

Potato Grower Groups, Individuals Charge Ore-Ida Foods, Simplot Co. With Violating Sherman Anti-Trust

Federal Suit Asks for Damages, Enjoinment Of Firms for Cessation of Illegal Actions

On Dec. 14, 1966, a complaint was filed in the U. S. District court for the district of Idaho by two potato grower associations, Treasure Valley Potato Bargaining association and Malheur Potato Bargaining association and by named individual members of the associations against two potato processors, Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., and J. R. Simplot company.

Taxpayers Beat Nov. 15 Deadline To Get Discount

More than 81 percent of Malheur county's tax rolls had been paid on Nov. 15, to take advantage of the three percent discount offered for prior payment, according to Robert G. Ingram, collector.

Out of a total tax bill of \$3,747,329.24 the collector said \$3,048,030.65 was paid prior to the deadline for the discount. This, according to his records, was an all-time high for percentage of collections at this early date.

The discounted savings for county taxpayers on the Nov. 15 total taxes collected reach \$91,440.91.

A Nyssa First—Barbaras Take Cadette Honors

The Misses Barbara Fangen and Barbara Tensen received first class Girl Scout insignia at Troop 99's Cadette Court of Awards and program held Dec. 6 in the NHS little theater.

The first class award is the highest rank in Cadettes and they were presented by their fathers, Robert Fangen and Dick Tensen. They are the first girls in Nyssa to receive the awards under the revised Girl Scout program.

At a recent open Court of Honor meeting the girls completed the challenge of the Girl Scout Promise which is the final requirement for first class honors.

The girls had prepared themselves to answer questions about the Girl Scout Promise and their nine years of Scouting asked by the court comprised of troop members, former Leader Mrs. Wilton Jackson and Leader Mrs. Dick Tensen.

Each girl explained the role of women in their religious denomination, marriage customs and how troop or camp ceremonies can convey their feelings about duty to God and country. They also told of meaningful ceremonies in which they had participated or witnessed.

Questions were also asked about various badges they had earned and their purpose. Barbara Tensen told of recent pack trip experiences.

At the program Tuesday, girls welcomed into the Cadettes from junior troops were Mary Ann Dority, Patty Ross, Pam McPartland and Marlene Jamieson.

Cheryl Miller was given a Girl Scout pin as a new member of the troop. The girls all received year pins and badges for work completed during the summer.

FRIDAY MEETING SLATED FOR INSECTICIDE AREA

A public meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Sunset Valley hall for the purpose of electing one committee member for a three-year term to the Owyhee Insecticide Control area.

According to Lee Stoker, other annual business will be conducted during the session.

Nyssa Wards Slate Gold and Green Ball

Nyssa LDS First and Second wards will hold their annual Gold and Green Ball at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, in the Nyssa stake house.

Entertainment will include a floor show, and orchestra music will be provided by Terry's Pirates. There will be no admission charge.

The individual growers and growers' associations brought the action seeking injunctive relief and damages, not only on their own behalf, but, under a unique provision of federal law, on behalf of all the other potato growers located in the geographical area of southeastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho (which is served by the growers' associations).

Individual potato growers from Oregon specifically named as plaintiffs in this case were Abe Saito, Robert Hart, Masa Nishihara, Sam Uchida, George Sadamori and T. Ted Morinaka.

Other Individuals Named

Individual potato growers from Idaho specifically named as plaintiffs in the case were Robert S. Skyles, James Klahr, M. O. Clements, Hans Gotsch, Henry Kondo, Dwayne Skogsberg, Glenn Allen, R. E. Morris, Richard Stiehl, M. L. Clements, H. E. Blankensma, R. L. Stimpson, Orville Hartman, James Sutton, Hugh Sutton, Donald Brandt and John Brandt.

Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., of Ontario and J. R. Simplot company of Caldwell, named as defendants in the case, process fresh potatoes into a variety of forms, including frozen potatoes which are distributed for resale throughout the United States.

The complaint states that the defendants are, for all practical purposes, the only purchasers of potatoes for processing into frozen potato products in southwestern Idaho and southeastern Oregon.

Basis of Complaint

The complaint charges that the defendants engaged in a combination and conspiracy to restrain and monopolize interstate trade and commerce in frozen potato products in violation of Sections 1 and 2 of the Sherman Anti-trust Act. Specifically, the defendants are alleged to have fixed uniform, arbitrary and non-competitive prices at which they would purchase the potatoes from growers or through the potato bargaining associations.

The complaint also charges them with conspiring to destroy the growers' bargaining associations by refusing to purchase from officers of the association and with refusing to purchase potatoes from growers unless the growers agreed to purchase seed and/or fertilizer which both defendants sold.

Firms Compete With Growers

The complaint also states that both Ore-Ida Foods and Simplot own large tracts of land on which they cultivate their own potatoes for processing, and that as part of the conspiracy they sought to expand these activities by securing.

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NHS Friday Evening Concert Set at 7:30; Jobies Meet Follows

The Nyssa junior high and high school bands and choruses will present a concert of Christmas music at 7:30 this evening, Dec. 22, in the school cafeteria.

The time has been changed from 8 o'clock to 7:30 p.m., due to the Job's Daughters installation service also being scheduled this evening and involving many of the participating young ladies.

NHS LETTERMEN SPONSOR CHRISTMAS FORMAL DANCE

The NHS Lettermen are sponsoring a Christmas dance slated to begin at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, in the multi-purpose room of the primary school building.

Music will be provided by the Tiwana Grass and all area residents, high school age or over, are invited.

To Direct C of C 1967 Activities



THESE NYSSANS WERE RECENTLY ELECTED as board members of the Chamber of Commerce and will direct the organization's activities during 1967. Seated (left to right) are newly elected President Ron Young, manager of the Nyssa branch of First National Bank of Oregon; new Vice President Dale Adams, manager of Idaho Power's local operations; and present Chamber Secretary Paul Penrod, retired Idaho Power manager. Standing are Mrs. Chuck (Marlene) Michael, co-owner of Michael's Pharmacy; Fred Bracken, owner-operator of Bracken's Department store; Ray Larson, district manager for Amalgamated Sugar company; Ray Tarter, owner-operator of Tarter's OK Tire store. This picture was snapped last Thursday morning as members of the new board held their first meeting in the dining room of Brownie's cafe.—Journal Photo.

Dense Fog Causes Train-Auto Mishap; One Injured Slightly

Newell Heights—Ray Simpson, his son, Gene; and the former's brother, Wesley Simpson of Alameda, Calif., escaped serious injuries shortly before noon Saturday when their auto collided with a fast-moving train.

The mishap occurred about five miles north of Payette in very dense fog as the trio was enroute to a sale.

Gene was driving the car and as he approached the railroad tracks, could not see the train. The men report hearing its whistle at about the same time their auto was struck.

The two local men sustained no injuries. Wesley Simpson, who arrived last Thursday from California, was taken to Malheur Memorial hospital in Nyssa.

According to hospital authorities, he suffered contusions and abrasions to the neck and shoulder area and was scheduled for probable release Wednesday evening.

Area Churches Plan Yule Observance With Special Services and Programs

As Christmas approaches, churches of the Nyssa-Adrian area are sponsoring special services and programs depicting the true meaning of the season.

Some of the church school programs were held earlier, while others are yet to come.

Members of the Journal staff attempted to contact leaders of every known church in the area, and those reached all announced special activities for Christmas day to celebrate "The Birth of Christ."

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Announcement is made by the Rev. Jack Jamison that regular services with a special Christmas message will be held Sunday at Nyssa Church of the Nazarene.

The annual church school program was presented Dec. 18. A pageant and cantata were given that evening.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A family service will be held at 7 o'clock on Christmas Eve at Faith Lutheran church, according to Pastor Orville Jacobson. The

service will feature carol singing by the congregation, a sermon entitled "The Other Wise Man" and holy communion.

Festival worship service on Christmas day will be at 10 a.m. Sunday when the Rev. Jacobson will speak on the theme, "And the Word Became Flesh." There will be no Sunday school classes on Christmas day.

The annual church school program was presented last Sunday evening.

ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC

It has been announced by Father C. M. Kirkpatrick that a special midnight mass will be held at St. Bridget's Catholic church on Christmas Eve. There will also be a 10 o'clock mass service Sunday morning.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL

The Rev. Armand Larive announces that holy communion services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10 o'clock Christmas morning. There will be no church school classes Sunday morning.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Sunday morning worship service at Nyssa First Christian church will be held at 10:45, instead of the usual hour, it is announced by the Rev. Wallace Prowell. There will be no Sunday school classes.

DEVOTIONAL THEME FOR THE SUNDAY SERVICE WILL BE "KEEPING CHRISTMAS"

and special music will be featured.

NYSSA METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. Ralph Lawrence reports that special Christmas services will be held Dec. 24-25 at Nyssa Methodist church.

"Carols and Candlelight" will be the Christmas Eve service beginning at 7:30 o'clock. This is a service for families, with young people participating in the program, featuring traditional carols of the season.

The 11 o'clock morning worship service is the only one scheduled on Christmas day. Regular 9:30 church school classes will not be held this week, but will resume on Jan. 1.

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Road Officials Reach No Agreement On Distribution of Gas Tax Refund In Vale Meet; Advisory Group Formed

County Court Places Burden on New Board To Find Solution for Road and Bridge Funds

The road meeting called by the Malheur county court at Vale last Thursday ended without any decision as to how gas tax refund money should be divided between the special assessment and consolidated road districts.

Representatives of Nyssa, Ontario, Juntura and Ironside assessment districts desired a continuation of distribution based on property assessment while individuals from consolidated districts (the balance of the rural sections of the county voting no tax upon themselves for road purposes) desired a change.

County court members said they felt they should be neutral in the matter and let the interested parties reach a solution. However, after telling of their great problems with the 1600 miles of roads to maintain outside the special districts, plus the many bridges to keep up, it appeared at least two members saw a need to change the formula used in the past.

Former Judge Speaks

In the early part of the meeting a considerable amount of heat was generated. Former County Judge G. Y. "Red" Chester said he wished to repeat a previous statement he had made during his term of office that "The special road districts had raped the county of funds necessary to maintain roads, as a whole."

This was vehemently denied by Grant Rinehart representing the Nyssa road district and Max Taggart, Ontario attorney, speaking in behalf of the Ontario district.

Both called attention to the special assessments voted for many years to build roads inside their organized districts while those outside had never levied any millage to help themselves have better roads.

Meeting Set Jan. 5

After a 15-minute recess (two hours after the start of the meeting) a group representing all the special districts, the consolidated districts and members at large, acting as an advisory group, met and agreed to try to find an equitable solution to the entire problem. Discussed was the plan of a county-wide millage ranging from 2 to 5 mills. No decision was reached but a meeting was set for further study at 1:30 in the court house Thursday, Jan. 5.

Members of the new committee are Grant Rinehart (Nyssa and Nyssa road district), Joe Hobson (Ontario road district), Kirt Skinner (Jordan Valley), Jerry Farley (Ironside road district), Allen Erstrom (Jamieson, Brogan, Willow Creek), Kenneth Greenfield (West Bench), Archie Kardell (East Bench), Masa Nishihara (Ridgeview), Bud Panike (Annex), Lloyd Castner (Ontario) and G. Y. Chester (Vale).

Senior Citizens Plan Birthday Celebration

Senior Citizens met last Friday in the Methodist church basement for their annual Christmas potluck dinner.

Next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 13 in the church basement. Everyone is asked to take a sack lunch. Birthday cake will be served in honor of all those who celebrated birthday anniversaries during the last quarter of this year.

LAW OFFICER ON DUTY

Nyssa merchants are being protected against thefts during the Christmas shopping season, as a plain-clothes man is constantly on duty checking the stores.

According to Police Chief Alvin Allen, the officer will continue in that capacity until all firms are closed on Christmas Eve.

SEWARD ON HONOR ROLL

Dean Seward, a senior at Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa, was on the dean's list for the fall term, with a 3.7 grade point average. The honor student is majoring in elementary education.

Teachers Request Big \$800 Increase For 1967-68 Year

Oregon teachers are requesting salary increases averaging \$800 for the 1967-68 school year.

The information was contained in a release from the Oregon Education association, dated Dec. 1, 1966. It offered as good reasons, by Roy Dancer, director of professional services, "Oregon's economy has never been more affluent. A recent report in the Oregonian showed business in the state was still maintaining a level of 7 percent ahead of a year ago."

The release also stated that the state educational system had this past year experienced a severe teacher shortage. The OEA further stated it felt that teachers' salaries and the reduced status of the profession had a bearing on the shortage.

(Editor's Note—There was no mention of a bigger teacher shortage in the state of California than in Oregon, a state that is usually used in comparison by the educational department for starting salaries as well as for experience and tenure in office. Nor was there any reference to what is generally recognized as an influencing factor, that the federal programs under the "Great Society," paying more money than local districts, has helped create the shortage.)

Nyssa Increase Asked

Don Bishop, president of the Nyssa chapter of OEA, said he was not aware of the demands to be made on the local districts as there was a committee studying the situation. A check with Frank Parr, chairman of the study group, showed the matter had not yet been resolved as to what increases local teachers would ask.

Parr did say that local teachers' salaries were not always compared with districts in the western part of the state, and he felt sure increases asked by Nyssa teachers would not reach the state-average asking figure.

Area Residents Aid C of I Alumni Drive

Approximately 160 persons have been appointed area chairmen for the College of Idaho's 1966-67 alumni fund campaign, according to Boisean J. L. Scott, president of Albertson's and alumni fund council chairman.

These area chairmen are coordinating alumni fund canvassing in each area of the country where four or more C of I alumni reside, and major portion of the campaign is being conducted in December.

Local persons serving as chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ludwig, Ontario; the Rev. and Mrs. Virden Seybold, Vale; Clyde T. Swisher, Nyssa; Lawrence Larsen, New Plymouth; Milan Ryder, Weiser; Mr. and Mrs. George Sedlmayer, Payette; Kenneth Syme, Fruitland.

Nyssa Weather . . .

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Owyhee Reservoir Storage

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