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by Pat Savage

I don't remember ever seeing icicles like the ones hanging around this year. On some homes it looks like a frozen waterfall flowing from the roof. Others reach from the edge of the roof to the bottom of the windows giving the illusion of bars when looking from the inside out. Regardless of how much it has been thawing each day, it still freezes at night thus holding the stick-tight snow and ice on the residential streets. If one digs under the snow the ground is bone dry. Shirt sleeves in Alaska, snow boots and studded tires in Nyssa, while Florida faces frozen crop loss and ski resorts keep their runs closed, causes one to wonder what is to come in future years. Man really isn't in control of everything is he?

If you missed the opportunity of seeing our new gym last week when the Nyssa wrestlers held the first official sports event there, you will have another chance this week. Friday night Crook County will be playing the Nyssa Bulldogs and there will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony. The Nyssa Sports Boosters will help make the occasion a little more impressive, as they are busy making blue and white posters and forming a specific rooting section. Regardless of whether you have a poster or are a member of this worthwhile organization or not, they will be happy to have you sit in this particular rooting section. All that is required is that you be an enthusiastic Bulldog fan and are willing to cheer, cheer for Nyssa. How about you, are you a Bulldog supporter?

You know the town is so quiet, all this quiet scares me. Must be the cold weather, but things are very slow. People are just not out and about, Main Street seems almost deserted at certain times. There is one thing in Nyssa however, that is apparently worth crowing about and that is the South Park. Hundreds of crows sweep over the park each evening at dusk and spend the night in the trees there. For those of us who live near the park it appears at times if you're outside that the whole town is being invaded by the birds. As they fly through the slowly darkening sky, the white snow and frosty trees make an impressive background for these shiny black birds. Cawing back and forth to one another they finally settle down to sleep but apparently a few stand guard because at the least little sound or approaching footstep, they prepare to fly until all is quiet again.

Crazy, perhaps, but now you people on the North side of town know for certain that we of the South side are really going to the birds.



THE NEW SCOREBOARD is being installed securely on overhead beams in the new gym by Merildean Robbins and Lloyd Cannady. It is placed over the center of the basketball floor, and is visible on all four sides.

The scoreboard is a gift to the Nyssa schools from the J.R. Simplot Company, and with assistance from the Amalgamated Sugar Company. The gift will be acknowledged at dedication ceremonies Friday evening prior to the Crook County-Nyssa basketball game, when a short ribbon-cutting ceremony will officially open the new gym.

Nyssa Jr. High Honor Roll

Students on the honor roll at the Nyssa Junior High School for the first semester are as follows:

7th Grade

Robyn Ankenman, Jolene Atagi, Niki Bair, Mark Bauman, Laura Buchtel, Traci Burbank, Andrew Castro, Derral Draper, Tonya Drydale, Patsy Estrada, Kelly Ferrenburg, Sharie Field, Christopher Fonda

Susanne Glauner, Renate Hansen, Kim Jackson, Robert Jimenez, Sheila Johnson, Kathy Kesler, Lisa Kuhlman, Todd Langley, Lili Longoria, Fred Lopez, Virginia Lopez, Wayne Mitchell, Ken Moore, Julie Peabody, Larry Peterson, Becky Ross, Lisa Sarazin, Teresa Savage, Brenda Sims, Trina Thiel, Becky Tyner, Eddie Udlinek, Lupe Vasquez, Geneve Williams

8th Grade

Melissa Baker, Mark Ballantyne, Joy Ballou, Brenda Bradbury, Alan Bullard, Lisa Bullock, Sharon Dail, Lula Delgado, Brigetta Drydale, Jerald Drydale, Richard Espinoza, Amy Glenn, Lisa Guerra, Sandra Harris, Riley Hatch

Sheila Joyce, Landon Lane, Leslie Lane, Jim Looney, Maribel Lopez, Devina Lowe, Melanie Martin, Christopher Mastas, John McCune, David Moffis, Terri Morrison, Nathan Mower, Scott Munn

Toni Petterson, Bill Roland, Gigi Saito, Steve Schoeneman, Cathy Seuell, Charles Shell, Angie Stam, Jeanne Sword, Tiena Tensen, Janella Townsend, Julene Wagstaff, Mike Wood, Trudy Wynn

Amalgamated Holds Annual Meeting

The Amalgamated Sugar Company held its annual stockholders meeting in Ogden on January 20. Chairman of the Board and President A. E. Benning conducted the meeting.

In making his annual comments to the stockholders in attendance, Mr. Benning emphasized that virtually every nation in the world except the United States has a national sugar program and policy designed to provide stable prices and dependable supplies for domestic needs. At the present, the sole and singular device employed by the United States relating to sugar is a tariff on imported sugar.

Mr. Benning described this tariff as "inadequate in providing the necessary protection to domestic sugar producers from current ruinously low world sugar prices." He explained why permanent federal legislation was needed to solve the problem of providing consumers with dependable sugar supplies and reasonable prices while maintaining a necessary domestic sugar industry.

Jurors Told Body Found Near Home

Juan Olivarez, 40, formerly of Nyssa, on trial for murder in the death of his wife, sat quietly in court Tuesday while a former Nyssa policeman told of finding the body of Maria Eloisa Olivarez beneath a piece of tin in a shallow grave three years after she disappeared.

The trial opened Tuesday in Vale Circuit Court before Judge Warner Wasley of La Grande, Oregon. Circuit Court Judge Frank Yraguen had removed himself from trial of the case because much of the investigation occurred while he was district attorney.

Joe Rodriguez, former police officer, was on the stand for more than two hours and was still testifying when the court was adjourned for the night.

Rodriguez said a backhoe uncovered the body near the Olivarez family home September 24, 1974. She had been missing since October 8, 1971.

Rodriguez said he first saw a hand with a wedding ring on it and then continued the search, finding the body beneath a large piece of tin, which had been covered by dirt and gravel. The head was beneath the body, he said.

The shallow grave was south of a pig shed area, he said.

In his opening statement to the jury of six men and six women, District Attorney Byron Chatfield asked the jury to find Olivarez guilty of murder.

Clifford Looney, one of the attorneys for Olivarez, cautioned the jury to make a conviction only if there was proof beyond a reasonable doubt. He told them not to base their decision on assumptions and promises. "Don't assume or speculate," he said.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
Jan. 19	28	13
Jan. 20	27	14
Jan. 21	30	22
Jan. 22	29	23
Jan. 23	30	23
Jan. 24	26	14
Jan. 25	30	20
Jan. 26	23	14
Owyhee Reservoir Storage	1-25-77 482,500 Acre Feet	1-25-76 616,850 Acre Feet



NYSSA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Directors were installed at the annual dinner of the chamber Tuesday evening at the Twilight Cafe. From left are Gilbert Wells, Larry Bauman, Betty Rieb, President Harold Pook, Margaret Bracken and Jim Crisp. Directors Jack Pittz, John Messick and Harvey Wilmot were not present.

"Nyssa Factory Here To Stay" - Larson



RAY LARSON, Manager of the Nyssa-Nampa District of Amalgamated Sugar Company, was the principal speaker. Seated at the head table are Mrs. Pook, Chamber President Harold Pook, outgoing president and Master of Ceremonies Steve Fonda, Mrs. Fonda and Mrs. Larson.

Larson told those attending the banquet that the Nyssa factory, in his prejudiced opinion, is the best in the United States. It will remain open, the beet trucks will run next year, and he thinks the sugar industry has bottomed out and is on its way back up.

The Nyssa factory was built in 1937 at a cost of about \$2 million, and took one year to build. Now it would cost \$80 million to replace, and would take two or three years to build. The factory is close to the beets, and

barring three or four really bad years, will be in Nyssa for a long time.

About 126,000 acres of beets were planted in the Amalgamated districts last year, and Larson expects at least 105,000 acres will be planted this year. He cited a payroll of \$2.3 million, payments of \$2.5 million, and taxes of three-quarters of a million dollars as great economic benefits to this area.

Larson expects Congress to enact some kind of legislation to protect domestic sugar. About 50 percent of sugar is imported from foreign countries, and American growers need protection from this competition.

Dr. Kenneth Pfaff of Ontario, president of the Malheur Medical Association, congratulated Nyssa on support of the hospital, and pledged all the help possible between physicians and the two county hospitals.

Nyssa Will Receive Highway Funds

The City of Nyssa will receive \$19,644.32 in highway user funds, based on a population of 2,775.

During the period July 1 to December 31, 1976, the State Highway Division has distributed \$9,458,423.51 in highway-user tax funds to the incorporated cities of Oregon for use in local road, street and park programs, it was announced today by H. Scott Coulter, state highway engineer.

The allocation is based on the statutory 12 percent, and is distributed on a monthly basis. It went to 241 incorporated cities in Oregon whose combined population now totals 1,335,275.

Sen. Smith Heads Republicans

State Senator Robert F. Smith, R-Burns, District 30, representing Baker, Crook, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Lake and Wheeler Counties, has been elected by the Senate Republicans as their floor leader for the 1977 legislative session.

Smith has been a legislator since 1961. He served in the House of Representatives for six terms, twice as majority leader and two terms as Speaker of the House. He is now beginning his second four-year term in the Senate.

Learning For Living Day Set Friday

Plans are now complete for the Learning for Living Day which will be held on Friday, January 28.

The day-long program will be sponsored by the Oregon and Idaho Extension Services and will be held at VIP'S in Ontario. There is a \$1.00 charge for each person. There will be door prizes and the Malheur County Cowbells will provide information and samples of beef snacks at the morning break.

Helen Conner, Extension Home Economist states that all interested persons are invited and may attend only one session or all day if they choose.

Following is a complete schedule of the days activities:

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. - Decorating with Fabric, speaker

Sheila Ryan, Ada County. 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. - Moving Toward Metric, speaker Peggy Fletcher, Ada County and Daylene Petersen, Canyon County.

10:30 - 11 a.m. - Break 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. - Patchwork and Quilting, speaker, Bev Healy, Owyhee County.

11:45 - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch on your own

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. - Microwave Magic, speaker Bev Montgomery, Canyon County

1:45 - 2:30 p.m. - Room to Love, speaker Mary Lee Wood, 4-H Specialist, and Vi Rexford, Gem County.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. - Break 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. - Up with "Down" for Winter - (A guide to outdoorwear sewing kits), speaker, Jane Betts, Washington County and Susan Inouye, Payette County.

Wheat Allotment Applications Due

Russell Fulleton, Chairman of the Malheur County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, reminds farmers and ranchers that February 15 is the deadline to file applications for new spring wheat and feed grain allotment applications.

Some of the eligibility requirements are: To be eligible for a new farm allotment, neither the owner or operator shall own, have any ownership interest in, or operate another farm in the United States with a current year allotment for the commodity for which the application is filed. For any feed grain, this requirement extends to all feed grains.

The applicant is responsible for disclosing all farms for which such request has been or will be made.

The operator must own, or have readily available, equipment and other facilities necessary for the production of the commodity.

No experience is required for feed grain but experience in any prior year as an operator, share-cropper, tenant, family member or laborer is required for wheat. The operator must expect to obtain more than 50 percent of his current year income from farming.

All applicants will be given equal consideration without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Growers Elect New Officers

The Board of Directors of the Nyssa-Nampa Beet Growers Association held their annual organizational meeting on Monday, January 17, and welcomed newly elected Directors Robert Cruickshank from the Oregon Slope District and Charles Pintler from the Dry Lake District. Also seated were re-elected Directors Emil W. Maag, Jamieson; P. T. Rathbone, Marsing-Homedale; and Gordon Tieg from the Bowmont-Stoddard District.

Election of officers for 1977 resulted in the re-election of P. T. Rathbone of Marsing as the President; the choice of Louis M. Wettstein of Ontario as the Vice President; and the re-election of Donald G. Johnston of Parma, as the Secretary-Treasurer. James H. Elgin of Caldwell was reappointed as the Executive Secretary.

Glenn E. Talbot was again chosen as the Director at Large; and Gordon Tieg and Emil W. Maag were returned to the Executive Committee.

President Rathbone, in his report to the Board, stated that as promised, he had made inquiries of the general membership at the recently completed annual meetings which were held in six

locations throughout our area regarding two very important topics:

First, was the matter of sugar legislation. He reported that almost without exception, the feeling of the members was the same as that of the Board of Directors that any legislation be simple in nature, without all the complexities of the old act and without any direct grower payments or labor legislation that is aimed exclusively at sugarbeet growers.

Second, was the matter of a contract for the 1977 sugar beet crop with the Amalgamated Sugar Company. Rathbone stated that there was practically no sentiment from the growers, for the Board to re-open contract negotiations for this crop, as in the final analysis, increase income from beets would be gained only from improved prices in the market place. He said it is unlikely that the Grower Associations or the Company would ask that the contract be reopened and that the current contract would be extended to the 1977 season, and growers would be able to plant whenever their soil conditions permitted.

Onion Growers To Hold Annual Meeting Tuesday

The Southwest Idaho - Malheur County Onion Growers Association will be hosting their Annual Meeting February 1, 9:00 a.m., at the Royal Cafe in Ontario, Oregon. The group will hear a discussion on onion seed production problems. This will be delivered by Bill McDonald of the Craykham Seed Company and he will relay to the growers some of the reasons why onion seed is not always available in plentiful supplies. In addition to Mr. McDonald, Chuck Stanger and Paul Torell will cover the most recent weed research trials conducted in Treasure Valley.

In the past year the growers associations have financed additional research through Oregon State University and the University of Idaho by projects conducted by Bill Simpson and Jim Zaleski. These studies will include the proposals of techniques in sampling the soil for pink root and other beneficial soil microorganisms. Along with this report Bill Simpson will discuss some of the field problems that have been observed during the past year.

The problem of the export of onions to foreign countries will be discussed by Jeff Anderson of the J. C. Watson Company and Dan Iseri of Tom Iseri Produce. Many of the problems related to exports are not known by growers, Burr said, and therefore, would be of great interest to local producers.

The day's activities will be concluded by a very interesting slide presentation by Armond Taylor entitled "A Walk Through Israel." Mr. Taylor had an opportunity to visit Israel this past year and took special interest in recording his trip by an excellent series of slides. All onion growers in Treasure Valley and allied industry people are urged to attend this meeting at the Royal Cafe in Ontario on February 1st and are invited to a hosted luncheon at noon.



THIS TEN-FOOT ICICLE is hanging from the roof of the Virginia Bybee home on Columbia Avenue. This sight is duplicated in varying degrees throughout the Treasure Valley as fog has obscured the sun, and the ice hangs on.