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IRRIGATION WATER USERS CAN EXPECT NORMAL SUPPLY

Near average water supplies can be expected by Malheur County water users in 1969 according to a report released recently by A. J. Webber, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, and prepared by T. A. George, State Snow Survey Supervisor, representing cooperating federal, state and private agencies.

The snowpack is 160% of average and if present trends continue should provide above average streamflow next summer.

Precipitation during November and December was 168% of average according to the U.S. Weather Bureau. This rainfall

moistened dry soils and brought streamflows up to normal.

Watershed soils are wetter than usual and will benefit the snowmelt runoff. Soils on the Malheur are 58% of capacity compared to last years 43% while those on the Owyhee are 86% -- the same as the previous year.

Warm Springs, Agency Valley and Bully Creek Reservoirs contain 33,200 acre feet of water or 35% of the average. Lake Owyhee's contents on January 1 were 175,000 acre feet or 53% of average.

Flow into Owyhee Reservoir during the period October thru December was 58,600 acre feet or 97% of average. Above average streamflow is needed during the coming months to provide adequate water supplies and to replenish depleted reservoir storage.

Statewide, near average water supplies are the outlook for Oregon in 1969. The snowpack for the State is about 150% of average. Carryover storage in most of Oregon's reservoirs is poor and about 20% less than last year. Soil moisture is above average and will benefit the snowmelt runoff.

The next report on water supply conditions in Oregon will be issued about February 7, 1969.

Nyssa Co-op Annual Meet

At OTH Jan. 22

Nyssa Co-op stockholders will hold their annual meeting at Oregon Trail Hall Wednesday, January 22, starting with a 12 o'clock noon luncheon served by the OTH Association.

The business session will start at 2 p.m. at which time two directors will be elected to three year terms to fill the vacancy for Tom Drydale and Irvin Topliff whose terms expire. Carry-over directors are Harold Kurtz, Ira Price and George Smit.

OTHERS WELCOMED

Co-op Manager Ernie Metcalf said that while voting would be restricted to stockholders all other interested citizens are invited, to both the luncheon and business session. Wives of stockholders are especially urged to attend.

FIREMEN REPORT

On Jan. 8 the Nyssa Volunteer firemen answered a call at 1:15 p.m. at 315 Park Ave. A fire in the house was started after the owner cleaned the fireplace, put the cinders in a box. The container caught fire from the warm ashes. There was little damage to a hallway where the box had been placed.

NYSSA FARMER EARNS CONSERVATION AWARD

The Adrian Soil and Water Conservation district named its "Conservation Farmer of the Year" at its annual meeting held Jan. 9 in Homedale, according to District Chairman Wilbur Chapin. The winner is Richard Udlinek who farms with his son, Marvin southwest of Nyssa on Grand avenue.

Udlinek and his son were cited for carrying out outstanding conservation practices in the development of their successful family farm operation. The Udlineks have been on the farm since 1941. When they moved onto the place, it was fresh out of the raw sagebrush. Since that time they have transformed the rough piece of land into a modern farming unit. Chapin said that land leveling, the improvement of irrigation systems, the adoption of modern farm technology and a lot of hard work were combined to transform the land into one of the best bench land farms in

the Adrian Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Conservation Farmer of the Year award won the Udlineks a plaque provided by the Good-year Rubber Company and qualifies them to compete with other district winners in Oregon for the title of Outstanding Soil and Water Conservation District Cooperator in Oregon for 1968.

Other action at the meeting saw reports of district activities the past year by supervisors Dean Blaylock, Max Moore, Farrell Peterson, Hans Salomon and Bill Ross. The group was entertained by a showing of Wildlife and Scenic Slides by Bob Kindschy of the Vale Unit of the Bureau of Land Management.

An election was held to fill the expired terms of two district supervisors. Max Moore was reelected and Sam Hartley replaces Wilbur Chapin on the board.



THE RECREATION ROOM IN THE ALL-NEW NURSING home wing at Malheur Memorial Hospital. This overall photo shows a portion of the tables, comfortable lounging chairs, the fireplace and book shelf area, outlined with colorful brick. To the far right can be seen the glass-paneled wall, adjacent to the enclosed patio area shown in

the picture below. Upon going into this huge room, one gets a feeling of entering a spacious dining room in a large cafe and knows immediately that this area will hold many fond memories and will provide many pleasurable hours for those who will use it.



THE PATIO AREA AT MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, outdoors - but enclosed by colorful brick walls and glass panels. This space, complete with concrete fountain and

planter-seats was made possible through a \$2800 donation by Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Stam. Adding to the atmosphere are a number of Oriental-type outdoor pole lights.

NEW NURSING WING OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY AT M. M. HOSPITAL

The Malheur Memorial Hospital board has set Sunday, January 19, as the date for an Open House dedication of the new 30 bed nursing wing home, recently completed.

Ceremonies will start at 2 P.M. with Stan McNutt, KSRV announcer, Master of Ceremonies. Board Chairman Everett Heldt will give a short welcome address. Administrator Pheral Dodson will introduce present and past board members who have had an active part in acquiring the new addition.

Members of the Hospital Auxiliary will escort visitors to the recreation room for registration, and following tours of the facility, will serve refreshments.

The tours, lasting until 5 P.M., will attempt to answer questions of visitors.

BACKGROUND GIVEN

Discussions on the need of additional beds at the local hospital have been held for a number of years but it was not until June 1966 that application was actually made to make it a reality. This was to the Oregon State Board of Health who had original say on plans and distribution of federal funds under the Hill-Burton act.

The original application was for remodeling the 10 bed area within the hospital and for 40 additional beds for nursing home patients. However, final approval in March 1967 was for the remodeling and 20 beds, plus a new kitchen, staff dining room, patient dining room, recreation room, storage for ambulance and space for laundry facilities in the future.

This doubled the 14,000 sq. ft. area of the hospital and carried out the color and construction theme of the existing building. It also provided for an automatic sprinkler system for the entire structure.

COST FIGURES

The first bid opening was August 9, 1967 and the lowest of all bids was approximately \$50,000 higher than the available funds.

Plans were revamped by architect Bob Smith and a second bid opening was held October 3, 1967 with Van Auker Construction Co., Caldwell, again being low bidder. This was accepted, but, before being approved by the authorities, Pres. Johnson froze the federal funds through executive order.

Some two months later the money was "thawed", but material and labor cost increases in the meantime made the contract \$10,000 low. The board then revamped plans the second time and by cutting out the laundry equipment and cutting some other corners was able to sign a contract with Van Auker.

The final contract figure was \$389,154.28 and construction got under way January 1968.

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GOVERNOR TO HELP CHANGE TIME ZONE IN MALHEUR COUNTY

Malheur County Judge Ellis A. White was notified by Governor Tom McCall's office last week that he would assist in every way possible to place all of Malheur county in Mountain time zone.

MOUNTAIN TIME OBSERVED

Fifty years ago the Interstate Commerce commission set the boundary by the Shortline railroad tracks traversing part of the county (North to South) with that portion west being in Pacific time zone and that on the east being in Mountain time.

This split the towns of Nyssa and Ontario, legally dividing both into two separate zones. However the entire county, through choice, used Mountain time to co-incide with Idaho, until the Federal government agency made other plans in recent years.

Recently the Mayors of Nyssa, Vale and Ontario requested that the boundary be changed to place all the county in the same time zone. This, they said, would eliminate potential problems that might

arise on elections, bid openings, judicial proceedings, bond elections, private contracts, insurance policies and liquor laws.

Governor Executive Assistant Edward G. Westerdaal, who told Judge White of the willingness to assist in the change, said it would be necessary to petition the governor for the change, that he would approve the petition and forward it to the U. S. Dept. of Transportation for action.

The petition will be drawn by Clifford Looney, legal counsel for the county.

There was no indication of when the change would become effective, if approved by the federal agency.

State Reveals Oregon's 1969 Hunting Dates

Big game hunters as well as shotgun enthusiasts who like to spend their vacations in the field during the opening week of the fall hunts can make their plans early this year, according to action taken today by the Oregon Game Commission at a public hearing in Portland.

To accommodate hunters who must make their vacation plans early each year, the Commission established the opening dates for the general deer season, elk seasons, and the season for pheasants and quail. Dates selected were October 4 for deer, November 1 for Rocky Mountain elk, November 15 for Roosevelt elk, and October 18 for pheasants and quail.

The Commission advised hunters that only the opening dates for these seasons were established, with length of seasons, bag limits, and other regulations for the fall hunting seasons to be established at the regular regulations hearings to be held later in the year.

Outdoorsmen present at the Portland meeting voiced general agreement with the selected opening dates.

discussed. Action was deferred for further discussion.

City Manager Koch announced that he would attend a meeting with officials of Ontario, Vale and Malheur county Wednesday night to consider the operation of a joint sanitary land fill to serve all units.

County Court Briefs - Jan. 8

Mr. Henry Esplin was sworn in as County Commissioner by Mr. Robert Morcom, Malheur County Clerk.

Mr. Bud Shirley and Curt Duval, Bridge Engineers for the State Highway Department came in to coordinate the two bridge building in Harper-Westfall area so that the County forces would be available. Bids on these two bridges to be opened January 9.

The 1969 Jury List was drawn . . . #12 was drawn by lot, then every 19th consecutive name was drawn.

Mr. Jay Phillips was in to see the Court regarding the completion of the County Zoning and Planning.

Esplin and Maag will attend the Comprehensive Health Planning meeting at Boise State College, Boise on January 24.

Bids for Malheur River (Harper) and Bully Creek (Westfall) Bridges on FAS 23-105 were opened January 9. Stach Construction was the successful bidder at an estimated cost of \$173,469.46.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX.	MIN.
Jan. 8	35	22
Jan. 9	31	24
Jan. 10	40	26
Jan. 11	41	33
Jan. 12	38	33
Jan. 13	51	32
Jan. 14	48	34
Jan. 15	--	30

Precipitation recorded: Jan. 8, .02; Jan. 9, trace; Jan. 11, .12; Jan. 13, .16; Jan. 14, .02.

RESERVOIR STORAGE

1/13/68	364,310 Acre Feet
1/13/69	189,640 Acre Feet

Doug Pfeiler Heads Jaycee OYF Committee

The magnitude of the agricultural industry was stressed this week by Doug Pfeiler of route 1, Nyssa. He has been named chairman of the Nyssa Jaycee Outstanding Young Farmer Committee.

Pfeiler will coordinate the Jaycee program to recognize the importance of agriculture to the local economy, and to honor the man adjudged Nyssa's Outstanding Young Farmer of 1968-69.

This is the twelfth year the Jaycees have conducted a national OYF program. Co-sponsor with the Jaycees is Central Soya and its Master Mix feed dealers. Co-sponsors of the Nyssa OYF program are First National Bank of Oregon and B & M Equipment of Nyssa.

"Agriculture," Pfeiler said, "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 spent more than \$1.225 billion on farm construction. "The United States last year exported \$21.6 billion worth of goods more than any other nation. Of this total, \$5.6 billion was from agriculture."

The Nyssa Jaycees, under

Pfeiler's direction, will interview farmers between the ages of 21 and 35. From their reports, a panel of judges will select the winner. His identity will be announced January 23, at 8:00 p.m. in the FOE lodge hall during a special farmer recognition program.

Local winners will compete in the state final at Albany on March 1, and state winners will progress to the national awards program at St. Paul, Minn., in April.

ALFALFA SEED GROWERS SET JAN. 20 MEET

The Malheur County Alfalfa Seed Growers Association will hold its annual meeting at the Oregon Trail Hall on January 20 according to the group's president, George Schiemer. 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. This will include a report by W. P. Stephen, Oregon State University Entomologist who will bring the group the latest research information on leaf-cutter and alkali bees.

The Association will hold an election of directors to fill the expired terms of George Schiemer, Bernard Anderson, Ted Avery, Robert Munn, Woodrow Seuell, Rudolph Trenkel and William H. Panike.

Schiemer says that all persons interested in the production of alfalfa seed are invited to attend the meeting.

C. MORRISON, JR. NEW NYSSA MAYOR

Cecil Morrison, Jr. was chosen to be Nyssa's new mayor by unanimous vote following swearing-in of the new council members in the regular meeting of the council Tuesday night.

New councilmen taking the oath of office, other than Morrison, were Don Oldemeyer (Chemist of Amalgamated Sugar Co.), Gordon Reed Ray (Ray's Food Fair) and Dave Rieb (owner of Rieb's Market). Carry-over members are Larry Bauman, Ernie Metcalf, and Maylin Maxfield.

Morrison, electrical contractor with Morrison Electric, was nominated by Maxfield with Bauman making the motion that nominations be closed and he be elected by acclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

All members of the council were present, plus City Manager Fred Koch and City Attorney Hal Henigson.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

Routine business included: (1) adoption of the agenda, (2) making a minor correction in the minutes of the December 8, 1968 meeting, (3) motion to pay current accounts payable, (4) adoption of departmental reports, (5) adoption of financial report of 1968.

OTHER ACTIONS

Other actions taken by the body included: (1) rejection of a request by Snake River Valley Music Co. of Ontario to change fees on amusement machines and juke boxes, (2) re-appointment of Mrs. Richard E. Forbess to the library board, (3) appointment of Councilmen Bauman and Rieb to the TV Cable committee for study of installation in valley towns.

A letter from the Oregon State Board of Health outlining requirements for additional sewage treatment facilities was



RICHARD UDLINEK (on left) has been named "Conservation Farmer of the Year" by the Adrian Soil and Water Conservation District. He and his son, Marvin (center) were cited for carrying out outstanding conservation

practices in development of their successful family farm operation. The award is being presented by Farrell Peterson, an ASWCD supervisor.