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Conferences For Little Children Are Held Nearby

General Check-up Given By Nurse; Other Things Featured

Several pre-school conferences were held in this community during the last several days featuring physical and mental health programs.

The 15th clinic held in the county was held in the Oregon slope section this week. Conferences held in this vicinity included those conducted at Nyssa, Owyhee, Oregon Trail, Kingman Colony, Wade and Sunset Valley.

Mrs. Edna Parris, county health nurse gave each child a general check-up. She was assisted at the Sunset meeting Saturday by Mrs. Charles Schweizer who tested eyesight and weight.

Miss Lillian Nesbitt, county librarian, was also present with a display of books of interest to children and mothers.

At Sunset Valley Mrs. Roy Gueck, farm mother, explained a group of charts concerning tuberculosis and its cure.

At the various conferences a display of home-made nursery furniture and toys, which the children were free to enjoy, was shown by Mrs. Amy Larkin, Mrs. Irene Makinson and Miss Adreen Nichols of the P.S.A. On one side of that division was a display of children's clothing, some to be made from parts of worn-out overalls and others that make self-dressing easy.

On the opposite side was a display of high-vitamin food, along with recipes for school sandwiches.

Women helping in Nyssa were Mrs. Dick Tensen, Mrs. Henry Hartley, Mrs. Ed Norcott, Mrs. A. Chadwick, Miss Mary Norcott, Miss LaRue Nye and Miss Lucille Sallee.

Those assisting in Sunset Valley were Mrs. Schweizer, Mrs. Gueck, Mrs. Charles Schweizer, Miss Donna Dimmick, and Miss Beth Chaplin, eyes, weight and measure, and Mrs. Pomeroy, registrations.

SERGEANT LUEHRS REPORTED ALIVE

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Luehrs of Ontario have received information stating that their son, Sergeant Jack Luehrs is held in a neutral country in Europe.

The message corrected a report received last April that Sergeant Luehrs was missing in action in a bombing raid over Europe, and a later report announcing his death.

Our Boys In The Service



Ovey Brown, former Nyssa resident who is now serving with the army in North Africa, stated recently in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brown of Portland, who formerly lived in Nyssa, that there are more bugs and varmints in Africa than in any place in which he had ever lived.

Brown's letter reads in part: "I will sure be glad when we leave this country. There are more bugs and varmints around here than any place I have ever been. The mosquitoes don't make any noise. They just sneak up and bite a piece out and get going before you can catch them."

"The fleas are here by the millions. They started at my belt line and went both ways and took nearly all the skin as they went and what they didn't get I scratched off."

"It sure was a sight around here when the Germans and Italians surrendered. They were driving their trucks and didn't even have a guard on them. They must have been real glad to quit fighting."

"We used to laugh when we had to dig fox-holes, but I don't think I will ever laugh again over it. I have become an expert at diving

KOLLEN ELECTED TO VFW OFFICE AT STATE MEET

J. J. Kollen of Nyssa was elected district commander of district No. 14 Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the state department convention held in Portland.

Mr. Kollen, chaplain of the Owyhee post of the VFW, attended the convention as the local delegate. The sessions were attended by 235 delegates and 35 commanders. All of the usual entertainment features were eliminated, because of war conditions.

Mr. Kollen presented to the state department the charter of the ladies auxiliary of the Nyssa post, so that organization will be completed probably within the next month.

Mrs D. Hawkins Funeral Is Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Dave Hawkins of Nyssa were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Vern Martin officiating. Interment was in the Nyssa cemetery.

Emma Jane Hawkins was born at Dunlap, Iowa December 3, 1887 and came to Oregon when she was a small girl. She lived in Nyssa for 26 years. She was converted several years ago in the Methodist church. In 1937 she received the experience of entire sanctification in the Nazarene church and joined the Nazarene group. Mrs. Hawkins, former president of the W.C.T.U., was active in the Sunday school.

Survivors are her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Roy Cook of Tillamook; one son, Ernest Hawkins of Harper; a brother, Oliver Sandy of Bonita, five grandsons and one granddaughter.

YOUTHS REQUIRED TO SIGN AT 18

Boys reaching the age of 18 were warned this week by selective service officials to register on their birthday or as soon thereafter as possible.

Many youths are apparently waiting for another registration day, but no registration days will be scheduled. The law requires all youths reaching the age of 18 years to register immediately.

The registration office in Nyssa is located in the city hall. City Recorder Grant Rinehart is the registrar.

Guests At Dinner—

Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster and son, Tommy, were dinner guests of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd White of Union last Sunday.

into mine. The other night we had a little raid. The first thing I heard was a plane, a dive and a bomb started whistling. I think I was in that hole before the bomb hit the ground. I was minus my pants and shoes but I didn't mind that the least bit."

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Acel, is serving in the army. He is stationed with the air force at Amarillo, Texas.

Both of the Brown boys are graduates of the Nyssa high school.

Joe Council, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Council, was recently promoted to second petty officer with a storekeeper rating. Council, who is now stationed in Hawaii, was a 1940 Nyssa high school graduate.

Stan L. Cowins of Nyssa, who is stationed with the army at Camp Barkley, Texas, has been promoted to the rank of technical sergeant in the infantry. He is employed in the headquarters of the 90th infantry.

Sergeant Cowins, a graduate of the Nyssa high school and the University of Oregon, was employed several years ago by the Eder Hardware company.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cleaver has received word from their son, Eugene Cleaver, that he has arrived in Hawaii. Private Cleaver is attached to the medical corps.

Reid Cottle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cottle who entered the navy this year, has been transferred from Chicago to a radio school at College Station, Texas.

Pvt. Dick Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Parker of Cow Hollow, entered the army June 4. He is now stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Wage Rate For Farm Employees Is Agreed Upon

Committee Believes 60 Cents An Hour Is Fair Wage

An agreement on wage rates for agricultural labor in this area was reached at a meeting of the farm labor sub-committee of Malheur county at a meeting held in Ontario Tuesday night.

The men decided that 60 cents an hour was the prevailing and fair rate, that being what most farmers are paying and willing to pay and a good wage for the workers. This rate generally figures without board, but in cases in which dinner is provided hands this 60 cent figure might still apply. Where board and room is also given, a lesser rate accordingly might be paid.

With early potato harvest approaching, rates for potato picking were also discussed. Men at the meeting decided that 12 cents per sack, usually 100 pounds with 5 per cent off for tare, was the fair rate for picking on average fields. Another meeting is planned to be held in about 10 days, at which potato growers and operators may be present.

Farmers, however, are urged in the meantime to pay these wages and rates so that relations between farmers and workers may proceed smoothly, with each being treated fairly.

Present at the meeting were Ralph Brooke, Pieter Tensen, George Dale, Ira Ure, Glen Hutchinson, Harold Gribben, Eldon Cone and Fletcher Milton.

Local Office Of WRA Is Opened

A local office of the war relocation authority has been established in the F.S.A. office building at the Nyssa labor camp, according to Gilbert L. McMillan, associate relocation officer.

The office is concerned with the relocation of evacuee Japanese in private employment and any other problems connected with evacuee Japanese.

Regional directors of the war manpower commission and the war production board have voiced approval of a proposal that American citizens of Japanese ancestry who are now in the 10 Japanese relocation centers in the west should be employed in areas where there are acute labor shortages.

The officials said "These people are American citizens. They are farmers, skilled workers, craftsmen and professional workers. We should not keep their talents idle."

PUBLIC HEALTH POSITIONS OPEN

Careers in the administration of public welfare services are emphasized in the announcement of examinations for the position of county administrator with the Oregon state public welfare commission. The examinations will be given Wednesday, July 21, according to Mrs. Dorothy Burgher, administrator of the Malheur county public welfare commission.

The qualifications required are a minimum of two years of college and three years of successful full time paid responsible business or one year within the past ten years professional employment, of which shall have been in the field of social case work on the staff of a public social agency.

"The Oregon state public welfare commission is desirous of attracting to its staff responsible persons, capable of assuming leadership in the administration of the important services for which it has responsibility," said Mrs. Burgher. "Those who qualify will have satisfaction of doing important work at an attractive salary with continuous employment."

Application forms may be secured at the offices of the local county public welfare commission or by addressing merit system supervisor, 620 Mead building, Portland. Completed forms must be filed by July 14.

Here From Portland—

David Holman of Portland is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis this week. Janice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, who has been in Portland with relatives, returned to Nyssa with Mr. Holman.

FROST APPOINTED ON RATION BOARD

Bernard Frost has been appointed as a member of the Nyssa rationing board.

A gasoline panel to handle all gasoline and tire applications has been chosen from within the board. Members of the panel are Frank T. Morgan, Al Kuehn and Bernard Frost.

Married Men To Get Army Call

Vale, July 1 (Special)—The last group of unmarried registrants left the local selective service board headquarters here last week.

The July call will include a substantial number of married men without children, the chairman of the board, Robert D. Lytle, said. It is still the policy of the selective service administration to defer the calling of married men with children and they will not be called until this policy is changed. Most of those in the group leaving here were 19-year-olds.

Those in the June call went to Spokane to receive their physical examination. Those accepted for service in either the army or navy were given a 14 day furlough and will then report to Ft. Douglas Utah for preliminary training and processing.

Leader of the group leaving here Wednesday was Vernon Reed, former Ontario hardware dealer. Assistant leaders were Arthur Alex Smith and Raymond G. Larson Jr.

Others in the group were: Jackie L. Jackson, Robert B. Yundt, Dale Leon Holland, John A. Church, Louis C. Barnard, Claude E. Davis, William L. Stoop, Ross Brown, Harry L. Humphrey, Hal Oliver Buchert, Fred Stowell Payne, Clarence H. Jacobson, Warren Dale Heldt, Merle Francis Craft, Robert Lavore Beah, Melvin R. Parker, Delbert K. Turner, Donald Carl Penn, Harold V. Armstrong, Bernard Everett Corpe, Orval Eugene Mahoney, Gerald Earl Bull, Jimmie Marez, Frank Elordi, Charlie B. West, Clarence C. Oglesbee, Joseph William Burgher, James A. Peters, Ray Knezevich, Joe Edward Stewart, James Ernest Bunnell.

W.E. Robinson, Nyssa Succumbs

William E. Robinson, janitor at the Union Pacific depot in Nyssa, died unexpectedly last Thursday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in the Methodist church with Rev. M. H. Greenlee officiating. Interment was in the Nyssa cemetery.

Mr. Robinson was born in Utah 54 years ago and came to Nyssa 16 years ago. He was employed by Union Pacific company most of the time during the last 20 years.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his widow, Olive, four step-sons, James Troutner of Blackfoot, Idaho, Arthur who is stationed with the army at Camp Hood, Texas, and Roger of Nyssa, and a step-daughter, Virginia Troutner of Nyssa.

COUNTY PLANS TO BUILD BRIDGES

Vale, July 1 (Special)—The Malheur county bridge and road crew have finished rebuilding the 1 1/2 miles of new road on the Rose creek road near Ironside, Judge Charles Leavitt said Thursday.

This road was washed out early in the spring so it was arranged with the Eastern Oregon Land company to secure a new right of way, less likely to wash out. The new road was constructed over the new right of way.

The crew is now building a new bridge over Sand hollow. Concrete foundations and wings are being put in. The new bridge will have a 20 foot span. Lack of a bridge at this point has caused great inconvenience for a number of years. During the winter high water fills the gulch making long detours necessary by school buses; the mail carriers and milk trucks. It is expected that the new bridge will keep this traveled road open at all times.

Another bridge to be built in the near future is the bridge over a deep culvert on the Harper-Little valley county road. Temporary structures have washed out a number of times at this point in recent years and this time, Judge Leavitt said, he expects to put the bridge in so it will stay there.

The crew will move to Harper just as soon as the Sand hollow job has been completed.

Go To Portland—

Misses Aline Hendricks and Beverly Harris left Tuesday for Portland where they will visit friends and relatives. They plan to return Saturday.

Sponsors Found For Mexicans In This Community

\$20,000 Paid To Mexicans Since They Came To Do Farm Work

Three sponsors have been found for the Mexican labor quartered in the Nyssa labor camp, according to U. S. employment officials. The sponsors are the Amalgamated Sugar company, which is sponsoring 75 men, the J. C. Watson company, 25 men and the J. R. Simplot company, 54 men.

This sponsorship will make available 154 Mexicans for a period extending up to the topping season on beets this fall, when it is likely the entire group will be retained by the sugar company.

Of the Mexicans here, 29 are on farms where they will be kept for the season. Twenty, staying in the Amalgamated Sugar company camp at Nampa, will be returned to Nyssa in time to help with the potato-picking activities. This leaves approximately 104 in camp who are available for various types of farm work. They are at present working in beet hoeing, lettuce thinning and cutting, onion weeding and haying. All men have been employed steadily since coming to Nyssa.

At present between 60 and 70 Japanese are living at the camp 14 miles from Nyssa. Not all of these people are workers, but the workers have been employed continuously.

The Mexicans have sent back to Mexico up to and including the last payment, more than \$2000 as the 10 per cent required to be placed to their account. This means about 5000 pesos in Mexico as the exchange rate is nearly five to one. It would also indicate that there has been more than \$20,000 paid to these workers in the form of wages.

Banks Mentioned For Bureau Post

F. A. Banks, at present construction engineer of Grand Coulee and former construction engineer of the Owyhee dam, is mentioned as a possible successor to John C. Page, commissioner of the bureau of reclamation.

Mr. Page recently resigned as commissioner because of ill health. Local men said Page was well liked and was a hard worker.

Harry Bashore, construction engineer of the Vale project, is now acting commissioner. Rumors indicate that he does not want the position of commissioner.

RECRUITING FOR NAVY EMPHASIZED

Rives Waller, recruiting specialist first class, U. S. navy, was in Nyssa from Baker last Thursday in the interest of the navy's recruiting program.

Mr. Waller said a recruiting officer will be in the post office building in Ontario every Thursday to accept applications for enlistment. He said the navy is also badly in need of WAVES, the women's navy organization.

POETS' CORNER

Edited by T. CAROL BYBEE

RARE SWEET FLOWER
All thru life's dark forest,
I searched for a flower rare,
And did not know it grew so close,
Till I saw YOU standing there,
I've slipped and stumbled on the way.

Trying this flower to find,
You showed me the proper path to take,
Opened eyes that before were blind,
Together we tend this flower.

Our hearts are in perfect TUNE;
It was hidden by LOVE and grown
on FAITH
Now it's anxious and ready to bloom.

So won't you place your hand in mine,
And share each precious hour?
Or else the bitter storms of life,
May destroy this Rare Sweet Flower.

Horses Drown But 4 Men Save Themselves In Ferry Accident

V. P. MUSSOLINI BUYS 3 JERSEYS

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 1 (Special)—Vincent P. Mussolini, Nyssa, has purchased three jerseys from V. D. Foster, Sherwood, Oregon. The animals include the bull, Foster Volunteer Sultan 445680, and the cows, Foster Volunteer Patsy Ann 1400949, and Foster Volunteer Sultana 1400948.

The whereabouts of all registered Jerseys is known and carefully watched over by The American Jersey Cattle club, with offices in New York City. This important job is made possible through registrations and transfers made by Jersey breeders everywhere. Tattoo identification, somewhere similar to fingerprinting, keeps individuals of this dairy breed always known.

Garage, Chicks, Bicycle Burned

Ninety-six month-old chicks were cremated when a garage owned by F. J. "Slim" Carpenter was destroyed by fire in the northern part of town last Saturday.

The fire was not noticed when it first broke out and it had gained considerable headway when it was discovered. The heat from the blaze was so intense pitch in the outside walls of the residence was drawn to the surface. However, the house was not damaged.

The Carpenter boy's bicycle, lying a few feet from the garage, was virtually destroyed by the flames. Mr. Carpenter said he does not know the cause of the blaze, but suggested that it might have started from a spark from the residence chimney.

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Trying this flower to find,
You showed me the proper path to take,
Opened eyes that before were blind,
Together we tend this flower.

Our hearts are in perfect TUNE;
It was hidden by LOVE and grown
on FAITH
Now it's anxious and ready to bloom.

So won't you place your hand in mine,
And share each precious hour?
Or else the bitter storms of life,
May destroy this Rare Sweet Flower.

Frank Wilcott Knocked Unconscious By Cable In Water

A team of horses was drowned, one man narrowly escaped a similar fate and three other men were forced to fight the treacherous Snake river for their lives when the Bodmer ferry owned by Harry Shelton one mile down the river from Nyssa broke loose Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock.

The accident occurred when Shelton and Frank Wilcott, accompanied by Jack Hand and Gilbert White, were taking a load of 28 sacks of wheat to the west bank of Snake river from an island owned by Shelton.

When the ferry was about in the middle of the river the front apron dipped because the cable slipped. The ferry tipped over on its side up-river and would have overturned had not it hit bottom.

Realizing the danger, the men unhooked the horses' tug from the wagon, but did not have time to remove the neck-yoke. The horses slipped off the ferry and drowned by the time they reached a point 300 feet down the river.

A daughter of Earl Boor, a neighbor, heard the men on the ferry calling for help and W. E. Williams, another neighbor, was called. The neighbors started following the ferry swirling down the river to be of assistance in case their help would be needed and later William went to Ontario to notify state police officers.

Hand, an excellent swimmer, dove into the river several times to retrieve a life boat, which was knocked into the water when the ferry hit obstacles or whirled around in the current.

About 1 1/2 miles down the river the ferry neared a suspension bridge that was hanging close to the river so that the men knew they would have to leave the ferry. Shelton jumped off one end of the ferry and floated down the river to an island. Wilcott jumped off the other end of the boat, which swung his way and caused him to become fouled in the cables and planks. He was knocked unconscious by the beating cables, but he revived enough to reach land with the assistance of White, who went to shore in the row boat with Hand. Shelton was taken off the island in the life boat.

When the ferry hit the suspension bridge the wagon, loaded with the sacked grain, owned by Wilcott, was swept from the ferry.

E. W. Pruyn used his motor boat to look for the ferry and pick up the bodies of the horses which were found at the Ontario bridge. The harness was recovered.

Searchers found the ferry and wagon on a little island three miles south of Ontario Monday morning.

Wilcott, suffering from shock and from consuming too much water, was brought to Nyssa and was given treatment at the clinic.

Shelton will have to wait for the river to go down before the ferry, which is filled with water, can be recovered.

CLASS IN HOME NURSING PLANNED

A home Nursing class will be conducted by Mrs. Edna Parris, county health nurse, at the Sunset Community hall, beginning Friday, July 2 at 2 p.m. The first meeting will be for registration and a short lesson.

Each week afterward there will be four hours of study from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Persons interested, but unable to attend the initial meeting may plan to take the course. The classes will continue until 24 hours of study have been completed, which will be covered as soon as possible due to the heavy schedule of the nurse.

Anyone in the neighboring communities who might be interested may take any part, or all of the course.

Mrs. Parris especially urges the girls of high school ages to attend.