

# Nyssa Gate City Journal

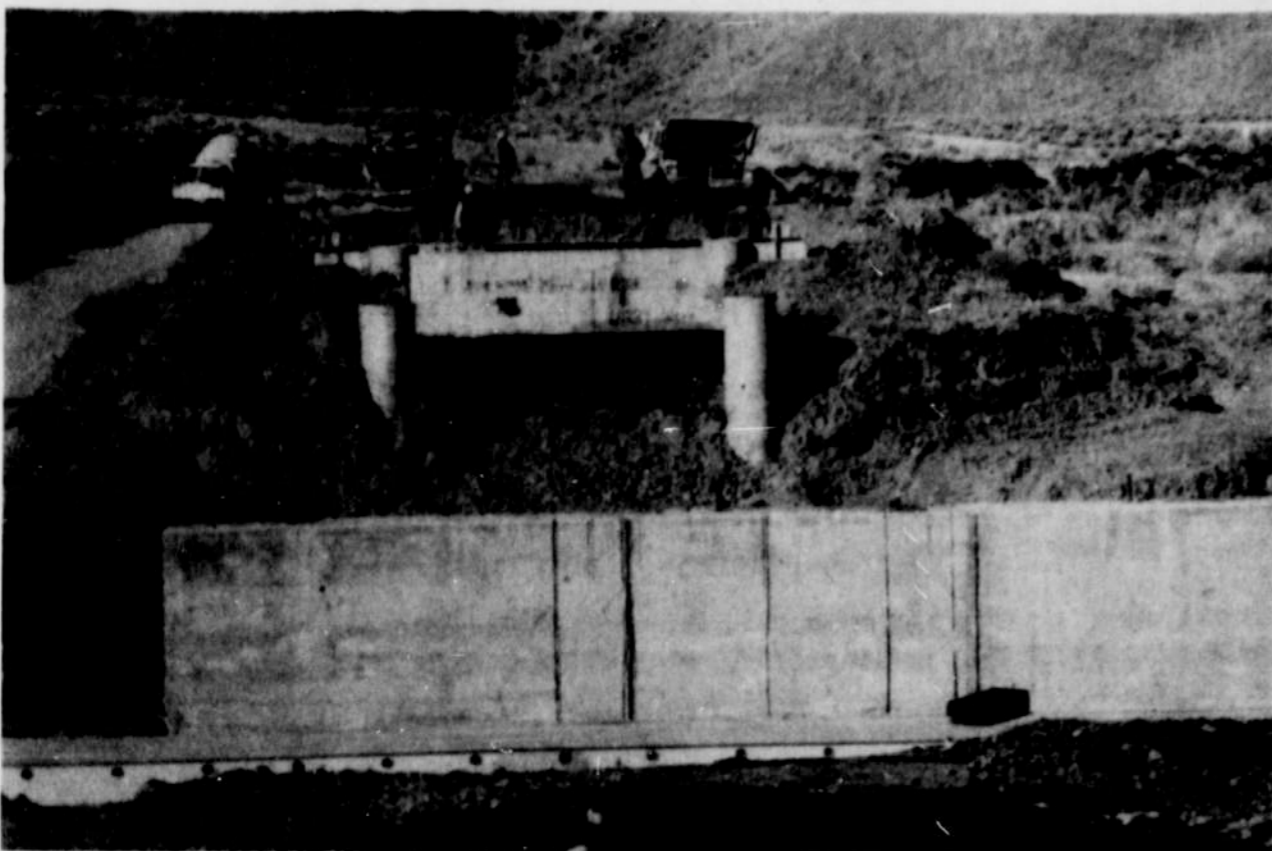
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**CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRIDGE** is underway across the Owyhee River, to replace the old steel bridge that collapsed over a year ago when struck by equipment owned by Ontario Asphalt.

Malheur County Judge Roy Hirai said that plans for the bridge have been approved by the Oregon Highway Bridge Department, and Jay Young, Boise, started pile driving Tuesday.

The new 200-foot prestressed concrete bridge will be erected on the abutments of the old bridge, shown above, and will cost an estimated \$115,000, financed entirely by Malheur County. The work will be done by the Nyssa Road District and county bridge crew. Little or no work is required on the bridge approaches.

Hirai said the bridge should be open for traffic prior to the time high water is expected, with the concrete slabs to be in place by Dec. 20 and the bridge open to traffic by Jan. 20.

## School Board Studies New Building Plans

Nyssa school board members conducted a short business meeting at their regular session Monday evening, then spent several hours with Architects Bob Smith and Martin Hasegawa and members of the building committee going over plans for reconstruction of the schools.

Superintendent W.L. McPartland pointed out that the new Oregon laws set the dates for elections, and the board must plan with these dates in mind. The dates are the 4th Tuesday in January (Jan. 28), the 3rd Tuesday in March (March 18), and the first Tuesday in May (May 6), which is the Annual School Election. It was agreed to shoot for the January date if at all possible.

### TVCC Name Now Official

Treasure Valley Education District officially became Treasure Valley Community College Monday at an open hearing and board meeting.

The board studied a preliminary salary schedule from the faculty but neither accepted nor rejected it. A negotiating team consisting of Gary McGraw of Vale and Jacob Fischer of Nyssa along with board members Ernest Seuell and K. E. "Skip" Thayer was appointed.

Arlene Robb, Nyssa, and Dorrance Standage, Vale, were approved as members of the budget committee.

The budget was discussed at length. Other items on the agenda were continued because of the length of the meeting.

### Historical Society Names Officers

Burrell Lovell of Vale was chosen President of the Malheur Country Historical Society at their annual meeting Thursday evening, November 14 at which over 100 members attended. Chosen to serve with Lovell are Bill Kaatz, Ontario, vice-president; Chris Moore, Vale secretary; Joaquin Hernandez, Ontario, treasurer; and Walter Selby, Ontario, director.

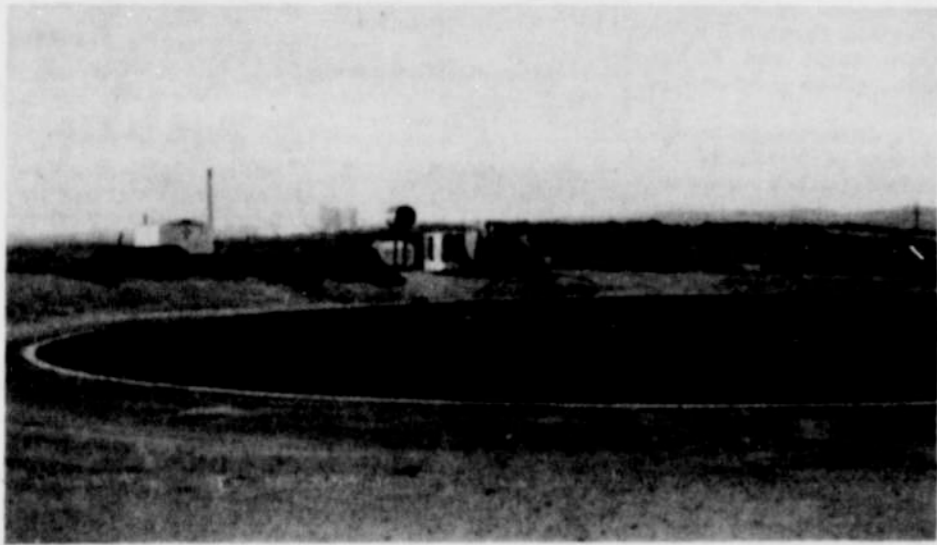
### Adrian Settles Salary Issue

Adrian teachers and the Adrian School Board reached agreement Tuesday, November 12, on a new contract calling for a \$7,600 base salary for the 1974-75 school year. Teachers had been seeking a \$7,800 base.

An agreement was also reached to base next year's salary increase on the cost of living index.

Adrian was the last of the nearly 200 school districts in Oregon to reach an agreement with teachers. Negotiations have been underway for more than a year.

The Journal will print a day earlier next week so that everyone will receive their paper before Thanksgiving. Advertisers, correspondents and persons wishing news items must have their copy in not later than Monday.



**WORK HAS COMMENCED ON THE** new 3,000,000 gallon water storage tank on airport hill. The ring shown in the picture is the cement base, four feet deep, with compacted, oiled sand in the center. The tank will be built of 1/4 inch steel plates, all pre-fabricated. The diameter of the tank is 109 feet, and it will be 42 feet high.

Levi Lough is the foreman for Pittsburgh-Des Moines, who is the sub-contractor building the tank. His welding equipment is shown in the background, including a diesel engine to generate his own direct current power. Work will continue throughout the winter.

### City Given Safety Award

The City of Nyssa was given the Pacific Northwest Pollution Control Association Honor Award for safety in recognition of Zero Lost Time Accidents in the operation of its Sewer Plant.

This award is given annually for excellence in employee accident prevention and safety performance associated with waste water operation.

City Manager Henry Schneider pointed out that contrary to popular misconception Sewerage Treatment Plant operation is considered more hazardous than many other municipal services.

"The Oregon State Accident Insurance rate for Nyssa lists Sewerage Treatment Operation just ahead of Police activities," said Schneider.

"There are numerous danger areas around a treatment plant. A man must be very careful because he generally works alone and is out of sight of the public."

Frank Lawrence, Plant Operator, recently supervised the Correction and Modification of numerous danger areas noted during an OSHA type inspection of the plant.

### Bicentennial Committee Meets

The Nyssa Bicentennial Committee met Tuesday evening with Jake Fischer chairman. Members of this committee include Mr. and Mrs. L. Meckem, W. L. McPartland, Rev. William Russell, Clyde Swisher, Gerald Talbot, Dirick Nedry and Gilbert Wells.

The committee voted to meet every two months on the third Tuesday, with more frequent meetings as the centennial nears. At this time they are to coordinate ideas, and work with the county and state committees.

### Nyssa Jail Inspected By State Official

Wayne Ruthledge, State Correction Division, visited Nyssa last week to inspect the modification of the Nyssa lock-up, dispatch service facilities and general area. Sergeant Rodriguez, Nyssa Police, pointed out construction changes as well as proposed modification yet to be completed.

Mr. Ruthledge noted the significant changes already made and commented favorably on the improvement plans.

The City decided to remodel its lock-up facility

### Farm Management Session Planned In December

Farm management will be highlighted at a two-day session on December 11 and 12. The meetings will be held at TVCC, room W-10 and will start at 1:30 p.m. on both days according to Jim Burr, County Extension Agent.

Burr went on to say that the program is designed to deal with present day farm problems from production to marketing. It will give the grower a chance to look at alternatives, and show him how to select the most profitable crops to grow at assumed price levels, and how to anticipate each requirement at various times during the crop season. Cost of production figures on

### CORRECTION

The picture of the Annual 4-H Banquet that appeared on Page 1 in the Gate City Journal Thursday, November 14 in which Ray Novotny presented an award, should have read Nancy Mecham instead of Linda Mecham. We regret this error.

when mounting costs for transporting prisoners to Vale, plus overtime increases to provide back-up policemen during transportation periods, prisoner feeding and other allied costs became prohibitive in proportion to services rendered to the community.

Nyssa now provides its own dispatch service and prisoner feeding capability.

Upon receipt of teletype equipment the Nyssa lock-up facilities, though small, will be deemed adequate for a town of its size.

### FNB Distributes Christmas Checks

Santa Claus arrived early this year for 30,590 Oregonians when First National Bank of Oregon Christmas Club checks, totaling \$5,802,000, were delivered throughout the state.

This year the average check amounted to \$190, compared to \$179 last year.

Included in the total was the amount saved regularly by club members during the past year plus some \$112,000 in accumulated interest.

Christmas Club checks were mailed from the bank's 138 branch offices throughout Oregon on November 5.

### ASC Election Balloting Until Dec. 2

States of nominees for the upcoming ASC committee election have been developed, announces J. P. Bunch, Chairman Malheur County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The ASC committee election will be conducted by mail from November 22 until December 2. Eligible ASC voters will receive a secret ballot in the mail with instructions on how to vote for candidates of their choice and return the ballot to the county ASCS office.

Participation in ASC elections is open to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

In the community committee mail election, farmers in each of the seven communities will elect three committee members and two alternates, all to serve one-year terms.

Ballots will be counted on December 4 in the county ASCS office, 1252 S. W. 4th Av., Ontario, with the public invited to attend.

### WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Nov. 13	56	30	
Nov. 14	51	30	
Nov. 15	56	32	
Nov. 16	48	26	
Nov. 17	43	27	
Nov. 18	56	27	trace
Nov. 19	56	33	
Nov. 20	36		

Owyhee Reservoir Storage  
11-18-74 384,910 Acre Feet  
11-18-73 400,770 Acre Feet

Junior high principal Dan Martin reported that the Fire Insurance Adjuster has had the plans for settlement for over a month, and they hope to arrive at a settlement soon. This plus completion of the architects' plans are necessary before the board can call for a bond election.

Martin also said that the fire insurance coverage for the buildings will be largely used up by the settlement, and after discussion the board authorized Superintendent McPartland to purchase additional insurance until an appraisal can be made on the existing buildings.

The board authorized the concert choir to make plans for a trip to Western Oregon during Spring Vacation next March. The choir hopes to visit larger schools, who will take their vacations at a different time. If arrangements cannot be made, they plan to visit Washington or Idaho schools. The total cost will be near \$1,000 which the choir will raise by money-raising projects.

The board also approved plans of the Ski Club to take a school bus to Bogus Basin on Saturdays, leaving at 8 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m. Jay Draper is adviser, and Judy Davis, student body president, made the request.

The board then went over plans for the new schools with members of the building committee. They discussed plans for remodeling the present bus garage into an Industrial Arts complex, with an additional building tied into the VoAg building. These plans were approved by officials of the State Department of Education. Also considered were plans for a new bus garage and shop to be located away from the campus center. No decision was made subject to cost studies of this plan.

Hasegawa went through the plans for the high school, auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria, with some suggested changes in each area. The new gym will seat approximately 2,000, the same as the old gym, but is designed to provide practice areas and dressing room facilities for both boys and girls, as required by new Federal standards.

Architect Bob Smith said that plans seem to be progressing on schedule, and the schools should be in the new buildings by September 1976.

### Union Pacific Ordered To Cut Train Speeds

Public Utility Commissioner Richard Sabin has ordered Union Pacific Railroad to cut train speeds down to 25 mph at crossings of 5th and 6th Avenues in Ontario and 40 mph at the Locust Street crossing in Nyssa.

The action comes on the heels of a train vehicle accident Wednesday morning at the 5th Avenue crossing in Ontario which left two occupants of the automobile in critical condition at the local hospital.

Commissioner Sabin also announced his office is launching a formal investigation to determine permanent train speeds for the crossings.

In explaining his action Sabin noted that while the speed of trains may not be the only factor contributing to the accident record at these crossings, PUC records do indicate that accident severity and train speeds are directly related.

The crossings are located on the Union Pacific's main line from Portland to Boise.

PUC records reveal that since 1963 there have been six train-vehicle accidents, resulting in five fatalities and three injuries, at the 5th Avenue crossing in Ontario. During the same time there have been seven accidents without injury at the 6th

Avenue crossing and two accidents resulting in three fatalities at the Nyssa crossing.

According to the PUC's accident reports, all the train-vehicle collisions resulting in fatal injuries involved trains traveling at 50 mph or faster.

Commissioner Sabin also pointed out that visibility problems at each of these crossings make it difficult for motorists to see oncoming trains.

The PUC has been working with the cities to improve safety at these crossings. Currently none of these crossings are equipped with automatic safety signalization. Rather, the crossings are protected with crossbucks, stop signs and advance warning signs.

### Farm Bureau Dinner Friday

The annual Farm Bureau dinner will be held Friday, November 22 at the Eastside Cafe in Ontario, Oregon, Farm Bureau Federation President, Wally Johnson, will be the speaker.

Reservations must be made by Thursday by calling the Farm Bureau office, 889-6664 or Lois Hoffman after hours, 889-6719.

### Stunz Named Director of School Boards Association

Dr. Robert P. Whittaker, school board member from North Bend, is the newly-elected president of the Oregon School Boards Association. Whittaker, a North Bend Veterinarian, succeeded Rod A. Moore, Washington County Intermediate Education District board member, at the annual election held during the recent OSBA convention in Portland.

Elected first vice president was Barbara Klein, board member from Forest Grove. Portland school board member, Jonathan Newman, was elected second vice president.

Oscar Specht, Salem board member, continues as secretary-treasurer of the State organization which represents most of the 339 local school districts, 29 IED boards, and 13 community college boards in Oregon.

Four local school board members were elected to serve on the OSBA board of directors. They include: Donald Rice, Riddle and Douglas IED; Barbara Tripp, Albany Union High; Gene Stunz, Nyssa; and Carol Williams, Tillamook.

Continuing as members on the OSBA board of directors are Frank Brawner, Parkrose; Jack Crawford, Medford; and Pauline Winter, Morrow County board.

Retiring directors are Irene Cheldelin, Corvallis; and Gail Nicholson, Eugene.

### SRV Honor Band and Choir In Weiser This Weekend

The Snake River Valley Honor Band and Honor Choir will be held in Weiser, Friday and Saturday, November 22 - 23.

There will be nine schools involved in the Honor Choir. The Band will be an 85 piece group and the Choir will consist of 100 students.

Persons involved in these groups are first appointed by director's recommendation. Then by audition and finally tryout.

The Band will be directed by Guest Clinicians, Richard Miller, C of I, and Geraldine Schmitt.

The Concert will be on Saturday night, November 23, 7:30 p.m. in the Weiser High School Gymnasium. Admission will be Adult—\$1.50, and Student—\$.75.

Participating schools will include: Payette, Weiser, Ontario, Nyssa, Vale, Emmett, Vallivue, Middleton, and Kuna.

### Dairy Meeting Set For Marketing, Production

Marketing, production, economics in feeding, and recognition of local dairymen are part of the agenda of a countywide dairy meeting scheduled in Vale, December 3, Golden Slipper Restaurant at 10:30 a.m., according to Ray Novotny, County Extension Agent.

Novotny emphasized that Ray Hobson, Administrator, Milk Marketing Stabilization, State Department of Agriculture and Bob Ely, USDA, Federal Marketing Orders, will discuss these two areas of the marketing process.

### Leslie Gulch Road Closed

Construction work on the Leslie Gulch road will begin Monday, November 25, and passage into the area will be delayed until early spring, according to Bill Schneider, outdoor recreation planner for the Vale District, Bureau of Land Management.

Schneider said because of fragile soils in Leslie Gulch, vehicular travel through this area could cause considerable damage to the road in the winter months.

Thousands of visitors, the majority from Idaho, visited the beautiful area this past year to enjoy the outstanding scenery and take advantage of the access to Lake Owyhee which Leslie Gulch affords.

Closure notice will be posted at the Succor Creek—Leslie Gulch road junction. The road will be accessible in the early spring or whenever weather conditions allow, Schneider said.



**CREWS COMPLETED PAVING** the First National Bank parking lot Tuesday. Several unpaved areas have been left, such as in the foreground, where plantings will be made. Bracken's building in background will

be stuccoed, with all work to be completed this fall, weather permitting. The parking lot was formerly the site of the old bank building and the Sarazin Clinic.