

'54 District FHA Convention To Be Held At Nyssa

Miss Joretta Moeller of Nyssa was elected district chairman for the 1954 Future Homemakers Eastern Oregon district convention which will be held in Nyssa next year. Miss Moeller was elected by voting delegates from 13 Eastern Oregon schools at the 1953 convention last Saturday in Ontario.

This year's convention at the Ontario high school was chaired by Miss Mickey Frahm of Ontario with the theme, "Homes for America's Future." Eighteen girls and their



1954 FHA Chairman

advisor, Mrs. Charles Steffens, attended from Nyssa high school.

Miss Sylvia Jayo of Nyssa, state vice president, participated in a national convention group along with Norma Olund of Vale, Mickey Frahm of Ontario and Mrs. Becker, Union FHA advisor. She also gave a talk on a "Book of Ideas" and plans for future meetings to be held by the group, and led a panel discussion on degrees that can be earned. Ruth Herman and Miss Mildred Diescher, state FHA advisor, were members of the panel.

Miss Moeller gave a report on last year's activities in the Nyssa chapter and a report on the "Buzz Session" which she headed. Mrs. Steffens led the discussion group for advisors and club mothers.

Schools in the Eastern Oregon district are Hermiston, Wallowa, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton, Enterprise, Elgin, La Grande senior and junior high, Union, Vale, Ontario, Adrian and Nyssa.

Many '53 Grads Attend College

More than 64 percent of Nyssa's 1953 high school graduates are attending college, it was revealed this week by Richard Wilson, principal of the high school. That percentage exceeds the state and national average for high schools in towns with no schools of higher education. During the 1952-53 school term 45 percent of the previous year's graduates attended college, Wilson said.

Of the 68 students graduating last spring, 37 of them are now enrolled in college. Brigham Young University has the largest single group with 12 of last year's seniors, followed by Oregon State College, 7; Oregon Technical Institute, 5; Eastern Oregon College of Education, 4; College of Idaho, 4; University of Oregon, 2; Northwest Nazarene College, 2; and Utah University, 1.

ATTEND MEDICAL SCHOOL

Dr. and Mrs. K. A. Danford left Friday evening to spend a week in Los Angeles where Dr. Danford will attend a Polio school of instruction. The school, sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will be held in the Orthopedic hospital in Los Angeles.

The Bulldog, Nyssa High School Paper, Enters Upon 15th Year of Publication

Mention in the Bygone Days column of the Journal, under date of Sept. 24, of the election of Ann Johnson as editor-in-chief of the Nyssa high school paper, Nyssa Junior Gate City Journal, Sept. 15, 1938, calls to mind journalism activities in the high school 15 years ago.

The Ann Johnson mentioned above is now Mrs. Raymond Graham, daughter of Mrs. Tom C. Johnson, Nyssa, and sister-in-law of Ralph Lawrence. She resides at Quincy, Wash.

The editorship to which she was elected 15 years ago was not as editor-in-chief of The Bulldog, present high school newspaper, but as editor of a high school supplement in the town's weekly paper.

Volume I, Number I of The Bulldog was issued under date of Oct. 23, 1939, under the editorship of Laura Savage, the now Mrs. Verne Chadwick who now resides in California. That first edition, fulfilling a long-time dream of the student body for a newspaper of its own, had the same format of the present paper, except that the columns were, in printing shop jargon, 12 ems wide

Nyssans Attend Reno Meeting On Reclamation

Valuable and interesting information about irrigation and reclamation was obtained last week at the National Reclamation association convention in Reno, Nev., according to Paul House, manager of the North Board of Control, and Harold Henigson, Nyssa attorney, who attended the meeting. They were accompanied by their wives and attended various sessions from Tuesday of last week through Friday.

House reported that matters of general interest to this area included a resolution asking that irrigation and domestic use of water from western streams be given first consideration over flood control and power for reclamation projects. There were many problems pertaining to irrigation projects discussed, including artificial rain-making and operation and maintenance including problems dealing with and controlling seepage losses. House said the group also made a request for more efficiency and less costly construction methods.

The NRA is now studying a general reclamation policy of acreage limitations and of giving local or state organizations more authority in construction, operation and maintenance of their projects.

The two Nyssa families were among those attending a special breakfast given by the Oregon representatives for Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay, who was a speaker on the program.

The National Reclamation association is composed of private and quasi-municipal irrigation companies, government projects and organizations, such as chambers of commerce, in 17 western states.

Sylvia Jayo Is Chosen Queen of Harvest Festival

Sylvia Jayo, Nyssa high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jayo of route 1, was elected by the high school student body last Friday to reign over Nyssa's Harvest Festival as harvest queen.

Elected as Queen Sylvia's attendants were Phyllis Cheldelin, Maryann Alford, Betty Jean Strickland and Vela Dee Poulsen, all seniors.

Queen Sylvia I and her court were chosen by the high school when the student body placed the names of all senior girls on the ballot for Friday's election.

Fred Bracken is chairman of the committee that arranged for the selection of the harvest queen and her court. His committee, other members of which are R. V. Wilson, Dillon Erickson and Lloyd Mackrill, will outline details incidental to the crowning of Queen Sylvia I during the Harvest Ball as the climaxing feature of the Harvest Festival.

First public announcement of the date of the Nyssa Harvest Festival, which has been set for Saturday, Nov. 7, was made this week by Dick Yost, general chairman.

Purpose of the Harvest Festival, he pointed out, is to give the merchants and business men of Nyssa an opportunity to show their gratitude and appreciation for the patronage of persons living in Nyssa's trade area.

Invitation has been extended through the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce and the Nyssa Business Men's association, co-sponsors of the festival, for residents of Malheur county and the Idaho side to be their guests on that date.

Everything is free, Yost said, including sports events between town and country kids Saturday morning, a barbecue lunch at noon, a free movie matinee for the kids in the afternoon, a program staged by the Ontario unit of the Oregon National Guard in the afternoon, and a free

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Eugene E. Lyall Victim of 2-Car Idaho Collision

Failure to heed a stop sign was given by "Canyon County" Sheriff Dale Hale as the cause of an auto accident last Thursday night on the Apple Valley highway that took the life of Eugene E. Lyall, 59, of route 2, Parma.

Lyall was dead on arrival at Malheur Memorial hospital from head injuries sustained when he allegedly ran the stop sign at the intersection of State avenue and the Apple Valley school.

Parma Police Officer Bill Crooke, first official to reach the scene of the accident, said that it occurred about 7 p. m.

Other investigating officers were Canyon County Sheriff Dale Hale, Deputy Sheriff Joe Fattig and Coroner John Alsp, all of whom arrived on the scene after the occupants of the two vehicles had been removed to the hospital.

Driver of the 1939 model car that hit the Lyall pickup was Margarito Martinez, 18, of the Nyssa labor camp. His lone passenger was Camilo Espinoza, 19, also of the camp.

Both were treated at Malheur Memorial hospital for painful cuts and bruises, then released.

The two boys told investigating officers, when they were interviewed in their labor cabins at a later hour, that they were traveling north on the Apple Valley highway when the Lyall vehicle darted into the intersection without stopping for the arterial sign.

Martinez told Sheriff Hale there was approximately 16 feet between the vehicles when the Lyall pickup darted in front of him and that there was not time to apply brakes hard enough to stop his car.

Passersby said the two cars, which were total wrecks, had to be pulled apart before the victims could be removed. The Lyall pickup was overturned and resting on its top, with Lyall pinned inside standing on his head in the cab.

Lyall was born March 11, 1894, and came to the Apple Valley eight years ago. He was employed by the Parma Water Lifters during all that time.

He is survived by his wife, Lura, of the home; his 102-year-old mother of Colera, Md.; three sons, James and Roy of Meadow Grove, Neb., and Harold in the armed forces stationed in Germany; three daughters, Mrs. Violetta Klavonn of Norfolk, Neb., Mrs. Helen Booth of Parma and Mrs. Wilma Leiswald of Meadow Grove; five brothers, Leonard, Redford, James, Otto and Wayne and one sister, Frances, all of West Virginia; two step-daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held last Monday at the Parma Community church, with interment at the Parma cemetery.

Adrian Juniors To Present Play

"Incognito," a three-act mystery comedy, will be presented Tuesday evening by the Junior class of Adrian at the Adrian high school, according to Wes Tolliver, director of the play.

Cast in the play are Bernidine Price, Dede Connaughey, Ronald Peterson, Jimmy Stoker, Effie Smith, Bob Skinner, Anita Pratt, Charlotte Parker, Marcell Bowers, Junior McGinnis, Barbara Metcalf and Doris Cook.

Bridge Island Farmers Tackle Huge Job of Moving 16-Ton Steel Bridge To Span Snake River Channel

The will of a small group of farmers with ingenuity to make long-range plans, together with their willingness to exert their energies and become civil engineers as a sideline to farming, have resulted in a steel bridge to connect the island on which they live with the Idaho mainland just south of Nyssa.

Bridge Island has become the accepted name of the 1,000 acres of land separated from Oregon by the main channel of the Snake river and from Idaho by a smaller channel of the river. About one half the land is under cultivation and property owners there are clearing more of the land to put in crops.

Since the island was settled many years ago, residents there have used a ferry to take them to and from the Idaho mainland. Two small row boats have been available to use for emergencies when the ferry was on one side and needed on the other.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Larkin are the pioneers of the island, having made their home there for 26 years and their son, Avery, who was born on Bridge Island, and his family live there and assist with the operation of the Larkin farm.

Mrs. Ruby Whittington is owner and operator of another farm and makes her home there. Other property is owned by Fred Morse of Denver, Colo. and Effie Selts of LaCumb, Ore. A fifth farm, owned by Bryan Vinsonhaler of Nyssa, is operated by his son, Delos Vinson-

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STANDING BESIDE the car in the above photograph that crashed into a pickup driven by Eugene E. Lyall of Apple Valley and causing his death last Thursday night is Bill Crooke, Parma police officer who

was first to arrive at the scene of the accident north of the Apple Valley school. Driver of the car, which was completely demolished by the impact, was Margarito Martinez of the Nyssa labor camp.—Photo by Yost.

Boise Radio Executive Is Nyssa Speaker

"Communications" was the subject of an address made by Westernman Whillock, president, radio station KDSH, Boise, before the Nyssa Business Men's association last Friday noon.

Whillock approached his subject by citing China's present-day backwardness as being due to lack of adequate communications. He aptly illustrated his point with first hand information gleaned while serving as military governor of a Korean province during the war.

Pinpointing his remarks to reduceable factors applicable to present-day business, Whillock said that major problems of the average business man were ones of internal and external communications.

Internal communications problems, he said, have to do with the employer being able to "reach" his employees in a manner that would cement their loyalty. This can be done, as pointed out by Whillock, by taking the employee into the employer's confidence, build up a partnership relationship and instill loyalty for the organization.

Those communications problems of external nature embrace, Whillock said, the best relations between a business firm and its patrons and customers.

Best means of achieving the ultimate in communications, the speaker pointed out, is through the various media of advertising, resorting, as he said, to "repetition until you get a reputation out of it."

Other guests of the association was Bob Applegate, new Nyssa city manager, and Father Humbert Ahles, pastor of St. Hubert's Catholic church, who made an appeal to the business men present on behalf of Louie Vendrell, Jr., high school

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Korean Veteran Seriously Injured In Farm Accident

Verl Patterson, 22, of route 1, Nyssa, is in serious condition at the Malheur Memorial hospital where he was taken Monday night after he became entangled in the power take-off of a tractor at the Richard Maw ranch where he was working. The accident occurred shortly before 6 o'clock.

According to reports, Patterson was working near a tractor supplying power for a beet harvester and other workmen noticed that the tractor had stopped before they discovered he was entangled in the drive belt. His heavy mackinaw was wrapped tightly around him and had to be cut to release him. The youth was unconscious when he was discovered, but regained consciousness before an ambulance arrived.

He was brought to the Nyssa hospital where it was learned that his right arm was in serious condition with an artery and ligaments nearly severed. Patterson was in surgery Monday evening and again from 1 p. m. to 5 a. m. Tuesday, and his condition Wednesday was still reported serious.

Other injuries included a broken right jaw and severe contusions and abrasions on his head, neck and shoulders.

He is the son of M. and Mrs. Grant Patterson.

The injured youth returned May 22 from Korea where he had spent 17 months with a transport truck company in the U. S. Army.

Clerk Employed

Harold Brendle, manager, Nyssa branch of the Peterson Furniture Co., announced this week the employment of Ray Russell of Apple Valley, recently discharged from the U. S. navy, as a clerk in the Nyssa store.

Cash Prize Offered For Four Days Work In Subscription Campaign; Grand Prizes To Be Awarded Nov. 7

One of the boys or girls who are active in the Gate City Journal subscription campaign will be more fortunate than ever—by the time the reports for Wednesday, Oct. 23, are in, one of the candidates will be \$10 richer, in addition to being a winner, November 7th, of one of the cash commissions or a brand new bicycle.

"Crime" Holiday For City Police

Nyssa's "crime" apparently has come to sudden halt since last month, Chief of Police E. L. Hansen commented this week after comparing arrest records for September with those so far this month.

There have been only five arrests since Oct. 1 and no arrests during the past nine days. Nyssa's jail has been used only as temporary quarters for county women prisoners and for non-intoxicated "sleepers" who have asked for lodging in the city bastille, the chief said.

The September report showed an average of nearly two and one-half arrests per day for a total of 74 during the month.

NYSSA MEN ATTEND ASSOCIATED CHAMBER

Attending an Associated Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night in Parma were Tom Jones, Jed Lewis, Henry Hartley, Clyde Snider and Ken Renstrom.

Max Yost, executive secretary of the Idaho Taxpayers League, was the principal speaker and led a discussion on property taxes.

"Vendrell Day" Climaxed During Firemen's Ball

The entire lower Snake river valley swung into action this week to find ways and means of building up a large fund for Louie Vendrell, Nyssa football player who was critically injured Oct. 9 in a game at Vale, and focused their efforts on Saturday of this week which has been declared "Louie Vendrell Day."

Young Vendrell's condition Wednesday was reported by his father, Louie Vendrell, Sr., as not much improved, although he is resting comfortably, his spirits are good, and his speech is normal.

Erroneous reports have it that movement is returning to the boy's lower limbs, but Vendrell Senior reported that there has been feeling in his lower body ever since the accident but no movement.

The spontaneous and voluntary drive will be climaxed Saturday evening with the annual Firemen's Ball from which all net proceeds will be turned over to the fund. While adults are dancing at the old gym, a student dance will be in progress at the high school gym, sponsored by the Catholic Franciscan club of Nyssa. Dick Herriman, president, and Irene Jayo, secretary, announced that invitations have been sent to high school students at Ontario, Vale, Adrian, Payette, Parma, Weiser and New Plymouth and the Jordan Valley Catholic church.

Among special fund raising projects will be proceeds from the sale of an 800-pound steer donated by Clifford Fox of Walter Fox and Son as part of the Firemen's Ball Saturday night.

Co-chairmen of the drive are Wayne Chesnut and Tony Richter, who reported that several hundred dollars are now in a special account at the First National Bank and a large sum is in collections boxes in all business houses in Nyssa.

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For The Journal today announces a new subscription and prize campaign in which it will give a \$10 cash prize to the candidate obtaining the most points for securing new subscriptions just between Saturday morning, October 24, and Wednesday night, October 28. Here is an opportunity for an ambitious candidate to earn a welcome cash award in addition to one of the original prizes for just four days of pleasant competition.

New Campaign
The \$10 cash prize is a new campaign. It is separate from the original campaign in which bicycles and cash commissions are offered to candidates. See the large advertisement in this issue for full details.

The prizes offered in this campaign (particularly now with the new \$10 cash prize for just four working days) are well worth the efforts of the entire family. Parents should get behind their entry, help them with actual work and advice to the end that their own favorite candidate will win one of the major awards.

Families Should Help
The Journal is especially anxious that parents should come to the office with their children to receive full details of the campaign and learn how they can best help to get one of the prize bicycles for their own family.

The Journal campaign is expected to get underway in earnest this week and since it will run only 14 more working days, it is essential that candidates utilize their spare time and get subscriptions. Help them all you can.

Names of candidates in the campaign are listed in today's paper and will be published each week during the campaign. Watch for them.

First Reports On Boy Scout Drive

First returns of the current Boy Scout fund-raising campaign showed that \$95 have been contributed so far in the business district of Nyssa. Team Captain Tom Jones reported. More funds are expected to be reported later.

Those heading the drive in the business district were Bernard Eastman, Dale Bingman, Walker Low, Elmer Cruson, Leonard Hewitt, Chet Bowns, Paul Penrod and Bill Blodgett.

Jones said that \$10,000 was raised the first day of the campaign for the entire Ora-Ida district to indicate that the goal of \$25,000 will be reached.

First Knife, Fork Meeting Tuesday

The first fall meeting of the Malheur county Knife and Fork club is scheduled for next Tuesday night at the East Side cafe in Ontario. Maj. Malcolm Reaholt, who served in the Far East during World War II, will be the guest speaker whose talk will concern problems vital to the United States and its actions in the East.

A newspaper man for more than a decade in the Far East prior to entering the service in the armed forces, Reaholt speaks two or three oriental languages and says he "can get by" with a few more.

"The truce in Korea did not settle America's problems. We still have them," says this experienced military man, newspaper writer and observer, who Maj. Gen. C. L. Cherrault of the U. S. Air Force, retired, has credited with knowing the Chinese and other Asiatic people as few Americans have ever known them.

County Farm Income Estimates Reveal Decline From High of 1952

Malheur county's 1953 agricultural income is down 23 percent from that of 1952 with sugar beets moving to first place over potatoes that topped the list last year, County Agent Harry Sandquist announced Wednesday. The preliminary estimate is made each year by the county extension staff.

The preliminary estimate for all farm crops for this year is \$25,314,000 as compared with last year's record high of \$32,775,600, Sandquist said.

In spite of statistics showing lower estimated income, the county agent refused to express pessimism, which is "surprisingly lacking among farmers themselves," the county agent said. Estimated gross incomes are used in making the preliminary reports with no figures compiled for net returns or variations that pinpoint the changes from one year to the next.

Potatoes led the parade last year when gross returns amounted to \$4,500,000 from 8000 acres. This year's estimated income is \$1,800,000 and the acreage had increased to 9,400 from last year.

The lower potato market put sugar

beets in the lead again this year with an estimated income of \$4,500,000 from 14,000 acres as compared with \$3,705,000 from 11,300 acres in 1952.

This year's onion crop is somewhat of an unknown factor, since the biggest part of the crop is in storage awaiting possible changes in the market which has not been favorable all fall. Onion acreage was increased to 3,300 this year from 2,800 acres last year and a figure of \$1,000,000 has been estimated for this year as compared with \$2,500,000 in 1952.

All types of grain, as well as dairy products, just about held their own with grain yields about the same as a year ago and little or no change in the price. Dairy returns are estimated at \$4,000,000, a decline from last year's \$4,800,000 attributed mostly to cattle sales from the herds rather than any decline in butterfat prices.

Value of feed crops is one of the most difficult to estimate, Sandquist commented, because so much of it is grown out and bartered among the farmers. This year's crop was pro-

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