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## War Prisoners Will Arrive In Nyssa Saturday

### Small Detachment of German and U. S. Soldiers Already Here

Captain A. T. Yates, field inspector in Oregon and Idaho, stated at a luncheon of the Nyssa chamber of commerce Wednesday noon that German war prisoners will arrive here sometime Saturday and will start work on local farms Tuesday morning. The prisoners will be instructed Monday.

A small detachment of prisoners and military personnel arrived Monday night from the base camp at Rupert, Idaho.

Captain Yates said handling of the prisoners is governed by the laws drafted at the Geneva convention. The housing of the prisoners is the same as that provided for the American troops. The food is a comparable quality, but the prisoners are not given butter and choice cuts of meat. The clothing is the same, except that the prisoner uniforms are dyed blue and are stamped with a white P. W. for identification.

For farm labor, the prisoners must be certified for through the war manpower committee. Prisoners may be secured by contacting I. B. Allen at the administration building at the WPA camp at Nyssa. Supervision by the farmer in the field is very important, Captain Yates said, adding that production depends upon the amount of supervision.

One guard is provided for each 20 prisoners. The prisoners rest from their work every seventh day. The prisoners are away from the camp 12 hours, including the time they spend in traveling. The task set for them is the same as the work expected of local free labor.

Earl Culver, deputy chief of staff of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Oregon said he is here in the interest of expanding the VFW. He said "We are expanding so as to be of the greatest possible assistance to returning servicemen. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion are growing by leaps and bounds."

LeRoy Herrman, commander of Nyssa post, American Legion, thanked the chamber of commerce for sending a delegation to the hospital meeting held in Caldwell for the purpose of asking for more beds in the veterans hospital in Boise.

## ONTARIO TO HAVE AMATEUR RODEO

The Sage and Saddle club of Ontario will hold a rodeo at the county fairgrounds May 20 and has extended an invitation to the members of the Owyhee Riding club of Nyssa to participate in the bronc riding, racing and other rodeo events.

The annual two-year-old race, with a prize of \$100 for the winner has been scheduled. A matched calf-roping event will be held with two members from each club in this vicinity participating.

## PURPLE HEART IS RECEIVED BY WIDOW

Mrs. Boyd Shaw has received a purple heart medal from the government as a posthumous award for her husband, Boyd Shaw, who was killed in action March 4.

Mr. Shaw was stationed with the 32nd radar division on Luzon island in the Philippines.

## Malheur Game League To Meet

The semi-annual meeting of the Malheur Game league will be held at the Boulevard Grange hall Tuesday, May 22 at 8 p. m. All members and those interested in fish and game problems, including women, in the county are invited to attend.

The principal business to be considered and acted upon will be the recommendations of the league to the Oregon state game commission for the hunting seasons, bag limits and other factors pertaining to both the hunting of birds and big game. The meeting will give all interested a chance to be heard and the decisions reached will be carried to the commission as the unified request of Malheur county.

Frank B. Wire, supervisor of the Oregon state game commission, will be present to show interesting films pertaining to wildlife and will also take the opportunity to present the problems confronted by the commission. Mr. Wire will likewise reply to inquiries of the members upon matters of particular interest. It is probable that at least one of the commissioners from eastern Oregon will be at the meeting to consider the problems of Malheur county.

## Big Warehouse Will Be Erected

Sam Hartley and Richard Maw of Nyssa have made plans to build a warehouse along the railroad track east of Frank Hall's residence and across the street from the Bybee packing shed. They bought the ground from Mr. Hall.

The men received final approval for the construction from the war production board in Boise Tuesday.

The building, 40 by 100 feet, will be of cinder block construction. It will be used for shipping and for onion storage.

Luther Fife is ready to start construction immediately.

Mr. Hartley moved here about 18 months ago and Mr. Maw came here a few weeks ago from Utah after buying the south half of the Pipe-line ranch, comprising approximately 250 acres.

## LIEUT. SID BROWN WINS AIR MEDAL

Lieutenant Sid C. Brown of Nyssa has been awarded the air medal, according to information received by his wife, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernal Brown. Lieut. Brown, the citation said, "was cited for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight in the southwest Pacific area from November 2, 1944 to March 1, 1945."

Brown took part in sustained, operational flight missions during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These flights included bombing missions against enemy installations and shipping and supply bases.

## NAN GRIDER WINS GRANGE HONORS

Nan Grider was awarded the Oregon Trail Grange prize Tuesday night for outstanding Grange work during the past year. Donna Goodell was awarded the second prize offered by the Home Economics club of the Grange for Grange activities.

From the winners of subordinate Grange contests over Oregon a state winner will be selected to represent the youth work at the state Grange sessions this summer.

A brief business meeting preceded an evening of entertainment, consisting of motion pictures and dancing. Loyd Adams was chairman of the entertainment committee.

## ADRIAN OVERSEAS VETS ORGANIZE

The department of Oregon, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, has announced that a new post has been organized at Adrian by the overseas veterans of world war 1 and 2 residing in that district.

The first meeting of the post, for election of officers, will be held in the American Legion hall at Adrian Friday, May 11 at 8 p. m. All overseas veterans who have not yet joined the V. F. W. are invited to be present at the meeting. Earl Culver, deputy chief of staff of Oregon will be present.

District Commander Jake Kollen and members of Owyhee post No. 3505 of Nyssa will go to Adrian that night in celebration of the occasion and hope to be able to go to Ontario and Vale in the near future to assist the veterans in those cities to organize.

Any veteran interested in joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars may apply for membership at the office of Don M. Graham, quartermaster of Owyhee post at Nyssa.

## School Affairs Will Be Closed This Week End

### Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises To Be Held Friday

School activities of both the high school and the grade school will be concluded this week.

Commencement for the high school seniors will be held in the gymnasium tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Dean John L. Anderson of the College of Idaho will deliver the commencement address. Other numbers on the program will be presented as follows: Dawn-Reverie, high school band; procession, high school band; prayer, Rev. J. B. Salter; salutatory, Harriet Herrman; song, "I Love a Little Cottage"; girls glee club; valedictory, Clayton Morgan; song, "Perfect Day"; Claudine Tomlinson; song, "Glow Worm"; girls glee club; presentation of awards, Superintendent Henry H. Hartley; presentation of American Legion awards, Commander L. B. Herrman; presentation of class, Principal Frank Parr; presentation of diplomas, School Board Chairman Carlos Buchner, and recessional, high school band.

Members of the graduating class are:

- Mildred Louise Adams
- Lois Elaine Anderson
- Dorene Lois Bear
- Gene A. Bellon
- Roy Leonard Benedict
- Keith Earl Blackburn
- Ennice Ann Brady
- Leona Agnes Calvert
- Lucille Chadd
- Perry Ward Coleman
- Harry E. Council
- Rodney C. Estey
- Thelma Louise Florea
- John Paul Gernhardt
- Ross W. Grover
- Irene Hartley
- Denzil Lee Howell
- Harriet Ailsa Herrman
- Aya Iwasaki
- Martha Kawachi
- March Marjorie Kikuchi
- John Long
- Odella Lopez
- Ralph Ernest Maze
- Mary Elizabeth McGee
- Dorothy Merrill
- Clayton C. Morgan
- George Weldon Niles
- Eather Nishi
- Ada La Rue Nye
- Josephine Randolph
- Vera Lou Rands
- Philip H. Ransom
- Helen Reffet Hite
- Wanda Paye Rogers
- Jean Snader
- Claudine Tomlinson
- Ernestine Dolores Watson
- Dale H. Wilson
- Donald C. Sopher\*\*\*-40
- Lynn Timothy Farmer\*\*\*-42
- Gerald K. Rust\*\*\*-37

Former students who have completed their school work in the army training program.

"Members of the 1945 class who are serving in the armed forces.

Promotion exercises for the eighth grade will be held Friday morning at 9:30 at an assembly to be held in the schoolhouse. Diplomas will be given to 55 boys and girls by Principal Walter McPartland.

"The assembly program will include an amateur talent night, radio program, folk dances and a black-face skit.

The first six grades attended a special show at the Nyssa theater and the seventh and eighth grades attended a picnic dinner on the school lawn Wednesday. After dinner the older pupils played games. No school was held today. The children will return to school Friday for their report cards and the junior high pupils will attend the assembly.

Nursing Home Notes-- D. H. Curran has entered the nursing home for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dillon are the parents of a daughter born May 6. The girl weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Slevers of Brogan are the parents of a son born May 4, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

A son weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mureta.

The following were dismissed Monday from the nursing home: Mr. Gahan, S. D. Goshert, Ira Robinson and Mrs. Jack Graham.

Here From Portland-- Miss Vada Marcroft of Portland is visiting her cousin, Miss Josephine Randolph.

## Zoning Planned By City Council

A city zoning committee was appointed by the city council at a meeting in the city hall Tuesday night.

Members of the committee are George Henneman, Carlos Buchner and Harry Miner, with City Manager E. K. Burton and Board Chairman R. G. Whitaker as ex-officio members.

The purpose of a zoning law is to restrict certain types of construction to certain areas. Usually a city is divided into four zones; zones 1 and 2, residential; zone 3, business district, and zone 4, industrial district.

Mrs. A. L. Fletcher and Mrs. Eddie Powell asked the council to clean the cemetery in preparation for Memorial day and announced on behalf of the Nyssa Civic club that tables and benches had been ordered for the city park.

The council ordered payment to be made to Spiering and Heysler, engineers, for services rendered in making a master plan, establishing grades and designing a storm sewer drain.

Felton Duncan made application, which was approved, for a taxi stand, which will be maintained at the Gate City cafe.

## Adrian Boys Win In Track Events

Two Adrian high school boys, Ted Nelson and Kenneth Elliott, won first places in the eastern Oregon track and field meet held in LaGrande last Saturday.

Nelson won the mile in 4:51 and Elliott took the high-jump at a height of 5 feet, 10 inches. They left Wednesday of this week for Corvallis with Coach Jim Attebery to participate in the state meet.

Culp of Vale, making 2:09.5 in the 880 yard-run, was the only other Malheur county youth to qualify for the state meet. He won the event.

Tom Moore of Nyssa won third in the low hurdles, fifth in the high hurdles and third in the high-jump. Vale won fifth in the 880-yard relay.

## DON GRAHAM NAMED REGISTRAR OF BOYS

Don Graham has been appointed registrar of 18-year-old boys under the selective service act. He succeeds Grant Rinehart, who has resigned.

Young men are required to register under the selective service act as soon as they become 18 years old. They are immediately classified if not farming or attending their last semester of high school they are given a pre-physical examination.

## Going To Utah--

Miss Vera Rands, sister of Mrs. Robert Whitaker, will leave Saturday for her home at Ogden. Miss Rands spent the winter here attending high school. She is a member of the graduating class.

## Attend Convention--

J. C. Smith, elder, and George Whipple, pastor of the First Church of Christ, attended the eastern Oregon convention of the Churches of Christ in Wallowa Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1 and 2. Rev. Whipple delivered one of the addresses on the subject, "God Is Able to Solve the Problems of Youth."

## ASHCRAFT SECURES REGISTERED BULL

Erattleboro, Vt. May 10--D. V. Ashcraft, Nyssa Oregon, recently acquired a registered holstein-friesian bull from the herd of Carl O. Wamstead, Parma, Idaho.

Change of ownership for this animal, Emhurst Trojan 921962, has been officially recorded by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt.

The association issued 651 registry and transfer certificates to Oregon breeders during 1944.

## SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE NAMED

The budget committee for school district No. 26C was appointed at a meeting of the school board last Thursday.

Members of the committee are Dale Garrison, A. H. Boydell, R. G. Whitaker, Dave Mitchell and Arvil Child.

The committee will meet with the school board May 17 to draft the tentative 1945-46 budget.

## Adrian To Give Diplomas To 24

Adrian union high school will hold its sixth annual commencement exercises Thursday, May 17 in the high school auditorium. Twenty-four seniors will receive their diplomas.

Della Kygar and Lorina Witty have been chosen honor students because of their high scholastic standing. Frank Joseph, Weiser attorney, will be the commencement speaker.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening, May 13 with President W. W. Hall of the College of Idaho as speaker. Music for both the commencement and baccalaureate services will be given by the girls glee clubs and the high school band.

Class night exercises will be held Tuesday, May 15 in the high school building. Awards for the year will be presented. The crowning of Georgia Hills as May queen will take place, with Marjory Hite and Nadine Wilson as attendants. Following the coronation, the annual spring dance will be held.

## FLAMES DAMAGE WILSON BUILDING

Fire damaged an outside stairway and threatened to sweep through the Wilson brothers building on Main street Sunday afternoon, but was checked by firemen.

Bill Hansen and E. C. Blodgett first saw the fire burning in a box filled with paper under the stairway at the rear of the Nyssa Tavern and notified Damon Savage, who called the fire department. Smoke poured through the halls on the second floor of the Wilson buildings and to a small extent penetrated the stores on the street level. Slight damage was caused

## FORMER PRISONER IN GERMANY HERE

Staff Sergeant Gilbert Wilson of North Platte, Nebraska, prisoner in a German war prison camp for six months, arrived here Sunday morning to visit at the home of his aunt and uncle, Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Wilson.

Sergeant Wilson was released from prison camp No. 3 at Kustrin, Germany January 31 by the Russians and reached the United States April 20. Wilson, who was with the 35th infantry division, has been in the army for four and one-half years. After a 10-day visit here, he will report to Hot Springs, Arkansas for re-assignment.

## THOMPSONS CHANGE SERVICE STATION

Operators of the Thompson Oil company are remodeling part of their service station building at Third and Main streets.

The office has been moved to the west side of the building, which was erected last fall as an addition to the original building. The space thus vacated will be used as a display room. The new office has been nicely furnished and equipped with fluorescent lighting.

## Visit Here--

Mrs. Arthur Court of Clarkston, Washington came last Friday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Elza Herring, and family.

## Visit At Hospital--

Mrs. Ray Lindville and two children visited Mrs. Lindville's sister, Mrs. Kenneth Kygar, and infant girl Monday at the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.

## In Boise--

Mrs. Castle Callahan was in Boise Wednesday visiting her husband, who will go to San Diego to enter navy service.

## Spirituality Is Declared Needed With Education

### Gernhardt Delivers Sermon at Baccalaureate Service

Rev. H. J. Gernhardt, pastor of the Methodist Community church, told a large congregation assembled at baccalaureate services in the Nyssa gymnasium last Sunday night that scholarship without spirituality will lead to trouble.

"The future belongs to brains, not brawn," Rev. Gernhardt said. "It is the thinker who will manipulate the material things because the thinker is the one who influences men."

Alluding to the rationing system, the speaker said, "when folks who have brains refuse to exercise them they have no points and are in danger in the world."

Rev. Gernhardt, whose son, John is a member of the 1945 class but is now serving in the navy, said "Because too many folk are not thinking, but are accepting what others say and are blindly walking in that way there are some missing from this class. Perhaps there will be gold stars."

"I want to emphasize that the future belongs to brains and we must think. We want not scholarship alone because it can create intellectual brutes; not spirituality alone because it can create fanatics."

Contending that spirituality and education are inseparable, Mr. Gernhardt said "It was not the state that first launched free education. It was spiritual men. Spirituality and scholarship must be wedded again. There have been two wars in our generation; wars that have been caused by educated men. We need something more than scholarship if we are to write a lasting peace. We have created a Frankenstein and unless we learn how to drive it, it will crush us."

Paying tribute to the spirituality of Jesus Christ, the speaker enumerated some of the qualities of the Master.

"I find in that mind humility," Rev. Gernhardt said. "He humbled himself. No truly great person ever had to exalt himself. Jesus was a thinker who was obedient."

The high school orchestra directed by Irschal Davis opened the program with the processional, "The Graduate's March."

Other numbers on the program were as follows: Invocation, Rev. E. J. Wilson, who presided at the service; hymn, by the congregation, led by Rev. George Whipple; vocal solo, "Ava Marie," Thelma Florea; scripture reading, Bishop Arvil Child; song, "A Green Cathedral," girls glee club; song, "Fair Land of Freedom," girls glee club; prayer, Rev. E. T. Larson; song by the congregation, benediction and recessional.

## POET'S CORNER

### Edited by T. CAROL RYBEE SHADOWS

(By Mrs. Arba A. Glenn) Long Beach, California

I put away his books and toys Not so long ago, A tiny pistol made of wood, An arrow and a bow, A scrap book filled with pictures gay

Cut from a story book And pasted neatly on each leaf Such pains he always took To make a lovely gift for me "For Mother's Day" He said, And with his own small hand he wrote

"For my Dear Mom" It read. Now, once again I'll put away The things close to my heart. The things he prized, the things he wore,

So much of him a part, I'll put them with his precious toys, And lock them up real tight For they are his, should I disturb I wouldn't feel just right. I'll make believe he's coming soon, The boy I idolize.

And then he'll find his things are safe. His suits, his shirts, his ties. I'll see him in my memories I'll feel he's standing by, I'll hear him saying once again "Be brave, Mom--please don't cry." I went into the shadows deep For him, my joy and pride, For me he faced the shadows too, He did much more, he died.

## Our Boys In The Service



Egt. Art Neeley, former Nyssa resident, who has been stationed with the army in Alabama, is here on furlough. He formerly engaged in farming near here.

Sgt. Jack J. Roy has completed completed training as a cadet at his training as a gunner on a B-29 at Covis, New Mexico and Mrs. Roy has completed training as a cadet nurse at the Dee Memorial hospital at Ogden. They are spending their furloughs with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ure.

FOR SALE-- Have big demand for houses. If you have one for

Clyde Whittle of Lincoln Heights was inducted into the service two weeks ago and went to Fort Douglas, Utah for further orders. His wife and seven-year-old son will continue to live in Ontario. Mrs. Whittle is employed in the library there. The Whittle family lived on the Pennington farm in Lincoln Heights last year.

Word has been received from Robert Bowen that he has been promoted to fireman first class and is "up for" water tender, third class. His ship is docked in San Francisco at present and he is spending a few days with his cousins, Lou Ellen and Keith Sperry at Burlingame, California.

For the last three months Bowen has been in the vicinity of Luzon, Leyte, Samar and Dutch New

Guinea.

Pvt. James E. Wallace of the army air force arrived in Nyssa Friday from Scott field, Illinois for a 10-day furlough. He is a son of Henry Wallace. He received his basic training at Buckley field, Colorado. Wallace, who has been in the service for 14 months, spent most of his time in a hospital because of pneumonia and scarlet fever.

Dee Garner, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Garner of Emmett, was in Nyssa Saturday visiting his uncle, Delbert Garner. Garner, who holds the Asiatic and Philippine ribbons, is on a 27-day furlough.

Pfc. Ross W. Grover, son of W. J. Grover, was in Nyssa on a 12-day furlough. He has been in the infantry for four months. He wears a medal for sharp shooting with the rifle and machinegun. He will report to Camp Meade, Maryland.

Max Swensen, S3/c, arrived home Monday for a week's leave from San Diego. He saw his infant daughter for the first time.

T Sergeant Raymond Dale visited Friday and Saturday at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Pettet, and family. He has been transferred from a camp in Texas to Gowen field in Boise.

Cpl. Ellis Points of the medical division of the United States army, former Nyssa resident, has been awarded a bronze oak leaf cluster for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on December 24, 1944 during the Leyte island operation.

The citation said "When the patrol to which Cpl. Points was assigned as ambulance driver started across country he parked his ambulance and accompanied them."

"Upon advancing approximately 200 yards, heavy enemy resistance was met and in the ensuing skirmish an officer was seriously

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