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Father and Son Affair Popular

Enjoyable Affair Held Thursday Evening In Basement of Commu- nity Church.

The basement of the community church was the scene of a very pleasant gathering last Thursday evening when the Fathers and Sons of the community met for a tamale feed and heard a program of toasts and music. Ladies of the church arranged the affair and prepared the banquet while the young ladies served.

Rev. Floyd White acted as toastmaster for the occasion and introduced each speaker with appropriate remarks. Besides the program of speaking, a male quartet made up of Al Thompson, Wm. McElroy, A. V. Prun and Chas. Jones sang "The Wayside Cross."

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Albert B. Parrott of Caldwell, who gave an interesting discourse on "Blocks and Chips," inspired by the old saying, "a chip off the old block." Toasts were given by Mayor Don Graham on "Lads of the Town," and A. L. Fletcher spoke on "Boys Who Made Good." Supt. Leo Hollenberg paid tribute to "Fractious Boys," and Coach John Young's subject was "Boys on the Team." Lieut. Cloninger gave a stirring talk on making a pal of your son in his toast to "Some Father's Sons."

Lloyd Wilson, president of the student body paid tribute to the fathers in a toast to "Our Dads," while Owen Price told something of Boy Scout history and work in his talk on "Worthy Scouts."

The Ladies Aid wishes to thank all who helped to make the banquet a success.

LENTEN SERVICES

A series of Lenten discussion classes are being held by members of St. Paul's Episcopal church under the leadership of Rev. Stanley Moore. The second meeting was held this Wednesday evening at the Pinkerton home and the third meeting will be held next Friday evening, March 5, at the home of Mrs. Art Robertson. Church services will be held at the Episcopal church this Sunday morning, February 28 at 11:15 with the Rev. Stanley Moore in charge.

Range Lands May Get More Stock Water Holes

WOMEN TO CAST CARE ASIDE AT PLAY NIGHT, FRI. MAR. 5

Something new for women, but a stunt which should prove very popular is the "Play Night" sponsored by the Leaders class at the high school and scheduled for the evening of March 5 in the high school gym. All women over 18 years of age are invited to attend this fun-fest, which will be under the direction of Miss Margaret MacDonald, who has had much experience in adult physical education.

No formal invitation is necessary. The fun will start at 7:30, Friday, March 5th. Women should wear their old clothes; there will be no men allowed and no charges. Games, contests, exercises and a general good time are promised.

Interesting Irrigation Slides Shown at School

County Agent Ray Larson and Ferd Schlapkohl of the reclamation service gave an illustrated lecture at the high school gym Tuesday evening before an interested group numbering over 70. They had 56 slides on irrigation subjects, which were explained in an interesting talk by Mr. Larson. Due to a breakdown in their projection machine, the three reels of irrigation films could not be given as scheduled.

ATTEND MINISTERS MISSION AT PARMA

A group from Nyssa, including Rev. White, Jewel Choate, Wm. McElroy and father, Gilbert Klinkenberg and Curtis Foster went to Parma Wednesday night for a "Minister's Mission." The evening started with a pot luck dinner after which problems of church work were discussed.

NYSSA DRAWS BAKER TEAM OPENING NIGHT

Nyssa is matched to play Baker in the opening night of the Eastern Oregon hoop tournament to be held in Baker March 2nd to 6th. Baker was selected as the site of the 1937 tournament at a meeting held Saturday morning. Supt. Leo Hollenberg represented Nyssa at the meeting.

The first nights play will be Vale vs Union; Ontario vs La Grande; Enterprise vs. Joseph and Nyssa vs. Baker. Winners play winners and losers play losers the following night, with two defeats necessary for elimination from the tournament. Last year Nyssa lost to La Grande in the final game, and ranked as runner-up in the tournament.

FORMER STARS ENJOY BASKETBALL GAMES

The town teams had a lively, scrambling basketball game Wednesday evening in the gym. The reclamation team composed of Burky, Ramsey, L. Milliken, Schweizer, Doolittle and Sperry dropped a hot contest to the Wilder reclamation outfit 24 to 16. The Norcott Service team stopped a team from the country, 35 to 23 in the other game of the evening.

Flayers on the Norcott Service team were A. Norcott, Schweizer, Poage, Seits, W. Boor McCurdy and Hod Boor. Their opponents, the Crazy Kats, included Lankford, Bennett, Nelson, Claunch and Baertie.

BETTER WEATHER BRINGS SMILES TO EVERYONE

Old Man Winter appears to be definitely on the run and the weather the past few days shows promise of spring. Snow at Nyssa has nearly all disappeared, but country roads are in bad condition due to the frost going out of the ground and the resultant muddy roads.

Farmers are anxious to get in the fields and many are hopeful of sticking a plow in the ground sometime next week. Plenty of water is impounded back of the Owyhee Dam and everything points to one of the most successful years in the history of the Snake River Valley.

Baker Victim of Local Ball Team

Last Game on Local Floor Won by Locals on Over- time Game.

Nyssa pulled the unexpected Saturday night and defeated the strong Baker basketball team in a overtime game, 31 to 26. At the end of the regular playing period, the score stood 26 all, and in the three-minute extra time, Stanley Ray shot a field goal and sank a four shot while Johnston sank one from the floor to give Nyssa five points while holding the visitors scoreless. The game was played on the local floor.

The local team was in front practically the entire game, Bob Wilson, Stanley Ray and Frank Pierson connecting with field goals before Baker even scored. Colson, flashy Baker forward sank two foul shots, but Pierson retaliated by sinking three free ones to bring the score 9-2. Colson made one from under the basket just as the quarter ended to make the score 9 to 4 in the first quarter.

Baker came out with a rush in the second quarter, Harrison and Coleman scoring in flashy style to come within a point of tying the score. Graham scored from near the foul line but Lewis sank one for Baker to make the score 11-10. Nyssa continued scoring the balance of the half to bring their count to 19 while Baker was held to one more basket, making the score 19 to 12 at half time.

Neither team did much scoring in the third quarter but were kept busy on defensive work. Wilson rang the bell with a long one and Colson made one for Baker, while Lewis scored on a free throw for the only scoring in the quarter, which ended 21-15 for Nyssa. Near the end of quarter, Johnson went in for Jackson, who was bothered with a pain in his side. Johnson had been on the side-lines with an infected leg which slowed his speed down some.

Baker went to town in the last quarter, with Colson leading the attack. Three baskets by the Baker star in about as many minutes-knotted the score 21 to 21. Baker's passing attack was working well and the visitors went into the lead for the first time in the game when Downs sank a free throw. Johnston scored on a free throw a moment later to again tie the score. Colson gave his team a two point margin with a long one but Bob Wilson again tied the score when he sank one from the sidelines. Colson scored one point in a free throw and with a minute to play, Graham sank one from under the basket to give Nyssa a one point lead, 25 to 26, which was wiped out when Referee Callan called a foul on Nyssa for delaying the game and Downs sank a free throw to tie the score just as the gun signaled the end of the game.

After a short rest play was resumed with Nyssa making five points in the overtime period to win, 31 to 26.

Lineup for Nyssa was Stanley Ray, Bob Jackson, Raymond Graham, Bob Wilson, Frank Pierson and Paul Johnston. Wilson scored 9 points and Pierson 8 for Nyssa while Colson scored 14 for his team.

Second Team Defeat Reclamation

The preliminary game Saturday night was between the Nyssa second team and the Reclamation squad, which was won by the high school boys, 18 to 16.

Entertainers at Halves
Little four-year old Richard Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wilson scored a hit between halves when he sang two solos, "Me and the Moon," and "The Music Goes Round and Round." He was accompanied on the piano by his sister June Wilson.

Loss to Weiser

The Weiser squad got sweet revenge over the locals Friday night when the Idaho team swamped Nyssa by a count of 37 to 18. Nyssa defeated Weiser earlier in the season but the fast Weiser team could not be headed Friday. Most of the scoring was in the second half, as Weiser was only leading 15 to 11 at half time. Frank Pierson held the scoring honors with 11 points.

Vale Game Cancelled

Vale was scheduled to play on the local floor Friday evening, a game which was first scheduled to have been played January 22nd. Due to the fact that the eastern Oregon tournament starts next Tuesday, it was decided to cancel the Friday game as well as the game scheduled with Ontario for Wednesday evening, and concentrate on practice for the tournament at Baker. Thus far as play on the local floor is concerned, the basketball season is over.

Washington Birthday Observed At Banquet

One of the major social affairs of the season was the Washington birthday banquet and dance held Monday evening in the basement of the Eagles hall by the Mason and Eastern Star groups. About 90 were present at the affair.

A three course banquet was served at tables decorated to carry out the Washington motif. The tables centered with tapers, with hatchet napkin holders and Colonial hat nut baskets as favors.

The program was a take-off on Major Bowes Amateur hour in the form of a "Major Phooie Amateur Hour," with Art Norcott as Major Phooie. A. L. Fletcher gave a talk on the life of George Washington, followed by vocal music by a trio composed of Helen Boydell, Phyllis Poage and Lila Fife.

June and Johnny Burky gave an amusing skit, which was in the form of an imitation of "Portland Hoffee" of radio fame. Bernard Frost and Grant Rinehart started out bravely on a singing and dancing act but were soon cut down by Major Phooie's loud gong. Leo Hollenberg, Jr. gave a recitation in Italian dialect about "Letitia Georgia Washington" followed by a tap dance given by Margaret Sarazin. The gong of the major interrupted a blues singing and piano act put on by Mrs. Wm. Schireman. George Reberger sang a solo while Mrs. Frank Morgan gave a skit revolving around George Washington's forgotten sweetheart.

Following the program, the party adjourned to the main hall to spend the balance of the evening dancing.

John Ward Gets Big Cake On 79th Birthday Party

A party made up of immediate relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward Sunday evening to help him celebrate his 79th birthday. The principal attraction was a large birthday cake baked by Les McClure and containing 79 brilliantly lighted candles.

Mr. Ward is one of the oldest pioneers of the Nyssa country and can spin yarns of the early days, not only of the hardships of those days, but also the many pleasures. He came to this country in 1881 and has seen the country develop from a sagebrush wilderness to one of the most fruitful valleys of the world.

For many years he was actively engaged in the stock business and was one of the largest operators in this part of the state. This line of business is now carried on by the Ward Bros., carrying out the traditional sheep business started many years ago by their father. There are three Ward brothers, Audrey, Frank and Earl; and one sister, Mrs. Bill Coleman.

Mr. Ward still retains his youthful outlook on life and expects to be present when this country makes the greatest growth in its history, which is expected to take place in the next ten years.

Owyhee Ditch Co. Choose Officers

John Molenaar was elected president of the Owyhee Ditch Company at the annual meeting of stockholders held in Ontario last Saturday. Dick Tensen of Nyssa is retiring president while Mr. Molenaar moves up from the vice presidency. Other officers elected were H. E. Noah, vice president; and H. E. Noah, Hans Oft and Ike Mann were elected to three year terms on the board of directors. Thomas Jones was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. Pete Tensen and Nelson Grover retired as board members.

Wiers will be installed in lateral ditches to measure water to members under the terms of a \$1,000 appropriation made at the meeting. Advertising for bids on this work is in another part of this issue of the Journal.

Fixing of levy charges and hiring of ditch riders will be taken up at the next regular meeting of the board of directors, named for March 6th.

EVENT CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 25—Eagles Wrestling card.

Friday, Feb. 26—Kingman Grange Chicken Dinner.

Fri.-Sat., Feb. 26-27—El Campo days at Vale.

Saturday, Feb. 27—New Settler meeting at City Hall.

Saturday, P. M., Feb. 27—Saturday Sale.

Thursday, March 4—Duvall Farm Sale.

Friday, March 5—Garrison Farm Sale.

Friday evening, March 5—Ladies Play Night.

HOW MAHEUR RIVER GOT IT'S NAME

According to J. Nelson Barry, Portland historian, the earliest mention of the Malheur river or "evil hour River" is in the journal of Peter Skeene Ogden, annotated by Thompson C. Elliott and printed in the Oregon Historical Quarterly, Vol. 10, December 1908, page 353. The entry in the journal reads:

Tuesday, February 15, 1826.

"We camped on River Malheur, (unfortunate river) so called on account of goods and furs hid here discovered and stolen by natives."

That is all anyone knows, Mr. Ogden was a prominent official of the Hudson Bay Company, in charge of an expedition, and the Company required records of each day, a data as to distances traveled, etc., and any previous item at any place to enable the map maker to tie the various items during the years.

Ogden, Utah was named for him and when Whitman was massacred he went practically alone to the murders and demanded release of the captives. His grave is in Oregon City.

W C T. U. HOLD MID- WINTER MEETING

Thirty persons were present for the W. C. T. U. mid-year executive meeting held Tuesday in the Community Church. The meeting started at ten in the morning with a business meeting, followed by a covered dish luncheon at noon. Directly after noon the meeting adjourned to the high school gym where they were joined by some 200 students to hear Dr. Weese of Ontario give a talk on "Scientific Facts on Alcohol."

The meeting re-convened at the church for the balance of the afternoon, where a musical program and educational talks were given. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. M. Carter of Harper, and several special guests were present from Ontario and Harper. A resolution was passed, thanking Supt. Hollenberg for his co-operation in dismissing the students for the lecture, after which the meeting adjourned to meet April 20th in Harper for a similar gathering.

Mrs. Dean Johnston and baby daughter Chere Lee were moved from the Dixon Nursing home to the Dwight Smith home Tuesday. Mrs. Johnston, who has been seriously ill is reported to be improving.

Sale Season Now Getting Started

Sale Here Saturday, Du- vall Sale Friday, Gar- rison Saturday

The spring farm sale season is now in full swing, and a big crowd of buyers are expected for the first Saturday sale in Nyssa, scheduled for this Saturday afternoon, February 27 and immediately following free coffee to be served at noon.

The sale here Saturday promises to be even better than anticipated by the managers, D. C. McGinnis and Walt Fox. Over 100 head of stock have been consigned, along with a line of implements and household goods. Col. Bert Anderson of Ontario will be the auctioneer.

Mrs. D. C. Duvall Sale

Mrs. D. C. Duvall will hold a farm auction at the old Frank Morgan place in Kingman Colony, which is located a mile east and a half south of the school house. She will have a big sale, including 24 head of cattle, several good horses, an exceptionally big line of farm machinery, some household goods, grain, hay, poultry and hogs. The sale will be held Thursday afternoon, March 4th, beginning at one o'clock.

Garrison To Have Sale

On the following day, Chas. Garrison will hold a sale at his place three miles north of Nyssa and 3-4 mile west. This sale, to be held Friday, March 5th will feature several good horses, milk cows, machinery, seed grain, poultry and hay. Mr. and Mrs. Garrison plan to move to Nyssa if they can find a suitable home as they have sold their ranch home.

EL CAMPO DAYS SCHEDULED FOR FRI.-SAT. AT VALE

Many local people expect to join in the fun at Vale Friday and Saturday evenings when the Vale firemen stage their annual El Campo Ruckete (roaring camp). The celebration will be held in the Community hall and the firemen promise something doing every minute.

The lower floor will be given over to beano, chuck-a-luck, roulette, black jack, craps and a refreshment stand. Fun money will be used, good for anything in the house. On the main floor the Vagabonds will furnish music for a big dance both nights.

Small Volcano Appears Near Rockville Ranch

Ranch Home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leake Scene of Freak of Nature.

One of those odd freaks of nature have made their appearance at the ranch home of Mrs. Wm. E. Leake near Rockville, and has every appearance of being a small volcano. It was discovered a few days ago when the Leakes returned to the ranch after spending the winter at Adrian.

This newest freak has aroused the curiosity of scientists both at Idaho state house and the College of Idaho, who plan to investigate it soon. A similar freak of nature exists at the Duncan McKenzie ranch six miles from the Leake place.

This strange, natural phenomenon may be a volcano or something of the sort. Mrs. Leake says there has appeared in a small dome shaped hill a circular opening about two feet in diameter. On cold mornings one may see steam or some sort of vapor shoot from the opening to a height of 20 feet or more. No lava has erupted from the crater yet and there is no indication that the opening was made by an explosion. It merely has the appearance of cracking at some time or other.

Indication of interior heat is seen by the fact that snow along the sides of the hill has melted. A constant rumbling sound from within may be heard at all times and the ground in the vicinity shakes with much the same activity as an earthquake.

In an effort to plumb the depth of the opening, a bottle was tied to the end of a 30 foot rope, but it failed to touch bottom. At another time Mr. Leake dropped lighted matches into the crater but no explosion occurred and it is believed that the disturbance is not caused by gases.

While the phenomenon appeared sometime this winter, for a number

of years the residents of the have experienced unusual disturbances similar to earth tremors. Some of them have been so violent that they almost shake a person out of bed during the night.

The news of the unusual quirk of nature has aroused local interest and it is expected that a soon as the roads are a bit more fit for travel, many people will journey to the Leake ranch to view the unusual sight.

HOWARD SMITH OPENS NEW APPLANCE STORE

Howard Smith, who has been doing radio repair work and handling appliances at the Nyssa Electric Company has opened a new business in the building just south of the Halverson Food Store. The new business will be known as the Shane Appliance Company with Mr. Smith as manager.

The Nyssa Electric Company, owned by Messrs. Wimp and Sales will continue in their present quarters and they expect to add a line of appliances and a radio technician to their business.

START WORK ON SUGAR WAREHOUSE

A crew of workmen started work this week on the preliminary steps leading toward the erection of a warehouse for the Amalgamated Sugar Company. Their new warehouse will be located directly east of the tracks next to the highway and will be 40 by 100 feet. It will be made of structural steel and concrete.

Early next week it is expected that the actual raising of the warehouse will get started. Some of the materials are now on the track and a crew of engineers from Ogden headquarters are here to supervise the work.