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By Pat Savage

Everybody is so busy with harvest and pre-winter arrangements to be doing much of anything else, so all is pretty quiet on the town front.

Didn't our Bulldogs play a fantastic ball game last Friday night? If you missed this game you really missed a good one. A pat on the back for Art Bullock and his fighting Bulldogs.

To those who don't use the underpass walkways to get back and forth to town, this probably won't be of interest. To those who use them it will be a big boost. They are again being properly maintained, the four-letter words being painted over, and the lights are fixed. I hope this lasts, because for a long time, these walkways have been in very disreputable condition. Hope the state maintenance crews will take their job seriously.

By the way, how did you deer hunter do? I haven't heard many reports of a successful hunt. Everyone seemed to have had a good time, even though they came home empty handed. Guess the enjoyment of going is as important as bringing home the meat. You guessed it, something else came up and we didn't get to go after all. There's still some time left though, and pheasant season is just around the corner.

The sugar beet trucks will again be hauling beets into the factory this week, as campaign started October 6, with the Amalgamated Sugar Factory starting to slice beets today. This will mean a lot more trucks on the road. Most drivers are cautious as they approach the school area, but this is such a congested place at lunch time and school dismissal time in the afternoon that I am sure a word of caution is still wise. Please drive carefully, as children seem to throw caution to the wind and depend on us drivers to always be alert. Do your part, let's keep our children walking and running and happy.

Post Office

Closed Monday

Nyssa Postmaster Harold Pook reminds postal patrons that the Post Office will be closed Monday, October 11, Columbus Day. This is a Federal holiday, as is October 25, Veterans Day.

Pook said that after this year Veterans Day will go back to the old date of November 11, but the Post Office will still observe the earlier date in 1976.



JIM DURHAM (R), candidate for Attorney General, was in Nyssa Monday campaigning for the job and getting acquainted with Eastern Oregon citizens. He is shown here with City Manager Henry Schneider.

Durham has been Deputy Attorney General for the past five years, and says he is ready to step up to the number one job. He is a graduate of Penn State in Business Administration, received a Masters Degree

in Business Administration at the University of Portland, and graduated from Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1965. He has practiced law in Portland since that time until moving into the Attorney General's office in 1971.

He was accompanied to Nyssa by his wife Susan, and the couple has three daughters, Linda, Cynthia and Andreas. Their home is in Salem.



THIS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH taken by Architect Bob Smith shows the arrangement of the new Nyssa school buildings rapidly nearing completion.

Grouped around the football and baseball fields are the (A) Primary Building and Administration Office, (B) High School Classrooms, (C) Auditorium, (D) Gymnasium, (E) Cafeteria and Heating Plant, (F) Junior High Classrooms, (G) Industrial Arts, Automotive and Building Trades, (H)

Vocational Agriculture, (I) Bus Garage, with the newly seeded playground directly in back. The Elementary School and new multipurpose room and gym are at the right of the photo.

The first meals will be served in the new cafeteria October 18, work is progressing on the parking lot in front of the new buildings, and the contractor, R. A. Chambers and Associates, hopes to have the buildings completed by December 15.

City Ethics Question On November Ballot

Betty Wilt, City Clerk, delivered a Petition of Initiative to the County Elections Clerk to place the Ethics question on the November ballot so that the citizens of Nyssa may vote on this critical issue.

Under the Ethics law, public officials who hold elective offices on city council planning, zoning or development commissions and the city manager must file a statement of economic interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

At present only the city manager receives a salary while council and other commission positions are non-paying jobs.

In the past, the Ethics Statement issue worked a hardship into filling city elective posts. At least seven officials resigned rather than fill out statements or resigned after completing the statement because they felt this was an invasion of privacy.

Larry Bauman and other interested citizens collected 65 signatures necessary to place the issue on the November ballot.

A city spokesman also pointed out that numerous complications have been involved in the State's processing of statements and areas of confusion have arisen. The spokesman also stated that he felt keeping track of over 5,000 county and city officials was too large a job for the commissions present staff and that he did not feel the job warranted additional employees.

Lloyd Wilson On Budget Board

Lloyd Wilson, Nyssa, has been appointed to the Malheur County budget board replacing Ray Tarter of Ontario for a three-year term.

Wilson, an accountant for Amalgamated Sugar Company for many years has recently retired and will have the time to devote to the unpaid job, the county court said, in making the announcement.

Tarter who has completed a three-year term asked to be relieved of the service, citing lack of time.

School Closed October 15

The Junior and Senior High Schools will be closed a week from Friday, October 15, while high voltage transformers are changed over for both buildings, according to Superintendent W. L. McPartland. The Elementary and Primary Schools will be open that day, and lights for the football field will be on for the Madras game that evening.

McPartland said that the cooks began work this week getting the new cafeteria ready in preparation for the opening on October 18.

Nyssa Band To Sell Calendars

Nyssa High School band members will be knocking at doors around town and country to tell people about the publication of this year's Community Birthday Calendar.

The Birthday Calendar will list schedules for school activities, meeting dates of organizations in town, and names and birthdays and anniversaries of Nyssa residents.

The teenage musicians have formed into various committees for gaining necessary information about clubs, churches, personal dates and for contacting the local merchants for advertisements.

Band Director Ralph Werner says, "the Community Birthday Calendar is a great idea. Please call me if you have any questions or if you paid for one last year and didn't receive one, you'll receive a free one this year."

The calendar drive will end on Monday, October 11. If you would like to be contacted, please call Mr. Werner at 372-2287 and leave your name and phone number.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Sept. 29	79	45	
Sept. 30	78	45	
Oct. 1	78	44	
Oct. 2	66	48	trace
Oct. 3	64	40	
Oct. 4	63	41	
Oct. 5	66	33	
Oct. 6		35	
1.67 inches of precipitation for the month of September.			
Owyhee Reservoir			
10-6-76 432,180 Acre Feet			
10-6-75 498,550 Acre Feet			

Oldemeyer Named By-Laws Chairman

Dr. Donald L. Oldemeyer, member of the Nyssa City Council, has been appointed chairman of the by-laws committee for the 20th biennial meeting of the American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists in San Diego in 1978. President Glen W. Yeager has announced.

Oldemeyer, manager of seed production and development for The Amalgamated Sugar Company, has been a member of the Society for twenty years.

The American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists was formed 38 years ago to provide a forum for exchange

Colleges To Visit Adrian

Adrian High School will host a visitation by representatives from the Oregon State System of Higher Education on Thursday, October 21, 1976 at 9 a.m.

Unique throughout the United States is a visitation by representatives of the Oregon State System of Higher Education to every high school in the state.

The visitation supplements the guidance program of Adrian High School by giving students first-hand information about course offerings, admission requirements, housing, costs to attend, financial aids and scholarships and other information pertinent to planning for the college experience.

Parents are invited to attend the visitation and are urged to discuss post-high school plans with their sons and daughters before and after the conference.

North Board To Turn Off Water

Adam Focht, manager of the North Board of Control, said that water will be turned off in the project on Friday, October 15.

Focht said that they had a good operating year, and ended the year with a good turnover of water.

Larson Discusses Sugarbeet Industry And Its Prospects

By Ray Larson

Sugarbeet harvest will begin October 6, 1976. Fieldmen estimate that the Treasure Valley district will harvest 68,000 acres and these acres will yield 1,620,000 tons of beets. The Treasure Valley District encompasses Weiser on the north, Vale on the west, Glens Ferry on the east and Grandview on the south. The Nyssa district will harvest 28,200 acres with an estimated yield of 710,000 tons.

At this level of sugarbeet tonnage, considerable wealth will be generated into the business community. \$17,000,000 will be paid to the year around employees and the seasonal worker at the four factories. Payroll taxes of \$1,250,000 will be paid to state and federal govern-

ments. Our property taxes will amount to over \$1,100,000. \$4,000,000 will be paid to transport the beets to the factories from out-lying receiving stations. Fuel bought to operate the factories will cost about \$9,000,000 and lime rock and other operating supplies will cost more than \$5,600,000.

Prices for sugar have dropped drastically in the past 22 months. It has gone from a high of .75 a pound in late 1974 to the present price of .14 a pound. (The prices quoted are bases price for sugar in the Chicago market.) the reason for this price drop is due to (1) recent imbalance between supply and demand and (2) the expiration of the Sugar Act on December 31, 1974. Because of pressure from consumer groups, the U. S. House of Representatives decided not to renew the Sugar Act which through 40 years of being in force had accomplished the things it was intended to do.

Six File For Adrian Council

Six candidates for the Adrian City Council have filed their nominating petitions for the November 2 election. The two who receive the most votes will serve a four-year term, the other three will serve for two years.

Incumbents who have filed are George Cartwright, Marvin D. Bowers, Vernon E. Parker and Clarence E. (Clay) Webb. New candidates are Carl Begeman and LeRoy Remington.

(1) Assure consumers of adequate sugar at reasonable prices.

(2) Promote international trade with friendly nations.

(3) Maintain and protect the domestic sugar industry.

Under the terms of the contract between The Amalgamated Sugar Company and farmers, the growers participate in the price the sugar is sold for. This price determines how much they will be paid for their sugarbeets. While the Sugar Act was in effect the price of sugar was very stable. Growers could quite accurately predict what they would receive for their sugarbeets and could build their farming program on this basis. An increase of .50 to .75 per ctw in the price of sugar per year was the normal growth under the Sugar Act. Without the price stabilization written into the Sugar Act, prices have gone from \$14.00/ctw in October 1973 to \$75.00/ctw in late 1974, and back to \$14.00/ctw in September 1976. The current price of .14/pound is cheaper than it has been since 1935 (relative to price increases in other consumer goods). No industry can be expected to survive on 1935 prices during the inflated economy of the 1970's.

Under the Sugar Act foreign importers received a premium to deliver a quota of sugar to the U.S. This generally put the price of sugar above the world prices so importers were glad to sell to the U.S. Late in 1973 it became apparent that the U.S. would not renew the Sugar Act and the world price was increasing because of "new wealth" from developing nations. These nations wanted to buy sugar and since the U.S. quota no longer meant anything to importers, importers sold to other countries thereby creating a shortage of sugar in the U.S. and causing the price to rise.

The U.S. is the only major sugar importing country, at present, that does not have a sugar program of some type. 82% of the sugar sold in the world is sold to countries with sugar programs. The remaining 18% is sold on the world market, which in the past has had widely fluctuating prices. It is from this "world market" that the U.S. must buy its imported sugar today.

We need sugar legislation of some kind if the domestic sugar industry is to survive. There are several alternatives available to the President without legislative action.

(1) Increase the tariff on raw sugar coming into the U.S. from .625 cents/cwt to \$1.875 per cwt. Assuming this would increase the price \$1.25/cwt this would not increase the price to levels that would insure the continued supply of domestic sugar.

(2) Establish a meaningful import quota. The quota for 1976 is 7,000,000 tons of sugar, raw value. This is meaningless insofar as price is concerned since the present level of imports is slightly less than 3,000,000 tons.

(3) Countries selling sugar to the U. S. for less than it is being sold "at home" could result in restricting imports of sugar from that country.

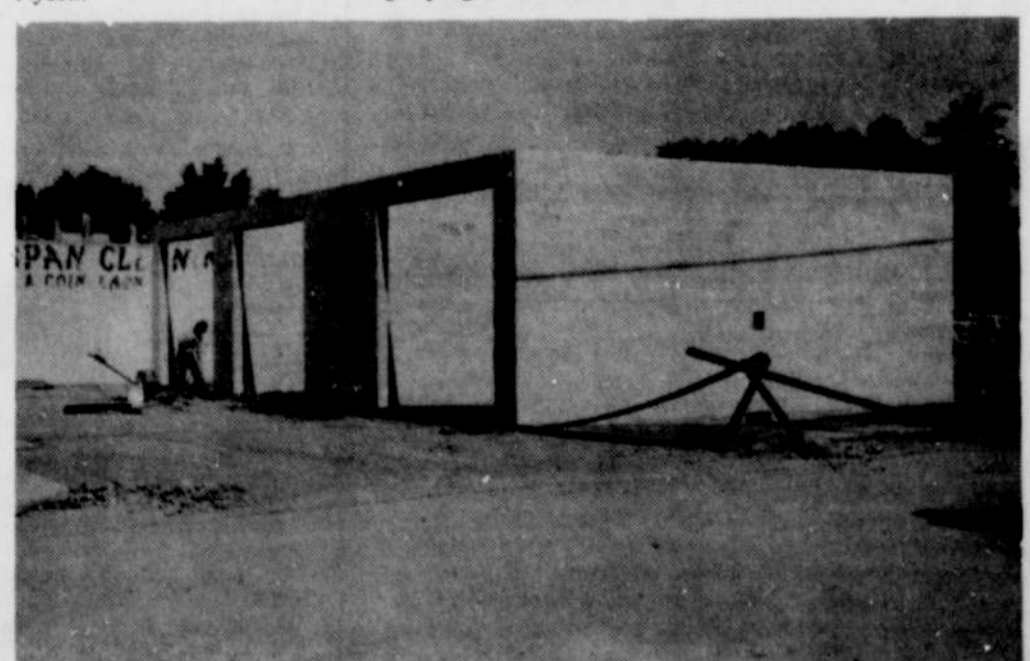
Representative Bergland from Minnesota has introduced legislation designed to insure the supply of sugar to the U. S. at a reasonable price and to assure the continuation of the domestic industry. This legislation establishes a base domestic price at which sugar may be imported into the U.S. The price reflects the average cost of producing beet sugar. Foreign sugar imported at less than base price will be subject to a duty of .975% of the difference.

The final Sugar Act that will come from Congress, if it chooses to enact sugar legislation, will probably be different than the act introduced by Representative Bergland but his act is a start and will force Congress to become aware of the plight of the domestic sugar industry.

I hope the farmers and businessmen of this community will write their representative to support HR Bill #15485.

Amalgamated Sugar has embarked on a joint venture with American Maize to build a High Fructose Corn Sugar Refinery at Decatur, Alabama. Besides producing HFCS the refinery will make starch for use in the paper industry, extract the corn germ for the manufacture of corn oil, and provide a livestock feed from the corn residue. The refinery will use 30,000 bushels of corn per day and plans to operate 350 days a year. The plant will use in excess of 10,000,000 bushels of corn per year. This means that it will take approximately 100,000 acres of corn to supply the raw material.

The starch will be used in the paper industry in the Southeastern part of the U.S. where there is a readily available market. Since HFCS is a liquid it will be sold mainly in the Southeastern area to reduce the cost of transporting HFCS to further markets.



A NEW CAR WASH is under construction built by Noah Bass, and will be in operation on North Third Street next to the Spic and Span Cleaners. The new building is being