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Children Given View Of Santa As Paratrooper

Christmas Observance Is Held By Schools and Churches

During a general observance of Christmas last week-end and the first part of this week, Santa Claus arrived in Nyssa as a goodwill paratrooper to distribute treats to an estimated 900 children, accompanied by a large number of adults at the high school athletic field Saturday morning.

For the first time in Nyssa's history, Santa Claus (Mr. Thompson of Payette) parachuted to the ground from an airplane, giving youngsters and many adults their first glimpse of a parachute jump. With Ralph Winebrenner piloting the plane, Santa Claus leaped as the ship glided over the north side of the athletic field but a sudden change in the direction of the wind carried him a considerable distance to the northwest and he landed in a field about half a mile from the school building.

After Santa Claus was taken to the school grounds in an automobile, Grant Rinehart (not the parachute jumper) and his staff distributed oranges and bags of peanuts to the youngsters.

In a more sober observance, practically all of the churches held religious programs centering about the birth of Christ Saturday and Sunday. Young people of the community sang carols Christmas eve.

The Nyssa theater management held a special show for children Sunday afternoon and gave a free show featuring Red Ryder and Little Beaver Christmas morning.

The schools also observed Christmas last week in advance of mid-winter vacations. In addition to the usual Saturday and Sunday rest period, the high school students were out of classes only Monday and Tuesday. The grade school pupils will not return to class until next Tuesday morning.

The high school observance consisted of a Christmas concert given by the girls glee club and the orchestra under the direction of Lynn J. Lawrence.

The high school program was given as follows: "Chorule," orchestra; "The Christmas Star," girls glee club; "Chorule," orchestra; "White Christmas," vocal solo, June Savage; "Romance," orchestra; "O Holy Night," glee club; "Schubert's Serenade," violin duo, Twyla Crawford and Vivian Fife; "Christmas Tide," a medley of nine carols, glee club and orchestra, and "Silent Night," congregation, glee club and orchestra.

Accompanist for the glee club was Mary Lou Schenk and accompanist for the soloists was Adrienne Peterson.

The general theme of the grade school program was "Bells of Christmas." The program consisted of readings, group singing and rhythm band numbers.

SPECIAL SEASON ON ELK CANCELLED

On account of protests sent in from Baker county, the special elk season announced for the last four days of December in that area has been cancelled by the Oregon state game commission.

Anyone who has purchased an elk tag since December 17 will be entitled to a refund by forwarding to the game commission office in Portland the elk tag and a written request for refund, giving the name and address of the owner of the tag.

Soldier Arrives—
Pvt. Gerald Seburn of Lowry field, Colorado arrived home to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seburn of route 2, Nyssa.

Home For Vacation—
Miss Martha Smith of Oregon State college, Corvallis, arrived home Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Smith of Newell Heights.

Dance Successful—
The dance given by the Owyhee Riding club last Saturday night for the benefit of the rodeo grounds netted \$209. Turkeys that were donated were won by Keith Moss, Cook Mitchell, Earl Crocker, Eula Hiatt, Patsy Gynn and Bob Toombs. A good-sized crowd attended the dance.

EUGENE CLEAVER HURT IN MISHAP

Eugene Cleaver's left arm was fractured in three places when an automobile that he was driving is said to have struck an unlighted truck on the Nyssa-Adrian highway early Christmas morning.

Cleaver, who is receiving treatment in the Nyssa Nursing home, was operated on Wednesday afternoon.

Agriculture Is Meeting Topic

The first of a series of county planning council meetings was called last Wednesday by Mrs. Garet Stam, chairman of the group. Representatives of rural communities throughout the county met to hear Miss Frances Clinton of Corvallis and to discuss recommendations to be made to extension directors at Corvallis.

Malheur is one of 15 counties in the state to institute a long range planning program in an effort to determine how the most service can be given to agriculture through the college extension service.

Recommendations on housing, recreation and better telephone and road facilities were made.

Plans were made for a luncheon meeting to be held in Ontario January 11 to further discuss plans to be recommended to a general public meeting February 13.

Representatives from Nyssa were Mrs. Garet Stam, chairman and Mrs. Charley Grider, who acted as secretary. Adrian representatives were Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Threlma Elliott.

EAGLES LODGE TO MAINTAIN CLUB

The Eagles lodge has purchased a considerable quantity of furniture for the club rooms in the basement of the Eagles hall at Third and Bower in anticipation of operating the club rooms regularly.

The club rooms will be open from 2 p. m. to midnight for the convenience of Eagles and their wives with Claude Wilson as steward.

The club plans to do considerable remodeling as soon as materials can be purchased. The furniture will include aluminum chairs and tables, and overstuffed pieces as well as a new rug.

MILTON SECURES BONNEVILLE POWER

FROM THE OREGONIAN
Electric rates in the city of Milton will be reduced approximately 17 per cent as soon as the city begins taking power from the Bonneville power administration under a 20-year contract signed Wednesday by the Milton city council and Bonneville Power Administrator Paul J. Raver.

"Resale rates to be placed in effect by the city will be the Bonneville standard resale rates and will encourage very substantial development in electric service," Mayor Caverhill said. Milton's residential rate for average household use will be 30 per cent lower than the rate in effect in the nearby city of Pendleton and 25 per cent lower than the Walla Walla residential rate.

H. R. Richmond, manager of Bonneville's mid-Columbia district office, reported that the administration would begin construction of a 69,000-volt transmission line from Bonneville's Walla Walla-Pendleton line to a new substation to be constructed near Milton as soon as labor and materials can be obtained. The line will be approximately five miles long and will be of wood pole construction.

The city's contract with Bonneville provides adequate spare capacity to kilowatts of prime power, but the city may increase its contract demand at any time. The Bonneville power administration will install a 5000-kva transformer bank in the Milton sub-station to provide adequate spare capacity to take care of load growth expected as a result of the low rates and commercial power rates to be established by the city, Richmond said.

New residential rates will be: First 50 kilowatts, 3 cents per kilowatt; next 50 kilowatts, 2 cents per kilowatt; next 200 kilowatts, 1 cent per kilowatt; next 900 kilowatts, 1/2 cent per kilowatt; all over 1200 kilowatts, 3/4 cent per kilowatt.

Here From Boise—
Miss Doris Koontz of Boise visited her mother, Mrs. George Mitchell, Monday.

Prineville Five Will Visit Here

An outstanding high school basketball team, the highly-touted Prineville quintet, will appear against the Nyssa Bulldogs on the Nyssa floor Wednesday night, January 2.

The Prineville quintet, district champions last year, won the 1945 jamboree of the district with the same team and represented the school last year. Prineville defeated Bend, Redmond and other schools in the district and lost the right to go to the state tournament only by losing to the strong Medford aggregation. Practically all of last year's veterans are in school again this year.

The Nyssa Bulldogs lost to New Plymouth last Friday night on the New Plymouth floor by a score of 29 to 23.

Nyssa was leading at the half by two points, but New Plymouth took a seven-point lead. Nyssa closed the gap to two points with less than a minute to play and New Plymouth scored six points before the final whistle was blown. Moore of Nyssa was high point man of the game with 19 points.

MOTHER OF MRS. W. WIENEKE PASSES

Mrs. Nathan L. Kimball of Weiser, mother of Mrs. Ward Wieneke of Nyssa, died in the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario Saturday morning. Funeral services were held Monday in Weiser.

Mrs. Kimball was born in Weiser 63 years ago and spent practically all her life there. She visited in Nyssa occasionally.

Besides Mrs. Wieneke, Mrs. Kimball is survived by her husband; a son, Nathan L., Jr. of Prosser, Washington, and five daughters, Mrs. Clara Coulter, Mrs. Lottie Bean, Mrs. Ella Martin and Mrs. Alma Smith, all of Weiser, and Mrs. Carrie Mahoney of Merrill, Oregon.

NEW LENSES ARE PLACED IN THEATER

The Harris-Voeller company has installed new lenses in the motion picture projectors in its Nyssa theatre.

The "Snaplight lenses," the latest type on the market, are faster and give better definition of the picture and give 30 per cent more light.

Much of the improvement is due to coating of the lenses. The coating method, largely developed during the war, is designed to reduce reflection.

COUNTY WILL GET CAMP BUILDINGS

Judge Irwin Troxell recently received a telegram from Congressman Lowell Stockman, asking if the county would care to accept the old Vale CCC camp buildings for use in some community project if he arranged to have them transferred. Judge Troxell wired his willingness to accept them on the behalf of the county and has since received word from Mr. Stockman saying that he was arranging for the transfer.

The offer, which came as a surprise to the county court Judge Traxell said, caused some conjecture in other quarters since it had been generally accepted, based upon good authority, that the buildings in question had been turned over to the bureau of reclamation for use in the Vale-Oregon district. Tentative arrangements had been made to turn the largest of them over to the Willowcreek community hall. It has been rented to the Willowcreek Grange for the past year but in as much as it is located on the public domain which will be thrown open for settlement next spring, it will have to be removed from its present location.

Probably some such amicable settlement can be made. Judge Troxell said, since Mr. Stockman stipulated that the buildings were to be used for community purposes.

Returns From Visit—
Mrs. Mary McConnell of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Schneider of Leno, Idaho returned from a vacation in California. While there they visited Dale Schneider of San Diego, who is in the navy, and relatives at Sacramento.

Sailor Visits—
Lloyd Nelson, AMM 1/c, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leland Ricks on a 45-day leave. Nelson, a graduate of Nyssa high school, joined the navy in 1939. He saw duty on the Carrier USS Franklin in the Pacific theatre.

SERVICEMEN PAY TO GET HOME QUICKLY

The trip was expensive, but it was worth it.

Pfc. James Willis, discharged from the army at Fort Lewis after many months overseas, arrived home Christmas eve, just in time to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Willis.

Willis reached Portland, but was unable to secure regular transportation home before Christmas. He and three other eastern Oregon youths hired a taxi and driver for \$100 to make the trip. One of the boys stopped in Ontario and two stopped at their homes farther west.

HERD TESTING IS DONE BY FARMERS

Written by Mrs. Hope Grider For the Jersey Bulletin

Although the war has brought official testing to a standstill, in Malheur County, Oregon, it has not dampened the enthusiasm of Jersey breeders who have carried on an owner sampler testing program, as well as borrowing testers from neighboring Idaho. One of the top cows on test at this time is Rosel Susie Regal 1318943, a 3-year-old owned by Rosel H. Hunter of Nyssa, Oregon, who, during the first 75 days on test produced 3,145 lbs. milk, 167.8 lbs. butterfat on ordinary herd care and 2x milking. This cow is out of Noble Susie Azalla 946351 and by Succor-Regal Sultan 402419, a son of Mac's Glen Conclave Regal 383078. Major credit for the progress being made with this small registered herd goes to a son, Deane Hunter whose 4-H project work led the Hunters into a registered Jersey program. Deane took grand champion with his cow at the Malheur County 4-H fair in September this year.

PLAY-OFF HELD IN BOWLING TOURNEY

The businessmen's bowling team won first place in the fall tournament held at the Nyssa bowling center without too much difficulty, but a play-off was required to determine the winners of second and third places.

The businessmen won the tourney with 33 wins and 23 losses. Allis Chalmers, Eastern Oregon Produce and Wilson brothers tied for second with 31 wins and 25 losses. In the play-off of the three teams Friday night Eastern Oregon Produce won second place with 2256 pins. Allis Chalmers made 2156 and Wilsons 2061.

The tournament, lasting 14 weeks, was started in September.

The winter tournament will be started the second week in January.

Deputy Collector Scheduled—
A deputy collector of internal revenue will be in Vale January 2 and in Ontario January 3 and 4 to assist farmers with filing of their forms 1040 ES, declaration of estimated tax for calendar year 1945.

Here From Overseas—
Warren Heldt, radioman, 2nd class, is home on a 30-day leave. He spent 16 months on Tinian Island in the Pacific. Heldt was "stranded" in San Diego for eight days awaiting transportation.

Girl Arrives—
A daughter weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces, was born in the Nyssa Nursing home Sunday morning to Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Reiman of Adrian. The girl has been named Darlene Carol.

Examiner Coming—
A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs will be in the Nyssa city hall Wednesday, January 2 from 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

Nursing Home Notes—
Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Pulsipher are parents of a girl born December 22. The baby weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces.

A boy weighing 8 pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elza Herring December 25.

Mr. and Mrs. John VanZelf are parents of a girl weighing 8 pounds and 8 ounces born December 20.

Eugene Cleaver is receiving treatment for a fractured arm.

Army Officer To Visit—
Lt. Col. J. B. Beckham, who has been serving in Germany, will arrive in Nyssa today for a 30-day furlough to visit his wife and children and the A. H. Boydell home.

Here From Portland—
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Moses of Portland arrived Wednesday. They plan to locate in Nyssa.

Hospital Will Be Dedicated To Dead Veterans

Name of Malheur Memorial Selected For Institution

Plans for dedicating the proposed Malheur Memorial hospital in Nyssa to servicemen who died in world war II were outlined at a meeting of the committee last Thursday night. The name of the institution was also selected at the meeting.

The names of the local men who died in the service of their country will be placed on a plaque to be placed in the hospital.

The names of all Nyssa residents will be divided among the Lions club members for solicitation. Solicitors will also be sought in the outlying sections.

Each person or family donating \$1000 to the fund will have a plaque bearing the name of the donor affixed to the door of a room.

Contributions may be made either in cash or pledges, which may be paid over a period of months.

The business district will be canvassed for prizes, which will be given to the solicitors collecting the greatest amount of money.

A board of directors including at least one doctor will be elected by families who contribute to the hospital fund.

If for any reason the committee finds that the hospital cannot be built, the money will be refunded to the donors.

JUNTURA RECEIVES FIRST ELECTRICITY

Electricity flowed to Juntura for the first time Friday evening, December 21, as Idaho Power company crews completed the 35-mile line from Harper. The event was celebrated by the lighting of a large Christmas tree, which was erected in the center of the community.

Several homes have been connected and service will be extended to others in the near future. By next September, lines will be built to connect 140 users in Juntura, Drewsey and Van areas and the district will enjoy 100 per cent electrification of farms and communities, Idaho Power officials stated.

"Completion of the Harper-Juntura line and the rendering of electric service in Juntura is the fulfillment of the promise made to the residents of the area last summer," declared L. W. Brainard, Idaho Power company division manager. "Our crews were confronted with scarcity of materials and man power, as well as with the problems of weather and housing. In spite of these difficulties, we were 10 days ahead of schedule."

"We have promised to complete extension of service to Drewsey and Van areas by next September. Survey work is now progressing for the location of lines which will ultimately total 117 miles in the entire project."

Extension of electric service to Juntura, Drewsey and Van resulted from a decision of the Juntura-Drewsey Cooperative, Inc., an REA unit not in operation, to disband and secure electric service from Idaho Power company.

Return To San Diego—
Gene Bellon and Harry Council, seamen, 2nd class, returned to San Diego this week after a week's leave with their parents. They expect to go to sea soon.

Here From Spokane—
Miss Dorean Bear arrived home Saturday from Spokane, where she attends Kingman Business university. She visited for a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Bear.

Expected Here—
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith, Jr., are expected to arrive in Nyssa from Coulee dam to spend New Year's with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydell. They will be accompanied by Miss Karlene Smith.

Returns To Twin Falls—
Mrs. Verna Butler and daughter Sharon, returned to their home at Twin Falls Wednesday after spending the holidays with relatives and friends. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson.

Visits Sister—
S 1/c C. D. McDowell and Mrs. McDowell of Pasco, Washington visited Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Frost and family Monday evening. Mr. McDowell is Mrs. Frost's brother.

IRRIGATION WATER PROSPECTS GOOD

Prospects for adequate irrigation water in the Snake river valley next year are good.

Reclamation officials reported that there is more water in the Owyhee reservoir this year than at this time in 1944.

On December 17, 1944 the amount of water in storage in the reservoir was 362,800 acre feet and this year at the same date the amount was 493,820 acre feet. As a result the reservoir is expected to fill earlier than usual.

Collections For Vets Made Here

A total of \$215.68 in cash and gifts has been collected in Nyssa for "The Yanks Who Gave", under a radio program sponsored by Eddie Cantor and conducted locally by the American Legion and auxiliary.

The first collection for the fund was taken last week by Mrs. H. O. Hopkins from boxes left in the local stores. A. O. Wells, manager of the Nyssa theater, made a collection in the theater.

A contest conducted in the high school for contributions to the fund was won by the juniors. In the contest the high school students contributed a total of \$183.12.

The money is used for gifts for service men and women in hospitals. The drive is the one drive of the year conducted by the American Legion and auxiliary asking the public for gifts for service men and women, members of the organization said.

The American Legion and auxiliary members and friends have contributed \$34.83 in gifts for the gift shop located at the Portland veterans hospital, where patients select gifts for their families. The Nyssa auxiliary also sent a box to the welfare center for widows and orphans. The articles were valued at \$32.86.

EVANGELIST WILL REVEAL MAGIC
Beginning Sunday morning, Paul De F. Mortimore will speak in the Christian church each service and during the week each night except Saturday at 8 o'clock.

Rev. Mortimore, state secretary and evangelist for the Christian churches of southern Idaho, served as a pastor for 20 years. He is a past national chaplain of the American Legion and is now the department chaplain of the department of Idaho.

Rev. Mortimore, a member of the national committee on evangelism for the Brotherhood of Christian Churches of the United States, has held meetings in practically all of the Christian churches in southern Idaho. He is a magician of recognized ability and will demonstrate his ability with magic for the benefit of the children in the congregation each evening of the meetings. He has just returned from Chicago, where he studied with a school of magic. The meetings of Rev. Mortimore will be continued through the month of January.

Receives Discharge—
Lt. (j. g.) Edward Boydell has received his discharge from the navy and is now with his wife at Monmouth, Oregon.

From Denver—
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brown of Denver spent Thursday and Friday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bellon.

Discharged From Army—
T/Sgt. Don H. Sherwood, former Nyssa resident, has been discharged from the army at Camp Swift, Texas, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sherwood. He expects to remain in Texas for some time.

Return From Visit—
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith returned Saturday from a three-months vacation. They spent a few weeks in Washington, and a week in Salem and the remainder of the time in Glendale, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Long Beach.

Here From California—
Miss Eleanor Foster arrived Saturday afternoon from Los Angeles for a two-week vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster.

Returns To Field—
Jack Church returned to McCord field, Tacoma after a five-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Church.

Beet Producers Of Local Area Elect Directors

Labor Situation Expected To Be Favorable In 1946

Directors of the Nyssa-Nampa District Beet Growers association were elected at meetings held last week in Nyssa, Kingman Colony, Oregon Trail and other sections.

At the Nyssa meeting held Friday night Arvel Child was re-elected as a director. O. R. Anderson, D. L. Benedict and D. O. Bybee were elected to the advisory committee.

A group from Sunset valley suggested that an inland piling order be established in that territory in order to avoid such long hauls during the rush season. The beets would be hauled to the sugar factory in Nyssa later.

A report on the labor situation indicated that the labor set-up appears to be more favorable than it did a month ago. Congress has passed a bill providing 25 million dollars for a farm labor recruiting program. The original measure provided for only 14 million dollars for the purpose.

The good-sized crowd in attendance expressed a desire to have the Amalgamated Sugar company do everything possible to establish and maintain a high acreage for this district in order to establish a history for a high quota in future years.

During the past year 36,000 acres of beets were harvested in the Nyssa-Nampa district, or an increase of approximately 12,000 acres over the harvested acreage of last year. The tonnage per factory district in the Utah-Idaho area was 17.1, the highest of any territory. The sugar content was slightly below that of last year, which would return to the growers about \$12.50 per ton for his beets, including the government subsidy.

Those elected at Oregon Trail and Kingman Colony are as follows: Oregon Trail—H. M. Hammond, director, and Delmer Gardner, W. A. Bybee and LeRoy Burbank, advisory board, and Kingman Colony—J. G. Lane, re-elected director, and Dale Ashcraft, Guy Moore and Lynn Hurst, advisory board.

Reports revealed that the Oregon Trail and Kingman Colony groups are working for establishment of a labor camp at Langton's corner between Nyssa and Adrian.

J. G. Lane said that "the labor situation is not too bright, but we have always done the job."

R. G. Larson, district manager of the Amalgamated Sugar company, said his firm will establish more beet planters in the district.

ELECTRIC SERVICE HALTED BY BLAZE

A cross pole on the Idaho Power company line near Notus was burned Tuesday night, interrupting service in Nyssa.

The wet weather and a cracked insulator allowed the electricity to ground over the arm, setting it afire. We wood is a conductor of electricity and dry wood is not.

The electricity was off until power company men reached the Nyssa sub-station and opened the Caldwell switch so that electricity could be fed in from Ontario.

Here From Boise—
Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Solomon of Boise, former Nyssa residents, spent Christmas with relatives in Nyssa.

Here From Idaho—
Mrs. Lucille Cooper of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Scott of Parma were guests Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Calvert.

Leaves Army—
T/5 Lyle Reece has been discharged from the army and has returned home.

Visiting In Portland—
Mrs. Dollie Reinke and daughter, Broshia, are spending the holidays in Portland. They will return after January 1.

Visit Father—
Edward Case, who is receiving naval pilot training at Colorado Springs, and Norman Case, high school student at Caldwell, spent the Christmas holidays with their father, Ed Case.

Goes To California—
Mrs. Lila Harpham has gone to Oakland, California to join her husband, Pfc. Harry Harpham, who was recently discharged from the army after returning from Europe.