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AMALGAMATED NEARS END OF 1969 RUN; SUGAR UP BUT TONNAGE LOWERED

The Nyssa factory of Amalgamated Sugar company was 90 percent through processing the 985,000 ton beet crop of 1968 at noon Wednesday.

District Manager Ray Larson said the remaining 100,000 tons were going through at a 6,600 clip daily and that March 1 had been set as a tentative completion date. This is the same date as in 1968 but the campaign started 10 days earlier than then. This additional period adds approximately \$125,000 additional payroll for workers of the area.

Average yield is 23.8 tons per acre which is down 1.2 tons from last year. Sugar content is estimated at 15.2 percent which is up one percent from last year. Tonnage is down largely due to an added 2500-3000 acres of new beet land, Larson said, with old growers almost the same as last year.

INCREASE IN ACREAGE

Manager Larson said there were no government restrictions for acreage in 1969 and that company fieldmen had indicated that there would possibly be another increase of 2500-3000 acres over 1968. He estimated that the company would sponsor about 1200 migrant workers to aid in field work with most reporting here in April. The supply is figured on one man for each 30 acres of beets. And while acreage is increasing, weed control chemicals and more mechanization in

cultivation and harvest lowers the need for hand labor.

Local grower meetings were held last week and contract negotiations are scheduled for next week at Twin Falls with all company grower district representatives.

NFO Meeting Slated

A National Farm Organization (NFO) meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Friday evening, Feb. 14 at Oregon Trail hall. A film will be shown, and all interested area residents are invited to attend.

House Approves Tax Relief Program, May 20 Election

The Oregon House of Representatives Monday took the first important step toward referring a property tax relief program to the people of Oregon.

The House placed a stamp of approval on the relief program recommended by Gov. Tom McCall, and set a date of May 20 for a special election so that the people of Oregon can be heard on the subject.

The proposal is now in the hands of the Senate Taxation and Education Committees, and it can be expected that these expert panels will make a speedy decision and forward the package to the full Senate for approval.

STATE SHARE DOUBLED

Basically, the cornerstone of the program is a new method of financing schools, whereby the state will more than double its share of the costs of primary and secondary education.

Revenue for the program would be raised by a three per cent sales tax, with exemptions for prescription drugs, feed, seed and fertilizer.

Education in Oregon presently eats up an average of

two-thirds of the money raised by property taxes, and it has been the rapidly increasing costs of education which have caused property taxes to become so high.

Therefore, an increase in the state share of these local costs would result in a property tax reduction by an average of 25 to 30 per cent statewide.

The House Education and Taxation Committees realized the fears of many citizens that in several years we would find ourselves with property taxes back up to their present level, with an additional tax to boot.

AFS Program

Slated Feb. 28

"Ecuadorian Fiesta" is the theme of the ninth annual AFS night to be held Feb. 28. The event, honoring Sylvia Endara of Ecuador, is scheduled to begin at 8:00 P.M.

Activities planned for the evening include a program in the Nyssa high school gymnasium, followed by an opportunity to sample Ecuadorian food in the cafeteria.

Featured on the program will be a dance performed by Sylvia and her American sister, Susan Hartley. Nyssa high school's physical education classes will present an Ecuadorian social dance.

In addition, a 20-minute film on Ecuador will be shown and Sylvia will give a brief talk about her native land.

Beginning Feb. 17, tickets may be purchased from any high school student. Proceeds from the event will finance an exchange student for next year. - Barbie Tensen, NHS Bulldog reporter.

Sen. Hatfield Asks U. S. Agencies Prepare For Major Flooding

Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.) today urged the federal government to be as fully prepared as possible to combat a potentially swift and dangerous runoff from the unprecedented heavy snowfall.

Hatfield, Governor of Oregon during the catastrophic Columbus Day windstorm of 1962, and the devastating Christmas flood of the winter of 1964-1965, informed the White House he was concerned about maintaining the safety of Oregon's citizens.

In a letter to George A. Lincoln, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness in the White House, the Senator said Oregon faces the prospect of potentially disastrous floods if a fast runoff of melting snow and ice occurred.

Hatfield asked the OEP to make certain that "every concerned branch of the government--the U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, U. S. Department of the Interior, and U. S. Forest Service, for example--will



VOLUNTEER WORKERS FOR THE 1969 HEART FUND DRIVE as they appeared on the afternoon of Feb. 3 at Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario where a torch-lighting ceremony officially triggered the campaign. This year's Malheur County goal has been set at \$3,000. Beginning at lower-center, moving to the left hand side of the photo, the volunteers are Mrs. Harvey (Donna) Easton who not long ago had open-heart surgery in Portland; Mrs. William (Rose) Willis, Mrs. Guy (Nadine) Sparks, Mrs. Wyatt (Hazel) Smith, Malheur County Chairman Mrs. David (Doris) Ballantyne, Malheur

County Heart Fund Treasurer Jim Leslie, Oregon Heart Fund Representative and Speaker George Hagan, Mrs. Dick (Kay) Wettstein, Mrs. Glen (Marie) Teague and daughter, April, Mrs. Alva (Nancy) Goodell and Larry Sparks, son of the Guy Sparks', Mmes. Sparks, Goodell and Willis are serving as Nyssa residential, Nyssa rural and Adrian chairmen, respectively. Mrs. Wettstein and her husband are chairmen of the forthcoming heart fund benefit dance to be staged Feb. 21 in the Weese building at Ontario with music to be provided by the Tijuana Grass.

SWEET CORN GROWERS UNITE TO BARGAIN; DEFER CONTRACTING

National Farmers Organization (N.F.O.) Sweet Corn bargaining committees, composed of 50 members, representing the entire N. F. O. Sweet Corn membership throughout the Treasure Valley met at the La Paloma restaurant, Ontario, Oregon, Monday evening, February 10, to formulate a desirable contract for growers and processors alike. Other topics discussed were: Stabilization of prices and cooperation with sweet corn growers and processors in other states, method of bargaining, and an immediate intensified membership drive to enroll as many sweet corn growers as soon as possible.

DEFER SIGN-UPS

Mr. A. G. Salfen, N.F.O. zone marketing supervisor from Weiser, Idaho explained to the group that many processors, nationwide still hold a surplus inventory of canned corn from last years over-produced crop, that is a price depressant. He advised that N. F. O. committees approach bargaining with processors with firm thoughts of aiding the control of useless overproduction. Mr. Salfen also reported that the greater majority of N. F. O. members throughout the Treasure Valley have agreed not to

sign present contracts being offered at the present time, but will wait for N. F. O. corn committees to establish contracts with local processors. Mr. Luther Roberts, a prominent Weiser, Idaho row cropper in addressing the group said, "Last week I attended two intra-state sweet corn meetings sponsored by N. F. O. members and I was greatly impressed by the moderate and sensible approach being taken by the N. F. O. leaders and the rank and file members." This intense desire to help all farmers, even though they may not be N. F. O. members, and this keen expression not to put the local processors at a disadvantage with out of area processors and with the prior knowledge that the N. F. O. program is sound, prompted me to join at one of these intra-state meetings. Mr. Roberts further explained that we must look toward the future and create a sweet corn price that will be profitable to the average grower.

Mr. Robert Thompson, Malheur County president reported that although N. F. O. has several thousand acres of sweet corn signed up, plans are underway for a coordinated multi-county drive to enroll new members into N. F. O.

HEAVY PENALTY DUE FOR LATE PERSONAL PROPERTY FILING

Assessor John Koopman warns that under a new state law, effective Jan. 1 this year, the penalty for late filing of personal property returns has been substantially increased. March 2 is the deadline for filing such returns. Under the new law, the penalty for filing after this date is \$5 for each \$1,000 (or fraction) of the true cash value of the property, but not less than \$15.

The assessor points out that the old law imposed a penalty of only 5% of the tax due, with a \$1 minimum. Also, under the old law, a notice of failure to file a return from the assessor to the taxpayer was required, with an additional 15 days permitted for

compliance without penalty. Such a notice is no longer required, according to the assessor. However, upon written request filed with him on or before March 2, and for good cause, he is authorized to allow a reasonable extension of time.

APPEAL FOR CAUSE

If a taxpayer is penalized for late filing, he may appeal to the County Board of Equalization during its regular sessions and the board may revoke the penalty on a proper showing that by reason of death or serious illness in the immediate family, or by unavoidable absence from the state, the return could not be filed by the due date.

ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY REPORTED IN FORECAST FOR RANCHERS, FARMERS

Snow, Water Content High

Farmers and ranchers in Malheur County will have adequate water supplies this summer, 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. Storms in January brought more than generous amounts of snow to both the Owyhee and Malheur watersheds. Excellent streamflow this spring and summer will help make up for last year's low flows and will provide additional carryover storage for next year.

The snowpack is 162% of the 1953-67 average. A new record of 18.2" water content for February 1 was measured at South Mountain, Idaho. This compares with the previous high of 17.9" measured in 1952. Snow at Blue Mountain Springs on the Malheur is 145 percent of average.

According to the U. S. Weather Bureau the Nov-Jan precipitation was 180% of average. Storms in January deposited excellent amounts of precipitation throughout Malheur County and was 200 percent of the new 1953-67 average. Soils are the wettest they have been for the past several years and will absorb less than usual amounts of snowmelt water from the runoff.

Storage in Warm Springs, Agency Valley and Bully Creek has improved from last month. Current contents are 48,600 acre feet compared to last month's 33,200 acre feet and a February 1 average of 112,400 acre feet. January inflow also improved storage in Lake Owyhee. It held 306,800 acre feet on Feb. 1 compared to last month's 167,000 acre feet and a February 1 average of 359,300 acre feet.

STREAMFLOW UP

January streamflow was considerably above average. Last month's inflow to Lake Owyhee was 353 percent of the 1953-67 average. Forecasted streamflow is as follows:

Jordan Creek above Lone Tree Creek, 181,000 a.f. for April-Sept; 213 percent of 1953-67 average; Owyhee Reservoir net inflow, 500,000 a.f., 167; Malheur near Drewsey, 95,000 a.f., 132; Malheur, North Fork at Beulah, 80,000 a.f., 133.

Statewide, adequate to above average water supplies will be experienced by Oregon water users this spring and summer. January storms deposited generous amounts of snow on an already above average snowpack. Soil moisture is better than it has been for the past several years. Forecasted streamflow is average to above average in all areas of the state.

The next report on water supply conditions in Oregon will be issued about March 10, 1969.

Burglars Hit Owyhee Truck

Burglars took socket wrenches and a battery charger valued about \$100 from Owyhee Truck and Implement company in Nyssa sometime Tuesday night.

They seemed to be choicy as they passed up petty cash in an open cash register and a brand new shotgun on a counter.

Entry was gained by breaking a window off the alley on the south end of the building. A door to the offices and display room was forced and some filing cabinets rifled. The theft was discovered by company parts man, Garry Fife when the firm opened for business Wednesday morning.

Police Chief Alvin Allen said they had no distinct leads but the investigation was continuing Wednesday afternoon.

Twelve Adrian Pupils Record Perfect Grades

As reported by Supt. Glenn A. Ward, the following Adrian high school students are listed on the semester honor roll with perfect 'A' grades.

They are Freshmen Bruce Ishida, Donna Rossbach and Vikki Shenk; Sophomores Cheryl Burroughs, Matsuko Hori and Debby Campbell; Junior Nena Salomon; Seniors Cherrylee Chamberlain, Leslie Fujishin, Cindy Shenk, Joann Timmerman and Carolyn Ward.

'B' STUDENTS NAMED

Among 'B' students are Freshmen Jill Franklin, Le Anne Gooch, Teresa Lane, Kermit Landes, Denise Mausing, Sheila Pratt, Lisa Sykes and Mary Timmerman; Sophomores Christina Call, John Mantel and Lee Sipes;

Junior 'B' students are James Fenn, Vickie King, David Phelps, Mark Pratt, Jane Rossbach, Christy Shenk, Earl Stoker and Marcia Topliff; Seniors Eleanor English, Janet Hall, Anita Hunnicutt, Burdette Pratt and Lisa Winn.

FEBRUARY 5 COURT BRIEFS

The court is attempting to set a meeting with Harney County in regards to up-grading law enforcement, schooling of officers, etc. The date suggested was inconvenient to Harney County, so Harney County will let this Court know soon.

A meeting with Mr. Scott Coulter and the landowners adjacent to the 80N proposed improvement will be Feb. 11th (Court Day) at 9 a. m.

The County Court will meet with Mr. Fred Letz Friday, February 14th in regards to the hiring of a new Administrator for the Family Service Clinic.

The Court met with Malheur Nursing Home Board and the Welfare Commission Administrator and discussed the possibility of more facilities for Aged, and other items.

There is no appeal from the board in such a case.

Questions concerning the new penalty and procedures may be answered at the assessor's office.



NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL'S 'TEENS AGAINST POLIO' drive ended Saturday night, Feb. 1 with a Nyssa Jaycee-NHS faculty benefit basketball game. \$1,170 was turned over to C. L. (Andy) Anderson, Malheur County March of Dimes treasurer (on right). Presenting the check are NHS (TAP) Chairman Dan McGinnis (center) and Dale Schraufnagel, Nyssa high school's journalism adviser. - NHS Bulldog photo.

"Nyssa High School's 'Teens Against Polio' (TAP) drive exceeded all expectations," reports Danny A. McGinnis, chairman.

Funds collected totalled \$1170, nearly double the original goal of \$650.

During the first two weeks of the January campaign, the students raised \$950, already surpassing the goal by nearly half. They decided to continue the drive until February 1 climaxing it with a benefit basketball game and dance.

Featuring the Nyssa Jaycees against the school faculty, the basketball game proved successful. Together with the TAP dance which followed, it netted \$210, raising the funds to the record-breaking total.

Fund-raising activities included a variety of projects. Jim Beck headed the committee for organization of the benefit game and dance. McGinnis directed slave auctions, while Angie Labby led class competition. Serving as chairman of junior high activities was Susan Kouns. Barbie Tensen acted as publicity chairman, and Leah Henigson organized cake sales and raffles.

For the past 13 years, NHS's journalism class has sponsored the TAP drive. This year's total

RECEIVE TELEGRAM

McGinnis received the following telegram on Feb. 6 from James L. Ohmer, Oregon Representative of the National Foundation March of Dimes, Portland. It reads as follows: "Congratulations and thanks to you, your committee and the students of Nyssa High School for your tremendous and most successful efforts for the March of Dimes Campaign this year. Our thanks too, to all the school officials who have backed your efforts fully in this and in past years. The fight against birth defects in which all of you are engaged is long from being won."

"But it is through your efforts that great progress has been and will continue to be made in the years ahead. Your support will help finance the over 100 birth defect centers. Two in Oregon, the Saik Institute and numerous research projects all dedicated to doing all that is humanly possible to reduce the more than 250,000 babies born each year with a serious birth defect. "Thank you all again!"



IT WAS A COLD, WINDY DAY ON SATURDAY, Feb. 8, 1969, but regardless of weather conditions there was a good turnout for the Boy Scout parade on Nyssa's Main street. In addition to the many youngsters and those taking part in the program, there were a number of spectators on hand for the flag ceremony and program staged at the intersection of Second and Main streets. In addition to the Saturday parade, a special window

display was arranged by Pack 450 Scouts and their leaders at Wilson Brothers' Department store. They have asked the Journal to express their appreciation to the store owners for use of the window space. The Journal publishers add that the Boy and Girl Scouts and their leaders participated in the celebration in observance of their 'special week' are to be commended for a 'job well done'. - Staff Photo.