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School will start September 6. Probably be more mothers happy to hear that than kids, but though other neighboring schools will start August 29, ours won't until after Labor Day.

Sure can tell fall is getting closer, despite the very hot temperatures, as the number of corn, potato and onion trucks continue to roll into town, more numerous every day. American Fine Foods and the several produce houses, or packing sheds, are fine sources of work for young and older people too.

Speaking of harvest brings to mind memories of riding on the lettuce wagon. Do you remember when head lettuce was a big crop in this area? Do you remember Jack Hale and his lettuce wagon? Jack drove his mule or horse-drawn wagon to the fields where it was loaded and then he delivered the load to the packing shed where the lettuce was packed in ice and shipped by train to places I wasn't even interested in knowing about as a kid. The most thrilling part of our day was when old Jack would let us ride with him or would throw us a head of lettuce. We used to wait out by the road for hours just so

we wouldn't miss this treat. I don't think lettuce ever tasted so good as it did then. Jack, with his mules and colorful language, which could be heard a block away, hauled many heads of lettuce and covered numerous miles and are all now a part of Nyssa's history.

I talked with Dr. David Sarazin this week. As many of you know, Dr. Sarazin recently underwent major surgery for a heart condition. He had a coronary by-pass operation, says he is feeling much better and hopes to be back to work in about six weeks. We're glad you're home David!

The Nyssa community is losing a fine family the end of this month. Pastor Walter Schmidt of the Lutheran Church has accepted a church post in Ann Arbor, Mich. and will start there Sept. 1. He has been very active in our community and most amiable and willing to serve in whatever position he was called upon to fill. Our very best to all the Schmidts and a thank you for all the community service you have given so freely.

By popular demand, the Out of the Past column is appearing in this week's issue and may be found on page three. All good things come to those who can wait long enough or something like that. Anyway, read and enjoy.



RON AND CAROL WENNING, newcomers in Nyssa from Portland, are getting settled into their new home at 115 Reece Avenue. Ron is the new pastor for the Assembly of God Church and is also vault teller at The First National Bank of Oregon.

He was born and raised in Indiana while Carol started out in Oregon. Ron is a graduate of Trinity Bible Institute in North Dakota and Carol attended Indiana University where she majored in music.



PAT ROBERTS AND THE DRIFTERS will perform at the 1977 Malheur County Fair on Friday, August 19, 1977, along with Guest Star Tom Bresh. Performances will be at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.



THE WEST END OF Emison Avenue, Nyssa's first and only culdesac, was surfaced Tuesday and all is being done in preparation of the six housing units, which will be five houses plus a duplex, all being constructed as a private venture by Riley Hill, a contractor from Ontario. This portion of the street was substandard so the contractor dedicated ten feet from each lot and the city will attempt to solicit additional property on the north side of the street. The thirty-four foot wide street is in keeping with the new comprehensive plan.

Ullman Hears Concern Over Sugar Industry

About 100 people attended a meeting with Congressman Al Ullman, Thursday evening.

Of most concern to the people of Nyssa is the sugar industry and the deplorable situation that it is in. Glen Marcum and Norbert Sarazin representing the employees of the Amalgamated Sugar Factory questioned Ullman about the resumption of trade with Cuba and the current farm bill. Harold Hart of the Oregon Slope asked why the original sugar act was ever dropped in the first place. Bob Holmes of Nyssa asked about the possibility of a quota system. Gilbert Wells asked if there was any chance of moving the price above the recommended 52% of parity. Jim Elgin, executive secretary of the Nyssa-Nampa Beet Grower's Association, asked the question on most people's minds in Nyssa, "What will happen to Nyssa without the sugar industry?"

One thing that was very apparent was that Ullman seemed to get the message that the people in the Treasure Valley are very concerned about the sugar industry. In answer to some of the questions asked, Ullman replied, with regard to a question concerning trade with Cuba, "To not trade with your neighbor 90 miles away and pretend he's not there is very uncivilized."

Regarding the Farm Bill, he said, "I'm sure the Senate will pass it in October and the President will sign it." What about a Sugar Import Quota, "If we get an International agreement we will go to a quota system." What are the chances of moving the price above the recommended 52% parity? "This is possible, either through a quota system or revision of the current program in two years." What about Nyssa? Ullman recommended a "Chamber of Commerce" attitude. "We've got to raise so much sugar beets for the good of Treasure Valley. Then at least you can maintain the program and with the agriculture plan, we have the start of a good program. Ullman went on to say there has been an oversupply of sugar on the world market and that the U.S. is trying to get an international agreement going again. He admitted that what we have now is not enough but it is a start.

Ullman also discussed the energy bill, farm credit, welfare, wild horses, foreign policy and civil rights.

Ullman stated President Carter is the most available President he has served under. He said that "The President is a very impatient man and if he can do in eight years what he proposes to do in two, it will be a miracle."

Police Report

The Nyssa Police Department is investigating a burglary which took place at the Nyssa Auto Parts, 11 North Third St., early Saturday morning. Mechanic's tools of undetermined value were taken.

Sgt. Pancho Rios said that police officers discovered the break-in minutes after it happened.

He said the police were also investigating vandalism at the Muir-Roberts packing shed where a loading dock was damaged.

FIRE CALLS!

Nyssa Firemen were summoned to two fire calls Tuesday evening. The first call was a transformer which was sparking at the Labor Camp. The second one was a brush and weed fire at the old Pat Parker place on Eureka Avenue. There was no extensive damage at either fire.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
Aug. 10	95	55
Aug. 11	95	64
Aug. 12	98	51
Aug. 13	100	56
Aug. 14	99	69
Aug. 15	96	59
Aug. 16	100	58
Aug. 17		61

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
8-17-77 244,070 Acre Feet
8-17-76 504,810 Acre Feet

Livestock Auction Friday Evening

76 Market Steers, 70 Market Lambs and 24 Market Hogs have been consigned to the 1977 Malheur County 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction, notes Marilyn Mohr, Malheur County Extension. This Auction is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Friday, August 19 at the Malheur County Fairgrounds.

Don Hancock of Vale is handling the finances of the sale with Idaho Meat of Caldwell, Davis Pack of Garden City and Swede Erstrom of Vale setting the floor prices for the fat stock.

People wishing to support this Junior Sale, by purchasing livestock, will have the options of reselling the animal to the packer or slaughtering the animal for home consumption. If a buyer wishes to resell an animal, he will pay only the difference between the amount he bids on the animal and the floor or base price set by the packer.

If the buyer wishes to have the animal slaughtered at one of the local meat packers, it will be hauled free of charge to that selected plant.

Anyone who wishes to participate at this auction is urged to attend the sale on Friday in Girvin Hall or contact one of the following men: John Schram, Paul Crabill, Bill Hawkins, Clayton Kramer, all of Ontario; Benny Maag, Dudley DeLong Tom McElroy, Rob Johnson, Kenny Zimmerschied, Darrell Wilson, all of Vale; Mike Howell, Dutch Hipp, Nyssa; Rex Smith, Adrian; and Nick Pascoe, Allen Baltz or Charlie Maher, Jordan Valley

Plan Reunion

A search is underway for names and addresses of men who served on the U.S.S. West Virginia during World War II.

A group of former shipmates are planning a reunion of the battleship West Virginia enlisted men and officers who live in the northwest. Names and addresses should be sent to the U.S.S. West Virginia, P.O. Box 8484, Portland, Oregon 97207.

The West Virginia was sunk at Pearl Harbor, raised and towed to Bremerton, Washington where it was rebuilt. The ship re-entered the war in October of 1944. It was the lead ship at the famed battle of Surigao Strait when the 7th Fleet "crossed the T" of the Japanese fleet and sank several major Japanese vessels.



MARY LARUE, center, rural Nyssa, landed this seven and three-quarter pound cat fish August 9. Fishing in the Snake River on a lazy summer day suddenly became a great adventure to Jesse, left, and Tyann Kygar, right, when they were called upon to help bring the big fish to shore. Jesse, like most boys, came out wet to his waist, but happy to have been part of this fish story.

They live in Roseburg and are spending some of their summer vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kygar of rural Adrian.

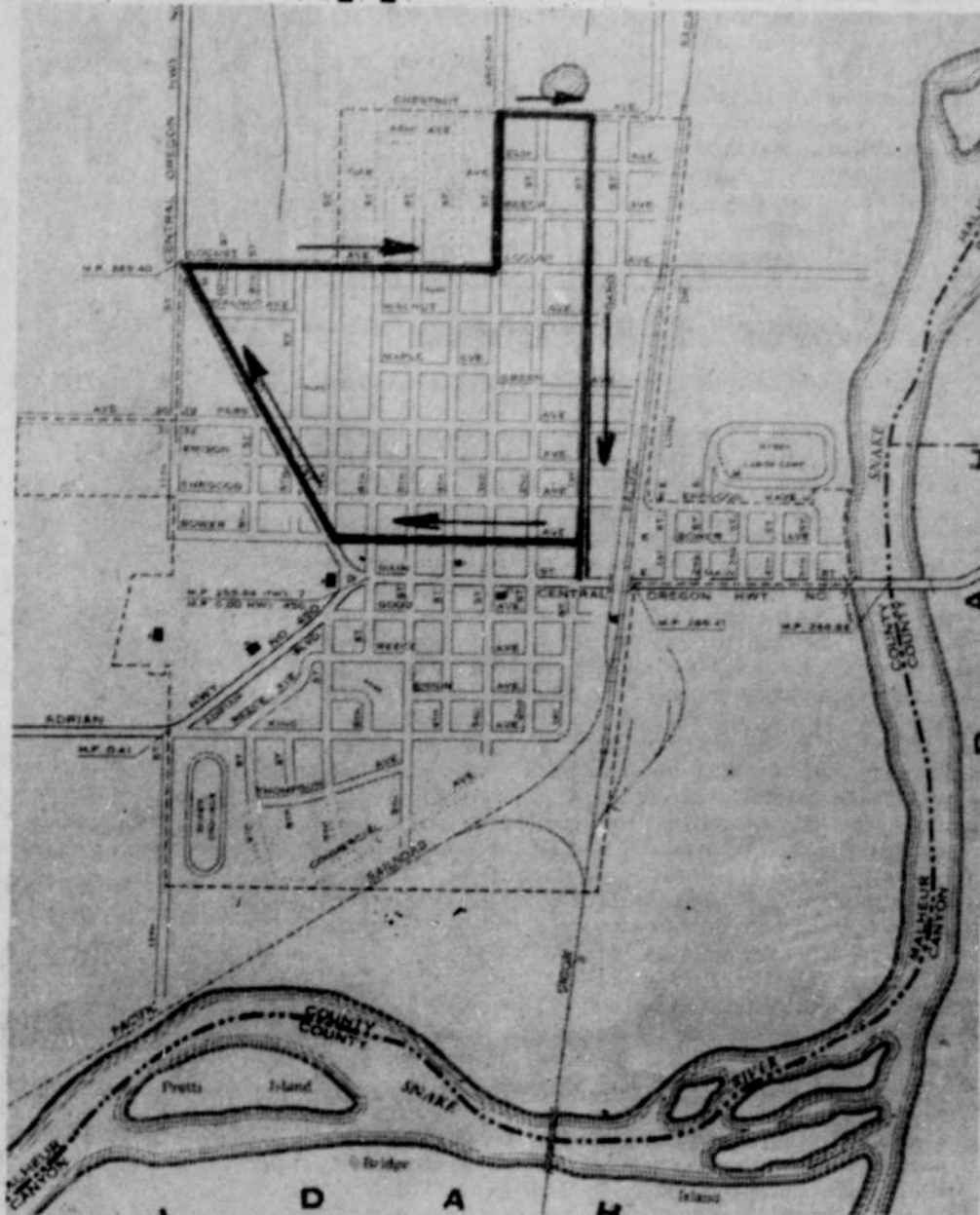
NYSSA WATER USE

This chart is a daily pumping record from Wednesday 0900 A.M. through Tuesday 0900 A.M. of each week. According to the national average, Nyssa residents should use 425,100 gallons per day.

Date	Gallons Used	Pumping Hours	Per Capita	Temp.
Wednesday	1,736,000	22	612	98
Thursday	1,815,000	23	640	95
Friday	1,801,000	23	635	95
Saturday	1,762,000	23	621	95
Sunday	1,742,000	23	614	100
Monday	1,789,000	23	631	99
Tuesday	1,770,000	22	624	97

Date August 16, 1977
Population 2,834

Council Approves Bike Route



On August 12, in an adjourned meeting, Council approved a Recreation Committee recommendation to lay-out a bicycle route using existing City streets. The route selected includes the east side of North Main Street starting at Bower Avenue, thence northward to Locust Avenue, thence eastward to North 3rd Street, thence north to Chestnut Avenue, then east to North 1st Street, thence south to Bower Avenue, thence westward to North Main Street.

Cyclists may use the sidewalk on the east side of North Main Street between Bower and Locust Avenues during the course of this route. Cyclists should refrain

from using the walks in other areas.

John Messick, Recreation Committee chairman, stated that this bike path will only be effective if cyclists follow the clockwise routes.

"By properly following the route, cyclists will not have to cross any moving traffic without the benefit of stop signs," Messick further urged all cyclists to follow safe driving rules by giving proper hand signals and obeying all street signs.

In approving the bike route, Mayor Coffman pointed out that this is a legal requirement enacted by Public Law. "The City must expend 1% of its Highway allocations for bike paths or

the State will deduct a like amount from the funds we receive. Our Council realizes there are other more urgent areas which need financial attention, but this is something we are required to do by law."

Initial expenditures will be made to purchase official bike route signs with arrows to designate the route. Signs will also designate half mile intervals along the route.

The initial bike path costs will amount to approximately \$250.00, City Manager Schneider announced. "The Budget Committee at a Public Hearing approved a total expenditure of \$925. Nyssa's total ten-year requirement is estimated to be about \$3,000."

65 Million to Oregon Schools

A record \$65 million in basic school support was distributed to Oregon school districts Monday, August 15, State School Superintendent Verne A. Duncan said today.

The checks are the first quarterly payment of the \$269 million appropriated by the legislature for the 1977-78 school year. The previous record amount was \$53.7 million issued February 15, 1977.

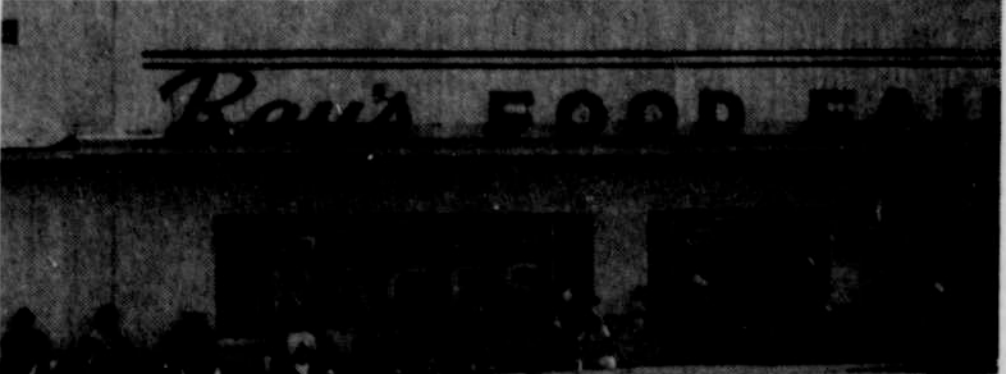
State support, which pays an average of 34 percent of a district's operating cost, is based mainly on enrollment, true cash value and pupil transportation.

Here are the amounts sent to the ten largest districts: Portland \$6.3 M; Salem \$3.3 M; Beaverton \$2.5 M; Eugene \$2.3M; North Clackamas \$2 M; Medford \$1.3 M; Springfield \$1.2 M; Klamath County Unit \$838,000; Corvallis \$1 M, and David Douglas \$12.2 M.

Nutrition Site for Senior Citizens to Open

It was announced Monday that the Malheur Council on Aging will be opening a Senior Citizens Nutrition site in Nyssa, August 22. It will be located at the Community

Center located at 2nd and Ehrgood. Meals will be served at noon on Mondays and Friday. All persons 60 years of age and older are welcome. Pay is on a donation basis.



MANY ARE JOINING in helping others and these bicyclists are no different. They are riding over 2600 miles for Muscular Dystrophy. What kind of people would suffer sore muscles and spend their time bike riding?

The cross country ride began Thursday, August 12 to Ft. Myers, Florida. These young people come from all over. "During the first four days, the group has picked up two new additions, they, only riding for a while, then going their own merry way," commented Dave Schutt.

Averaging 85 miles per day, the group hoped to travel 114 miles Tuesday, August 16, after their first hundred-mile day, the day before. The group's goal is 120 miles per day.

Heading off the group is Dave P. Schutt, he writes back and forth to Ft. Myers telling his correspondent the progress of the group. Dave shared that the town businessmen will auction the cost per mile to be paid to Muscular Dystrophy.

Traveling along with the group is a vehicle driven by sore-muscled riders, who just exchange bicycles.