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AMALGAMATED SUGAR CO. WILL NOT RECRUIT MIGRANT LABOR FOR 1972

The following article was written by Ray Larson, district manager for Amalgamated Sugar Company, and appeared in the Spring issue of "The Sugarbeet", company publication.

NYSSA DISTRICT

It appears that there will be no need to recruit migrant labor for the Nyssa district in 1972. This theory is based on four facts:

1. There are over 1,500 field workers living in the Nyssa district.
2. Electronic thinners handled one-third of the Nyssa acreage last year and more will be used in 1972.
3. Migrant workers have made good money in this area and they will return without Company recruitment.
4. We will still recruit for some areas in the Magic Valley, because there are not enough year-around residents there. If necessary, these people could be brought in here should an emergency arise.

RESIDENT WORKERS

A survey conducted in the summer of 1970 showed that there were 1,569 field workers that lived permanently in the Nyssa district. These people did the actual hand labor in beets, onions and potatoes. Tractor drivers, irrigators and hired men were not included in this count. A labor force this large can handle the entire beet crop if thinned acreage

holds to around 35,000 acres. Electronic thinners thinned 11,000 acres in the Nyssa district in 1971. These thinners could have covered more ground but there was a surplus of labor and crews needed work. Many farmers let hand crews do fields that an electronic thinner could have taken care of. In practically all cases, the electronic thinner did as good or a better job than hand crews. Threats of increased wage rates for the 1972 sugarbeet crop have made more growers determined to mechanize.

Last year there were 70 electronic thinners in the district. Early estimates indicate that there will be another 10 to 15 purchased by farmers this year. Eighty-five thinners should be able to handle 30,000 acres under the most adverse conditions.

When workers returned to Texas last fall, many of them told farmers they would be back this spring. In the past, they have had longer work periods and could make more money in the Treasure Valley than in most other areas. Many workers have a pattern of work movement, and over the past 20 years they have come to the Nyssa area. It will take a few years to break this pattern.

HOUSING SHORTAGE FORESEEN

Most labor camps in the Nyssa district cannot meet Federal standards if standards are enforced to the letter. Farm labor organizations will probably begin to phase out these camps, so that housing will become more difficult for migrants to find in the future. Farmers probably will still need irrigators and tractor drivers, but local people should be able to fill these needs. Recent advances in potato and onion harvests should reduce further the need for recruited labor in the future.

With the experience gained from spring mechanization of sugarbeets in 1971, I can foresee no great problems if we do not recruit labor for 1972. We will still need hand labor to trim weedy fields and to do some "touch-up" hoeing after thinning, but there should be adequate local labor to handle these operations.

POLICE WARN

NYSSA RESIDENTS

The Nyssa Police Department has received several reports lately where persons are going door to door and soliciting the use of the telephone at residences where only older ladies live, it is reported by Alvin Allen, Police Chief.

On one of these occasions the party used the phone and then left, but several weeks later when the victim received her phone bill she found numerous phone calls had been made and charged to her number.

The Police Department cautions anyone who has this occur to refuse the party entry into their home and asks that you immediately notify the department by calling 372-3112 or 372-5316 after 5 p.m.

Entertainment For County Fair Selected

Entertainment for the 1972 Malheur County Fair has been selected by the Fair Board in special session according to Gordon Capps, Chairman. He stated that the group is negotiating through the Roberts Agency of Washington and contracts have now been signed.

Hank Thompson, country-western music star, and the Brazos Valley Boys will perform at two shows on Thursday, August 17th along with Grandpa Jones of Grand Ole Opry and Hee-Haw fame. On Friday, the 18th JoAnn Castle, honkey-tonk pianist formerly with the Lawrence Welk program, and Eddie Fukano, a Comedian will also give two shows. Gospel singing groups of the area will give a concert on

Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. Included in the group will be The Kings Witnesses and The Galileans well-known in this area. Capps stated that performances will be at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and that Saturday afternoon's program will include the traditional "Awards Program".

Admission to the fair will be by a \$1.00 button and each individual age six and over will need one. This will entitle the wearer to attend all entertainment offered and view the many exhibits on the grounds.

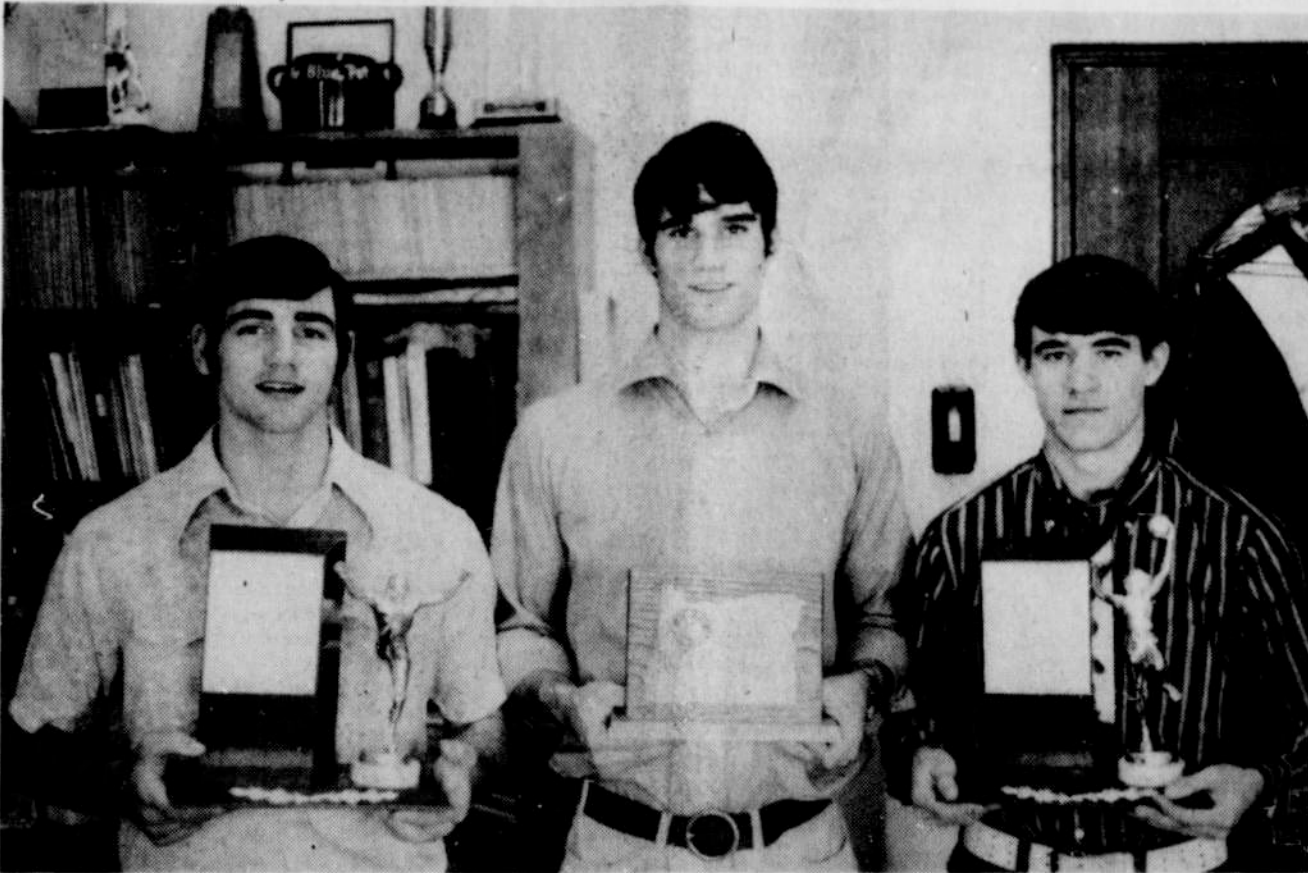
The 1972 Malheur County Fair will officially open at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 16th.



Caught in the act of spring gardening Tuesday morning, are Irene and Bill Church of 111 N. 4th Street, Nyssa. The Church's yard, neat as a pin, is alive

with beautiful red tulips and yellow daffodils, in spite of the cold weather and a few March snow flurries.

NHS Athletic Teams Win Trophies



Nyssa High School athletic teams have recently been awarded trophies for their prowess in football and basketball.

Shown above are Ron Moffis, left, holding the trophy for the 1971 SRV Football Championship. In center is Dan

Nichols holding the Sportsmanship Trophy awarded at the Oregon State Class AA Basketball Tournament in Eugene last week.

Rick Chester, right, is holding the SRV Basketball Championship trophy for 1971-72.

Wayne Morse To Visit Nyssa

Wayne Morse will be campaigning in Malheur County on Friday March 31. Morse, candidate for the United States Senate in the Democratic primary, will spend the majority of the day informally meeting and talking with the citizens of Ontario, Vale, Nyssa and Adrian.

An informal discussion at Treasure Valley Community College begins Morse's day. The discussion with students is to be in Weese Building at 10:30 a.m.

Morse will be in Nyssa at 12:00 noon. An informal, no-host luncheon and coffee will be held at the Twilight Cafe and Lounge. The public is invited to join Mr. Morse at the no-host luncheon.

Adrian will be Morse's next stop. At 2:15 p.m. he will be informally meeting the citizens of Adrian.

Morse plans to talk with his supporters in Vale at the Malheur County Court House at 3:30 p.m.

Morse will be returning to Ontario at 5:30 p.m. to greet the shoppers at West Park Plaza.

At 8 p.m., an informal dinner will be served at the Moore Hotel in Ontario. The public is welcome to join Mr. Morse at the no-host dinner. He will spend the evening meeting with the citizens of Ontario and answering their questions.

FFA Banquet Slated April 7

The Nyssa Future Farmers of America Chapter will be hosting their 30th annual Parent and Son Banquet, April 7 at the high school cafeteria. There will be commercial displays from local businessmen followed by a dinner and program. Viewing of the displays will start at 7 p.m. and the banquet will start at 7:30 p.m.

National NFO Director Talks To Malheur Farmers

Nearly 300 members of the National Farm Organization (NFO) turned out Monday evening, along with some Nyssa merchants, to hear of some of the problems farmers face today.

The meeting was held at the Nyssa High School Cafeteria, where a delicious dinner was served under the chairmanship of Keith Moss. Bill McNulty was master of ceremonies, and he introduced State NFO President Phil Pool, Malheur County President Bob Thompson, County Secretary Dick Fuller,

and County Treasurer Andy Anderson. A trio from Cambridge entertained during the meal with songs and musical arrangements.

Highlight of the evening was a rousing speech by National Director of NFO, John Kuch from Michigan. A native of Vienna, Austria, Kuch came to this country as a boy after World War I, and spoke glowingly of the many opportunities here in the "land of the free and the home of the brave".

The topic of Kuch's talk centered around the need for the farmer to put a price tag on his product, and to maintain a strong sales force, the same as any other businessman.

He said that American farmers lost \$75 billion dollars last year because they are not getting 100% of parity for their products and this loss was reflected down through the entire American economy. It forced mothers to go out and get jobs to help subsidize the loss, and it drove over 12,000 farmers off the land and into other occupations last year.

Kuch said that only in the past few years the American farmer, through the NFO, has started to stand up and try to correct some of these ills.

IDAHO GEM CLUB TO HOLD SHOW

The Idaho Gem Club will sponsor its 6th Annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Western Idaho Fairgrounds in Boise on April 8 & 9. The hours of the show will be from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday. The admission charge is 50¢ for adults. Children under 15 will be admitted free.

George Fields, 2911 Teton, General Show Chairman, said more than 80 individual displays are expected. These will consist of polished gem stones from Idaho and the Western United States. Other displays will be of faceted stones of sapphire, topaz, garnet, aquamarine, tourmaline and many other exotic gems collected from many locations in the world.

Silver jewelry fashioned by local artists will be featured, with polished spheres of gem material, and Indian artifacts. A case of meteorites from "out of this world" will be shown.

Gem collectors from Burley, Twin Falls, Nampa, Caldwell, Mtn. Home, Nyssa, Emmett, Meridian, New Plymouth, Grangeville, Orofino and Boise will bring their works to the annual show.

State Tax Returns Eligible For Extension

Oregon personal income taxpayers will benefit from the Internal Revenue Service's new automatic two-month extension for filing income tax returns beyond the April 15 due date, the State Department of Revenue announced today.

WEATHER

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Mar. 22	68	38	
Mar. 23	54	39	
Mar. 24	52	34	
Mar. 25	48	30	.03
Mar. 26	45	27	
Mar. 27	50	21	
Mar. 28	53	27	
Mar. 29		34	

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
3/29/72 679,120 Acre Feet
3/29/71 709,150 Acre Feet

Director Charles H. Mack said if a taxpayer requests an automatic two-month extension from the Internal Revenue Service by filing a U. S. Form 4868, the State of Oregon will also grant an automatic two-month extension if the taxpayer will attach a copy of the completed "Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return" over the face of his State individual income tax return when he files.

In addition, the State Department of Revenue allows an automatic extension for filing State income tax for longer periods of time up to six months, if the taxpayer will attach an approved copy of U. S. Form 2688, "Application for Extension of Time to File," over the face of his Oregon return when it is filed.

TVUAC ELECTIONS NAME 22 DIRECTORS FROM TWO DISTRICTS TO SERVE

Treasure Valley United Action Committee (TVUAC) elections were held Monday for the Nyssa-Adrian and Ontario Vale districts. 272 voters turned out at Nyssa, and 174 at Ontario.

Ruben Lopez and Manuel De-fuentes were the top vote-getters in the Nyssa-Adrian district, so were elected to three-year terms. A tie developed among Richard Mejia, Wilton Jackson and Mary Thiel, and one of these will be chosen later for the other three-year term. The other two will serve two-year terms on the board.

Others elected to the Nyssa-Adrian board were Rudy Longoria, Marcelo Soliz, Daniel Rodriguez, Daniel Hernandez, Dolores Gomez and Luis Vendrell. Sr. Longoria and Soliz will serve two-year terms and the other four will serve for one year.

Elected to the board in the Ontario-Vale district were Tom Nishihara, Roy Uranga and Neil Venturacci for three-year terms.

Elected for two-year terms were Filimon Miranda, Demetrio Ravo, Emil Maag and

Juan Vargas. Elected to one-year terms were Don Strauchon, Tony Martinez, Tony Zapata and Francisco Gonzales.

New directors from both districts will meet at the Japanese-American Community Hall at 7 p.m. Friday to choose officers for the TVUAC board for the coming year.

Present officers are Richard Mejia, president of TVUAC, Inc., a corporation made up of the combined districts. Juan Vargas is president of the Ontario-Vale district, and Wilton Jackson is president of the Nyssa-Adrian district.

New Business Locates Here

Mountain View Equipment Company announces the opening of a new farm equipment business in Nyssa. Located at 118 Good Avenue, the business is a branch of the Meridian firm by the same name, and will be managed by Jim Niemann.

Nyssa FFA Boys Receive Awards

Three Nyssa FFA Chapter members received their State Farmer Degree, Oregon's highest FFA Award, in an impressive candle light ceremony at the 44th Annual State FFA Convention held March 21-24 at Pendleton. They were Bob Holmes, Paul Sken and Bill Holmes. Jerry Robbins placed 2nd in the state on his first year's completed record book. Bob Holmes was the recipient of a \$400.00 Union Pacific Scholarship to be used this fall at a land-grant university of his choice. Bill Holmes was elected to be the Snake River District FFA President for the 1972-73 year.

Others from Nyssa involved in the convention were David Robbins who served on the Ornamental Horticulture farm proficiency award committee, Scott Goodell, who served on the Farm Forestry award committee, Dwayne Ulrey, whose record book was entered in state competition, Brent Richeson, who was entered in the Dairy Proficiency Award competition and Sam Hartley, who served on the courtesy corp.

NHS Science Students Travel To Oregon Coast

A group of Nyssa High School students took a field trip to the Oregon coast during Spring Vacation from March 20 to 24. Areas of interest visited included Cape Blanco lighthouse, Shore Acres Botanical Gardens, OSU Marine Science Center at Newport, and Sea Lion Caves. Students also completed plant collections and made marine invertebrate collections at Cape Arago near Coos Bay.

Students participating included members of the Science Club and Biology II class. Those students were: Judy Belveal, Alan Blaylock, Barbara Bock,

Ferdinando Chirici, Gene Cruson, Raquel Escobedo, Vicki Franklin, Dar Haney, Lynn Hirai, Curt Lords, Barbara Lowrance, Sharlene Kido, Roberta Morrow, Marci Myers, Carol Nelson, Gloria Rodriguez, Sonia Saito, Launa Schulties, Rex Schilling, Tonia Simpson, Felipa Soliz, Monica Smit, Laurie Stunz, Carol Takami and Paul Voeller.

Chaperones for the field trip included: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lords, Miss Mary Omberg and Mrs. Bob Haney.



Gathered around the campfire during one of the few times possible without getting wet are chaperones and some of the students who went to the Oregon Coast on a science field trip.

From left are Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lords, Stu Hirai, Gene Cruson, Sonia Saito, Laurie Stunz, Carol Takami, Launa Schulties, Mrs. Bob Haney, Mrs. Gary Thompson and Judy Belveal.