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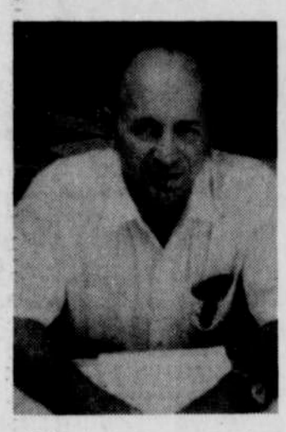
THREE NEW BUSINESSMEN AND FAMILIES MOVE TO NYSSA COMMUNITY

Harvey S. Wilmot

Harvey S. Wilmot, with the Dessert Seed Company in Fresno, California since 1962, is the new manager of Dessert Seed Company in Nyssa. He succeeds John Studer, who resigned June 1 to enter the seed business in Culver, Oregon.



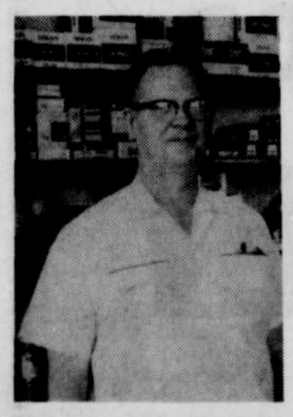
Wilmot was born and raised in Boise, and started in the seed business with Shields Seed Company, Nampa. He was with Food Machinery, a seed firm in Fresno from 1952 until he joined Dessert Seed.

He and his wife Helen live at 104 Park Avenue, and have one son, Mike, who is 10 years old. Wilmot is a Navy veteran of World War II, and his main hobbies are hunting and fishing. The family enjoys camping with their trailer, and are happy to be back in this area. Helen's hobby is oil painting, and they have both worked in the Cub Scout program in Fresno.

Noah W. Bass

Noah W. Bass is the new owner of the Union 76 Service Station at 3rd & Main Street, having recently purchased the station from Charley and Peggy Zinn, who are retiring and going fishing.

Bass is a retired Captain in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, serving from February, 1934 to September, 1954. Since retirement he was co-owner with John Mason of the Buick dealership in Weiser in 1954 - 55; farmed in Meridian 1955 - 56; was service manager for Jason Smith Oldsmobile in Caldwell 1956 - 58; owned a Texaco Service in Boise, 1959 - 64; and a Phillips 66 Station in Boise from 1964 to the present.



He will call his Nyssa business Bass Union 76 Service, and will operate the Goodman Oil Company wholesale distributorship. With many years in the garage and service station business, Bass has every confidence in the economic and business climate of Nyssa.

Noah Bass and his wife Harriet have purchased the John Studer home and will soon be moved in just North of the Nyssa city limits on Highway 201. They have six children, four still at home. Their oldest daughter, Tresa, is single and works for the National Science Foundation in Washington, D. C. The next daughter, Mary, is married to Roy Olds, band director at Vale High School. John, 17, will be a senior at Nyssa High School; James, 14, will be in the 9th grade; Kathy, 13, in the 8th grade' and Bob, 9, in the 4th grade.

Born and raised in Elk City, Oklahoma, Bass worked his way up to Master Sergeant in the Army before going to OCS and receiving his commission at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He is a member of the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and the Elks Lodge.

Dr. Frank J. Sykes

Dr. K. E. Kerby and Dr. K. A. Danford announce the association in the clinic of Dr. Frank J. Sykes, physician and surgeon. He has joined the Nyssa doctors after one year in Lanai, Hawaiian Islands, and in private practice in Crescent City from 1955 to 1970. While in Lanai he took and passed the examination for the American Board of Family Physicians.

Dr. Sykes was born and raised in Berkley, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. He attended Catholic University and the University of Pittsburgh, and received his medical degree from Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. While there he met and married his wife Dorothy.

Dr. and Mrs. Sykes have four children, the oldest, Anita, is married and lives at Arcata, Calif. Frank J. III, 18, will finish his senior year of school at Crescent City. Teresa (Teri) 15, and James, 11, are at home in Nyssa. Temporarily residing on North 1st Street, the Sykes are looking for a permanent residence.

Dr. Sykes served his internship at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, Michigan, and spent one year of general residency at Kauai, Hawaii. He then served 37 months in the Army in World War II, and was called back for two more years during the Korean conflict. Between these two periods with the Army Dr. Sykes worked for the Department of the Interior at Yap in the South Pacific. Before going to Crescent City he spent two years residency in El Paso, Texas.

Love of rockhounding brought Dr. Sykes to Nyssa, and he is looking forward to further exploring the thunderegg beds in Malheur County.

SRV FIREFIGHTERS SENT TO COLORADO

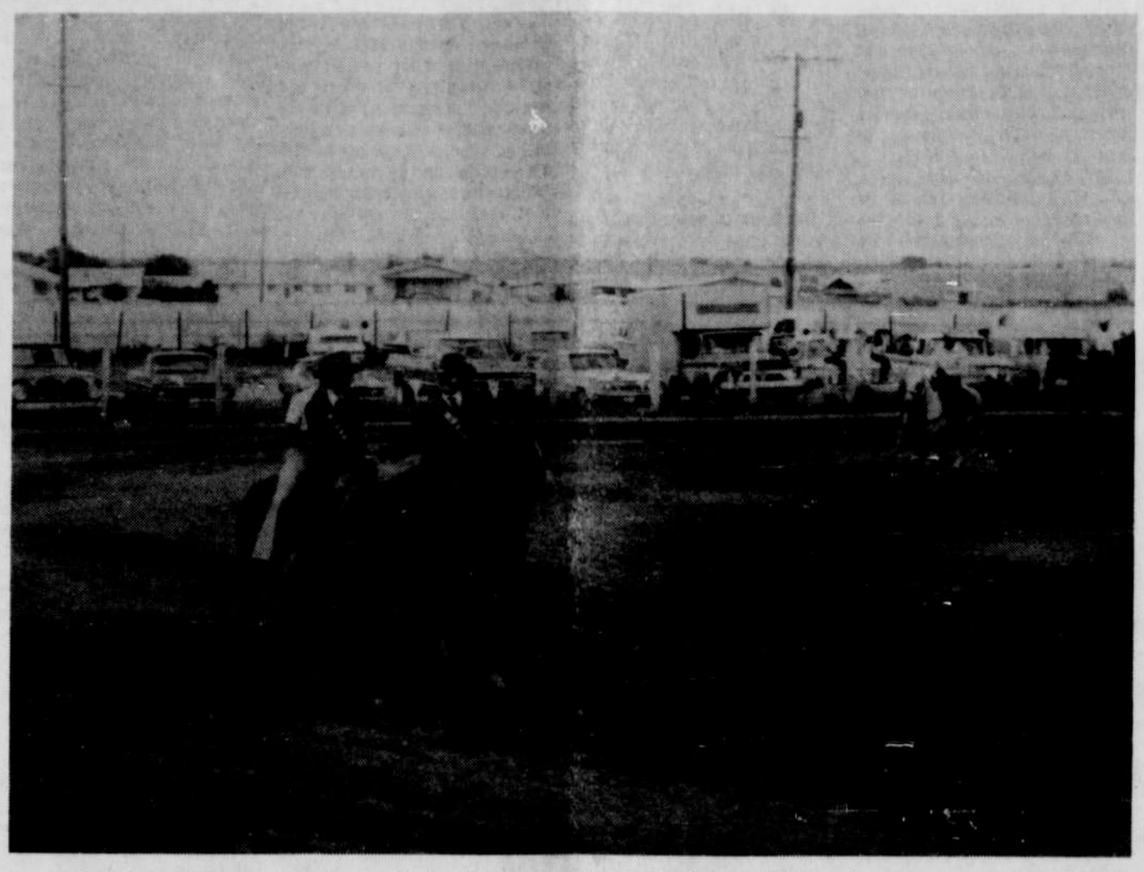
Fourteen SRV Mexican-American firefighting crews have been dispatched to Grand Junction, Colorado and Laramie, Wyoming this week to assist in quelling two separate fires.

Maxwell T. Lieurance, manager of the Vale BLM District, said the first two crews were sent to the Pine Ridge fire near Grand Junction on July 11. This fire was brought under control and the two crews were re-dispatched to the large Bull Mountain fire burning in Colorado close to the Wyoming state line. The fire started on BLM rangelands and is now burning into timbered Forest Service lands. Three additional crews were airlifted to Laramie, Wyoming late Monday and then were bused to the Bull Mountain fire. Nine more crews were dispatched to the same fire Tuesday. Early reports indicate the fire is burning in extremely steep and rocky terrain, making firefighting very difficult.

The Vale District experienced one fire as a result of the thunderstorms of last weekend when lightning started a 110-acre blaze about six miles south of Harper near Hunter Reservoir. A BLM pumper crew and helicopter were joined by Harper area ranchers in fighting this fire which was under control early Friday morning, Lieurance said.

The automobile may be one of our greatest conveniences, but it is also our greatest killer. The Oregon Traffic Safety Commission points out that in just 50 years the automobile has killed more Americans than all our nation's wars.

Horses Fill Rodeo Arena



Queen Candy Cramer and Princess Yvette Yturri can be seen entering the rodeo grounds as a mass of horses and riders fill the arena after the parade Friday evening. From the picture, it looks like the queen has picked up a hitch hiker.

County Junior Rodeo Planned

The First Annual Malheur County Junior Rodeo will be held July 31st and August 1st at Vale. Sponsored by the Malheur County Rodeo Board the rodeo, which features action by youngsters from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and California will be approved by the Western States Junior Rodeo Association.

WSJRA recently granted approval to the Malheur County Rodeo Board to hold this rodeo, one of eight sponsored by the group, after several years of attempting to gain a rodeo for this area. Other WSJRA approved rodeos held throughout the summer months may be seen in Walla Walla, Washington; Heppner, Hermiston, Redmond, Lakeview, Klamath Falls, and Halfway, all in Oregon.

Top youth competitors will compete in two age brackets: 9 through 14 inclusive and 15 through 18 inclusive. Events to be held are: Seniors - bareback riding, tiedown calf roping, daily team roping (for both boys and girls), bull riding, barrel racing, breakaway roping, pole bending, goat tying, and girl's steer riding. Juniors will be seen in action in: boys calf riding, girls calf riding, and combination events of barrel racing, breakaway calf roping, pole bending and goat tail tying.

A contestant must be a member of the Western States Junior Rodeo Association or a resident of Washington and Payette Counties in Idaho or Malheur, Baker and Harney Counties in Oregon. Around 250 young people are expected to compete in the two day event with each performance beginning at 7 p.m. at the Vale Shamrock Arena.

Entries may be obtained from Vickie Weaver, Secretary, at 298 S. Oregon, Ontario, or by calling 889-5621 or 889-6284. Books close at midnight July 25th.

COUNCIL STUDIES DOG ORDINANCE

The Nyssa City Council met in regular session Tuesday evening, and in addition to routine business and paying the bills, took the following action:

Directed the City Attorney to draft a new Dog Ordinance more restrictive than the present ordinance, prohibiting dogs from running at large.

Advised the Planning Commission to hold a Public Hearing on the zoning of the Morgan Addition to R-S zone, with the exception of a strip on Commercial Avenue, which will be zoned Commercial.

Appointed Carl Burningham to the Planning Commission to replace Jim Robinson, who has resigned.

Discussed House Bill 1979, which gives counties the option of raising automobile licenses by $10. Referred the matter to the County Court with the advice of allowing people to vote on the measure.

Nyssa Night Rodeo Plays To Large Crowds

Large crowds were on hand for both performances of the Nyssa Night Rodeo as over 120 cowboys and cowgirls competed for prizes on stock furnished by the Pehrson Brothers Rodeo Company of Darlington, Idaho.

The rodeo, sponsored this year by the newly organized Nyssa Rodeo Association under the direction of Lynn Snodgrass, chairman, was termed highly successful by all who participated either as spectators or contestants.

Finalists in each of the seven classes of competition were as follows:

Bull Riding - Ron Burch, Nampa, first; Curtis Reay, Mackay, second; John Davis, Homedale, third; and Rone Lowe, Mackay, fourth.

Saddle Bronc Riding - Mark Lee, Gooding, first; Pete McArthur, Buhl, second; Dick Otley, Burns, third; and Tom Redheart, Lewiston and Nick Martin, Burley, tied for fourth.

Bareback Riding - Virgil Vail, Kuna, first; Rawley Standley, Gooding, second; Jed Baker, Caldwell, third; and Rick Giesler, Fairfield, fourth.

Calf Roping - Jay Greenwood, Unity, first; Jackie West, Buhl, second; Lowell Taylor, Kuna, third; and Buzz Walthers, Meridian, fourth.

Bull Dogging - Bryce Hall, Sun Valley, first; Rod Endicott, Middleton, second; Gary West, Riggins, third; and Gary Crupper, Boise, fourth.

Barrel Racing - Patty Kaufman, Boise, first; Connie Morcom, Harper, second; Trudy Wilcox, Shoshone, third; and Betty Eddy, Meridian, fourth.

Team Roping - Don and Dave Dorris, Meridian, first; Rawley Stanley and Robert Robinson, Tuttle, second; Steve Kaufman and Paul Hudson, Boise, third; and Shorty Hagler Kuna and Benny Panzeri, Marsing, fourth.

Featured attraction both nights was Dell Anderson, Ontario, and his trained jumping horse Kipper. Saturday night the Canyon County Sheriff's Posse put on a precision riding drill to thrill the large crowd.

ONTARIO MEN NAMED TO BOARDS

Roger Baker, Ontario, was sworn in to a four year term as a member of the State Board of Auctioneers, and Ralph Davis, also Ontario, was sworn in to a four year term on the State Board of Watchmakers.

Both men were appointed to the boards by Governor McCall.

HIGHWAY DEPT. CALLS FOR BIDS

Bids will be received by the Oregon State Highway Commission on Thursday, July 29, in Salem, for 19 projects totaling an estimated $6,800,000. Descriptions for the Malheur County project is as follows:

This project involves 8.48 miles of widening and an overlay with asphalt concrete on the M.P. 85.5-Blue Mountain Pass Section of the I.O.N. Highway, about 64 miles southwest of Jordan Valley. This includes grading and paving for two 12-foot lanes. Completion time--270-calendar workdays.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN
July 7	82	48
July 8	90	53
July 9	91	51
July 10	78	50
July 11	80	52
July 12	85	53
July 13	91	54
July 14		56

Owyhee Reservoir Storage

7/14/71 658,670 Acre Feet
7/14/70 660,710 Acre Feet

FARM BUREAU COMMENDS SMITH

Oregon Farm Bureau First Vice President W.A. Johnson today congratulated House Speaker Robert F. Smith for his efforts in behalf of Oregon agriculture.

Johnson, Yamhill area farmer, said that Smith is showing "the courage to try to solve difficult problems. We in Oregon agriculture appreciate the fact that he is enough interested in us to try and solve the problem that has developed around an agriculture-farm labor relations bill."

Smith has announced that he is naming a House Task Force to study the problem which zoomed into the headlines with the veto by Governor Tom McCall of SB 677. That measure was intended to set up some regulations governing the situation.

Johnson said that the Task force "should be able to solve the issue. I believe the job of writing a bill that cannot be viewed in any way, shape or form as unconstitutional should not be too difficult."

Johnson pledged Farm Bureau support to the effort, saying that "we will help in any manner possible. A law is desperately needed to protect not only the farmer and rancher, but the farm worker. Without rules the doors are wide open for action that could seriously impair the Oregon agricultural industry. I fully expect that unless a bill is drafted, and a special session of the legislature called to pass that bill, we will be in for many unpleasant incidents. We look for sound and rapid action from the Task Force."

Hirai Named To Farm Labor Committee

Oregon Farm Bureau's Acting President W.A. Johnson of Yamhill has announced a special committee to aid the three-member commission named by Governor Tom McCall to study a new agriculture-farm labor relations bill.

The six-member committee named by Johnson will offer its assistance in "any way possible to the McCall commission. The Farm Bureau group will have representatives at hearings of the committee, and will make available information concerning the agricultural viewpoint on issues that arise.

Appointed by Johnson were: Ross Hukari of Hood River of the Hood River Traffic Association, Phil Goulet of Gervais, representating the Oregon Hop Growers, Dave Lowry of the Fruit Growers League of Jackson County, Ovid Long of Independence of the Oregon-Washington Growers Association, Roy Hirai of Nyssa, past chairman of the Oregon Potato Commission, and Howard Fujii of Salem representing the Farm Bureau and serving as coordinator for the committee.

Johnson said that "we want to insure that all the facts are made public over this matter and that the Governor's commission has all the information it may want regarding agriculture's viewpoint on this proposal."

Johnson said that the committee was named after "viewing the membership of the commission named by the Governor. Our feeling is that persons with adequate agricultural backgrounds should be made available, to be of aid."

NYSSA HIGH SCHOOL BAND LOOKS SHARP AT FAMOUS CALGARY STAMPEDE

Craig Northrup, Nyssa High School Band Director, called the Journal with a report on the activities of the band, now in Calgary for the Calgary Stampede. He reported that all members of the group, students and chaperones, are well and happy, and they have experienced no difficulties whatsoever. They will start home today (Thursday), and will arrive in Nyssa early Friday between one and three a.m.

Northrup said that the band marched Monday, July 12, before a crowd of 300,000 people in the parade route, and were televised live by CTV (Canadian Television Corporation Network). Their position in the parade was directly following Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau. The band marched directly in front of the car carrying Bobby Orr of the Boston Bruins, winners of the Stanley Cup for the National Hockey League.

The quote from the Calgary paper said "the sharp Nyssa High School Marching and Concert Band from Nyssa, Oregon, dressed in light blue uniforms, drew the applause of the crowd with their smart marching formation", Northrup said.

After the parade Monday afternoon the band went to Banff National Park, and rode the gondola lift up the mountain to see a beautiful panorama of the Canadian Rockies.

Tuesday they performed in the marching competition, and special performances included a concert in Music Park, a concert at the Aquarium, and a concert at Heritage Park.

Wednesday they were to perform in the grandstand at the internationally famous rodeo, along with the other bands, and then take in the rodeo as spectators.

En route home Thursday they will make stops at Cranbrook, B.C., and at Coeur d'Alene and Moscow Idaho.

Farm Labor Hearing Set

Oregon House Speaker Robert F. Smith said today he has directed the House Task Force on Farm Labor to hold a public hearing in Ontario.

The hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 23.

The special five-member legislative panel will begin its deliberations on a new farm labor bill with a public hearing in Salem on July 22.

Smith created the Task Force in the wake of Governor Tom McCall's veto of the farm labor relations act approved by the 1971 Legislature.

Smith, who expressed "deep disappointment" at the Governor's rejection of the bill, created the Task Force and directed it to begin work immediately on the drafting of a new farm labor measure.

In announcing formation of the panel, Smith said it should prepare a bill for consideration in the event of a special session of the Legislature.

Smith said that Senator Anthony Yturri, R-Ontario, will sit as a member of the Task Force at the Ontario hearing.

He also said that all individuals or groups from Malheur County wishing to present testimony will be given the opportunity to do so.

Smith said that Joe Hobson, manager of the Malheur County Farm Bureau, is assisting the Task Force in making arrangements for the Ontario visit.

Anyone wishing to appear before the Task Force should contact Hobson, Smith said.

"Our area and our people are particularly affected by this vital question of farm labor relations," Smith said, "and their views should be heard in full before a new bill is drafted."

Smith said he believes it is possible for the Task Force to draft legislation "which removes questions of unconstitutionality, while at the same time providing protections both for farmers and their employees."

Smith said he does not believe the Legislature "should wait until a crisis is upon us before taking action to blunt the possibility of a repetition of the chaotic and coercive conditions which have accompanied farm labor controversies in California."

Smith said the Task Force will hold hearings in several other parts of the state before drafting a new bill.

Rep. Gordon Macpherson, R-Toledo, is chairman of the Task Force. Other members are Reps. Robert Stults, R-Roseburg, Ed Patterson, R-La Grande, Marvin Hollingsworth, D-Troutdale, and Dick Magruder, D-Clatskanie.

Smith said he expects the Task Force to complete its work within 30 days.

KURTZ ELECTED BOARD CHAIRMAN

The Nyssa School District Board of Directors reorganized last week for the 1971-72 school year, with Harold Kurtz elected to succeed Victor Haburchak as school board chairman. Don Engstrom was named vice-chairman.

The board also changed the regular meeting night to the second Monday of each month beginning in August.

WINDOWS BROKEN AT GRADE SCHOOL

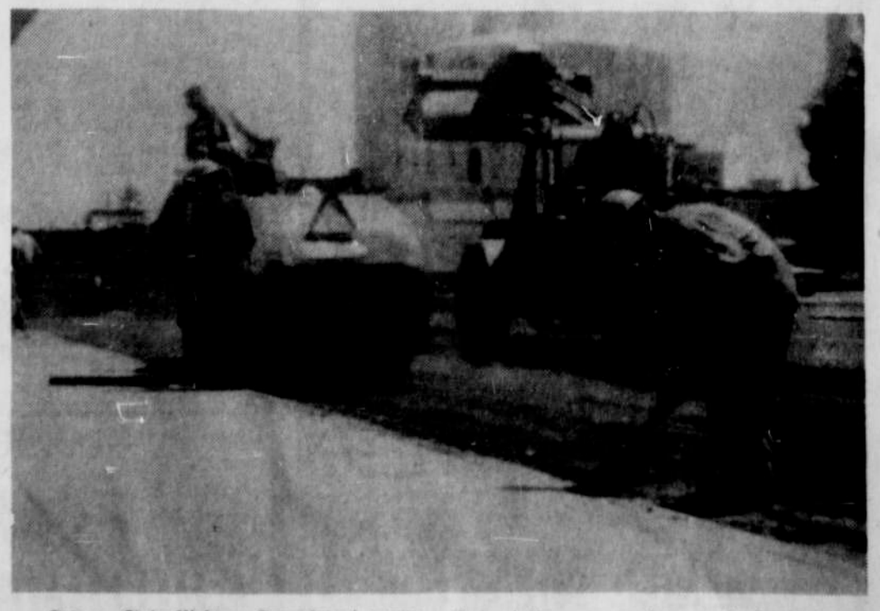
Chief of Police Alvin Allen reported that 93 windows had been broken out of rooms in the Elementary School early Tuesday evening.

Building custodian Wayne Dickson discovered the damage as he was checking the building at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Rocks were thrown through the windows on both the front and back sides of the building.

Chief Allen asks that anyone who might have seen persons loitering around the school, or who has any knowledge of this destructive crime, please call the Nyssa Police Department.

Task Force For Ontario

Highway Crew Paves Street



Oregon State Highway Department crews have been busy on Main Street this week sealing and installing a light overlay over the existing pavement as part of a periodic maintenance program.