

Nyssa Gate City Journal

VOLUME LXIII

The Sugar City

THE NYSSA GATE CITY JOURNAL, NYSSA, OREGON THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1969

Thunderegg Capital

NUMBER XXXIV

Upland Birds Seasons Set; Limits Same

Upland bird and waterfowl hunters will have hunting seasons and bag limits similar to the liberal seasons of past years under regulations established by the Oregon Game Commission at the public hearing Saturday at the Commission's Portland headquarters.

PHASANTS UP IN MALHEUR

Reports from biologists indicate fair to good populations of most species of upland birds, although populations were down from last year. A drop in pheasant numbers is noted in Columbia Basin counties, offset somewhat by an increase in the Malheur area. Quail numbers noted on the census routes reveal only about one-half the peak population in 1968.

Chukar populations appear good, although dense vegetation made an accurate census difficult. The production inventory shows fewer birds than last

(Continued On Page 5)

BAND REHEARSALS FOR NHS STUDENTS

Nyssa high school band students will meet for two pre-school rehearsals from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, August 26 and 28, it is announced by Band Director Craig D. Northrup.

All students who are registered for marching band activities, and those who plan to sign up when school starts, should attend the two scheduled rehearsal sessions, Northrup added.

Sunday Open House To Fete C. Parra; Artists Invited

All area artists, and other patrons interested in art work, are invited to attend an open house event honoring Carlos Parra at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 24 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. (Shorty) and Virginia) Brandt.

The Brandt residence is located four miles south of Nyssa on the Adrian highway, then two miles west on Grand avenue.

Carlos, Nyssa's young artist who has been studying art for nearly five years in New York City, arrived in Nyssa Friday, for a two-week visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Parra, other relatives and friends. This is his first visit to this area since going to New York.

Mrs. Brandt, a local artist, was Parra's very first art instructor.



PREPARING DECORATIONS FOR A SEPTEMBER 6 STYLE revue, sponsored annually by women of Malheur Memorial hospital auxiliary. Mrs. Bob (Marie) Wilson is chairman of this year's fashion show, and is being assisted by Mrs. L. A. (Irene) Maulding. Very appropriately, women of the auxiliary selected residents of the hospital's nursing home wing to make the now popular large paper flowers to be used as decorations for the show. The flowers are being made by (l to r) Miss Mertrude King, Mrs. Anna West,

Mrs. Anna Mae Sisson and Mrs. Connie Bumpas. The work is being done under direction of Mrs. Royce Cole who is in charge of craft instruction at the nursing home. Reflected in a mirror, above the piano, is Robert Vinson-haler who was visiting with a fellow resident in the dining area of the spacious recreating-dining room. The 1969 fall style revue, with a Mexican theme, will be staged in the multi-purpose room of the Nyssa primary school building. - Journal photo.

Man Charged With Slaying At Ontario

The Malheur County sheriff's department has identified the body of a woman who was the apparent victim of a homicide near Ontario last Saturday. Her companion is being held by law enforcement officials and is charged with second degree murder.

Malheur County Sheriff Robert Ingram identified the dead woman, reportedly badly beaten, as Rosa Lynn Marie Wannassay, 28, recently of Pendleton, Ore. She had been living in the Ontario area for several weeks.

Being held on a second degree murder charge is Bradies Roberson, 44, a transient who recently moved here after having worked in the pea harvest at Pendleton.

He was arraigned Saturday night before Ontario Justice of the Peace Nita Bellows and is being held in the Malheur County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail. Roberson has asked for a court-appointed attorney and the case has been continued.

Sheriff Ingram said an autopsy was performed Sunday and other evidence in the case has been taken to the Oregon state crime laboratory in Portland. No official statement has been made regarding what caused the death of the woman.

FEDERAL AGENCY GIVES ONTARIO \$326,000 FOR WATER, SEWER PROGRAM

The city of Ontario has been awarded a \$326,900 federal grant which will enable the city to go ahead with its comprehensive water and sewer improvement program.

Confirmation of approval of the federal grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development came Thursday to city superintendent C. Lloyd Castner and was received from the office of U. S. Senator Robert Packwood in Washington, D. C.

Cost of the entire project has been set at \$773,000. Citizens of Ontario passed a \$446,100 bond issue last October and the \$326,900 federal grant will provide the rest of the necessary financing.

An over-all water study was presented at the time of application and the city's water needs to 1990 were projected. "We are in excellent shape financially now," Castner said.

The grant will also permit acceleration of the water distribution system. "It will permit Ontario to provide ample water to everyone and to meet our annexation commitments," Castner commented.

The city superintendent also predicted that improvements in the water system will probably affect the fire insurance classification. Ontario is currently in a class six and he hopes that this will be lowered to class five which would provide citizens with an estimated 10 per cent savings in their fire insurance costs.

In June the city of Ontario also received a \$130,000 grant from the Department of the Interior for improvements to Ontario's sewer system. "The combination of the two grants puts Ontario sewer and water facilities in excellent position for the future," he commented.

FULLY ACCREDITED

King said the hospital was accredited by the national association checking agency as well as by Social Security agencies. The latter, he said, was much tougher to comply with as the federal government had elected to offer the public much better medical care than they could afford to buy.

During the current tax year Ontario budgeted a total of \$296,000 for all city services.

M M Hospital Head Reports On Operations

Ernest King, administrator of M M Hospital, gave a brief report on operations of the firm Wednesday. He gave a few statistics, outlined the services available, and told what individuals could do to help offset the rising costs.

A total of 81 employees, with a monthly payroll of \$25,000 operate the 70 bed institution. Of the latter 32 are in the general hospital and 38 are in the extended care facilities.

Since February, King said, the hospital had only a 30.82 percent occupancy and the extended care facilities 90 percent. With \$15,000 expenses, other than payroll, he said it did not take a mathematician to figure that a greater occupancy was needed in the hospital part. This could be accomplished by a greater use by local people when it was necessary to be in a hospital.

Malheur County Fair Schedule Of Events

Wednesday, August 27, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. - All livestock entered.

Thursday, August 28, 8:30 a.m. - Meeting of 4-H exhibitors and leaders in Girvin hall; 9 a.m. - Judge 4-H sheep, Girvin hall; 4-H Horse judging, track; 9:30 a.m. - Judge 4-H swine, swine arena; FFA dairy, FFA arena; 1 p.m. - Judge exhibits in Armory, Judge Agricultural exhibits; 1:30 p.m. - Judge FFA Beef, FFA arena; Open class dairy, Girvin hall; 7 p.m. - KSRV Talent show.

Friday, August 29, 8:30 a.m. - 4-H livestock exhibitors and leaders, Girvin hall; 9 a.m. - 4-H Dairy, Girvin hall; 4-H beef, north lot; FFA service, swine arena; 1:30 p.m. - FFA sheep, swine arena; 3:30 p.m. - Open class beef, north lot; 7 p.m. - Jimmy Wakely, Garray & Tomino and Dwight Moore's Mongrel Revue.

Saturday, August 30, 8:30 a.m. - 4-H Livestock exhibitors and leaders, Girvin hall; 9 a.m. - 4-H beef showmanship, north lot; 10 a.m. - 4-H Poultry and rabbits, Poultry Pens; 2:30 p.m. - Junior fat-stock auction, Girvin hall; 7 p.m. - Jimmy Wakely, Garray & Tomino and Dwight Moore's Mongrel Revue.

Sunday, August 31: 10 a.m. - Non-Denominational worship service, Girvin hall; 2 p.m. - Awards program, Girvin hall; 6:30 p.m. - Nampa city band concert, Lions' park; 7:30 p.m. - Jimmy Wakely, Garray & Tomino & Moore's Mongrel Revue. 8:45 p.m. - Pageant, "THE MELTING POT". Locally produced, featuring a local cast, with a patriotic overtone and an outstanding final for the 1969 Malheur County Fair.

ORE-IDA FOODS, INC. INVOKES FIRE CLAUSE IN CONTRACTS; CUTS CORN, SPUD PROCESSING Hopes To Aid Growers Locate Other Markets For Remainder Of Crops

(ED's Note: A copy of the following letter from company Field Manager John A. Catey was sent Aug. 15 to all corn and potato growers having contracts with the firm. It is carried in its entirety due to the impact on local economy and to avoid any possibility of misunderstanding in the company's official position.

Dear Grower:

Since our initial report to you of last week, the situation with respect to our ability to handle our contracted corn and potato crops has become more clear. Based on the information now available, our position with respect to these crops is as follows:

CORN — In my letter of Aug. 6, 1969, I said that we would make every effort to take all corn we have under contract, either as silage or for processing. As you will recall, this position depended on two unknowns that we had hoped would work out favorably: 1) Our ability to operate at 80 percent of normal capacity, and 2) the fact that other processors in the area would be able to handle a portion of the tonnage we could not take.

Unfortunately, neither of these has worked out as anticipated. It now appears that our production will be closer to 50 percent of our normal capacity. In addition, we have been unable to dispose of any material amount of corn to other processors.

We must, therefore, invoke the fire clause of the contract to the extent of 50 percent of the acreage covered by each corn grower's contract. Thus, a 40-acre grower is released as to 20 acres. The remaining acreage will be taken either for processing at the contract price or, if passed, will be paid for as silage at the rate of \$10 per ton.

With respect to the released acreage, Ore-Ida will pay \$7 per ton for the silage. In addition, Ore-Ida will release the grower from his obligation to pay for the seed planted on the released acres from which no corn is harvested for processing.

In spite of the foregoing, we are still hopeful that our processing capacity will improve over the next few weeks. At the same time, you have our assurance that we will continue our efforts to dispose of additional corn to other processors as the season progresses.

Because of these possibilities we suggest that you do not abandon any released acreage and that you do not chop or disc your released acreage until it has clearly passed maturity or until you have contacted us concerning the possibility of our handling a greater amount of corn. Any corn taken for processing at released acreage will be paid for at the contract price.

The requirements with respect to all silage, whether from passed or released acreage, is the same as outlined in my earlier letter. It must be delivered to Johns, Smith & Beamer in Ontario, and must contain at least 30 percent dry matter. Any silage containing between 25 and 29 percent dry matter will be \$4.50 per ton; if the silage contains less than 25 percent dry matter, the payment will be \$2 per ton.

POTATOES — As you know, the major impact of the fire was to the potato processing area. It is still too early to determine when we will be able to produce at full capacity, although the Feb. 1, 1970 date referred to in some news releases still seems attainable.

It therefore appears that with the exception of a limited by-product and fresh pack operation scheduled to begin in mid-September, over 50 percent of our annual potato processing capacity at Ontario will be lost for the current processing year.

In light of this, we will be unable to take all of the potatoes we have under contract. We therefore must invoke the fire clause of the potato contract and release our growers as to 35 percent of all "late Russet" acreage. Your contract will indicate whether your crop falls within the "late Russet" category.

Every effort has been made to minimize the amount of this reduction. A fresh pack operation is scheduled to begin in mid-September. We will continue to move potatoes to our Burley factory to the extent that it is economically feasible and to the extent that so doing does not conflict with deliveries already scheduled from potatoes contracted for Burley.

As has been the case with corn, it is difficult to predict

accurately just what our capabilities will be in potato processing. The availability of machinery, equipment delivery dates and many other factors beyond our control can materially affect the tentative start-up date of Feb. 1, 1970. In spite of these uncertainties, we feel we must give you this notice to provide you with the maximum opportunity to dispose of the released portion of your crop elsewhere.

Hopefully, we will be able to use more potatoes than now appears possible. If this happens, any additional quantities of potatoes we may require will be purchased from the growers affected by this announcement. The price paid for any additional purchases will be the contract price or the current market price, whichever is higher.

We hope this commitment will dispell any concern that this action is being taken in an effort to avoid our contracts in the hope of purchasing open potatoes later in the year at a price lower than that provided in the contract.

We regret that our factory fire forces us to take this action and hope that by outlining our position now you will be better able to profitably dispose of the released portion of the crop. If you have any questions or if we can assist you, please feel free to call on me or any of our fieldmen.

Sincerely yours,
John A. Catey
Field Manager.

MALHEUR PIONEERS SET AUG. 29 PICNIC

The 55th annual picnic and meeting of the Malheur County Pioneers' association will be held August 29 at the Vale city park.

Serving of the dinner will begin at 12 noon, followed by entertainment and a business session. A dance at the Vale Grange hall will conclude the day's activities.

New officers for the association have been selected, it was announced recently. Harold Mallett of Ontario was elected president, succeeding Carroll Loyce of Ironside. Dr. John E. Long of Nyssa was named vice president, with Mrs. Benny Maag of Jamieson elected secretary. Glenn High was re-elected treasurer of the association.

Adrian Schools Slate Registration

Adrian high school registration is scheduled for August 27-28 from 4 to 8 p.m. Elementary and junior high students will register September 2, the first day of school, according to Supt. Glenn A. Ward.



A SCENE AT THE AMERICAN FINE FOODS corn-canning plant (formerly Idaho Canning company) in Nyssa during a Monday morning tour by government officials and local patrons. This Journal photo was snapped in the cutting room at the local cannery. Men in the foreground are (l to r) Gene Stunz, chairman of the tour; Bob Moss, company president; Ray Larson, Amalgamated Sugar company's district manager;

Tad Shigeno, area farmer; E. H. 'Shorty' Brandt, at whose home the group picnicked following the tour; Paul Vandermyde, an official of the National Security Administration, Washington, D.C.; and Oregon's U.S. Senator Robert Packwood. In the background are two unidentified plant employees. The picnic luncheon at the Brandt residence was catered by women of St. Paul's Episcopal church.



HEADING THE AUGUST 28 RED CROSS BLOOD DRAWING committee are Mrs. David (Judy) Peery (on left) and Mrs. Craig (Anne) Burbank, members of the sponsoring Nyssa Jay-C-Ettes. Quota for the Thursday drawing is 150 pints of the life-saving fluid. A local physician will be on duty during the mobile unit's visit from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Nyssa Eagles' hall, located at North Third street and Bower avenue. Women of Nyssa First Christian church will be in charge of the canteen, with members of Girl Scout troop 99 providing babysitting services. The Jay-C-Ette chairmen remind members of area organizations that the traveling trophy is still being awarded. To be eligible, an organization must have ten or more members and the award is given on a percentage basis of members donating blood at any one drawing. Interested members of the various Adrian - Nyssa area groups are urged to contact Mrs. Peery or Mrs. Burbank who will supply additional information and register names of organizations. The women also pointed out that there is a desperate need of blood in this immediate area. REMEMBER DONORS: THE BLOOD DRAWING IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 - 2 TO 6 P.M., at the NYSSA FOE HALL. — Journal Photo.