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Amalgamated Begins 40th Campaign

Town Crier
by Pat Savage

The first and most important event happening next week is the "Up With People" performance Thursday, October 13, in the Nyssa Gym and October 15, in the Payette Mini Dome. Talked with Geert Fierens of Belgium this week. He is part of the advance team and is a dancer in the cast. He was most enthusiastic about this all-new cast and all-new show. Large capacity crowds are expected, so, if you haven't purchased your tickets you better do so today. Tickets are available at all area banks and Music Land in West Park Plaza. Many thanks to all the merchants, the banks, the city manager and the mayor, to Donna Blackburn and Judy Martin and to all those who are housing members of the cast and to all who helped in any way to make this performance possible in our community. A special thanks to Mick Berryman and Newhouse Chevrolet for letting the advance team use one of their Chevrolets. Don't forget the proceeds of the show go to the cancer fund!

A small group of the "Up With People" cast will entertain the residents of the Malheur Memorial Nursing Home Thursday, October 13. Friends and family members are invited to attend. For more information and time, call the Nursing Home Thursday morning. Youth, enthusiasm, optimism and their care—what better gifts could be offered to our people in the Nursing Home?

Nyssa Manor will be holding an "Open House" Sunday, October 16, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the recreation hall. Alice and Elmer Kleinke resident managers, invite everyone to attend. Refreshments will be served and a one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartment will be viewed. Let's not surmise what the Manor is like, let's go find out for ourselves. See you there!

All you bowlers get ready for the big Moonlight Harvest Bowl which will kick-off the Harvest Festival. It is Friday night, Oct. 14, at 9 p.m. Get practiced up, cause the competition will be tough. More information next week. Also watch for the flyers available early next week, or contact the Sugar Bowl.

Don't forget that Dwayne Friend is appearing each evening this week at the Nyssa High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. This is a great and fantastic evening of entertainment, and he tells it like it really is. His last appearance will be at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, October 9.

Truck Turns Nyssa Dark

A large portion of the city of Nyssa was without power Friday morning, including the sewage treatment plant, after a truck hauling potatoes hit a power pole at the intersection of East Ehrgood Avenue and Fourth Street at 5:05 a.m.

According to an official of the Idaho Power Company, the entire eastside and southern portions of the city were blacked out. He said power was restored at 9:15 a.m.

According to police the truck owned by Martin Aguilera of Texas and driven by Mario A. Ruiz, 27, also of Texas, sustained little damage, but the pole was demolished. Investigating officers said the cause of the accident had not been determined. They said the issuance of a citation was pending.



Harvest Festival Returns

After an absence of several years, the Nyssa Merchants Promotion Committee, headed up by Dennis Francis, Bob Wilson and Fred Bracken, announced plans for a Fall Harvest Festival. The dates will be October 13th, 14th and 15th.

Saturday, October 15, 2nd Street between Good and Main will be closed off for a farm equipment and automobile display. Also on Saturday, there will be free drawings every hour. Amalgamated Sugar Company has donated sugar; American Fine Foods - canned corn; Tom Moore Co. - onions; and J. R. Simplot - potatoes.

It was also reported that the local merchants will also have many good sale items in conjunction with the Festival. So be sure and watch next weeks Gate City Journal ads for a Festival of Values.

Health Planning Council to Meet

The Malheur County Health Planning Council will meet Thursday, October 6, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. in the Nyssa High School Library.

The responsibilities of this council will be to address the accessibility, acceptability, continuity, and quality of health care services in Malheur County, while restraining cost in the health care field. The 29-member council is made up of 15 local consumers of health care who have no financial ties to the health care field, and 14 local providers who help supply the health care needs to the County, i.e. Doctors, Hospital Employees, Pharmacists, etc.

A steering committee has been functioning the last six months putting together an equitable mix of representatives from Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, and the surrounding area, along with writing by-laws and setting up the councils functions. On September 15, 1977, the first council meeting was held where the following officers were elected to serve for the next year: David E. Whipple, Chairman; Juquin Hernandez, Vice-Chairman; Sandy Oleson, Secretary.

At the upcoming meeting a major agenda item will be to set-up committees to review the health care needs of Malheur County. These committees will be composed of council members along with interested community citizens. One of the committees first functions will be to develop a "Health System Plan." The plan will outline the future needs of health care for the County along with changes currently needed in the system.

Record Number Expected at Community Colleges

A record number of students is expected to attend Oregon's 13 community colleges and Wasco Area Education District this year, according to State School Superintendent Verne A. Duncan. Unduplicated head-count is estimated to reach 208,000.

The Wasco district is the first of its kind in Oregon. Like community colleges, it operates with nearly 50 percent support from the state and the remainder split between tuition and local property taxes. An area education district may not own buildings and must contract staff. Portland Community College teachers will instruct an equivalent of 65 full-time students. Classes are scheduled in nearly all parts of the county.

Director of the district is Bill Bell and board chairman is Carolyn Wood. The legislature appropriated funds to reimburse 48,396 full-time equivalent students this year. An additional FTE in non-reimbursable courses should push the total to 51,000. Reimbursable FTE hit a record high of 46,409 in 1975-76 but slipped last year.

This is the first fall term for two new college presidents—Arthur Binnie at Chemeketa and Stephen Nicholson at Mt. Hood.

Brand Inspection Now has Answering Service

Cattle owners in northern Malheur County now use an answering service to secure a state livestock brand inspector—that number is an Ontario number 889-3276. It is in service 24 hours a day.

Wilma Russell, assistant administrator of the Livestock Division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, said the new service replaces the old system of making calls directly to a brand inspector and is directed at giving livestock owners the best possible service.

Using this service also enables the four brand inspectors in the area to plan their trips and eliminate the need for two brand inspectors to travel to the same area the same day.

The four inspectors serving the area are Layton (Bud)

Loftus, James Duncan and Jack Percifield, all Ontario, and Roger Turner of Nyssa.

The person calling to request brand inspection is greeted by "Department of Agriculture" when he dials the number and then may give the person taking the call the necessary information. This information should include his full name, address and telephone number plus information about the livestock to be inspected. This should include location of the animals, number to be inspected and the time the inspection is needed.

Mrs. Russell advises livestock owners wanting brand inspection to call at least the day or night before the inspection is needed so they can be worked into an inspector's schedule.

Discusses Urban Growth

The Nyssa Planning Commission conducted a Townhall Meeting, September 27, to receive public comment on the proposed urban growth boundary line for the city. Approximately twelve interested land-owners and Nyssa citizens attended to voice their opinions on the subject.

Proposed urban growth boundary line included a priority phasing of land development for the various land uses considered, also. Several citizens felt that proposed urban boundary line would be too restrictive for industrial or housing developers trying to locate in or around Nyssa. Members of the Nyssa Coalition for Industrial and Housing Development felt that the vacant land north of Columbia Avenue and east of Arcadia should be included within the urban growth boundary line; however, several Commissioners felt the land was located too far from existing city limits to be economically feasible.

After Land Use Decision Tool Process presentation, Steve Iwata answered questions on accuracy of data and explained in further detail certain aspects of the information presented. A vote was taken, after lengthy discussion, on most favorable urban growth boundary line. The original proposed line by the Commission a year ago was selected over areas discussed at the meeting. Selected urban growth boundary line would encompass land approximately 1,000 feet around existing city limits.

Vice-chairman, Larry Shaw requested further citizen input at next Townhall Meeting on October 25. He urged citizens to become involved before publication of draft copy of the Comprehensive Plan. He said citizen opinions and comments concerning the urban growth boundary line would be appreciated. Planning Commissioners, County Planning Staff and City Planning Staff are available and willing to listen to the public desires on this subject.

Nyssa Man Found Guilty

Franklin Dee Simmons, 43, Nyssa, was found guilty last week of criminally negligent homicide following a two-day jury trial.

According to Deputy District Attorney Jacques DeKalb, the jury deliberated five hours and 40 minutes before returning with the verdict late Tuesday night. He will be sentenced October 5. Maximum sentence is five years and a \$25,000 fine.

The incident involved an automobile accident January 28, 1977 in which Zack Watson, Simmons' brother-in-law, was killed. The accident took place south of Cairo Junction near the Ted Frahm farm.

Despite Market

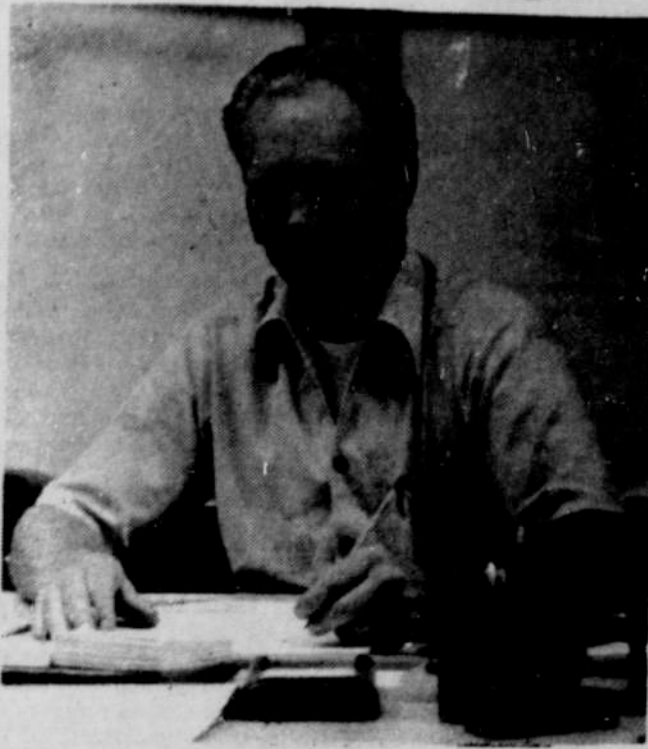
Amalgamated Sugar Company will begin their 40th campaign October 11 with the harvest, and begin cutting October 12. Eight-hundred employees will work during the campaign, compared to two hundred and fifty who work year around.

This year's campaign will last 70 days with 14,000 acres being produced, compared to last year's figures of the campaign lasting 118 days with 28,000 acres being produced. Five years ago the campaign lasted 138 days with 34,600 acres being produced. Manager Gilbert Wells told this reporter "A normal year or average year consists of about 28,000 to 30,000 acres." Mr. Wells also estimated next year's acreage to increase to 20,000 acres.

The water shortage isn't the only reason the acreage is down. The price also was a big factor. The price last year was less than \$14 per ton, farmers just could not make it. This year 1977-78, the farm bill made a base giving a promise of \$18 to \$20 per ton, to the farmers.

Approximately half of the acreage is brought from Idaho with the other half coming from Oregon. The water shortage has hurt, however, the biggest problem is price.

The lowest acreage was 1937, the first year Amalgamated started in Nyssa. During 1937, the acreage was 7,200 acres, but then only 2,000 tons of beets went through the factory a day, compared to 6,000 tons today.



Gilbert Wells, Manager

Union Pacific and S.P. to Split Pacific Fruit Express

Union Pacific Railroad and Southern Pacific Transportation Company announced today plans to split up the assets and operations of the Pacific Fruit Express Company, their co-owned refrigerator car line, into two separate operated car lines subsidiaries.

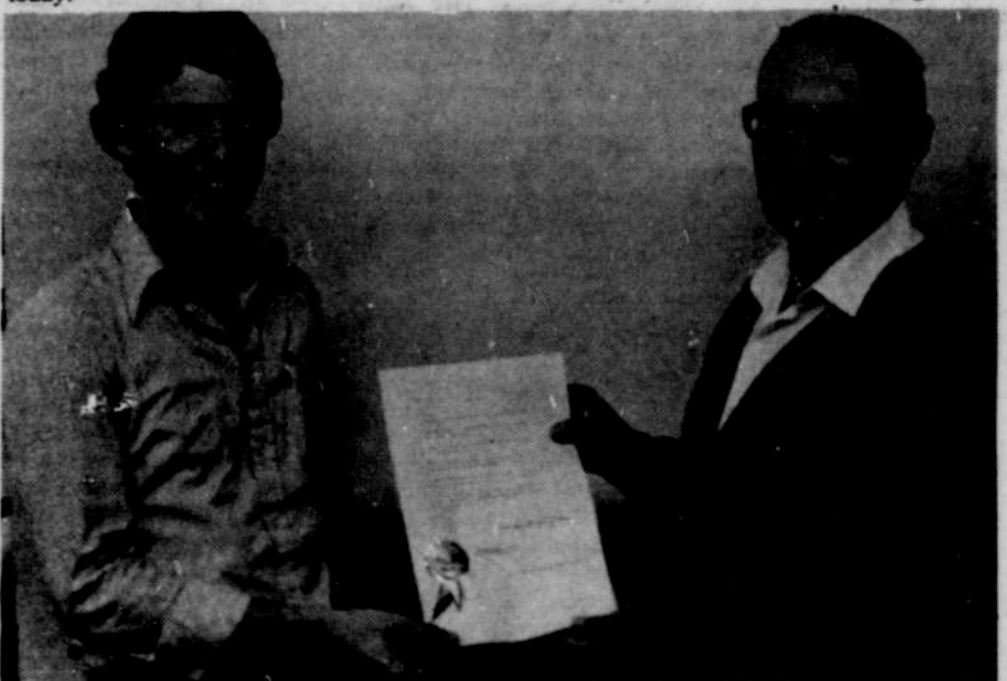
The split-up is expected to take place on or about January 1, 1978. The Union Pacific Fruit Express will be the name of the new subsidiary operating the refrigerator car service along UP lines in Southern California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas.

Pacific Fruit Express will be retained as the name of SP's subsidiary with major operations along SP lines in California, Arizona, Oregon and Texas.

PFE's 1500 employees will continue to hold seniority on PFE or UPFE in their respective territories, the railroads said.

The joint UP-SP announcement said the arrangement will permit more efficient

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GEERT FIERENS from Antwerp, Belgium, one of the cast of "Up With People" gratefully accepts a proclamation from City Manager Henry Schneider proclaiming the week of October 10, 1977, as "Up With People Week." Thus joining all Nyssa

citizens to practice friendship and understanding for people of all nationalities, race and creed. Mr. Schneider will also present the proclamation to the entire cast of "Up With People", October 13, prior to their evening performance at 8 p.m.

Car Crash Kills Woman

An accident at the intersection of Alberta Avenue and Clark Boulevard near Nyssa resulted in the death of an Ontario woman Wednesday morning, September 28.

Marjorie Joan Dombay, 46, Ontario was killed when her car was struck by another vehicle driven by John T. Flake, 68, Nyssa. Flake was taken to Malheur Memorial Hospital and then transferred to Holy Rosary Hospital where he was treated.

Mrs. Dombay was traveling east on Alberta when the accident occurred. Flake, who apparently failed to stop at a stop sign, was traveling north on Clark and hit the Dombay vehicle in the right-hand side, knocking the car 76 feet into a field.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Mini.	Prec.
Spt. 28	76	44	
Spt. 29	59	52	.41
Spt. 30	61	44	.13
Oct. 1	60	35	
Oct. 2	64	39	
Oct. 3	65	38	
Oct. 4	62	35	.35
Oct. 5	34		
Owyhee Reservoir Storage	10-5-77	171,080 Acre Feet	
	10-5-76	432,790 Acre Feet	



GEERT FIERENS, left, Mick Berryman, center, general manager of Newhouse Chevrolet and Donna Kerfoot happily pose with an "Up With People" poster advertising the casts performance on Thursday, October 13 in the Nyssa High School Gymnasium at 8 p.m.

The advance team for the youthful entertainment group were made welcome in the Nyssa area by Nyssa Chairmen, Donna Blackburn and Judy Martin. They were given a Chevrolet by Newhouse Chevrolet Inc., to help them solve their transportation problems while they are in the area.



JACK PRICE (left) is only one of the happy hunters who shot their buck early. Jack tagged his 4-point buck about 9:30 Saturday morning. Mr. Price reports he missed a larger buck, but was happy with this fine 4 pointer.