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## Nyssa Chamber of Commerce to Ask Council to Consider Changing Name Of Main Street to Thunderegg Blvd.

### Advocates Say Every Town Has a Main St. And New Name Would Advertise Promotion

Nyssa was incorporated in 1903, and it may be presumed, has had a Main street continuously since that time. It is now the heart of the downtown business district. But it would be changed if city council members follow a recommendation of the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce.

## Parman Chosen World Jamboree Scoutmaster

Yoshio Takahashi of Parma has been selected as a World Jamboree Scoutmaster, it was announced recently by Jack Long, scout executive, Ore-Ida council, Boy Scouts of America.

Takahashi has served in varied positions in Scouting for many years. In Cub Scouting he has been a pack committee chairman, a pack committeeman, cubmaster and assistant cubmaster.

In Boy Scouting he has served as a scoutmaster, troop committee chairman, troop committeeman, assistant scoutmaster and merit badge counselor. In Exploring he has served as an advisor, post committee chairman and post committeeman.

In council and district operation he has served as council commissioner, council leadership committee chairman and served on the council executive board. In his district he has served as district commissioner, district leadership training chairman and district health and safety chairman.

He was a National Jamboree Scoutmaster in 1957 and 1960, completed the region XI wood badge training course and served also as a staff instructor for wood badge.

Takahashi is the holder of the Silver Beaver in recognition for outstanding service to boyhood in the local council area.

At the present time he serves also as advisor to the council's Order of the Arrow lodge, an honorary group of Scouts and Explorers whose main purpose is to promote good camping and service to others.

As World Jamboree Scoutmaster, he will be the leader of troop 38 with leaders and boys from Idaho, Oregon and Montana from seven Boy Scout councils in region XI—the Pacific Northwest—at the 12th World Jamboree to be held Aug. 1-9, 1967, at Farragut State Park in Idaho.

## Appearance of New Christy Minstrels Slated Wednesday

It is announced by Treasure Valley Community college officials that the New Christy Minstrels will appear in person at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Ontario high school gymnasium.

The performers have starred on television, in movies and have made many Columbia records.

Supply of tickets is limited, and may be obtained at the TVCC book store, Ontario high school, Estano's and Keith O'Brien's in Ontario.

## Malheur County Legume Seed Men To Hold Annual Meeting February 7

The Malheur County Legume Seed Growers association will hold its annual meeting at Oregon Trail hall Feb. 7, starting at 10 a.m., according to Association President George Schiemer. The program will feature speakers on various topics relating to the production of alfalfa seed, an election of officers will be held and a no-host luncheon will be served.

W. P. Stephen, Oregon State university entomologist, will bring the group the latest research information on pollinators including leaf-cutter and alkali bees. Information on weed control will be presented by Arnold Appleby, OSU agronomist, and Bob Bieber of Simplot Soil Builders. J. H. Dawson, Agricultural Re-

search service agronomist of Prosser, Wash., will relate the latest research information on dodder control. George Tiger, OSU specialist, will inform growers of latest Oregon certification policy.

**Other Speakers Named**  
Neil Hoffman, superintendent of the Malheur Experiment station, will tell of alfalfa seed research being carried out at the experiment site. The regulation of combines and information on equipment to save extra seed in the harvesting operation will be presented by Ray Stueckle of Colfax, Wash.

An election will be held to fill the posts of several directors whose terms have expired. These include George Schiemer of Newell Heights, Merrill Tallman of Ridgeview, T. R. Avery of Big Bend, Robert Munn of Sunset Valley, Woodrow Seuell of Buena Vista, Rudolph Trenkel of Vale and W. H. Panike of Oregon Slope.

**Designation Limited**  
It was then decided that only Main street (from the underpass of Union Pacific railroad to the "Y" at the west end of the street) be changed in name. Thus, there would still be East Main and North Main as extensions of the same street.

No discussion was held as to the expense of changing letterheads, envelopes and forms used in stores that might already be printed in large quantities, or the thought that firms had probably changed locations.

(Editor's Note—Nyssa held a Thunderegg promotion the first week in August last year and has slated another for the same period this year. It has been declared the Thunderegg Capital of Oregon and hopes are to make this promotion such that rockhounds from every corner of the U. S. will attend the event. Hence the desire to change the name.)

**Other Business Reported**  
Copies of the proposed budget were passed out to the members present and approved without opposition. The total called for expenditures of \$2,516.12 or an increase of about one-third of the amount spent in 1966.

Principal items were: secretary salary, \$900; Thunderegg Days, \$500; advertising, \$200; \$100 for Teachers' Day program and \$102.50 for power for Christmas street lights.

City Manager Fred Koch gave a brief report on various city departments and said he believed the city budget would be held at the same level as for the current year, or possibly might be cut a little.

**FLINDERS HAS SURGERY**  
J. Elwood Flinders was listed in satisfactory condition at press time Wednesday, after undergoing major surgery Monday morning at Malheur Memorial hospital.

## Bowers Couple Awarded Trip to Hawaii



"A TRIP TO HAWAII" is on tap for Don and Janice Bowers. The trip is a result of record sales of Zenith television sets through dealership of Wilson Brothers Department store, where Bowers serves as assistant manager. The Nyssans will leave with 11 other couples at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, from the Boise airport. Among them will be former Nyssans Ham and Helen Chadderder of Mountain Home. They will travel the airline route via San Francisco where they will have a brief

stop-over and will be treated to "Hawaiian Tidbits." They are scheduled to arrive in Honolulu at 1:45 p.m. on the same day of their departure. It's needless to say the Bowers are excited about the trip. Don shook his head and remarked about the time element involved, "Boy—that's travelin'." The Nyssans promised to give the Journal a report of their trip after they return home on Feb. 19.

—Journal Photo.

## Eastern Oregon Legislators Submit Joint Report on Activities in Salem

Representative Bob Smith and Senator Anthony Yturri have decided to provide joint news reports to Baker, Malheur, Harney and Grant counties during the remainder of this session. In this manner we can compare notes and in fact, save space for the various newspapers involved. There may be occasions when we differ to some degree on a particular issue, but our news reports will reflect such differences, if any.

## Adrian-Nyssa FFA Placings Announced In District Contest

During an FFA parliamentary procedures district contest held Jan. 26, the hosting Adrian lads placed first; the Nyssa team took second place; followed by Halfway, Ontario, Baker and Vale.

Public speaking honors went to Barry Fujishin of Adrian, with Harold Roark of Baker placing second and Ted Freitag of Nyssa, third.

Manuel Silva and Bob Ure, members of the Nyssa chapter, placed first and second in the Co-op quiz.

A Vale lad took first place in beginning project record books, with Rick Phillips placing second and Burdette Pratt of Adrian, third.

Fujishin of Adrian was also winner in advance record book competition, with Mike Bell of Ontario taking second place and Gary Moss of Nyssa, third.

Other placings included treasurer's book, Nyssa, first, and Adrian, second; secretary's book, Nyssa, second; Adrian, fourth. The Adrian lads also placed fourth in scrap book competition.

Members of the Adrian chapter have asked the Journal to announce that they appreciate the good participation, even though the visiting lads had to go through snow to get to the site of the contest. They added that they hoped the boys felt it worth while.

The Adrian FFA youths also announced that the sectional contest will be held Feb. 10 at La Grande.

## Rural Nyssan Injured As Pistol Discharges

Ralph Hite of route 2, Nyssa, accidentally shot himself in the leg Friday morning while rabbit hunting near Mitchell Butte. He was given emergency treatment at Malheur Memorial hospital and released.

According to Nyssa Police Chief Alvin Allen, Hite was hunting with Roger Smith, his brother-in-law, who fired a shot at a rabbit. Hite jumped and accidentally triggered his .22-calibre pistol and the bullet struck him in the leg.

Officials reported that the bullet apparently entered above his right knee, went through the joint and into the large leg bone below the knee.

He was admitted to the local hospital Monday after developing infection in the wound. At press time Wednesday, Hite's attending physician said he is recovering nicely and would probably be released from the hospital some time today (Thursday).

## Interest Shown In SC District For Arock, JV

Ranchers and farmers from the Jordan Valley and Arock areas met in the Arock Grange hall Monday night to consider formation of a soil conservation district in the southern part of Malheur county.

Wilbur Chapin of Adrian, vice president of the Oregon State Association of Soil Conservation districts, said the land owners expressed a desire to organize into a district.

The group favored a petition to annex into the present Adrian Soil Conservation district. Petitions describing the area to be included in the annexation were prepared. Chapin said if enough land owners sign the petition, a hearing will be held to determine whether or not a referendum will be held.

## Vets' Tax Benefit Deadline April 3

Disabled war veterans and veterans' widows must apply for their Oregon property tax exemptions by April 3 this year because the normal April 1 deadline falls on a Saturday. Application is filed with the county assessor.

The exemption amounts to \$7500 of the true cash value of the property, according to the state Department of Veterans' Affairs. Those entitled include:

1. War veterans 40 percent or more disabled. Recipients of the Armed Forces Expeditionary medal and the Vietnam Service medal now qualify as war veterans under Oregon law.
2. Unremarried widows of war veterans.

Spanish-American war veterans qualify regardless of disability.

A separate benefit is provided for disabled veterans and widows residing in house trailers, in the way of an annual license fee reduction of up to \$100. Application for this benefit is filed with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

## Nyssan Named Malheur Chairman Of This Year's Heart Fund Campaign

Mrs. David (Doris) Ballantyne, Nyssa civic and LDS church worker, has been named Malheur county chairman of the 1967 Heart Fund campaign, according to Lyman E. Seely, executive vice president of the First National Bank and this year's state Heart Fund chairman.

Proceeds from the month-long drive will be used to fight against heart and blood vessel diseases, responsible for more than half of all deaths in Oregon.

Not just one but more than 20 ailments are targets of heart research. These conditions include heart attack, stroke, high blood pressure, hardening of the arteries, inborn heart defects and rheumatic heart disease.

### Continues Through Month

The annual campaign to finance research, education and community service began Feb. 1 and will end the final day of the month.

Since its beginning, the Oregon Heart association has invested over \$1 million for cardiovascular research, helping to make the state one of the leading heart centers in the nation.

The 1967 Heart Fund drive will reach its high point during Heart Sunday week, Feb. 19-26, when volunteers will visit their neighbors to deliver educational materials about heart disease and to accept contributions.

Mrs. Ballantyne was 1965 county chairman of "Hearts and Husbands" and chairman for the Nyssa area. In 1966, she was co-chairman of the local drive.

### Urges Participation

One of Mrs. Ballantyne's three children has had two successful heart surgeries. In accepting the chairmanship she said, "In the last 20 years more knowledge has been gained about correction and prevention of heart diseases than in all previous history. The Heart Fund has helped make this possible. We should all participate

## Sugar Factory 80% Through 1967 Run With Completion Date Set for Feb. 11; Beets at Plant, Overstreet, Parma

### Acres Expected to Be Increased Over '66 But Number of Migrant Workers to Decrease

Amalgamated Sugar company's Nyssa factory was approximately 80 percent through processing the 1966 beet crop Wednesday morning, according to District Manager Ray Larson, and Feb. 11 has been set for completion date.

The firm had processed approximately 725,000 tons and was continuing at the rate of 6,800 tons daily. Stockpiles remain only at the factory grounds, Overstreet and Parma stations, and beets at the two latter were expected to be on railroad cars by Feb. 8 for shipment to the plant.

Larson said tonnage per acre in the district was 22.52 (average) and that it now appeared that the sugar content would run 15.10 percent. Beets had kept very well in stockpiles, the manager said, due to uniform weather conditions.

Plans are under way for the 1967 crop with the company labor recruiter now in Texas studying the labor situation, and the firm and growers negotiating contracts.

About 1200 migrant laborers were recruited last year for field workers while this year, Larson said, there would probably be 1100 to 1150. Acreage is expected to be increased 5 to 10 percent but mechanization and improvements in weed-controlling chemicals continue to cut down on the amount of hand labor needed. The labor supply is calculated on a basis of one man for each 30 acres of beets.

### Grower Meetings Held

The first meeting of growers and company officials was held in Burley Jan. 28. Growers from all districts where the company operates plants were represented.

The second meeting was held Monday and Tuesday of this week in Ogden working out details for the contracts, with all districts again represented. Bob Holmes of Nyssa and William G. Carlson of Weiser were from the local areas.

The third meeting will be held the latter part of this week at Burley where growers will be told the details of the contracts and can carry the message back to their individual districts for approval of changes.

### SWISHER TO SHOW FILM, HUMANITIES IN EDUCATION

In the first of a series of three "First Thursdays," Clyde Swisher, head of the NHS English department, will show a film and give comments on "The Role of the Humanities in Education."

The session will begin at 7 p.m. this evening, Feb. 2, in the Nyssa high school library.

## Federal Funds Limited in Use At Local School

Nyssa School District 26 received \$52,650 from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Public Law 89-10 during the school year 1965-66. This money was used to equip, stock and process the elementary library, add to the high school library and to carry on a remedial program for eligible students.

This year's allotment is \$44,652. The money may not be used to offset local school expenditures. Up to 15 percent of the total may be spent on equipment—tapes, recorders, record players and similar supplies. The remaining 85 percent must be spent on personnel for remedial programs.

The money is allocated to the district on the basis of the number of low income families on the 1960 census, plus the ADC children (Aid to Dependent Children).

A detailed program must be written and submitted to the State Department of Education for its approval in order to qualify for these funds. Children with specific needs are the target students. Tests to determine need and to give a basis for evaluation are used in each target area.

Nyssa schools have several programs going that will be written up individually in the following weeks.

## TVCC Slows Down On Plan to Annex Harney County

Treasure Valley Community college representatives have slowed down their efforts to annex Harney county to the district. Last week, according to the Burns Times-Herald, employees of the college were circulating petitions seeking 320 signatures (10 percent of the registered voters) of Harney counties to be forwarded to the state board of education asking for annexation.

The editor of the weekly opposed the rush and a letter signed by the principal of the high school there felt that not enough time had elapsed to study the proposal. They asked that it come from a vote of the people and not be instigated by Malheur county.

That the action of the Burns people carried weight is attested by a release from the college that an "invitation" had been extended to the county to join the district. And a meeting has been set for Feb. 4 between officials of the college and the Harney county school board association to discuss the matter.

About 300 students are attending 30 adult classes conducted in Burns high school by TVCC. These were started last month and the teachers commute from the college in Ontario.



DORIS BALLANTYNE . . . 1966 Nyssa Co-Chairman

## Nyssa Weather . . .

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Jan. 25	34	23	.30
Jan. 26	37	25	.01
Jan. 27	41	33	.17
Jan. 28	47	34	.07
Jan. 29	61	35	.08
Jan. 30	47	29	.01
Jan. 31	47	30	.27
Feb. 1	—	29	—

**Owyhee Reservoir Storage**  
Jan. 30, 1967 . . . 324,570 Acre Ft.  
Jan. 30, 1966 . . . 568,200 Acre Ft.