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## Hospital Board Will Not Resubmit Budget

The board of directors of Malheur Memorial Hospital District met on Thursday August 19th to discuss their budget defeat. It was decided to not re-submit a budget for voter approval this year.

The next possible election date, if the board were to have another election, would be on September 21. However, the county cannot wait to run tax statements and if the hospital district passed a

levy in September it would necessitate the county making another complete separate tax run. Besides doubling the county's work, the board felt there would be a negative reaction by property owners if they were to receive an additional tax notice from the hospital district.

Tax revenues within the districts' six percent limitation should be sufficient to maintain operation for several months; but additional operating money will be required to complete the fiscal year. Also, physician recruitment and building and equipment improvement programs, will be severely limited until funding can be provided.

The Board of Directors decided to reconvene its budget board in October for fiscal year 1977-78. A request for additional funds will be submitted to the budget board with the recommendation that a budget be prepared for submission to the voters on the January 11 election date. An early approval by voters would allow the hospital district to borrow against the tax revenues to be received, if current fiscal year operating funds prove to be insufficient to complete the fiscal year.

## Town Crier

By Pat Savage

School bells will ring out Monday morning, seems it is starting a little early this year. Most of the young people I have talked with are anxious to go back however, as many are now asking, "What can I do today?" The high school students are eager to take occupancy of their new building, as are the junior high. Even though the junior high will occupy the old high school building, it has been remodeled and given a new look. I am sure everyone will enjoy being in regular school buildings instead of moving around from building to building.

Don't you think the beautification spot north of the town that was provided by the Town and Country Garden Club is a pretty and worthwhile attraction? I feel it is like an oasis amid all the weeds that grow around the road and buildings out there. It makes the entrance to town much better looking and shows someone takes the time and effort to care a little. These women planted and landscaped this project and still drag their hoses out there to keep it watered and do the weeding. In the building stages they had help from George Fanning's Industrial Arts Class and the Nyssa Chamber, and Lions Club. They want to enter this project in the National Finals, so, if you appreciate their efforts and concern let them know by writing Mae Schireman, 208 North 4th St., Nyssa.

Have you noticed the bright new look of the Arrowhead Motel? If you haven't, look the next time you go by as it has a new paint job of yellow and brown. It looks exceptionally nice and I understand the new owners, Don and Bea Hawkins, have done a lot of remodeling inside. It's nice to have these newcomers in town and I am sure many appreciate the renovation job.

There are many in town who have never driven up or down the driveway at Malheur Memorial Hospital, but for those who have, you must remember how terribly bumpy and full of pot holes it was. Well not now, as it has been paved. Many thanks from many people.

Congratulations to the winners at the Malheur County Fair. This requires many hours of hard work to get these projects ready for exhibiting. From the looks on some of the kids faces and the tears it appears that the hardest part of all is at sale time despite the monetary benefits. They are all to be commended and thanked for taking time to participate in a part of rural America called the "County Fair."

School starts and harvest is underway, so there will be a lot of traffic around school areas and around town. Please drive carefully as these youngsters are not fully aware of the definition of the word Caution, but you as drivers are intelligent enough to know it means to be on one's guard, or to take care. So let's take care of our youngsters, Drive With Caution.

## Rieb's Hire

### New Manager

Dave and Betty Rieb of Rieb's Foodland announce the hiring of Gary Harper, recently of Caldwell, as manager of the store replacing Doug Patterson, who is moving to Salt Lake City.

Harper is formerly from Kansas City, Kansas where he gained his grocery experience working for a large supermarket, Bob's Thriftway. He is a graduate of high school in Turner, Kansas, and served four years with the U. S. Marines, mostly in overseas service.

He and his wife Jeanette have one daughter, Shanna, aged 16 months, and plan to move to Nyssa as soon as they can find suitable housing.

## City of Adrian Grant Approved

The City of Adrian has received official confirmation from the Federal Government that a grant in the amount of \$250,000 has been approved to develop a well, reservoir and pipeline into the city, according to Mayor George Cartwright.

The approval of this grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is conditional upon the completion of an environmental review.

Cartwright said that this is the result of two years of work on the part of city officials and Bob Taisey, assistant director of the IDA-ORE Regional Planning and Development Association. Taisey will assist the city in developing the required environmental review. Tentative plans call for drilling a test well on the George DeHaven property west of the city. Mr. and Mrs. DeHaven have agreed to give a parcel of land 175' x 150' to the city for a well site and reservoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mackey also gave the city a potential well site west of the

## Adrian Council Meets Sept. 2

The City of Adrian will hold its second reading of an ordinance to establish the rules and regulations of the sewage system, and the installation of private sewers to the city sewer lines. This is a regular meeting of the city council to be held next Thursday, September 2, at 8 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.



## Corn Cannery Goes Full Steam Ahead

Nyssa's American Fine Foods corn cannery churned its way into action last week and is now steaming along 20 hours a day.

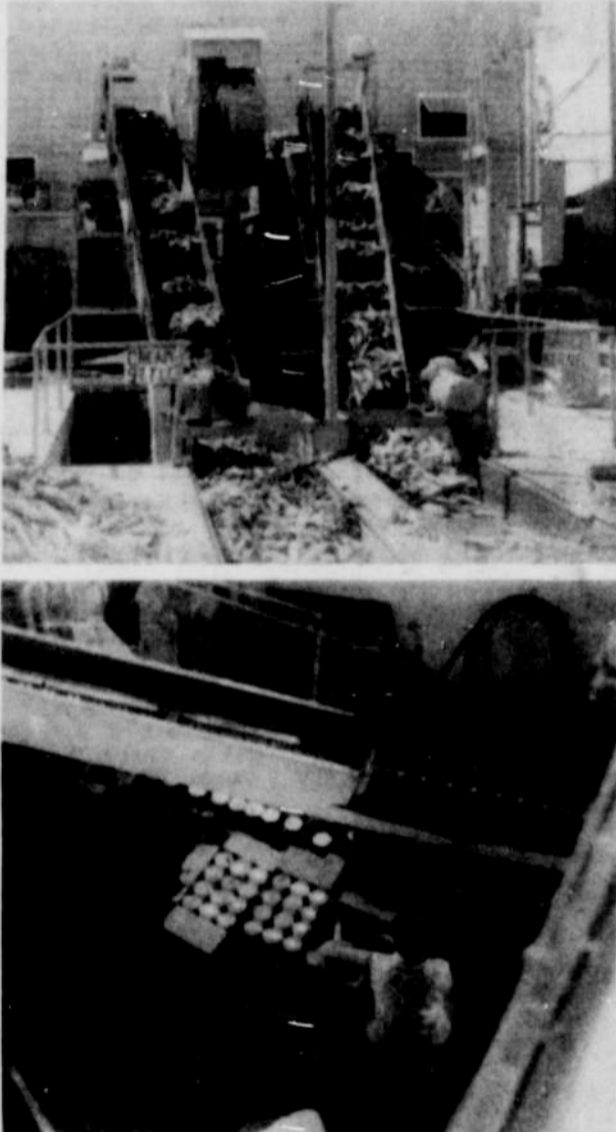
The corn "campaign" will last about one more month and will end up producing nearly one million cases of whole kernel and cream-style corn.

The factory is a huge and noisy set-up which runs on conveyor belts, huge steamy machines and manpower. In one of these pictures, (in the middle) you can see the stacks of corn which are fed into the factory by these conveyor belts. It is here they are separated into whole kernel and cream style corn. The larger kernel corn goes into whole kernel.

Inside, the corn is mechanically shucked. This is the first year that these machines have been in operation. They have reduced the number of persons employed by American Fine Foods. The mechanical shuckers are the large "V-shaped" machines visible near the top of the large photograph.

After the corn is shucked, cobbled and cooked it is squirted into empty cans which roll down a roller-coaster-type chute. Just after the corn is plopped into the can, the can is topped. A woman watches over this process and one next to her (the one visible in the lower photograph) places lids in a machine which seals the cans.

Finally the cans are brought to the warehouse where they are labeled (American Fine Foods labels many different brands of corn), boxed and stored for shipment.



## School Board Renews Liability Coverage

The Nyssa School Board took care of some insurance business Monday night when they accepted a bid for liability insurance coverage and appointed a new insurance agent of record.

The Hartford Insurance Company bid \$5,511 to extend their current policy for one year. Last year's coverage cost \$3,301, but W. L. McPartland, school superintendent and Adrianna Kunkel, a school board member both mentioned how the Ontario school district's policy had tripled in price just recently.

It was the only bid made and while school board members were upset that they only had one bid, they felt little could be done. "It is increasingly difficult to get liability insurance," Gene Stunz, a board member, said. He said many municipalities have had trouble getting any insurance coverage at all.

This was the first year that the Nyssa school district had to open up insurance coverage to bids. Until this year they divided the insurance coverage among the four agents in town. However, new Oregon laws require that all insurance policies over \$5,000 be open to bids and advertised in the local paper. All insurance policies over \$10,000 must be advertised in a statewide journal and be open to bids.

To meet the higher than expected cost the School Board added \$1,500 from their emergency fund to the \$4,000 they had already allotted for liability insurance coverage.

The Board then named Jim Robinson of Nyssa as the new insurance agent of record. The agent of record has more work to do now than ever before because he must prepare advertising for bids

## Two Street Projects Planned By City

Two street improvement projects are being proposed for the Nyssa commercial districts which will expedite and benefit farm and truck delivery. Funds for the construction will be sought from the Oregon State Highway Division and from Economic Development Administration.

First on the list is a street widening and realignment at the west end of the railroad underpass where First Street jogs.

The city owned parking lot on the south side of the underpass can be cut away about 15 feet to allow trucks to turn from Main Street to First without leaving their own lane of traffic. Two posts and fencing of the underpass would have to be removed, needing State Highway approval. On the north side, only a portion of the sidewalk would be removed and one light pole. No right-of-way would need to be purchased.

Traffic has increased on the south side since two weigh scales were installed on Commercial Street.

Cost is estimated at approximately \$9,000.

A second project is to be submitted to the Oregon Highway Division for inclusion in the Off-Systems-Grant program which is paid 78 per cent by the federal agency and 22 percent local match. This street paving and widening project on Commercial Avenue between Third and Ninth Streets would benefit the truckers who must travel the now unpaved area for weighing and for delivery at the onion packing plants.

This project should qualify as a farm-to-market road with unusual traffic and not need local property owner matching funds. Nyssa had previously received \$25,000 in small city grant highway and street funds which can be used for the 22 percent match on this project, Henry Schneider, city manager said. The total cost of the project for widening, paving and curbing of 2000 feet of the street is estimated at \$65,000.

## City Seeks Funds To Improve Sewers

Nyssa City Manager Henry Schneider is preparing three improvement project proposals for submission to Ida-Ore Development Commission in Weiser for consideration in the new public works economic development funds to be available this fall.

First on the list is a sewer improvement project which will involve building three lift stations (pumps) to move the sewerage to the treatment plant.

Two are at the edges of the city in areas which have little slope and which Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) plan-

ning has determined will be the directions of future growth of the city.

The need for the third pump is perhaps more critical, Schneider believes. It will be placed at the railroad underpass to boost the flow toward the treatment plant at the river edge.

"We were having some trouble there and pumped it out last week," Schneider said.

In another effort to improve sewer service, the city has made a manhole opening at the treatment plant for septic tank pumps to empty into.

"Such pumps need a place to dump and we are not forbidding them but we do want to be able to control the flow through the plant," he said.

The city council is being asked to consider a new rate schedule for such dumping. "The city charges residents approximately \$21 a year for sewer service and septic tank dumpers should be paying a similar amount, we believe," Schneider said. Cost of the lift station project is estimated at \$85,000.

Two other projects on the EDA request list include improvement of the First Street curbing and turn onto Main Street for an estimated \$9,000 and construction of a metal building to house the fire station for about \$41,292. "We are looking toward the day when the ambulance can be housed here instead of at the hospital," he said, "as well as the time, when we will be adding more fire trucks."

## Nyssa Police Hire Officer



Stephen Buchtel

Nyssa Police Officer, Scott Jefferies resigned August 16, and will be moving to Utah where he will enroll in Law School at BYU. Officer Jefferies has been employed by the Police Department since August of 1975.

His replacement will be Stephen Buchtel, who has been employed by the City since June of this year as a code enforcement officer, funded through CETA.

Mr. Buchtel is a recent graduate of TVCC and holds an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement.

## Slide Show For Onion Growers

The Southwest Idaho Malheur County Onion Growers Association will sponsor a slide show of the onion crop in the New York and Michigan production area. This is being presented so that onion growers can get a first hand look at what the onions look like in these major onion production areas. The presentation will take place at Vip's Cafe in Ontario at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31.

## Train-Cycle Crash Claims Nyssans

John Igieles Padilla, 31, and Jose Alcaras Garcia, 18, both of Nyssa, died in a motorcycle-train accident 7 p.m. Friday at the crossing of Alameda Avenue and the Union Pacific-Burns track near Ontario. State Police investigated the accident.

## WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Aug. 18	74	46	
Aug. 19	79	47	
Aug. 20	90	47	
Aug. 21	93	48	
Aug. 22	74	56	
Aug. 23	78	58	15
Aug. 24	86	54	.05
Aug. 25		54	
Owyhee Reservoir Storage			
8.25	1,800,760	Acres Feet	
8.26	1,800,350	Acres Feet	



Oregon Secretary of State candidate Norma Paulus (second from right) was a Nyssa visitor last Friday, and is shown talking to Joe Hobson, Sal Morgan (left) and Irene Hobson.

Mrs. Paulus is a Republican, and is completing her third term in the Oregon Legislature. She is an attorney, as is her husband William, and they have two children, ages 14 and 12.

Norma Paulus is interested in Eastern Oregon, having been raised in Burns, and is a graduate of Burns High School. She attended

Willamette University Law School while serving as secretary to the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, and was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1962.

Accompanying Mrs. Paulus on her Eastern Oregon trip was Robert Hamilton, her political campaign advisor; George Shunk, campaign aide; and Teddy Skillern, who is an international award winner in Calligraphy, and who has done the design work for posters and advertising. She is accompanying Norma Paulus as a traveling companion and aide.