

Tornado Hits Rural Areas of County; Dips Cover Narrow Path From Adrian To Weiser; Havoc Remarkably Small

Major Loss Confined Largely to Dwellings, Farm Outbuildings and Ornamental Trees

Without warning to most residents, a freakish tornado hit in the county last Thursday night, dipping down into rural areas in a narrow path extending from Adrian to Weiser.

No deaths or personal injuries were sustained in the twister that lasted only seconds in any area before moving on in a northerly direction. And damage was surprisingly low for the intensity of the winds as evidenced in some of the things left in its wake.

Catholic Services To Be Conducted For Stella Swager

Recitation of the rosary for Stella B. Swager will be at 8 o'clock tonight, Sept. 1, 1966, at Lienkaemper chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 Friday morning at St. Bridget's Catholic church with Father John Baumgartner officiating. Mrs. Swager succumbed Wednesday morning, Aug. 31, at Caldwell Memorial hospital following an extended illness.

She was born Sept. 21, 1910, at Custer, S.D., and was married to Jack Swager on Oct. 21, 1955, at St. Anthony, Idaho.

The Swagers came to Nyssa approximately 10 years ago, purchased and operated the Ford agency until May 1965 when they took over the Chevrolet dealership. Mrs. Swager served as bookkeeper of the business until ill health forced her retirement.

Active in Eagles Auxiliary

The deceased was a member of the Nyssa Eagles auxiliary and was president of the organization during 1962-63.

In addition to Mr. Swager of the home at 112 North Fifth street, survivors include a sister, Mrs. Dora Ginsbach of San Manuel, Ariz.; two brothers, Gilbert Brownlee of Salinas, Calif., and Clyde Brownlee of Big Horn, Wyo.

Pallbearers will be Art Bosselman, George Sallee, Kenneth Taylor, John Dority, Ed Stephens and Ken Renstrom.

Interment will be Saturday afternoon in the cemetery at Ashton, Idaho, with local arrangements under direction of Lienkaemper funeral home.

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP HOLDS OFFICER ELECTION

Election of officers was held by Senior Citizens club members during their last regular meeting. Mrs. Fern Runcorn was re-elected president and Mrs. Alice Collins as secretary-treasurer. Oscar Kurtz was appointed chaplain for the group.

PTA MEETING SET SEPT. 15 IN SCHOOL CAFETERIUM

First PTA meeting of the school year will be held at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, Sept. 15. It is announced by Mrs. Howard Myrick, publicity chairman.

The session will be held in the school cafeteria and all area residents are invited to attend.



"MAGGIE DID IT AGAIN!"

This time it was a "hole-in-one," the first scored by a woman on the two-year-old, 18-hole Ontario golf course. Maggie is Mrs. Fred (Margaret) Bracken of Nyssa and on Saturday morning, Aug. 27, 1966, took time off from her duties at Bracken's Department store for nine holes of golf with Mrs. Jack (Betty) Walters. It was on No. 8 tee box, using her No. 5 wood, that Maggie hit the ball toward the flag on the green, a distance of approximately 140 yards, according to Pro Keith Stanwood. Not realizing that the ball had disappeared into the hole, she and Betty began hunting for the tiny round object. After a while Maggie decided to look into the hole, only to find that it was full of water. Still not convinced, she reached her hand into the small round cavity, and there was her golf ball! Her total score for the nine holes was not exactly one of professional caliber, but that one shot surely was! It was in the Jan. 3, 1963, issue that the Journal carried a picture of Maggie Bracken after she, with nearly perfect coordination, had rolled a 276 bowling score at the local lanes—just 24 points short of a perfect game.

—Journal Photo.

Schools Welcome New Teachers, Returnee



IN THIS PHOTO (from left) are two new Nyssa high school instructors, William DeLong and Charles Newkirk; a returning one, Clyde Swisher; and NHS Principal Gene Chester. DeLong and his wife, Connie, have two children, Robert, age 20 months, and Mary, 7 months old. The family resides on Gem avenue, northwest of Nyssa. The new science-chemistry teacher was graduated from Vale high school, Boise Junior college and Eastern Oregon college in La Grande. He taught at The Dalles last year. Newkirk and his wife, Bonnie, have an 11-month-old daughter, Melissa, and reside at 512 Reece avenue. He is a graduate

of Melba high school and George Fox college at Newberg, Ore. Newkirk taught for the past three years at Notus and will be NHS social studies instructor. Clyde Swisher is returning to NHS as head of the English department and advanced placement instructor. He took a leave of absence from these duties while studying last year under a John Hay fellowship at the University of Chicago. This photo was snapped Wednesday, Aug. 24, following a dinner for all school personnel, sponsored annually by members of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce.

—Staff Photo.

D. Engstroms Sell Clover Lawn Dairy To Home Dairies Company of Nampa

Mr. and Mrs. Don Engstrom, owners and operators of Clover Lawn Dairy for the past 20 years, sold their business to Home Dairies company of Nampa, effective today, Sept. 1.

Sale price was \$160,000 and included the dairy processing building at North Main street and Park avenue, the processing machinery, automotive equipment and good will.

The new owners will continue buying milk from Engstrom's producers, and make wholesale and home deliveries in the same manner as Clover Lawn. However, the plant will not be used for processing but as a receiving depot.

All employees who wish to work will be retained and Mrs. Mildred Williams, office manager for Engstrom for the past 17 years, will maintain an office in the plant.

Purchases Shelton Dairy

Don is a native of Utah and came to Nyssa from Los Angeles in 1946 following a hitch in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II. He bought the Shelton Dairy located in the small building at North First and Main (now occupied by Dority Bee Boards) and operated from there until the present building was completed that fall.

In May of 1946 he was married to Margaret Bartholomew of Ogden and they have built the business from a small concern to one that was serving Adrian, Nyssa, Vale, Ontario, Payette, Fruitland and New Plymouth at the time of sale.

Grateful for Loyalty

Clover Lawn was one of a very few individually owned dairies in Oregon and Don says it could have been made possible only through the loyalty of his home people—for which the former owners are deeply grateful.

The Engstroms have no plans for the immediate future, other than doing some long-neglected fishing and a few other things they have been unable to do in recent years.

Head of Music In Nyssa Schools Resigns Monday

Frank Turner, head of the music department and band director in Nyssa schools, resigned Monday for a similar position in the Santa Monica (Calif.) Junior college.

No replacement has been found but two or three possibilities are being considered. Superintendent of Schools W. L. McPartland told a Journal reporter Wednesday afternoon.

School will be held for half a day Tuesday, Sept. 6, following Labor Day. Bus routes will operate on the same basis as during the last school year.

ASSIST BLM FIRE CREW

Members of the Adrian Volunteer Fire department assisted the BLM crew in extinguishing a range fire last Thursday evening near the Adrian dumping grounds.

Swimming Outing at Lake Owyhee, Fishing Excursion on Snake River End With Death of Area Residents

Officers and Volunteers Continue Search Until Bodies of Youth, Boisean Recovered

The bodies of two men who drowned in area waters Saturday have both been recovered by search parties. The victims were Ronnie J. Ditty, 19, of Nyssa and Frank P. Vetsch, 58, of Boise. The latter was the husband of former Nyssa Katherine Leuck Vetsch, daughter of the late Mrs. Minnie Leuck.

Young Ditty's body was found about 50 feet from shore in Lake Owyhee at approximately 9:50 p.m. Saturday by S. H. (Speed) Porter, a Nyssa skin diver. The victim had been swimming with friends that afternoon off the beach of a park near Cherry Creek resort.

According to Nyssa Police Chief Francis E. Petrie, who was on the scene when the body was recovered, Ditty and a companion had started to swim toward an inner tube where two members of the party were floating.

Reportedly Good Swimmer

The young Nyssan told his friend that he was too tired to go any further and was going to turn back. The youth was reported to be a good swimmer, but apparently was unable to reach shore.

Malheur county sheriff's officers and Oregon state policemen were summoned to the scene around mid-afternoon and attempted to drag the lake, but due to rocks were unable to locate the body.

They then called for Porter who secured assistance from some of his friends, including Bill Marostica, Max Mitchell, Frank Simmons and Dick Walters.

The men, with surface floodlights, underwater lights and other needed equipment were escorted to the lake site by Chief Petrie. Deputy Sheriff Tom Edmondson was still on the scene and continued helping until the search ended.

Body Recovered Downstream

The body of Frank Vetsch was recovered from the Snake river at approximately 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by Canyon county sheriff's officers in the Twin Bridges area near Ontario.

According to the Canyon county officers, the drowning victim had been fishing in the river at a railroad bridge, just south of Nyssa.

He reportedly was attempting to place his fishing gear on some rocks about 10 feet below the bridge when he slipped and fell. Witnesses said Vetsch went under the water and reappeared about 20 feet downstream.

Sheriff Dale Haile reported that the unidentified witnesses noted a gash on the back of the victim's head and saw him floating face down for only a few minutes before the current pulled him under.

Nyssa Police Called

According to Chief Petrie, his department received the first call around 12:50 p.m. Saturday from an unidentified woman, calling from an unknown telephone number. The officers knew that a man had hit his head, but didn't know the location of the bridge or if the victim had fallen into the river.

The city officers in turn noti-

Rites Conducted At Local Chapel For Nyssa Youth



RONNIE J. DITTY
... Victim of Drowning

Funeral services for Ronnie J. Ditty were conducted Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 30, 1966, at Lienkaemper chapel. Officiating was Bishop R. Frell Blair of Nyssa LDS First ward.

The youth's body was recovered Saturday night from Lake Owyhee where he drowned while swimming with friends that afternoon.

Ronnie was born May 18, 1947, at Nyssa and was graduated in 1965 from the local high school.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse O. Ditty of Nyssa.

Interment was made in the Nyssa cemetery. Pallbearers were Ralph Leavitt, Ralph Tidwell, Larry Larson, Jeff Parker, Dick Tracy and Kent Main.

fied both the Malheur and Canyon county officials, the Oregon state police and asked the dispatchers to send several key citizens. Assisting the officers were Charles Zinn, Bernard Eastman and Ed Nelson.

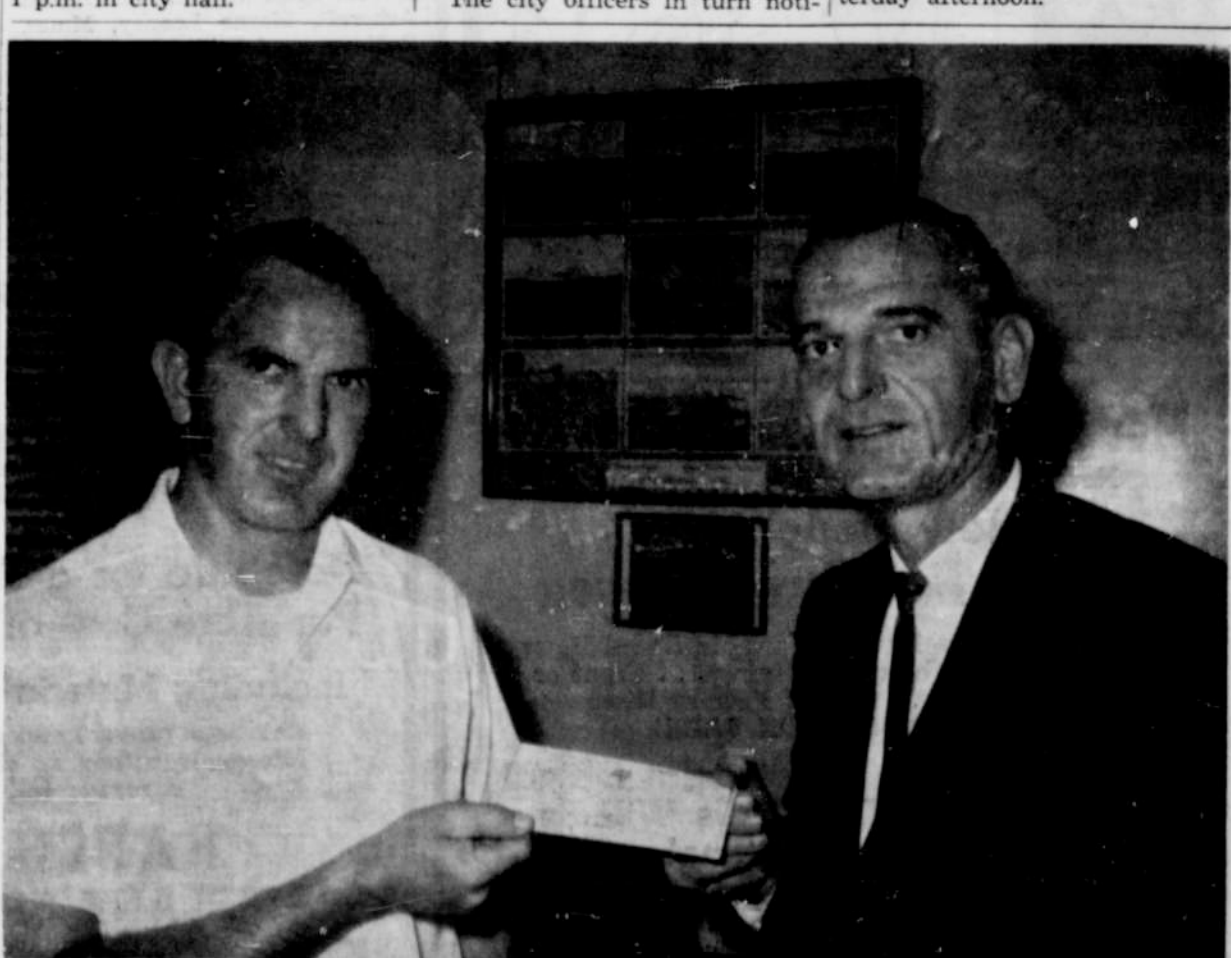
Speed Porter was also on hand with his boat and communications equipment until Saturday evening when he was called to assist the search party at Lake Owyhee.

Officers and volunteers, using an amphibious landing craft (DUCK) and several motor boats, continued their daily search until the body was recovered yesterday afternoon.

Grants Pass Bank Submits Low Bid For Library Bonds

The Southern Oregon State Bank of Grants Pass submitted low bid for Nyssa's library bonds with an effective interest rate of 4.5. First National of Oregon submitted a bid carrying a 4.74 percent rate. Only the two bids were received at the opening Monday noon.

City Manager Fred Koch said there was not a council quorum at the opening meeting and the bid would be accepted at a special session Friday, Sept. 2, at 1 p.m. in city hall.



A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,684 is presented to Ray Larson (left), district manager of Amalgamated Sugar company, by Ed Redman, district manager of the State Compensation department. Redman reported that the check reflects a 30 percent dividend which is paid on the

1964-65 fiscal year and according to available information, dividends for the year ending June 30, 1966, will be larger. Redman was accompanied to Nyssa by William L. Bohlender, safety engineer. Both men are from the district office located in Pendleton.