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## Rural Speakers To Vie For Honor Monday Evening

### School Children To Compete For Right To Go To Vale April 2nd.

Nyssa will be host to the rural declamatory contest here Monday evening, March 29 when representatives from four districts will compete for the honor of going to Vale April 2 to the county meet. The contest will be held in the Community Church starting at 8:00. Schools to compete will be Oregon Trail, Owyhee, Arcadia and Big Bend. First place winners will go to Vale April 2. The meet at Vale will not be a contest. The representatives of the various districts will all speak but there will be no judges.

Representatives from the Big Bend district include Dale Tetter, Wilma Wilson, Eloise Russell and Edna Wilson.

Speakers from Oregon Trail will be Peggy Campbell, Mary Lou Thomason, Junior Holmes, Dewey Thomason and Loretta Mitchell.

Owyhee representatives will be Bob Schweizer, Coleen Connaughy, Peggy Langton, Aileen Talbot, Grace Kygar and Ileta Franklin.

Speakers from Arcadia include Marjorie Orris, Leona Farmer, Evelyn Points, Gerald Zittercob and Donald Hickey.

## REMODEL POST OFFICE BUILDING SOON NOW

Work is expected to start within a few days on the job of remodeling the post office building. The partitions will be torn out to include the old telephone rooms for post office purposes. Many more boxes will be installed and the lobby lengthened to keep pace with the fast growing Nyssa community.

## HONEY DEW MELON GROWERS SIGN AGREEMENT

A meeting was held Saturday evening in the Owyhee Irrigation office by Joseph Becker, who represents one of the largest marketing organizations of New York experienced in handling Honey Dews from all growing sections of the country. A good sized acreage of this crop has been signed near Nyssa.

Planting will commence between April 20th to May 1st this season and according to Mr. Becker, all growers must get their land well plowed, bedded up in shape, to be ready for planting at the specified time. Mr. Becker and his supervisor will be in the territory at planting time. Growers interested in other information can get in touch with Dan Davis or Mr. Evans at the Fruitland Fruit Association at Fruitland, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Paradis were guests at a dinner Sunday given in the banquet room of the Taylor Coffee Shop by Miss June Higginbotham in honor of the birthday of Russell Snyder. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Clark Price and Miss Higginbotham's brother and a friend.

## EVENT CALENDAR

- Tonight—Eagles Boxing Card.
- Friday—Softball meeting.
- Saturday—Girl Scout Pie Social at Lower Big Bend.
- Sunday—Easter services at all churches.
- March 29—Rural declamatory contest.
- May 30—Ladies Aid Play at Owyhee school.
- April 1—High School play.
- April 1—College of Idaho presents play at Kingman Colony.
- April 2—Ladies Aid play at Apple Valley.
- April 2—High School sports program.
- April 8—Eagles Fight Card.
- April 15—Opening of trout season.

## Nyssa To Again Enter Baseball Team In Idaho-Oregon League



The Idaho-Oregon baseball league was organized Tuesday night in Ontario on an 8-team basis, with officers elected and the first day of the playing season set for May 2nd. Representatives from Nyssa who attended the meeting included Dewey Ray, John Young, Artie Robertson, Frank Rambaud, Dean Johnston and Berwyn Burke.

Representatives from ten towns were present, with Weiser and Huntington the two new towns asking for inclusion in the league. The towns definitely in the league are Boise, Caldwell, Payette, Ontario, Nyssa and Vale. Nampa will decide soon if they care to enter a team, while indications are that Emmett will not play in the league this year. Weiser will likely be added to make up the 8th team, and in case Nampa does not come in, Huntington will also be in the league.

Officers elected for the coming year were Wm. Gove of Boise president; Leland Barber of Payette, vice president; and Chas. Burrow of Vale secretary-treasurer. The meeting Tuesday night was presided over by Stanley Millikin of Ontario, with Earl Wyckoff acting as recording secretary.

### Nyssa To Have Team

A baseball meeting was held Friday evening, and another session held Monday, at which time it was decided that Nyssa should continue in the league and an effort made to put the best possible team on the field. A board of directors to handle town baseball were selected including Dewey Ray, chairman; Artie Robertson, Barney Wilson, Bernard Frost, C. L. McCoy and A. Chadwick. Dewey Ray will continue as business manager of the team with the understanding that in case of unavoidable absence during the summer, one of the other members of the board will take over temporary responsibility.

First practice will be called just as soon as the weather gets a little more settled, and all candidates for the team are urged to turn out and help put a good team on the field to represent Nyssa this year.

## NEXT EAGLE SPORT CARD SET APRIL 8

Wrestling and boxing will be featured on the next Eagle sporting card, scheduled for Thursday evening, April 8th. Toshiya Kodlake, the Japanese boy who gave the fans such a show in the bouts here March 11th will likely be matched with Don Mathews for the main go, using jujitsu jackets.

A novelty bout, something never before attempted in Nyssa will bring a top-notch wrestler matched with a good fighter. Bull Keener will likely be the wrestler while "Windmill" Pierce will attempt to win the match with his fists. "Windmill" is the boy who is proving so popular with Boise fans, winning his last two starts in Boise by knockouts. One was over Homer Fincher who was stopped for the first time by Pierce.

Another match has been signed, a four round boxing event between "Little" Milligan of Payette and Billy Mathews of Ola, Idaho. Both are bantamweights with good ring records.

The Eagles wrestling mat was finished this week by C. W. Rice, and the local lodge are now the owner of the only first rate wrestling mat in the valley. This will insure the fans of a good show and at the same time provide protection to the rough antics of the boys in the ring.

## HIGH SCHOOL PLAN SMOKER FOR FRIDAY

The lettermen's club at the local high school are sponsoring a program of boxing, wrestling and other sports to be held Friday evening, April 2 in the local high school. The object is to acquire funds to buy new baseball uniforms.

In practice sessions several of the boys have shown considerable ability and wrestling and a full evening's entertainment is promised.

Mrs. Herschel Thompson and new son Ronald Alvin were expected to leave the Brittingham Nursing home in Ontario today.

I. B. Allen has purchased 120 acres of new land from Joe Glenn which now gives Mr. Allen a total of 200 acres all in the same section. The land is three miles west of Nyssa.

## School Ball Schedule Arranged At Meeting In Plymouth Wednesday

The Nyssa high school baseball schedule was arranged at a meeting held at New Plymouth Wednesday evening and attended by teachers John Young, Owen Price, Walt Rosenbraugh and Warren Bailey.

Eight high schools in this section will have baseball this season with Vale, Ontario, Nyssa and Harper in one league while New Plymouth, Emmett, Payette and Fruitland teams will make up the other league. A playoff between the 1st and 2nd place teams of each league will be held under the lights at Ontario on May 12 and 13th for the Snake River valley championship.

Besides playing the team in the league, Nyssa will also play two games with Joseph, Oregon and two games with Huntington.

### BASEBALL SCHEDULE

- April 13—Emmett here
- April 16—Huntington here
- April 20—Vale here
- April 23—Harper here
- April 27—Ontario here
- April 30—Vale there
- May 4—Harper here
- May 7—Ontario there (night game)
- May 21—Huntington there

## VETERANS CAN BE ENROLLED BY CCC

Enrollment period for war veterans in the CCC will be from April 1 to 20, according to word announced today. Requirements are honorable discharge from the service and physical ability to work. There is no relief requirements for veterans but if they have previously been in the CCC they cannot re-enroll until a year has lapsed.

Any veterans interested can get enrollment blanks from the Veterans Administration at Portland.

## COUNTY GRAVELING PROJECT ROADS

A crew has been busy graveling and otherwise improving roads on the project northwest of Nyssa. The heavy county caterpillar broke down the bridge across the Owyhee canal when it was going onto the job, and work was started this week to build a new bridge across the canal. This is on the road going by the slaughter house.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reddaway of Oregon City, cousins of Frank Hall, visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halverson and son Lloyd were Boise visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Grant Rinehart and baby daughter Kristin Ann left the Dixon Nursing home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beam were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Bettie Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sherwood were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. O. I. Cheldelen.

Mrs. Lucille Johnston was taken to the St. Luke's hospital in Boise the first of the week for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel White were visitors at the C. A. Matlock home Monday evening.

Mrs. Dean Johnston who was a patient in St. Luke's hospital in Boise the past two weeks was able to return home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marshall and son of Homedale were dinner guests Sunday in the parental Walter Marshall home.

Mrs. Nettie Medesker and daughter Hettie left Wednesday afternoon for Joseph, being called there by the death of Mrs. Medesker's father, Mr. Marks.

Mrs. J. W. Poage was called to Meridian Monday by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Linton. She returned Wednesday but her sister is still quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garrison from Jamison were dinner guests in the Chas. Garrison home Sunday. Callers in the afternoon were Miss Virginia DuPre of Ontario and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Garrison and little Jo Ann.

Bernard Frost left Wednesday morning for Salt Lake where he will attend a three day meeting of the Northwest Electric Light and Power Association as a guest of the Idaho Power Company. He won the trip by having the best electric range sales record in the division.

## SOFT BALL MEETING CALLED FOR FRIDAY

A meeting of soft ball players, fans and those interested in seeing a soft ball league started has been called for Friday evening in the city hall. A movement is on foot to get softball organized in Nyssa and the meeting Friday is expected to produce a Nyssa Softball League.

Some of the business houses of Nyssa have expressed a desire to sponsor teams for the coming season, and representatives of these firms should be certain to join the players in attending the meeting Friday evening, March 26th, starting at 8 o'clock.

## Business Houses Change Owners

Two major changes in the personnel of the Nyssa business houses were made this week. Wednesday afternoon a deal was completed in which Dick Tensen purchased the interest of Dewey Ray in the Nyssa Packing Company. Mr. Ray has bought out Walt Starr's interest in the Ray and Starr gasoline transport system and will join his brother Gordon in this business. He expects to continue residing in Nyssa.

Monday morning Loring Taylor took over the first chair in the Owyhee Barber shop when he purchased the interest of Don Todd in the business. Roy Pounds will continue to be associated in the business while Don Todd expects to get an outside job for health's sake. Mr. Taylor has had many years experience in the barber trade, being with the Ben Paris Corporation of Seattle for 14 years. He is a step-father of Otto Hirsch.

## Legion Sponsors Boy Scout Honor Court Thursday

Many Scouts Presented With Badges For Advancement In Boy Scout Achievements.

Thursday night was a big night in American Legion and Boy Scout history when the Boy Scouts held a Court of Honor as guests of the local posts of the Legion and Auxiliary. The meeting was held in the Legion hall, with Mr. Baptist, Boy Scout chief executive of the Idaho-Oregon council present to award the various honors.

Tenderfoot badges were awarded to Donald Sopher, Leo Hollenberg, Jr., Jack and Harold Daniels, Lester Keizer, Marcel Nusser, Arnold Thompson, Frank Pompe, Pete Cloninger, David Green, Ivan Thompson, Donald Eldredge and Raymond Warren.

First class badges were awarded to Houston Wilson and Jack Doolittle. In the knot tying contest for tenderfoot scouts, Harold Daniels won first and his brother Jack second. Third place was won by Donald Sopher.

Huston Wilson gave a demonstration on First Aid methods and Jack Doolittle gave an interesting demonstration of signaling work. Another feature of the evening was dance and song numbers by Misses Hineoia Cloninger, Irene Poage and Helen Boydell. Chairmen in charge of the Court of Honor were Vic Schweizer, and Mesdames Abbott, Poage, Russell, Abbi and Ada Schweizer.

### Auxiliary President Visits

The American Legion Auxiliary also held their regular meeting Thursday evening, with a very fine attendance. Three new members were initiated and during the session the members were surprised by a visit from the district president, Mrs. Elma Eckley from La Grande and Mrs. Gertrude Maxam, past district president, also of La Grande.

Mrs. Eckley commented on the very fine work being done by the Nyssa unit and also the Juniors. The Nyssa unit is the only unit in district 7 with an active Junior unit. This work is under the leadership of Mrs. Alma Cloninger, who displayed a beautiful complete layette done by her Juniors.

After the meeting the Auxiliary adjourned to meet with the Legion boys and the Boy Scout court of honor, headed by Scout Master Owen Price. Delightful refreshments brought the evening to a close.

## Owyhee Canyon Day Celebration To Be Staged Early In June



### LADIES AID TO GIVE PLAY AT RURAL SCHOOLS

The Ladies Aid, who scored a hit in Nyssa Friday night by their presentation of "The Strike of the Ladies Aid," will give their play next Tuesday evening, March 30 at the Owyhee school and on Friday, April 2 they will give the play at the Apple Valley school. The two-act play was presented to a packed house at the Community Church Friday night.

### Don Conklin Takes Own Life Wednesday At Beulah CCC Camp

Word was received in Nyssa today that Don Conklin, former resident, had taken his life Wednesday evening by slashing his throat. He was a member of the CCC camp at Beulah. Mr. Conklin was a little past middle age and formed a wide acquaintance in town when he lived here a year ago. He worked for many people here in odd job capacities. Little is known locally regarding his family.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GIVE PLAY THURSDAY

Nyssa high school students have been busy practicing a play entitled "Romance In A Boarding House," which they will give next Thursday evening April 1 in the high school gymnasium. The interesting three-act comedy is being given by the combined efforts of the entire student body. The complete cast appears in the high school news this week.

Otto Hirsch left Seattle for a few days business trip to Sunday.

Wm. Wood owner of new land in the Newell Heights district is here looking after his property. He is from Cour d'Alene, Idaho.

### LITTLE BELLFOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL VICTOR IN STATE TOURNAMENT

The little high school of Bellfountain, located 17 miles southwest of Corvallis and with a total enrollment of 19 boys and 10 girls won the state basketball tournament at Salem Saturday night by socking Lincoln high of Portland 35 to 21 in the final game. The Bells, who reached the finals with successive victories over Amity, Chilquin and than Franklin of Portland, the big city champions, gave "B" basketball a new meaning. It is the first time in nearly two-score years of tournament history such a tiny school has ascended to state championship.

La Grande, champions of this district, found competition too strong at the state tournament and finished in 8th place.

### KOLONY GIRL SCOUTS HAVE MANY ENJOYABLE ACTIVITIES

The regular Kolony Girl Scout meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hewitt on March 13. An Easter discussion was held and during the afternoon much amusement was provided when each girl read a clinical thermometer and took a pulse.

The previous Saturday the grade school Scouts were entertained at the Peterson home. The afternoon was spent folk dancing and in making Scottish and Irish costumes for folk dances.

Last Saturday the following girls gave a party at Mrs. Hewitt's for the little children: Phyllis Haworth, Betty Jean Eachus, Iola Parker and Laura Prosser. The girls arranged games and refreshments suitable for the age of their guests. This is part of the work for the child nurse Girl Scout badge. Next week Arlene Peterson, Mary Lou Jackson and Marie Marster will give a similar party. Mrs. Hewitt is examiner for the nursing badge.

### LADIES OF NEWELL HEIGHTS TO MEET

The ladies club of the new Emerald Slope district which has been changed by popular consent to Newell Heights district will meet Tuesday March 30 at the home of Mrs. H. B. Williams. All ladies in the district are invited to attend.

## Pioneer Settler Joins Husband In Great Beyond

### Wife of Nyssa's First Mayor, Mrs. Daniel Ehrgood Passes At Age 73.

Graveside services were held at the Nyssa cemetery Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Sarah Jane Ehrgood, 73, who was one of the earliest settlers of the Nyssa section. She died last Thursday morning, March 18th, at a Boise hospital.

Mrs. Ehrgood left Nyssa 12 years ago to live with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Morehead, 1201 Hays street in Boise. In the early days, she and her husband took a very active part in Nyssa affairs. Her husband, Daniel Ehrgood was the first mayor of Nyssa, back in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Ehrgood homesteaded, cleared the brush and built a fine farm and farm home on what is now known as the Quinby place, which is still within the city limits of Nyssa.

Sarah Jane Erwin and Daniel Ehrgood were married in January 1890 near Poolville, Texas and started west with their three year old daughter, Susan Elizabeth, in April 1894 with a covered wagon and mule team, one of an immigrant train of neighbors and relatives.

After three months of difficult and slow traveling they arrived in Boise valley and stopped at the old Moudy ranch and helped during the hay season. That fall they went on to the Owyhee settlement in Malheur county, Oregon and with his brother and wife they built a cabin and wintered there. The next spring they acquired the homestead at Nyssa which was her home place during all her years of residence in Oregon.

At that time the entire valley was a wild sagebrush desert with but one house on the road between Nyssa and Ontario. They both lived to see the entire valley under cultivation and the construction of many comfortable homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ehrgood were untiring in their efforts to build up public enterprises for the betterment of the community, one of which was the building and establishment of the First Presbyterian church and all the auxiliaries of that church in Nyssa some thirty years ago to which they were both lifelong members.

During their first years of homesteading they had to seek employment elsewhere. They moved to Rocky Bar, Idaho, and spent four profitable years there from 1899 to 1903 during which time Mr. Ehrgood worked in the gold mines and the large stamp mill. They came back to their homestead and improved the place as irrigation water was then available from the large Owyhee ditch that had been built. After Mr. Ehrgood passed away November 9, 1914 Mrs. Ehrgood continued to farm the place until the summer of 1925 when she moved to Boise to make her home. She conducted an apartment house at 1211 Washington St., known as the Elms, for several years then moved to another apartment house at 214 W. Bannock St., which she managed until it was sold Nov. 1, 1935. Her health having failed at that time, she lived with her only daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Morehead until the time of her death.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Morehead of Boise and six grandchildren: Mrs. W. L. McCutchan, Bingen, Washington; Miss Ruby Morehead, Portland; Mrs. Dan T. Taylor, Reno, Nevada; R. E. Morehead and Mrs. Edith Whiteside, Salt Lake City, Utah and Mrs. H. D. Conner, Boise. There are five great grandchildren: Margory Irene McCutchan, Sharon Lynn Whiteside, Robert Neil Morehead, and Kath- (Continued on last page)

## 'ROUND TOWN

I. B. Allen has falling out with the rest of the Beeler boys at the Star Hotel and moves to his ranch. Jack McConnell laid up as result of car mishap. Golf fans raise blisters cleaning up course Sunday.

Ruth Warnock carefully scanning Tuesday's Statesman. Summer must be here, fur coat season at hand. Elmer Dutton, new settler from Vancouver makes haste to join Journal family of readers. Flock of income tax payers glad its over. Skulduggery suspected when Nyssa road signs disappear. Frank Rambaud may be a holdout, he won't say. Bob Millar remarks that not all sit-down strikers are dumb, some had sense enough to sit down in a Michigan chair factory.