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Alfalfa Seed Growers Set Annual Meet

The Malheur County Alfalfa Seed Growers Association will hold its annual meeting at the Oregon Trail Hall on Tuesday, January 23, according to George Schiemer who is president of the group. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. and break at noon for a no-host luncheon to be served by the ladies of the Oregon Trail Hall Association.

The meeting will feature speakers on a number of subjects of interest to alfalfa seed growers.

W. P. Stephen, Oregon State University Entomologist will bring the group the latest research information on leaf-cutter and alkali bees. Management of leaf-cutter bees will be discussed by Lee Weight of the Union Seed Company. Dr. Don Brown of the W. R. Grace Company will tell about what is happening to alfalfa in the large seed use areas. Neil Hoffman, Superintendent of the Malheur Experiment Station will describe his work on the comparative seed yields of alfalfa varieties tested at the station. Luther Fitch, Research Assistant at the Malheur Experiment Station is assembling the latest information on dodder and weed control to present to the group. Dr. Ritchie Cowan, Head of the Farm Crops Department at Oregon State University, will discuss the development of new alfalfa varieties. George Tiger, Oregon State University Seed Certification Specialist, will outline changes in Oregon's seed certification program for 1968.

An election of directors will be held to fill the expired terms of Carl Lee Hill, Kenneth Price, Ben Witty, Don Strickland, Jay Gibson, and Sagie Nishihara. Schiemer says that all persons interested in alfalfa seed production are invited to attend the meeting.

SEEKS RE-ELECTION

Bob Morcom, Malheur county clerk, announced Tuesday that John Koopman, (D), Vale, had filed that day for re-election to the office of county assessor. Morcom also announced that 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 is the filing deadline.

VOTERS' REGISTRATION INFORMATION DETAILED

WHO CAN REGISTER AND VOTE?

All U. S. citizens, 21 years old or older, able to read and write English, who have lived in Oregon the previous six months before the election.

1. 20 year olds, whose 21st birthday falls at least one day before the election, can register in advance.
2. Ill and handicapped may register by phoning the county election office up to 35 days before the election and ask for a registrar to call on them free of charge.
3. Naturalized citizens registering for the first time must show final citizenship papers.

WHERE TO REGISTER?

In Malheur county, at the county clerk's office at the Malheur county courthouse in Vale, or at anyone of the other 17 election registrars in Malheur county.

1. In Nyssa #1 through #3, and Arcadia precincts, the registrar is: Betty Wilt - City Recorder's Office, Nyssa.
2. Adrian and Big Bend precincts: Ruth Looney - Adrian, Oregon.
3. Owyhee and Sunset precincts: Claude Skinner - Rt. #1, Nyssa, Oregon.
4. Ridgeview precinct: Wilma Tallman - Rt. #1, Homedale, Idaho.
5. Jordan Valley precinct: Gabriel Elordi - Jordan Valley, Oregon.
6. McDermitt precinct: Jessie Wilkenson - McDermitt, Nevada.

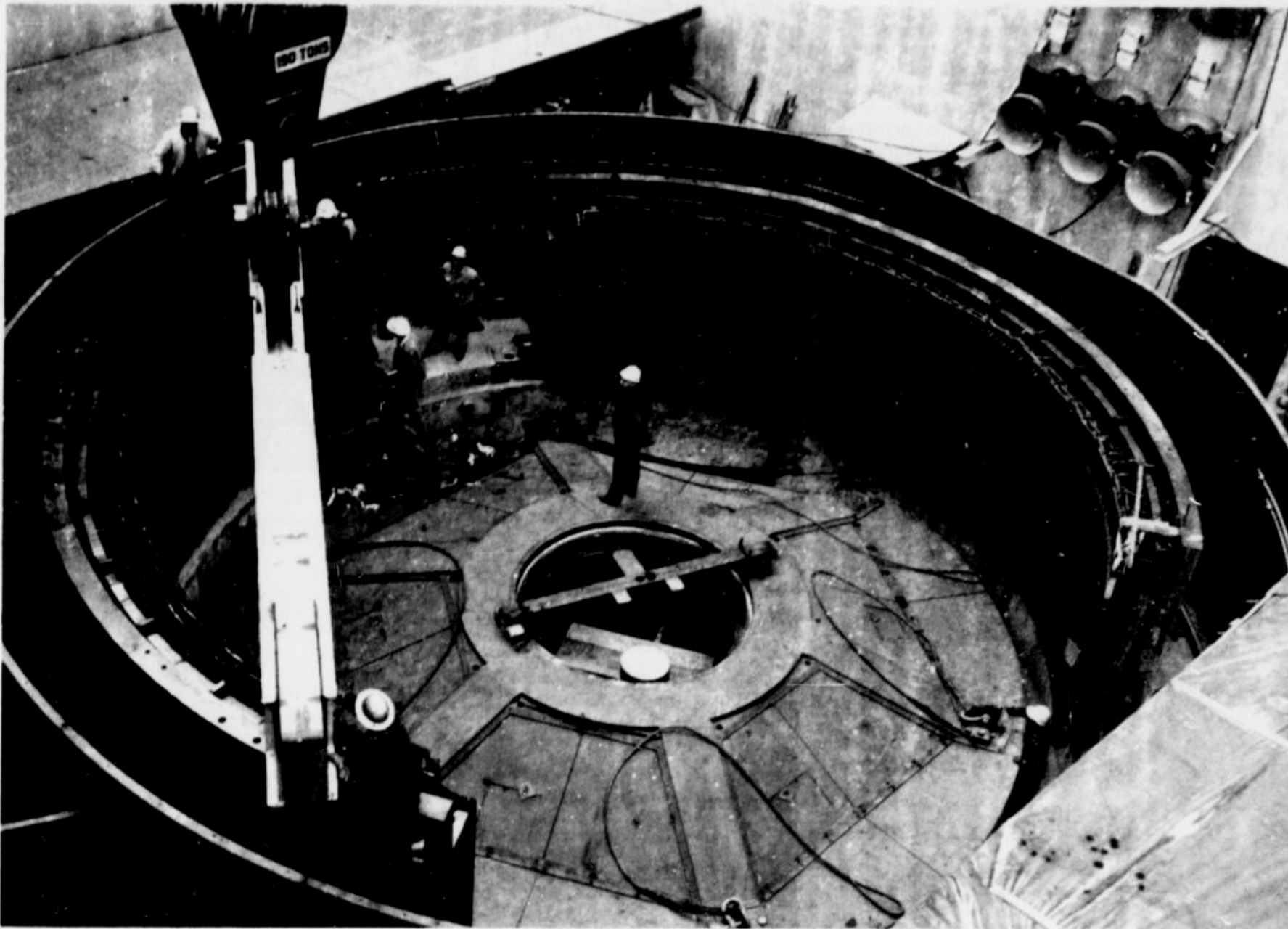
WHEN TO REGISTER?

You may register anytime during the year. 1. If you are going to vote in a Primary general or special election:

- a. You must register by 8 p.m. 31 days before that particular election.
- b. If you register within the 30 day period before the election, you cannot vote in that election. REGISTER NOW.

WHEN MUST VOTERS RE-REGISTER?

1. For any reason you have a change of address, (even so much as a move next door or across the street.)
2. If your name has been changed by marriage or court order.



IDAHO POWER COMPANY reported Wednesday that the second and third generators at its 425,000-kilowatt Hells Canyon Dam now are in place and undergoing exhaustive load tests required before they can be put into full operation. The size of these generators may be judged by the above picture showing men installing a section of a stator within the unit's rotor spins to produce electricity. It was shot last November when the first generating unit became operative. Company president Albert Carlsen said the two remaining units will continue to be operated intermittently under load conditions until they have been thoroughly checked out for efficient performance. "Our tests

Spud Diversion Being Decided

Potato marketing orders in Oregon will have to be amended if growers in the state are to participate in the recently announced federal potato diversion program.

M. D. (Pat) Murphy, federal supervisor in Oregon for the federal-state shipping point inspections, said none of Oregon's potato marketing orders meet the minimum weight requirement for No. 2 potatoes, which is six ounces.

The marketing orders for the Klamath county and Redmond

areas set five ounces and those for Malheur county, which comes under an Idaho order, and the Willamette Valley have a two-inch or four-ounce minimum.

Growers are meeting today to decide whether they will amend their marketing orders.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said the federal government is initiating two programs aimed at helping grower prices. One is a payment program to encourage diversion of potatoes to starch, flour and feed. The second is a limited purchase program, with the potatoes to be distributed to schools and other eligible outlets.

Stanley Sisson Named Jaycee OYF Chairman

"The magnitude of the agricultural industry" was stressed last week by Stanley Sisson, NHS Vo-Ag Instructor who was named chairman of the Nyssa Jaycees' "Outstanding Young Farmer" committee. Sisson will coordinate the JC program to recognize the importance of agriculture to the local economy and to honor the man adjudged Nyssa's Outstanding Young Farmer of 1967-68.

This is the 11th year that the US Jaycees have conducted a national OYF program, co-sponsored by the National LP-Gas association. Co-sponsor of the local program is Ideal Gas Co., owned and operated by Wilton C. Jackson.

"Agriculture", Sisson noted, "contributed \$22 billion to the gross national product in 1964, equaling all the GNP money generated by the entire automotive industry."

"The nation's farmers in 1968 will spend some \$1.225 billion on farm construction. "The United States last year exported \$21.7 billion worth of goods, more than any other nation. Of this total, \$5.6 billion was from agriculture."

The Jaycees, under Sisson's direction, will interview farmers between the ages of 21 and 35. Another qualification is that the applicants must be actual farm operators, with two-thirds of their income coming from farming.

From their reports a panel of judges will select a winner. His identity will be announced during a special farmer recognition program, with time and date to be announced later. It will, however, be some time in early February.

Local winners will compete in the state finals this spring, and state winners will progress to the April 6-9 national awards

so far indicate that the second and third generators are functioning very satisfactorily," Carlsen declared. Meanwhile, he said, the contractor is making "good progress" on work related to completing the huge project in North America's deepest gorge by next spring. The work includes general clean-up, painting and dismantling the last of three giant cranes used to place concrete for the dam and its powerhouse. Hells Canyon Dam, which completes Idaho Power's three-project complex developing a 100-mile stretch of the Snake River, began producing electricity last November when board chairman T. E. Roach put the first generator on the line.

program in Des Moines, Iowa.

Assisting Sisson on the interview committee will be Monty Burbank. Other committee heads are Richard Gustavson, program; John Marsh, finance; and Alvin Allen, publicity.

Interested persons should contact Burbank or Sisson for entry blanks.

County PTA To Discuss Juveniles

Malheur County Council of the PTA will hold its monthly meeting Tues. Jan. 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the Pioneer School. The very pertinent program subject will be "Group Homes for the Juvenile in Trouble". Mrs. Dee Gardner, program chairman has asked Judge Ellis White and a representative from the Malheur Juvenile Dept. to talk on this important phase of dealing with our Juveniles in trouble.

Referring to the December State PTA bulletin: The Oregon legislature has allotted 50% of costs to counties willing to develop a program such as this. There will be an open discussion period following the formal talks.

Mrs. Virginia Cleaver, PTA County Council president and Mrs. James Conrow, Regional Vice-president will attend a Conference on Judicial Concern for the Juvenile in Trouble to be held next week in Portland.

HOME DAMAGED

Nyssa Volunteer Firemen answered a fire call Saturday, Jan. 13 about 4:30 p.m. to the Kenneth Pond home, 418 South Seventh St. No one was at home when the firemen arrived. The fire seemed to have been smoldering for some time, as there was heavy smoke in the kitchen and living areas.

The kitchen wall back of the oven and up over the ceiling was afire. This was extinguished. Later in the evening about 8:30 the firemen were called again. The insulation in the attic had been smoldering. The kitchen ceiling had to be torn out to enable the firemen to extinguish the attic fire.

Fire damage to the new home was minor, but smoke damage was extensive.

LAD FOUND ASLEEP

Clifford Jimmie Gress, a seven-year-old Nyssa lad was the victim of a search Tuesday night when he didn't show up at home after school.

Nyssa police searched until 11 p.m. when a report of the missing lad came over the TV waves from a Boise station. It was then discovered that he had boarded a school bus and went home with a friend. He was asleep at the time of the broadcast.

The lad is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gress who reside at 501 N. First street in Nyssa.

Pack Of Dogs Attack Cattle In Nyssa Area

Dick Pounds, Malheur County deputy sheriff, reported that a pack of seven dogs attacked a small herd of cattle Friday getting one 400-500 pound steer down and "spooking" the others over a wide area.

The cattle were the property of William Richesin, who lives just off Lytle Boulevard about one-fourth mile NE of Sunset Market. The attack was witnessed by a neighbor Fields boy who shot at them but failed to get any of them down.

Richesin, who reported the matter to Deputy Pounds Saturday night, said several were chewed on some and all were so badly scared that they ran up to four miles away from their pasture. And they were still so badly scared two days later that some had to be roped and bodily taken back to the Richesin farm.

Pounds said Wednesday that none of the dogs had been identified although the Fields lad was near enough to identify the general breed of several of them. The investigation is being continued.

Oregon Traffic Accidents Kill 663 During 1967

Sixty-two persons were killed in Oregon traffic accidents during the month of December bringing the 1967 yearly total to 633—a three per cent decline from the 678 killed during 1966, according to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. Sixty-one persons were killed during December of last year. Eight of the 62 victims were killed during the four-day 1967 Christmas holiday. Five were killed during the comparable 1966 period.

SEARCH CREWS FAIL TO FIND ANY SIGNS OF CALDWELL PLANE

Air and ground crews had failed to find any sign of the John Caldwell airplane, feared down in the rugged area between Baker and Ontario, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Ontario businessman had been missing over 48 hours from the time he was last heard from about 3:45 p.m. Monday, shortly after he left the Baker airport for a 45 minute flight to his hometown.

The search was very limited Tuesday due to fog and snow conditions in the area. Only five planes left the Ontario airport in the search. But Wednesday, the weather was clear, visibility was good, and 38 planes, carrying about double that number of men, failed to reveal any trace of the plane or the pilot.

In addition to those searching by air, according to KSRV announcer Ben Cook, about 150 men from Baker and Malheur counties were scouring the area from the Idaho-Oregon border along Snake river north and west toward Baker. These were directed by Malheur County Sheriff Robert Ingram and Baker County Sheriff Delmar Dixon. They were using four-wheeled vehicles, snowmobiles, horses and some were on foot where the snow would permit traveling.

Disappointment was expressed by a number of the pilots who were driven back to the Ontario airport by darkness, but the search was slated to be continued again Thursday.

Caldwell is president of the Land Title Insurance company which has offices in Ontario, Baker, Burns, John Day and Payette. He is also well known in lower Snake River Valley as an excellent amateur golfer.

CABLE TV DISCUSSED AT CHAMBER MEETING

Lee Smith, Ontario, representing Treasure Valley Tele-Cable, was principal speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting at El Sombrero cafe Wednesday noon.

Following a brief explanation of the proposal to install a cable system in Nyssa he threw the meeting open in a question and answer session. Judging from the number and nature of the questions there was considerable interest manifested in the firm's offer.

Smith stated the firm was strictly a Malheur county corporation, that Vale had granted them a franchise for one year, and that on December 12 he had made a similar proposal to the Nyssa City Council. This, he said, was referred to City Attorney Hal Henigson for study and he had no further word on the matter.

The proposed charges would be \$19.00 for installation, \$5-\$6 per month for the programs that would be carried on seven channels initially, with plans to eventually extend to 12. These original ones would include 2 and 7 now carried by Boise stations, plus five from Portland. One of the latter would be channel 10 as the educational channel.

Smith said it would take Vale, Nyssa and Ontario to make the deal economically feasible and that if Nyssa joined Vale it would probably help bring Ontario in without waiting to see what the Boise stations would eventually propose. He also mentioned that Boise Mayor Amyx had called a meeting of the lower valley town mayors some months ago to wait until a full study was made that might be beneficial to all.

If Nyssa should grant the franchise the firm would serve only the families within the incorporation, plus the contiguous area extending westward to Clark avenue. The city would receive three percent of the gross revenue. Smith made no estimate of what this would amount to but did say that in three years time 60-65 percent of the families in town would probably be using the service.

School Superintendent W. L. McPartland said the local school would find it very advantageous to have the educational program as it would enable classes to be carried without hiring additional teachers.

PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM STARTED

A physical fitness program, for both men and women, has been started at the local high school. According to Superintendent W. L. McPartland the men will meet on Monday nights at 7:30 and the women on Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

There is plenty of equipment for each individual to exercise according to his needs and desires and there is no charge for use or rental for the building.

Nine of the December victims met death in head-on collisions. Winter's poor visibility days continue to be hazardous for pedestrians. Nine such deaths were recorded for December.

Of the dead, 15 were 25 years of age or under, and 23 were in the 26-50 age group. Twenty-two were 50 years of age or over. Eleven of the 23 were over 60. No age was recorded for one of the victims.

Water Supply For '68 Crops Near Average

Malheur county ranchers, farmers and other water users can expect 1968 water supplies only slightly below the average because of excellent carry-over water in reservoirs, according to a report released today by A. J. Webber, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service of Portland, and prepared by W. T. Frost, State Snow Survey Supervisor, representing cooperating federal, state, and private agencies.

Streamflow will be much below average unless remaining winter months bring much more than the usual snow accumulation.

Water content of the mountain amount usually present on Malheur county watersheds at the first of the year.

Fall precipitation in this southeast Oregon area has been 95 percent of the average according to the U. S. Weather Bureau. Winter precipitation, up to January first, has been only 71 percent of the average.

Watershed soils under the snowpack are still drier than usual in spite of near average fall rains. Soil moisture on the Owyhee is about 86 percent of capacity and on the Malheur about 64 percent. These dry soils will soak up about 2 to 9 inches of snow-melt water in the spring.

Storage in Warm Springs, Agency Valley and Bully Creek reservoirs totaled about 99,500 acre feet on January first compared with 64,000 acre feet a year ago. Lake Owyhee held about 357,500 acre feet on January first this year compared with 292,700 acre feet last year on this date.

On Jordan Creek, Antelope reservoir held 5,600 acre feet at the beginning of the new year compared with no storage at this date last year.

Flow into Lake Owyhee from October 1, 1967 to January 1, 1968 has totaled 45,300 acre feet or 90 percent of the average flow in the 15-year period 1948-62. Above average streamflow will be needed in the spring and summer of 1968 in Malheur county to adequately increase reservoir storage and provide reasonable water supplies for the county.

Statewide the outlook for 1968 water supplies in Oregon varies from poor to fair. Oregon streams have not yet recovered from the long, hot and dry summer and fall. Rainfall, snowpack and soil moisture conditions are all below or much below average.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PREC.
Jan. 10	45	36	.007
Jan. 11	41	26	.007
Jan. 12	36	21	---
Jan. 13	37	23	---
Jan. 14	36	24	---
Jan. 15	41	26	.007
Jan. 16	37	30	.019
Jan. 17	--	28	.009

RESERVOIR STORAGE	
1/15/68	365,440 Acre Feet
1/15/67	299,800 Acre Feet
