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Excellent Carryover in Reservoirs, New Snowpack Assures Ample Water For Irrigation Locally During 1966

State Outlook Changed From Fair to Good Due to Storm Conditions Since Christmas

Malheur county farmers, ranchers and other water users can look ahead to good to excellent water supplies in the spring and summer of 1966, according to a report released this week by A. J. Webber, state conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, and prepared by W. T. Frost, state snow survey supervisor, representing cooperating federal, state and private agencies.

Malheur Jury Convicts Woman For Auto Death

Mrs. Jackie Lynn Hagbom of Caldwell was transported to the Oregon state penitentiary today (Thursday) by a county sheriff's officer to start serving a one-year term on a negligent homicide charge.

The Idaho woman was found guilty of the charge by a jury of eight men and four women at Vale early Saturday morning after about 13 hours of deliberation. She was sentenced Monday by Circuit Judge Jeff D. Dorroh.

The charge arose from the death of Martin G. Greig, 47, Nyssa, who was killed when Mrs. Hagbom's car missed a turn on the highway at the northwest edge of Nyssa and collided with the man's vehicle.

The maximum penalty provided by law is three years in the penitentiary or a fine not to exceed \$2500 or both.

Six Bids Received For Water Project

Six bids, all within the budget figures, were opened at the regular monthly meeting of Nyssa city councilmen Tuesday evening. They were for the second phase of a plan to secure an additional water supply — covered pumps, pump house, transmission lines and a chlorinator.

The low bid was approximately \$66,000 and the top one near \$77,000. An award will be made within 10 days after further study of alternate plans, according to City Manager Fred Koch.

The contract will call for completion within 150 days from the award date.

TVCC Official Sets Monday Registration

Harry Hoch, supervisor of adult education at Treasure Valley Community college, announces that registration for adult tailoring classes will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, in the NHS homemaking rooms.

Mrs. Virginia Steffens will instruct the course which is sponsored by the college and will give two quarter hours credit when completed. No sewing supplies will be needed for the first class.

Hoch will be present at the Monday evening session to accept registration fees which are \$12 for those residing within the TVCC district and \$18 for out-of-state residents.

FIREMEN ANSWER ALARM

Nyssa volunteer firemen were called Sunday to the Thurman Piercy farm southwest of town. It was reported that a heat lamp had ignited some hay in a barn. Piercy reports that damage was minor.

Traffic Safety Director Urges Caution By Drivers in Winter Weeks Ahead

"Short winter days can shorten your life!"

In a plea for increased attention to safe driving practices, Vern L. Hill, director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, this week urged Oregon motorists to exercise extra caution in the winter weeks ahead when days are shorter and darkness is an increased driving hazard.

The department's traffic safety and education division pointed out that headlights in good working condition can illuminate the road ahead up to about 350 feet. At a speed of 50 miles per hour, it takes 243 feet to stop, a distance well within headlight range.

An increase of 10 miles per hour increases stopping distance to 366 feet, approximately 16 feet beyond the illuminated distance in the road. That 16 feet, the division went on to say, could mean a needless rear-end collision if there happened to be a stopped car or another obstacle in the road.

More Fatalities After Dark

In spite of the fact that there are fewer cars on the road during the period from sunset to sunrise, more traffic fatalities occur during this time than during daylight hours. Statistics show that three out of five traffic deaths

Unusually light mountain snowpacks have increased considerably in the recent storms. Stored water supplies are excellent already because of heavy carryover from last year.

Water content of the mountain snowpack was about 57 percent of the 15-year average (1948-62) at the end of December and only 50 percent of the 1965 pack. Recent storms have improved this situation.

Watershed soils under the snowpack were wet up to 75 percent of capacity on the Malheur and 80 percent on the Owyhee — not quite as wet as a year ago.

Owyhee Supply Excellent

Owyhee reservoir held 550,140 acre feet on Jan. 1, compared with 639,200 a year ago and a 15-year average storage of 316,500 acre feet. This is an excellent supply.

Bully Creek reservoir has 17,000 acre feet in storage, compared with 21,200 acre feet last year.

A record total of 179,000 acre feet of stored water is already on hand for water users served from the Malheur river as compared with 127,000 acre feet at this date last year. This is nearly three times the usual stored water at this date.

Fair to near average streamflows are expected next spring if snow continues to accumulate in near normal amounts during the balance of the winter.

Lake Owyhee Flow Varies

Flow into Lake Owyhee has been 117 percent of the average since Oct. 1, but was only 79 percent average in December, according to preliminary data furnished by North Board of Control, Nyssa.

Statewide, most Oregon water users can be very happy with the heavy storm situation which has prevailed since the day after Christmas, now that immediate flood threats seem to have lessened. The excessive rain and snow have combined to boost the mountain snowpacks considerably and, thereby, raise the statewide water outlook from fair to good for next spring and summer.

Stored water supplies are excellent and the moisture in the soil mantle under the snowpack is about average.

FFA Youths Collect For March of Dimes

Seven sophomore boys from the local FFA chapter conducted a March of Dimes drive Saturday, Jan. 8, in Nyssa. The lads went about town on a tractor pulling a manure spreader. The machines were furnished, respectively, by Nyssa Implement company and B & M Equipment company.

The seven FFA youths fell short of their \$198 goal; however, they collected \$157.46 and wish to thank all those who donated.

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, the annual FFA-FHA party was held in the NHS ag building.

To Head Nyssa Chamber During 1966



THESE SEVEN NYSSANS were recently elected as board members of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce and will direct the civic organization's activities during 1966. Seated (left to right) are Ray Tarter, owner-operator of Tarter's OK Tire store; Mrs. Chuck (Marlene) Michael, co-owner of Michael's Pharmacy; Paul Penrod, retired manager of Idaho Power company's Nyssa plant and full-time chamber secretary. Standing are Ron Young, manager of the Nyssa branch of First National Bank of Oregon; the Rev. John Bullock,

pastor of the local Nazarene church; Dale Adams, manager of Idaho Power's Nyssa operations and Pheral Dodson, Malheur Memorial hospital administrator. Tarter was selected as chamber president by other members of the board. It is believed that he was just resting when this photo was snapped, but it might also appear that he was "asking for guidance," which all will agree is an excellent idea, especially the preacher right behind him.

—Staff Photo.

Governor Mark O. Hatfield Aspires To Senate Office Held by Neuberger

Governor Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon released the following statement Wednesday morning, Jan. 12:

Today marks the seventh year of my stewardship as your governor. When I took the oath of office, I pledged a vigorous quest for new job opportunities both through the expansion of existing Oregon enterprise and through the nationwide and world-wide search for Oregon sales and services.

Program on Australia Scheduled Jan. 20 By Exchange Student

Miss Margaret Staples, Nyssa high school foreign exchange student from Australia, will speak at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, Jan. 20, at the American Legion hall.

A 22-minute film will be shown, revealing a rich and varied profile of the "Land Down Under." The film shows many geographic, social, economic and cultural concepts important to an appreciation of this country.

From the fringes of the continent to the limitless rangelands of the "outback," the film gives an insight to Australian life. Miss Staples will elaborate on the film and discuss the Australian nation. The public is invited to attend.

UF Directors Report Collection of \$15,000

United Fund directors report that \$15,000 has been collected within Malheur county. The announcement came following a meeting of the group held early this week in the general office building of Ore-Ida Foods in Ontario.

According to Dale McLane, \$22,300 was the goal set for Malheur county. He also stated that the campaign has been extended to Jan. 31 and every attempt will be made during the final three weeks to raise the full amount.

The directors approved distribution of \$12,000 to five agencies including Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Girl Scouts, Oregon United Appeal and Salvation Army.

McLane also reported that Nyssa was probably closer to completing its portion of the drive than any other town. Area residents who have not been contacted may send their checks to Ron Young at the First National Bank, Nyssa branch. McLane said.

Former County Judge Gets Pioneer License

Former County Judge G. Y. Chester was recently awarded a pioneer hunting and fishing license upon fulfilling the needed residential requirements.

To be eligible for the rare document, a holder must have lived in Oregon for 60 years and be born prior to Dec. 31, 1899.

According to county officials, former Judge Chester has met these requirements. He became a resident of Malheur county on Jan. 6, 1906, and he reports that when he arrived there were 16 inches of snow on the ground.

Speech Students Plan Discussion For PTA Meeting

"We Pledge Health and Safety for Every Child in Home, School and Community" is theme of the program planned for the Nyssa PTA meeting slated at 8 o'clock tonight in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Elvin Ballou, program chairman, has arranged for a panel discussion with students in the high school speech class as panelists. Don Bates, speech instructor, is assisting Jim Ableman, Darryl King, Barbara Bowen, Linda Ballou, Jean Neeley, Dennis Schilling, Vicki Peterson and Paul House in preparing short talks for the evening.

Panel moderator will be Sgt. Russell Haynes of the Oregon State Police department.

Special entertainment will be provided by the Rope Jumpers from Vale. As their name implies, they are a talented group which performs with ropes.

Mrs. Clarice Poor, elementary school principal, reported at the Jan. 6 executive meeting that terrariums have been ordered for each grade and these will be presented as awards to room count winners for each month.

A suggestion that the PTA president appoint a nominating committee was vetoed during the meeting of the executive council. Patrons will select this committee during the session tonight, officers report.

MEXICAN DINNER, DANCE SLATED AT EAGLES AERIE

Dining and dancing are on the entertainment agenda Saturday evening, Jan. 15, at the Nyssa FOE hall.

A Mexican dinner will be served between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock to Eagles and their friends. Dancing to live music will follow, with a floor show scheduled at 10 o'clock.



AFTER TAKING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE from the cafe business since Oct. 16, Pete and Nina Shaw opened this new restaurant Monday. They are now located at the corner of Seventh street and Good avenue on the Nyssa-Adrian highway, in the former Sinclair station building which has been completely remodeled. The Shaw couple's cafe is open from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day except Sundays. Assisting them in serving short-orders and plate lunches is Mrs. LeRoy (Kay) Sage.—Journal Photo.

Oregon Tax Research Reaffirms Stand That Malheur County Court Violated State Law in Budgeting Procedures

States That Review Revealed Spending In Excess of Adopted Budget in Other Funds

The Oregon Tax Research is reaffirming its stand that state budget laws have been violated by the Malheur county court over a three-year period, involving different funds. This follows talks and written articles released by the court in which members have denied the fund-abuse charge.

The criticism by OTR was carried in the December 1965 issue and listed by years over a three-year period, the funds involved in which the budget had been exceeded. And it also listed the state law section they maintained had been violated. The article also printed Judge Ellis A. White's letter of comment on their findings.

The first local paper to carry excerpts from the OTR article was the Argus-Observer (page 1 of the Dec. 20 issue), followed three days later by an editorial on the same matter, entitled "The Bark Is Worse Than the Bite."

Answer Appears in Statesman

On Dec. 30 the Journal carried excerpts from the item and used the same headline printed by OTR in the original article. This seemed to irritate the officials involved and their first answer appeared in the Dec. 31 issue of the Idaho Daily Statesman and included comments from the county assessor.

Then on Jan. 5 members of the county court asked for an appearance before the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce to talk on county government but which became a personal tirade against the Journal editor—with White speaking both as county judge and as a private citizen. Then on Jan. 6 (last Thursday) the Ontario paper, the Idaho Daily Statesman and the Journal carried differing accounts of what transpired at the meeting.

As a result of these, OTR has asked to be heard again and we are pleased to carry for our readers' information the letter from the research director. It arrived, via airmail, Wednesday noon (yesterday) after the editorial had been written and set in type.

Oregon Tax Research
Portland, Oregon 97204
January 11, 1966

Mr. Ted Brammer, Editor
Nyssa Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

To the Editor:
Because of the current controversy regarding Malheur County fiscal procedures and because of Oregon Tax Research involvement in this affair, we should like to briefly re-state and clarify the basic points:

1. Our review of the county's fiscal affairs clearly emphasized that there was no suggestion of misuse of county funds, and that all expenditures under consideration were for legitimate functions. The only question was one of proper budget procedures in (Continued on Page 4)

JESS ARMAS TO SPEAK AT ADRIAN PTA MEETING

Regular meeting of the Adrian PTA chapter will be held at 8:15 Thursday evening, Jan. 20, in the high school building, it is reported by Mrs. Vern Parker, publicity chairman.

Jess Armas of Ontario will be guest speaker of the evening.

Members of Malheur Youth Groups Vote to Organize Council in County

Representatives of Malheur youth groups voted last week to organize a County Youth council.

As announced by E. M. Hauser, county extension agent, purpose will be to coordinate county youth activities, improve communication between youth and adults and make it possible to work as a unit on projects beneficial to youth and to the community.

Officers selected as an executive committee to complete the organization include Dick Butcher, Janet Tsukamaki and Scott Wrenn of Ontario; Paul House and Jim Ableman, Nyssa; Fred Curry of Vale and Jim Brewer of Adrian. This group will also act as program committee.

Organization of the County Youth council is sponsored by a Governor's committee on children and youth and directed by the County Extension Service. The local group will be affiliated with the Oregon Youth Council.

Jess Armas to Advise

Adult adviser for the Malheur county group is Jess Armas of Ontario.

Youth groups represented on the county council include student councils, church groups, Boy Scouts, DeMolay, Future Farmers, Future Homemakers, Boys' Federation, Job's Daughters, Girls'

Student Attire Policy Adopted At Nyssa School

During their regular meeting Monday evening, Nyssa school board members adopted a policy concerning dress of students while attending school.

The matter came up due to a few male students going to extremes with their tight pants, high boots, girl hair styles and other outlandish attire that served to distract the student body as a whole.

The motion, which was passed unanimously, reads that all students attending Nyssa schools shall maintain a standard of reasonableness in haircuts, dress and appearance so as not to be distracting.

The board also set the date of the budget election tentatively as April 18 and called the first meeting of the budget committee for Monday, Jan. 24, at which time they will organize and plan for their budget meetings.

Budget Board Named

Members of the budget committee, in addition to the school board members, are Vic Haburcak, Darwin Jensen, Dr. John Olsen, Robert Wilson, Farrell Peterson, Roy Holmes and Gene DeMinck. The latter two will be in new three-year terms with this first meeting.

The school board authorized Clerk Dirick Nedry to work closely with County Treasurer Jean Bond in the investment of tax receipt money, so as to obtain the highest rate of interest possible to the school district.

Sugar Company Promotes Nyssans

Lloyd A. Wilson and Everett Heldt, employees of Amalgamated Sugar company at Nyssa, have been promoted. The announcement was made Tuesday by A. E. Benning, president of the company in Ogden.

Wilson, present factory cashier, has been named to the newly created post of district cashier for the Nyssa-Nampa district. He is a native of Nyssa and joined the company in 1946 as a clerk, was advanced to assistant cashier in 1950 and to cashier in 1961.

Heldt, also a native Nyssan, has been made factory office manager at Nyssa, a new post. He started with the company as a clerk in 1950 and was named assistant cashier in 1961.

Truman L. Manning, cashier at the Nyssa factory for the past 14 years has been made assistant to the general sales manager and will have headquarters at Amalgamated's general offices in Ogden.

Nyssa Weather...

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 5	56	41	.01
Jan. 6	54	47	.01
Jan. 7	48	35	.01
Jan. 8	54	34	—
Jan. 9	42	22	—
Jan. 10	42	25	—
Jan. 11	46	31	.08
Jan. 12	—	31	—

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
Jan. 10, 1966 554,990 Acre Ft.
Jan. 10, 1965 657,150 Acre Ft.