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Nyssa Divides Pair Of Games In Hoop League

Bulldogs Lose To Weiser And Defeat Fruitland

The Nyssa basketball team divided a pair of games over the weekend with Fruitland and Weiser to further complicate the Snake River valley race, which constitutes a mad scramble between the teams, except the Emmett outfit, now out in front.

The Bulldogs lost to Weiser Friday night in Weiser by a count of 43 to 24 and won from Fruitland on the Nyssa floor Saturday night by a score of 48 to 34.

Both the Weiser Wolverines and the Bulldogs chalked up 14 points on field goals, but Nyssa lost the game at the foul line. Weiser converted for 13 foul points and Nyssa for 6.

The Bulldogs found themselves rather short-handed in the latter part of the game with Steinke out because of influenza and Dale Wilson going out on personal fouls. Harold Wilson, hot as a firecracker, scored half of his team's points.

Harold Wilson was also high point man in the Fruitland game, in which he registered 24 points. In addition to making the big score, he played a good floor game.

Of course, a team always looks better against a mediocre outfit, but the Bulldogs are really showing much improvement. Nyssa led throughout the Fruitland contest.

Nyssa players in the two games were Billings, D. Wilson, Steinke, Moore, H. Wilson, Morgan, Bellon, Bybee, Marsh, and Church.

The Nyssa B players lost both of their week-end games. They lost to Weiser 30 to 22 and to Fruitland 30 to 25.

The Bulldogs will play the undefeated Emmett team on the Nyssa floor tonight and will go to Payette Friday night. The local preliminary game will be called at 7:30.

Elderly Woman Injured

Mrs. Mary Lyells fell last Saturday and fractured her right arm and caused injury to her back. She is receiving treatment in the Nyssa Nursing home. Her daughter, Mrs. A. V. Cook of Portland, former Nyssa resident, and Mrs. Roy Cook of Baker, former Nyssa resident who let her 19 years ago, arrived Monday to be with Mrs. Lyells.

Our Boys In The Service



Reid J. Cottle, 81-c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cottle, arrived home Friday on leave from the navy for a week. Having completed a course of study in the naval training school at Boston, he will report at San Francisco for further duty.

Robert Dennis Toombs has returned to the naval training station at Farragut, Idaho after a two week leave. He has finished his "boot camp" training.

Leroy Toombs left last week for his army station in New Orleans.

OUR BOYS
Houston Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wilson of Nyssa, has received his commission as second lieutenant in the army engineers. He received his commission at Fort Belvoir, Virginia but has been transferred to Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Jimnie Cornell, signalman second class, of Nyssa, received his second class rating the first of the year. Signalman Cornell, who is somewhere in the Pacific, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Cornell of Nyssa.

T-S L. B. Findling of the army has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Findling, telling something of the life of the soldiers in the jungles of New Guinea.

"As I said before, I am in New Guinea," Findling stated. "And what I mean it is really thick. I thought that the jungle in Australia was thick, but this has it beat

COTTON GRANDSON HELPS SAVE MAN IN NAVY MISHAP

A story of courages action which saved a man's life has come out of the Pacific fighting zone, modestly described by Mitchell King, pharmacist mate in the navy, who is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cotton of Nyssa.

The rescue was described by King in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King of Jerome, Idaho. Mrs. King formerly lived at Nyssa. King described the incident as follows:

"We had a bit of excitement the other night. A kid was down in a big pit and got overcome with high octane gas fumes. They came dashing up here for help to get him out and another kid and myself took a gas mask and went down after him. The other kid went first and got him about half way out and then the gas started to get him and he had to drop him and get out fast, so then I went down. I got him almost up the stairs and just a few feet from fresh air and the fumes got to me so bad I dropped him again and had to get out. Anyway we finally got him out and the poor kid was nearly dead.

"The doctor said if he had been in the gas a couple of minutes more he wouldn't have made it. He had been down in the hole about 15 minutes but when he passed out he fell face downward and I guess there was enough oxygen that close to the floor to keep him alive that long."

FORMER COUNTY JUDGE SUCCUMBS

George W. McKnight, county judge of Malheur county from 1912 to 1918, died suddenly in Portland, where he and Mrs. McKnight have been living the past few years. He would have been 88 February 22.

Funeral services were held at Sand Ridge cemetery, Albany, not far from the ancestral farm where Judge McKnight was born. Survivors include his wife, Helen; a brother, Bruce of Albany, and three sisters, Ida and Roma, both of Portland, and Mrs. Winnie Armstrong of Albany.

About five years ago he disposed of most of his Malheur county holdings and moved to the Willamette valley, dividing his time between Albany and Portland. He still owned a ranch at Twin Springs which at one time was the headquarters of his sheep business.

by far. We have a rather nice camp up here. We cleared off a spot with our bulldozers and set up our tents, and ditched around our tents. We also have a slit trench on each side, which may come in handy.

"I spent Christmas on the boat, but it wasn't so bad as I never got the least bit seasick the whole trip. For Christmas dinner we had canned chicken and all that goes with it. Up here we get all dehydrated vegetables. I saw a box of dried spuds from Caldwell. Pretty close to home. Maybe I am eating some Nyssa spuds. Do you suppose? We get plenty of rations so don't think I'll lose any weight.

"I am going to try to get a picture of a fuzzy wuzzy and send it home. They sure look funny. A lot of them wear a kind of skirt, and their skin is so dark. Their hair has a reddish tint to it and it sticks up pretty high on their head. I guess that's where they get their name."

Mr. and Mrs. Findling have also received word that T3 Homer J. Brown is also stationed in New Guinea. Their new address is APO 713.

William Harvey Callahan of Nyssa, A.M. 3-c of the navy, who is serving in the South Pacific, said he has been in "lots of places and seen lots of things. He said he would "fight until the job is finished. "We go ashore occasionally for a little recreation. I have learned to love the sky blue waters and the mysteries of the deep. Only we sailors can have these things. They are enchanting: the sun on the horizon and the mysteries that lie beyond. I have many things to tell all of you when aggression and tyranny are put down and I can live as I planned."

Pfc John Scott U.S.M.C., former Nyssa high student who enlisted in the Marines his sophomore year, was among the heroic forces who participated in the action on Tarawa. His recent letter to Mr. Parr reads:

"Just a few lines to let you know I haven't forgotten about Nyssa. (Continued On Page 2)

Unusual Talk Of Dr. Hall Covers Turkish Straits

Musical Selections Presented At Chamber Banquet

An interesting story of the beauty, intrigue and importance of the Turkish straits, including the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, was told in an unusual address delivered by Dr. W. W. Hall of Caldwell at the annual Nyssa chamber of commerce banquet in the high school building last Thursday night.

The president of the College of Idaho, who spent three years on the banks of the Bosphorus, featured his address with references to personal experiences and well-known historic legends to emphasize his description of the territory, which has played such an important part in world affairs during many centuries.

The territory surrounding the straits is the center of suspicion and intrigue, the speaker said. Turkey, Bulgaria, Rumania and Russia are the Black sea powers, which have a vial interest in control of the straits.

Speaking of the straits, Dr. Hall said "The waterway is clothed with beauty. The water is of a beautiful blue color. The city of Constantinople is best seen from the approach by sea. The Bosphorus is about 15 miles long. On either side are hills that sparsely covered. Ships of many types and nationalities ply the Bosphorus. There are old palaces, some of them marble, where people well known in history have lived. There are the mosques, rambling Turkish houses, graveyards and lovely dark cypress trees. It is picturesque, it is intriguing.

"Why are the straits interesting? What is in their background that makes them interesting? They are full of legendary significance. Their shores are associated with historical figures."

"Dr. Hall, who performed the difficult feat of swimming the Bosphorus, said the straits are important for two reasons. They lie along the water route from the Mediterranean to the Black sea. If the straits were open, the allies could send supplies to Russia and send warships through. The area is also important because it is the crossroads of the land route from Europe to the Persian gulf and to India.

"The straits are important for strategic reasons and for trade reasons," Dr. Hall said. "Britain is very sensitive as to who crosses the straits, because it is the road to India. They are also important because they lie athwart important trade routes.

"We have heard a good deal about the Berlin to Bagdad railroad, which Germany partially completed.

"Why does Russia consider it desirable to control the straits? They constitute Russia's only warm-water (Continued on page two)

Red Cross Will Open Campaign

Dr. J. W. Weese of Ontario, Malheur county Red Cross chairman, announced this week that a county meeting will be held Friday, January 21 in his office at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of outlining plans to raise the county's quota of \$9900.

Dr. Weese said Miss Grace Jackson, field representative for the war fund drive from San Francisco, will be in the county from January 21 to 24.

Ruth A. Ketchum, American Red Cross hospital recreation worker, whose safe arrival in Australia was announced at national headquarters, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Ketchum of Vale.

Until her Red Cross appointment, Miss Ketchum was assistant to the store superintendent, Carson Pierre Scott and company of Chicago. She is a graduate of the Vale high school, the University of Oregon A.B. 1929, and Northwestern university, M.B.A. 1940. Miss Ketchum was a Red Cross nurse's aide at Wesley Memorial hospital, Chicago.

Cards Distributed

Postal cards bearing a reproduction of the painting, "The Coming of the Prince of Peace," painted by the noted artist, Harold Chandler Christy, will be distributed by the Methodist church to parents and friends desiring to send them to men and women in the service. A supply is expected to be received by Rev. M. H. Greenlee of the local Methodist church.

NYSSA WOMEN'S BROTHER KILLED

William Udick of Ontario, brother of Mrs. Lloyd Hague of Nyssa, was killed in action in the European war theater recently, according to information received by relatives. Udick, bombardier on an airplane, was stationed in England. He was about 33 years old.

In addition to his sister, Mr. Udick is survived by his mother, Mrs. Henry Udick of Ontario.

Adrian Loses 2 Hoop Contests

ADRIAN, Jan. 20 (Special)—The Adrian Antelopes skidded two notches lower in the Snake River Valley basketball standings last week by dropping a pair of games to Payette and Vale.

On Friday night a red-hot crew from Payette tackled a 50 to 28 drubbing on the listless Antelopes. Payette, paced by Sharpshooter Grant's 20 points, grabbed an early lead and was never headed.

In the second quarter the Antelopes showed a short flash and pulled to a 26 to 21 half-time score. In the third period Payette's Fisk and Grant started where they left off and the Antelopes defense completely wilted.

Grant was high point man with 20 points. J. Wilson, Antelope center, was high for Adrian with 13 points.

In the preliminary game Payette won from Adrian 43 to 30.

On Saturday night the Antelopes found a Vale club on the rebound from a 39-35 last minute loss to Ontario the previous night. The Vikings wasted no time and ran up a 37-23 half-time score. The shooting of Zipper Irwin and Earstrom of Vale accounted for 28 points the first half.

The Antelopes rallied defensively during the last half and did a fair job of bottling up the offensive but lost 51 to 32. Irwin was high with 18 points, followed closely by Earstrom with 14. Kurtz of Adrian made 12 points.

In a preliminary game the Adrian B's won from the Vale B's 28 to 23.

Adrian's next games will be played in New Plymouth and Fruitland this week-end.

Christmas Seal Sales Are Good

Christmas seal sales up to January 1 in Malheur county amounted to \$3401.06, already nearly \$1000 more than last year's March total, according to Mrs. Charles S. Harris of Willow Creek, county chairman.

By this week every community had topped last year's total. When the January 1 report was given, all but two or three communities had made a substantial gain already over last year's complete total, reached in March. Mrs. Antrim of Brogan and Mrs. Ogilvie of Porter's flat have already doubled last year's returns, and a number of other chairmen are close to that mark. Several very small communities have returned more than \$1 for each family living in the community.

Of the 3200 letters sent out, 2070 had been returned January 1. Of these, 1908 contained money, each letter returned contained an average of \$1.78.

Figures on sales in this community were up to January 1 given as follows, with the figure for this year appearing first: Nyssa, \$381.86 and \$328.14; Oregon Trail, \$61.50 and \$52.10; Cairo, \$44.55 and \$34.60; Lincoln, \$77.25 and \$51.45; Adrian and Newell Heights, \$89.95 and \$66.07; Jordan Valley, \$109.29 and \$86.10; Big Bend, \$42.40 and \$32.24; Valley View, \$54.35 and \$32.50 and Owyhee \$47.80 and \$48.37.

The family having the fever has not been away from home, except to go to the usual places. One girl attends the Vale high school and the smaller children attend the Jamieson grade school. Dr. Maulding has requested Mrs. Farris to check on all families who have children absent from school in Jamieson.

CALLAHAN HOUSE SAVED FROM FIRE
The Joseph Callahan residence in Sunset valley caught fire last week, but was saved from destruction.

Soon after the fire was discovered about 9 p.m., members of the family and neighbors carrying water in buckets extinguished the flames around the chimney, where the blaze started.

Undergoes Operation
Merlyn Fagan of Nyssa underwent an operation in the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario Wednesday morning. His mother, who lives in Utah, is visiting him.

Malheur County Gives Challenge In Bond Contest

Mayors May Sweep Streets Of Neighboring City

The fourth war loan campaign may result in the mayor of Nyssa sweeping a street in Ontario.

Joe Dyer, Malheur county war finance committee chairman, has challenged Col. W. H. Moss of Payette, chairman of the Payette county committee, on the sale of E bonds, but a loss will not cost the chairman any physical exertion.

The contest will be based solely on the sale of E bonds, which are the bonds ordinarily purchased by individuals. Payette county's E bond quota is \$173,000 and Malheur county's E bond quota is \$278,100. Payette county's total quota is \$343,000 and Malheur county's total quota is \$513,200.

The winner will be determined on the percentage reached over the E bond quota on February 15, the end of the campaign.

In the event Malheur county loses, the mayors of Ontario, Nyssa and Vale will sweep a street designated by the residents of Payette and in the event Payette loses the mayors of Payette and New Plymouth will sweep a street in Ontario.

Soliciting committees of Nyssa and vicinity met in the high school building Monday night. The meeting was well attended by rural residents and poorly attended by townpeople.

The committee, headed by Chairman Henry Hartley, decided not to hold a bond auction. Probably later in the campaign a free dance will be held. It will be free, except that persons attending must show a receipt showing purchase of a \$25 war bond or a bond of higher denomination.

In explaining the part that the Nyssa schools expect to play in the campaign, Mr. Hartley said "We will, of course, sell bonds to anyone who wishes to buy them. However, we are emphasizing sales to children, rather than adults. The ideal set-up would be a bond for every child in school. However, some families are large and that would be a lot to ask.

"We would like to urge that all partially filled stamp books be completed and that these be converted into bonds. Most families have one or more partially filled books lying around the house. The sooner they are changed into bonds, the sooner the money will begin to draw interest."

SCARLET FEVER CASES REPORTED

Dr. L. A. Maulding of Nyssa, newly-appointed county health officer for Malheur county, was asked by County Judge Irvin Troxell to go to Jamieson Tuesday to diagnose a case of communicable disease, scarlet fever.

Four of the 10 children in the family became ill with the disease January 10 and five others became sick January 17. Mrs. Edna Farris, public health nurse, was called by an interested individual of Jamieson. She visited the family and reported the case to Judge Troxell, who requested the county health officer to investigate.

According to the Oregon health bulletin, published each week by the state board of health, the case is the first scarlet fever reported in Malheur county during December and January.

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Average Yield Of Sugar Beets Highest In History Of District

SERVICE WINDOW TO BE STARTED

Parents and wives of the men and women in service from this community or in training for service are asked by the V.F.W. auxiliary to furnish photographs or kodak pictures of the service people for a service window, which will be established in the Graham real estate office on Main Street.

Alfreda Shelton, district president and chairman of the local VFW patriotic committee, asks that the pictures be left at the real estate office the first of next week. She said the pictures will be well taken care of. The pictures should be accompanied by the name and service of the person shown and the names and addresses of the persons submitting the pictures.

Council To Set Election Time

Details of the Nyssa road assessment district election to be held February 26 are outlined in a legal advertisement appearing in the Gate City Journal for the first time this week.

The election for rural residents will be held in the Nyssa grade school building. The city council will meet next week to decide the time and place of the city election to be held on the proposed creation of a road assessment district.

Only resident owners of real property within the district as shown by the last county assessment on which he or she is liable or subject to pay a tax and who has resided within the boundaries of the proposed district for more than 30 days, immediately prior to the time of the election shall be entitled to vote.

In addition to voting on the proposed organization of a district, taxpayers will elect three directors.

Mrs Nordale's Son Succumbs

Leroy A. Sterling, son of Mrs. Thomas Nordale of Nyssa and former Payette county assessor, died of a heart attack Friday in Seattle, where he had been employed in the shipyards since resigning his position as county assessor last June.

Sterling served 10 years as county assessor after he had been employed by Payette business concerns for many years. He was elected in 1932 and resigned last June to go into defense work in Seattle.

He served on the county draft board and was active in all civic affairs during his residence here. He was a member of the Payette Eagles' lodge.

Survivors are his widow, Louise, who had been in Seattle with him; a son, Cecil of Jackson, Wyo.; four daughters, Mrs. Robert C. Howard of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Robert Hart of Seattle, Mrs. Gordon Williamson of Seattle and Mrs. Weldon Young of Mountain Home; and a sister, Mrs. Stapleton of Wilder, Idaho.

TANKER, TRAILER STALL ON STREET

An oil tanker and trailer were stalled for more than an hour at the intersection of First and Main streets one day this week.

The machine stalled when the driver stopped before entering Main street. The empty truck and trailer were unable to gain traction on the ice. The driver at first thought the air brakes on the trailer had locked, but when he threw chains under the front wheels of the trailer the machine moved away without further trouble.

APPORTIONMENT IS GIVEN COUNTY

Malheur county received \$33,957 from revenues from state motor vehicle fees and taxes during 1943. The revenues from these sources amounted to \$15,723,366, of which \$2,311,598 was distributed to counties. The remainder was placed in the state highway fund.

Of the \$2,311,568 apportioned to counties, \$2,000,000 in apportionments was announced in July and December. The remaining \$311,568 was apportioned last week.

Last Beets Sliced In Nyssa Factory Wednesday Night

In announcing the close of the 1943-44 "campaign" Wednesday night, R. G. Larson, district manager of the Amalgamated Sugar company, stated that the average yield of 1915 tons of beets per acre was the highest ever reached in the Nyssa-Nampa area.

The company finished slicing beets last night, ending a campaign of 106 days. Production of sugar will approximate 696,000 bags. The total harvest of beets for the Nyssa-Nampa area was 335,166 tons, taken from 17,500 acres or an average production of 19.15 tons per acre.

The sugar content, slightly lower than during the last two years, will average a little more than 15 1/2 per cent.

Company employees expect to finish cleaning the factory about Friday noon.

Mr. Larson said the company is making plans for next year, but has received no announcement of a government program.

Watson Company Plant Destroyed

The J. C. Watson company packing plant at Parma and all of its contents were destroyed by fire early Sunday morning.

The loss, estimated at from \$35,000 to \$50,000 was partially covered by insurance. Some of the equipment had just been moved into the building and no adjustment had been made with the insurance company so that the company's loss on the equipment was heavy.

The blaze, which broke out about 2:30, enveloped the building before the arrival of firemen, who spent the greater part of the next five hours saving other buildings.

Several hundred bushels of potatoes and onions, many burlap bags and 75 barrels of spray oil were included in the destroyed property. Twenty-five persons were employed in Parma by the company, which also has a warehouse in Nyssa.

LIONS SPONSOR NYSSA CUB PACK

The Nyssa Lions club voted at a luncheon held in Aunt Jo's cafe Monday noon to sponsor a Cub pack, which will be associated with the Boy Scout troop already sponsored by the club.

Bernard Frost has been appointed as cubmaster of the new pack.

E. R. Burkey of Payette, field executive, reported that 22 boys have signed with the Cub pack. He said interest in cubbing here is very gratifying.

Harry Miner and Carroll Frazier were voted into the club.

Returns From Denver
D. B. Allen has returned from Denver, where he attended to business.

Moves To Town

Pat Bennett has moved to Nyssa and his son, Fred, has taken charge of his ranch. Fred Bennett has been working at the sugar factory.



Edited by T. CAROL BYBEE A MESSAGE

By R. S. Hawkins, Sandy City, Utah.

I may not find it in my heart, The power of speech to you impart, Of greater truth and love divine 'Tis lurks within this soul of mine.

May this awakened flame of fire Burn on and on, in memory higher To make each day a glorious one With you to help 'er I be overcome.

Two lives in harmony do blend Each eager to the other send A story, old, yet ever new Of how it came and how it grew.

Days that are and days to be Filled to the brim, we both shall see Joys of this life to each be given Sorrow and sadness from us be driven.