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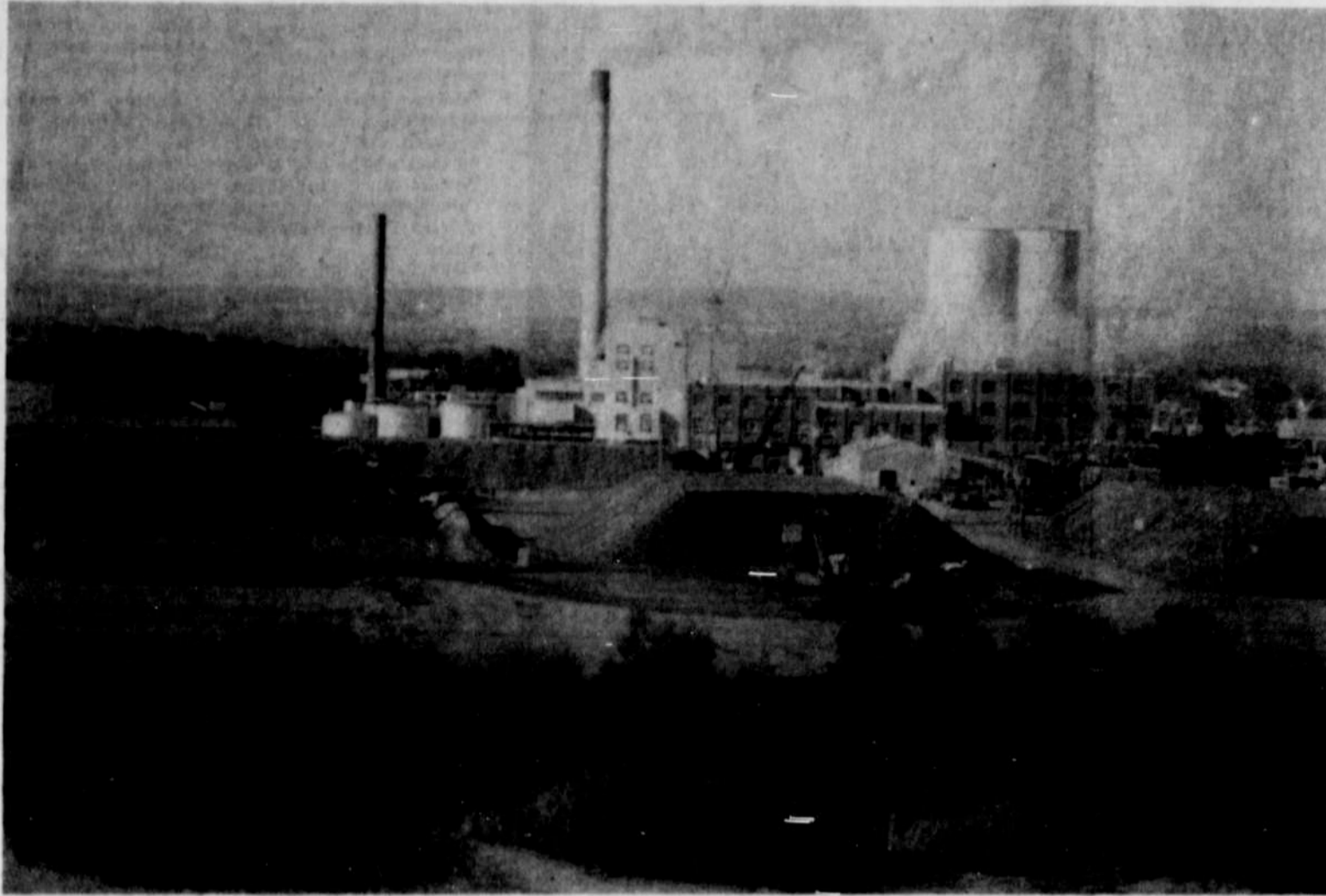
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The Sugar City

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THE AMALGAMATED SUGAR FACTORY from airport conditions have made for an easy harvest, and the factory is geared for a campaign lasting through January. Ideal weather

Adrian Residents Will Vote On Sewer Bonds November 21

Residents of the City of Adrian will vote Friday, November 21, on a plan to solve their sewage disposal problems. Voting will be held between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

The project has been designed by professional engineers and reviewed by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and is the result of several years work by city officials.

The project would consist of a collection system of 8-inch gravity sewer serving the Adrian Schools and property within the city, a sewage stabilization ponds having a water surface area of six acres, a lift station serving the lower areas of the city, and a pressure line from the ponds to the city.

The ponds will be on property purchased by the city and located east of the Snake River and south of Highway 18. Service connections would be provided from the sewer main in the street to the property line of the property served.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$475,000. The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to provide a grant for the sewage treatment facilities in the amount of \$195,300. An application has been made for a Farmer's Home Administration grant of up to 50 percent of the remaining cost or \$180,550. A hookup charge of \$50 per connection is proposed.

The cost to property owners for debt retirement

and operation and maintenance of the system is expected to average \$10 per month for the estimated 81 connections. If no FHA grant funds are obtained, the average cost per month per connection would be just over \$12. The Adrian Schools would pay in proportion to amount of flow contributed to the system.

Construction of the project will eliminate a public health hazard resulting from contamination of surface irrigation water, ground water, and drain ditches. City officials have worked long and hard on the proposal, and urge an affirmative vote on the bond issue.

Town Crier

By Pat Savage

Hats off to the Amalgamated Sugar Company, Nyssa Electronics, Raggedy Ann's Pad and Brownie's Cafe, the only businesses I saw on Main Street that displayed flags on Veteran's Day. Noticed City Hall, Nyssa Nampa Beet Growers and Ostrom Cabinet and many residents had their flags waving in the breeze. If you did your flag waving October 27, good for you. Wonder what happened to the Boy Scouts, JayCees or other civic organizations that could set the flags out on Main Street on holidays? I realize that this is a thankless job, everyone is too busy and there is no pay involved. Seems a small tribute to pay to those soldiers who fought and died so that we could have the privilege of keeping that American Flag flying. Sad oh so sad.

By the way, all that flying matter you saw go by or found in your yards on Monday was garbage. Webster defines garbage as: Offal, as the entrails of animals or fish, refuse of animal or vegetable matter from a kitchen, market or store, offal mixed with other refuse as ashes, paper, tin cans, etc., hence anything worthless or filthy.

Was most proud that 55 concerned citizens, not a very big percentage from a town this size, attended the Town Meeting last Thursday. This group made it clear they didn't want the City in the garbage business, and weren't in favor of compulsory garbage pick up.

I don't care who picks up the town's garbage, as long as it gets picked up. Also think it is a real treat to live in a neighborhood where each citizen feels it is his responsibility to keep his garbage picked up. For those who live by someone who just lets his garbage pile up and blow all over your property and you end up picking it up, I say I'm sorry. Just feel that citizen responsibility and citizen involvement are one and the same.

School Board Nears Phase II Agreement

School board and building committee members whittled approximately \$221,500 off of the base bid of R. A. Chambers and Associates of Eugene, Thursday evening, then instructed Architect Robert Smith to arrive at firm figures by the regular meeting of the board Thursday (tonight), November 13.

Most of the reduction, about \$148,500, came in the stage area of the auditorium, where 12 feet of the structure was eliminated. This reduced the cost of the building, plus structural steel, stage equipment, and other items figured into that area.

The balance of the reduction eliminated the synthetic floor under the wrestling mats in the gym, and several deferred items that will later be picked up if the bid on Phase III comes near the architect's estimate.

Smith said that he expected the bid on Phase III, which will be advertised for bidding in January, to be in line with their planning. He explained that many items in Phase III, which includes the elementary multi-purpose room, cafeteria and vocational building, were included in Phase I and II construction. Much of the underground wiring, heating system leads, site preparation, and other items have already been bid and constructed.

The contractor is prepared to start construction within six days after the signing of the contract, and board members are hopeful of a settlement at the Thursday meeting. The goal of the building committee is completion of the gym by November, 1976, in time for the basketball season.

Assessor Says Refunds Help Seniors

Malheur County Assessor, Oscar Bratton, said today that Senior Citizens and low income persons may be hard pressed for money and feeling the pangs of hunger, but thankfully, not because of high property taxes in Oregon.

Bratton said that since the inauguration of the 1973 Homeowners and Renters Tax Refund Program, it is nearly impossible for the elderly, widows and persons on pensions and social security who have low incomes to be taxed out of their homes.

Bratton explained that household incomes of homeowners and renters of \$15,000 or less are eligible for these refunds. For example, if pensioner and social recipients have an annual income of \$3,000 the homeowner could receive a refund of up to \$390.00 while the renter in the same income bracket could receive up to \$195.00.

A point of interest, Bratton said, is that by paying your taxes by November 15th, you will receive a 3% discount on your property tax bill. Refunds, however, are figured on the original billing. If you qualify for a total refund, as 4.8% of the Malheur County property owners did who applied in 1973, you could receive back more than you paid.

Bratton said that his offices does not handle or process the refund and interested persons are to contact the Oregon State Department of Revenue, Income Tax Division. This information has been disseminated with the thought of being helpful and to alleviate, somewhat, the burden of property taxes.

Town Hall Meeting Discusses Garbage

About 55 interested citizens attended a town hall meeting of the City Council last Thursday evening, held in the school multi-purpose room. At issue for discussion were changes in Ordinance No. 233, the Garbage Ordinance.

Mayor Don Oldemeyer explained that there were seven proposed changes in the ordinance. They included (1) greater definition of garbage; (2) requiring mandatory perishable garbage disposal; (3) more detailed definition of disposal methods; (4) permits city to collect garbage; (5) prohibits persons other than vendor to collect garbage; (6) remove fee schedule from ordinance, which in the future will be by resolution; and (7) garbage cans must be kept on private property, and not in alley. He said that all other paragraphs in the ordinance are basically the same.

Councilman Dick Butcher said that the city was dirty, alleys were bad, and he thinks that mandatory collection is necessary. He said that people dispose of garbage in many ways, but not in a uniform manner.

Butcher said he was in favor of the city operating the garbage service. He said that garbage is something that each household generates, and now is the time for a change. The private vendor's contract expires, and the city now has money to get into the business.

Mayor Oldemeyer said that the city council has three alternatives. It can renew the contract of the present vendor, solicit bids for service, or commence hauling garbage.

Twenty different people rose to express an opinion during the one and a half hour meeting, with the bulk of the opinions against the city entering the collection business, and many against mandatory garbage collection.

Judge Roy Hirai, who was present during the proceedings, said that he felt the county operated land-fill on Lytle Boulevard would be good for from three to five years.

The final reading of Ordinance No. 233 is scheduled for the regular meeting of the council November 11.

Respiratory Therapy Equipment Available

A respiratory therapy department has recently been installed in Malheur Memorial Hospital. The treatment, under guidance of Medical Rehabilitation Services, Inc., began here October 15.

Breck Nielson, from Los Angeles, has been in Nyssa setting up the department which will be run by Doug Thurber, a respiratory-therapy technician employed by the California firm.

Nielson said that this department is unsurpassed in the valley outside of Boise, and patients may receive the finest of care given anywhere.

The programs deal with respiratory problems including pulmonary function studies and analysis, and development of programs for the individual according to his or her needs. Patients with respiratory problems such as asthma, emphysema, cystic fibrosis, bronchitis, pneu-

monia, croup and other respiratory ailments can be treated.

All of the physicians in the area have been notified of the extension of the services, and patients must be referred by doctors, Nielson said.

Treatment begins with testing and diagnostic programs. Physicians often order specific programs to be included such as medicinal additions to the mechanical devices. Nielsen expects that

about half of the patients to be treated will be on an out-patient basis.

Hospital Administrator Jim Mattes said that the company is contracting the service to the hospital, and provides the equipment, maintenance and technicians. It provides home use equipment for out-patients also, Mattes said, with the patients reporting into the facility about once each month.



HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR JIM MATTES and Technician Doug Thurber, right, are shown with the new Respiratory-Therapy equipment recently installed in Malheur Memorial Hospital by Medical Rehabilitation Services, Inc., of Los Angeles. The equipment pictured consists of a Bennett Respi-

Monahan Volume Ventilator and Radiometer Blood Gas Analyzer. This is the finest equipment available outside of Boise, and is available to out-patients as well as patients of the hospital. Any persons desiring information on this equipment may call the hospital or contact his or her physician.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
November 5	57	30
November 6	59	33
November 7	55	34
November 8	50	29
November 9	46	25
November 10	47	32
November 11	48	24
November 12	22	
Owyhee Reservoir Storage	11-10-75 526,040 Acre Feet	
	11-10-74 379,720 Acre Feet	



NYSSA LIONS CLUB members completed fencing the kiddies' section of Lions park located on North Seventh Street.

Pictured are Dick Tensen and Dick Martin, who is chairman of the project.

The fence is chain link construction, with steel posts embedded in cement. When completed, the small fenced-in area will house swings, crawl through tubes, climbing apparatus and other equipment designed for small children.