa branch, First National Bank of Oregon was given the honors of cutting the ribbon. At the same time, the biology lab was completely remodeled.