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Charles Taylor Residence Burns In Costly Fire

Fire Truck Could Have Saved House And Contents

The worst residential fire occurring in the Nyssa section in several years destroyed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor on highway 20 about four miles north of Nyssa last Saturday.

The fire destroyed the two-story residence and all of its contents after forcing Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their five children to flee scantily clad into the sub-freezing temperature. Loss on the building and contents, partly covered by insurance, was estimated at \$25,000.

The family first became aware of the fire when Mrs. Taylor, sleeping on the second floor of the residence with the remainder of her family, smelled smoke. She called Mr. Taylor, who immediately started an investigation. He went to the basement, where he discovered the flame making some headway near the furnace. Without any effective means of fighting the flames, Mr. Taylor phoned the Nyssa firemen, who rushed to the scene of the fire but were also helpless because a city ordinance prohibits the fire department from taking the fire truck outside of the city limits. The Nyssa firemen phoned the Ontario fire department, but the Ontario fire fighters arrived at the scene with their truck too late to control the blaze. They did, however, cool a butane gas tank on the outside of the building sufficiently to permit it to be jerked loose from the connections leading into the house.

Taylor, who suffered minor burns in attempting to extinguish the flames, said he believed he could have put out the fire when he first discovered it if he had had a fire bomb or extinguisher. Nyssa firemen expressed belief that they could have controlled the blaze if they had had a fire truck when they first arrived at the farm. Taylor finished remodeling the residence, located on the former K. S. and D. ranch, about two weeks before Christmas at a cost of several thousand dollars. He said the cost of the building, which was fully equipped electrically, and its contents would reach \$25,000.

The Taylor family have found temporary living quarters and are making arrangements for a more permanent residence. A farm house the family was living in north of the K. S. and D. ranch was destroyed by fire two years ago, but much of the contents was saved.

Annual Hospital Meeting Is Set

Plans for the annual meeting of the Malheur Memorial Hospital association to be held in the council chamber in the city hall January 24 at 8 p. m. were outlined at a meeting of the board of directors Tuesday night.

A report will be given on the progress made so far on the new hospital. Plans for the future and the financial position of the organization will be discussed.

The directors, who urge all contributors and others to attend the meeting said they are anxious to give the members information about the hospital. The situation, they said, should be understood by the members.

The members will elect four directors for terms of three years and will vote on the proposed change of the name Malheur County Memorial Hospital association to Malheur Memorial Hospital association. The board of directors consist of 12 members.

MR. & MRS. BROWN BUY S & C CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, well known restaurant operators, have purchased the S & C cafe from Mrs. Fred Roth in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown are renovating the establishment preparatory to the re-opening, which will be held as soon as possible, probably within a week. The cafe, operated by Mrs. Roth and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Conery, has been closed for two weeks.

The new owners have been operating a restaurant in Homedale under lease for the last three months. They owned Brownie's cafe in Nyssa for six years.

Former Resident Dies

Delno W. Gibson, son of a former pioneer family in this locality, died at his home in North Hollywood following a sudden heart attack. Mr. Gibson was associated with the Albers Milling company of North Hollywood. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Doctor Accepts County Position

Dr. Fredrick O. Graeber of South Dakota has accepted the position as full-time county health officer and director of the Malheur county health department.

Mrs. Graeber, who was in the county last week-end, after a telephone conversation with her husband at their home in Eureka, South Dakota, relayed the message of Dr. Graeber's acceptance to County Judge Irwin Troxell January 7. While Mrs. Graeber was in the county she purchased a house at Vale.

Mrs. Graeber stated that she and Dr. Graeber, with their son, Freddy, 7 years, and daughter, Susan, 3 1/2 years, will move to Vale as soon as possible.

Dr. Graeber received his B. S. and medical degrees at the University of Minnesota and received his master's degree in public health from John Hopkins university.

Henry C. Endre, who accepted a position as health department sanitarian the middle of December, arrived in Vale January 6 to start work. Mr. Endre will move into the new quarters in the Humphrey building as soon as it is completed, which will be in about a week. Mrs. Endre, a bride of five months, will join her husband in three or four weeks. Mr. Endre began his college work at the University of Portland in 1940, served in the armed forces from 1943 to 1945 and completed his college course in 1948. He served as medical and dental technician overseas in 1944-45.

Dairymen Name New Directors

Directors of the Malheur County Dairy Herd Improvement association were elected at the annual meeting held in the St. Paul's parish hall Wednesday afternoon.

James Peterson of Nyssa, Fred Burgess of Vale, Edward Ker of Ontario and Rosel Hunter of Nyssa were re-elected as directors. The new member of the board is Clifford Wright of Kingman Kolony, who was later chosen by the board as chairman for the coming year.

Ronald Lane, supervisor, gave a report indicating that there is a decided increase in applications for testing work in the county. A report given by Secretary Edward Ker showed that the association is in good financial condition.

A panel discussion on how to improve the relationship between the dairymen and the supervisor was participated in by James Peterson, Clifford Wright, Lee Stoker, Wendall Richmond and Edward Ker. With President Fred Burgess presiding, a discussion was held on the proposed revision of the prices for testing. A revision offered by the president was accepted by the group.

Motion pictures on dairying and slides taken by Mr. Burgess on an eastern trip were shown. Mrs. Burgess gave a reading about dairy testing.

F. F. A. CONTESTS TO BE HELD IN NYSSA

The annual F. F. A. contests of the eastern Oregon chapters of the Future Farmers of America will be held in Nyssa January 28 and 29, Supervisor Richard Wilson of Nyssa announced Wednesday.

The program will include shop contests, a public speaking contest, parliamentary procedure contest and banquet.

Participating schools are Baker, Imbler, La Grande, Union, Halfway, Ontario, Nyssa, Vale and Adrian.

MINISTERS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Rev. Donald Campbell was elected president of the Nyssa Ministerial association at a meeting held in the Methodist parsonage Monday morning. Rev. Don R. Maxfield of the Church of Christ was elected secretary-treasurer.

Various problems concerning the churches and community were discussed. The suggestion was made that an Easter sunrise service might be held this year with all churches participating, but no definite action was taken.

WILSON'S LEADING IN HOOP LEAGUE

The Wilson brothers basketball team is leading in the second half of the city league season with two wins and no defeats.

Wilson's defeated the Aggies Monday night 37 to 27. Brackens' nosed out Adrian 43 to 36 and M. I. A. defeated Adrian 33 to 24. Games will be played Monday night as follows: M. I. A. versus Aggies, Wilson's versus Brackens' and Stunz versus Adrian.

Labor Sponsors Elect Officers For 1949 Year

Organization Will Make Drive For Increased Membership

Members of the Malheur County Farm Labor Sponsoring association, holding their annual meeting in the Nyssa gymnasium Tuesday, voted to continue the association through 1949 and elected directors to handle the affairs of the organization.

The re-elected directors are Ira Ure of Nyssa, Dudley Sittton and Everett Taylor of Ontario, Earl Heeb and Wayne Ker of Oregon Slope and Louis Pratt of Adrian. The new directors are Klass Tensen of Nyssa, Matt Schaefer of Vale, W. Maag of Jamison and Carl Hill of Adrian, who succeed Dale Garrison of Nyssa, L. L. Kreager of Adrian, Harry Featherstone of Vale and Clarence Rettig of Jamison. The directors will meet soon to elect officers, a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. Mr. Garrison is the retiring president.

The members discussed the financial problems of the association and how to develop a larger membership. The new board of directors were instructed by the members to use every effort to increase the membership in 1949, as they felt that there is still a distinct need for the services that can be rendered by the association. Speakers emphasized that the local association has been one of the most efficient of similar organizations in the entire valley and that a nominal membership fee, if large membership could be secured, would greatly improve the financial position of the association.

MRS. C. D. REYNOLDS DIES UNEXPECTEDLY IN NURSING HOME

Mrs. Clyde D. Reynolds of Nyssa died in the Nyssa Nursing home Wednesday morning after a short illness. She entered the nursing home Monday.

Ethel Blanche Coe was born January 10, 1923 in Glencoe, Oklahoma and came to Nyssa in April, 1948. She was married to Clyde Reynolds in Winnemucca, Nevada October 10 of last year.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Reynolds is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Witt Coe of Glencoe; five brothers, Lester and Lloyd Coe of Nyssa and Blake, LeRoy and Richard Coe of Glencoe, and two sisters, Mrs. John Gant and Mrs. Harold Flora, also of Glencoe.

The Nyssa Funeral home will send the body to Pawnee, Oklahoma today for funeral services and interment. No funeral was held here.

OSTROM BROTHERS LEASE BUILDING FOR NEW STORE

Edward and Helmer Ostrom of Nyssa, doing business as Ostrom Brothers Appliance company, have leased the store space in the front of Carl and Burt's machine shop on First street for an appliance, paint and wallpaper store.

The brothers, who expect to open the new store January 21, will handle Westinghouse appliances, Speed Queen washers and ironers, Pittsburgh paints, wallpaper and accessories.

Shelving and counters are now under construction, with prospects that the paint stock will arrive here this week.

TWO ARE FINED ON NO LICENSE COUNT

Kenneth Arnold, Boise aviator who made the flying discs famous several months ago, was fined \$25 in Judge Don M. Graham's justice court Monday evening on a charge of hunting ducks without a license. His companion, Dean J. Kroth of Nyssa, was also fined \$25 by Judge Graham on the same charge. Each man paid \$4.50 court costs.

So far as is known here, Arnold was the first person to report seeing the flying discs, which later were reported seen in many parts of the United States.

To Attend State Meeting—Bernard Frost and Charles Newbill of Nyssa will go to Portland today to attend a meeting of the Oregon state game commission Friday. The commission will set seasons and limits on fish for the 1949 season. Frost and Newbill will represent the Malheur Game League.

P. T. A. To Meet—The Kingman Kolony P. T. A. will meet at 8 p. m. Thursday, January 20 at the Kingman Kolony schoolhouse.

Returns To School—

COSTLEY IS LOSER IN CASE INVOLVING LAND POSSESSION

A jury of six men returned a verdict in justice court Wednesday evening at 7:45 in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Harry I. Jurgens versus E. J. Costley, Jr. In effect, the jury found Costley guilty of holding property unlawfully.

The jury recommended that Costley be given 30 days in which to move from farm property four and one-half miles north of Homedale, that he be paid \$50 for plowing 10 acres of the land, and that he be reimbursed one-fourth for the cost of fertilizer used on the land. Costley contended he had a three-year lease, but the plaintiffs alleged that he had a one year lease with option for two more years, and failed to exercise the option, which expired December 31, 1948.

The trial conducted by Judge Donald M. Graham, was opened Wednesday morning at 10:30. Seven witnesses for the plaintiff and 11 witnesses for the defendant were heard. The jurors were Lloyd T. Marshall, Aden Wilson, Charles Garrison, Arvel Child, Jacob Fischer and Herman Towne. Jurgens was represented by Lyle and Kirkpatrick of Vale and Costley by Max Taggart of Ontario.

CUB SCOUTS OF NYSSA GET AWARDS

A large number of parents and cub scouts attended the cub pack meeting that was held in the high school building Monday evening.

Fred Norman, as master of ceremonies presented the following program: Sailor songs, by Mrs. Arthur Cartwright's group; cowboy songs by Mrs. Langford's group; songs of the gay nineties by Mrs. Howard Lovejoy's group; negro minstrel, Mrs. Finley Shuster's group; mountain music by Mrs. Frank Morris' group; Cowboy songs, Mrs. Eric Boenig's group and miscellaneous songs, Mrs. Don Franklin's group. Following the program a large number of awards were presented to the cub scouts. Refreshments were served by the cub scout mothers at the close of the evening.

The date of the February pack meeting will be announced following the meeting of the Cub Scout council this evening.

Architect Gives Preview Of New School Building

Present Funds Probably Will Not Be Sufficient For Project

Architect Graham B. Smith of Eugene, who is drawing plans for the new school building and gymnasium to be erected by the Nyssa school district, indicated at a luncheon of the Nyssa chamber of commerce that the \$400,000 that the residents of the district voted several months ago would not be sufficient to complete the structure as now planned.

Mr. Smith, who is meeting with the school board and members of the district building committee this afternoon and will meet with the Parent-Teacher association tonight explained the plans in some detail to the businessmen. He said the building is designed "with the idea that we are dealing with taxpayers' money."

Even if you bond yourself to your capacity of 10 per cent of the district's assessed valuation I don't think you can build the entire proposed plant. We are going as far as we can go. We are going to build well. We are not going to throw away your money."

Mr. Smith said he could not state the amount that the entire project would cost, but could give only the footage cost. In the Willamette valley schools have been costing around \$10 a square foot, but the Nyssa structure would also have to be equipped, which could cost \$5,000 or \$25,000, depending on the amount of equipment needed and desired. The speaker stated that the total ground area would be 72,318 square feet and the gallery floor space 10,957 feet. He pointed (Continued on Page 2)

To Attend Meeting—Mrs. Edna Farris, public health nurse, will leave via Empire Air Lines January 14 to attend a staff meeting of the public health nurses of eastern Oregon at The Dalles the evening of January 14 and the morning of January 15. Mrs. Farris will participate in a program by giving a case study in tuberculosis.

Back From Ogden—Mrs. R. G. Whitaker returned home Tuesday from Ogden, where she visited for a few days. Mr. Whitaker returned home earlier after taking Mrs. Whitaker to Utah by plane.

Sugar Company Mailing Checks For 1948 Beets

New Consumption Quota Causes Increase In Price Of Sugar

The Amalgamated Sugar company is sending this week to growers a subsequent payment in the amount of \$1 per ton on the 1948 beet crop. District Manager R. G. Larson stated Wednesday.

The checks issued this week will bring to \$9.50 a ton the amount the company has paid the growers on beets now being processed. Probably sometime fairly early next month, the growers will receive a government benefit payment of approximately \$2.50 per ton.

The substantial payment being made this week is largely the result of the recent announcement of the secretary of agriculture that the sugar consumption quota had been set at 7,250,000 tons for 1949. This action has already resulted in a 25 cent increase per 100 pounds in the price of sugar.

Fire District Here Proposed

Farmers of the area will meet in the city hall in Nyssa at 2:30 p. m. January 19 for the purpose of receiving information relative to the proposed formation of rural fire protection district.

The farmers will meet with members of the Nyssa volunteer fire department and a representative of the state fire marshal. The district, if organized, will be the farmers own organization, but the firemen will co-operate fully with them, firemen said. All farmers in this section are invited to attend. The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in the Nyssa insurance company office.

The meeting follows a period of criticism directed at the city of Nyssa and fire department for failure to send a truck to the disasterous Charles Taylor fire four miles north of Nyssa last Saturday.

In meeting the criticism, R. G. Whitaker, former city councilman, said at a meeting of the Lions club Monday that the firemen undoubtedly would be willing to go, but added that it would be unreasonable to send a truck far into the country and leave the city unprotected. The principal reasons for the city ordinance prohibiting the city truck from being taken into the country are that insurance rates in Nyssa would be increased, the city would be left unprotected and firemen's insurance would be voided while they were fighting fire in the rural areas.

CHAMBER WILL EAT LUNCH IN ONTARIO

The Nyssa chamber of commerce voted at its weekly luncheon Wednesday noon to accept an invitation to the Ontario Kiwanis club to attend a Kiwanis luncheon in the Moore hotel in Otario Wednesday noon, January 26.

Mayor Pottor Howard of Boise will speak on the relationship between Boise and other cities and towns in the valley.

The chamber also voted to provide that the junior past president become a member of the board of directors following the year of his presidency.

NYSSA JAYVEES WIN AND BULLDOGS LOSE IN ONTARIO GAMES

The Nyssa B squad went into first place in the B league of the Snake river valley conference Tuesday night by defeating the Ontario Jayvees by a score of 48 to 35 while their older brothers were losing to the Tigers by a count of 45 to 29.

The main game was close throughout, except in the third quarter, but the Bulldogs showed quarter. The contest was rather much improvement in their playing.

Nyssa players were Williams, Wilder 10, Alvin Peck 5, Kayano 5, Albert Pecka 5, Deane Hunter 3, and Lowe. High point man was Jerry Stone of Ontario with 16 points.

Evangelists Visit—Mr. and Mrs. E. Gilbert Cayes of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada were callers at the home of Mrs. Cora Tomlinson Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Cayes, missionary evangelists to Canada, were en route to San Jose, California to attend a conference January 12, 13, and 14.

Motor Burns—A motor burned at Carl's Doll House Monday. Firemen were called. No damage was done except to the motor.

Crossing To Be Eliminated On Highway South Of Nyssa

PIPES FREEZE AS MERCURY DROPS

The freezing temperatures, which fell to low of seven degrees below zero here this week, have frozen several water pipes under the streets.

City Manager E. K. Burton estimated 18 such service pipes have been frozen because they are not laid deep enough. City employees are thawing the pipes as rapidly as possible. Mr. Burton said letting water run a little from faucets would help to keep the water from freezing.

The seven-below-zero temperature, recorded the morning of January 11, was the coldest in many years. The temperature is believed by old-time residents to be the oldest since the winter of 1936-37. Official records of temperatures beyond 1944 were not available at the reclamation bureau office this morning.

The mercury slipped to five below on the 10th, four below on the 9th and two below Wednesday morning.

NEW SCHEDULES OF TRAINS ANNOUNCED

The arrival time on all of the trains passing through Nyssa will be changed by the Union Pacific Railroad company January 16, according to Agent Thomas G. Jones.

The new schedules will be as follows: Eastbound—streamliner No. 105, due at 4:39 a. m., new schedule 4:01; No. 18, now due at 10:22, new time 10:44, and No. 12, now due at 9:02 p. m., set for 8:55 p. m., and westbound—streamliner No. 105, due at 11:23 p. m., moved to 11:46 p. m.; No. 17, due at 5:10 p. m., set for 4:55 p. m., and No. 11, now due at 6:31 a. m., set for 5:44 a. m.

Henneman Heads City Government

George Henneman was elected chairman of the city council at a meeting of the new council in the city hall Tuesday night. After the installation of Henneman, Emil Stunz, Harry Miner and Gordon Ray, the councilmen elected the chairman. Mr. Ray is serving his first term as councilman.

The council extended a vote of thanks to R. G. Whitaker for his 10 years of service to the city.

The question of fire protection at the labor camp was discussed by the council, which agreed to continue protection with the understanding that an agreement be reached with the labor sponsors association as soon as possible.

The council issued a license to David Thomas to operate a taxi, but refused to recommend a beer license for Mr. Lopez, who planned to open a pool hall in Nyssa. The beer license was denied in the belief that the city now has enough pool halls.

Property owners involved presented a petition asking that the Glasgow tract be vacated. The council accepted the petition and set the time of hearing for 8 p. m., March 8. The tract was originally dedicated as a park, but as the city did not use it for that purpose Glasgow sold it to H. G. Johnson. The area contains about 5.6 acres.

NYSSA EAGLES FIVE LOSE FIRST GAME IN IDA.-ORE. PLAY

The Nyssa Eagles, sponsored by the Nyssa chamber of commerce and the Nyssa Eagles, suffered their first loss in the Idaho-Oregon semi-pro basketball league last Thursday night when they went down to defeat before the Ontario Lions by a score of 71 to 49. The game left the Ontario Lions the only undefeated team in the western division play so far this season.

Bob Church with 11 points and Doreid Steinke with 9 led the Nyssa scoring.

The Eagles defeated the Weiser Blue Devils in a league game last night 48 to 35.

The Eagles will play their first home game Tuesday night, January 18, when they will meet the New Plymouth Packers. The game will be started at 7:30. Following the New Plymouth contest, the Eagles will play four more home games.

Attends To Business—District Manager R. G. Larson of the Amalgamated Sugar company returned home Tuesday from a business trip to Ogden.

Company Giving Land For State Work At Garrison Corner

Plans for the elimination of two dangerous highway crossings at the Dale Garrison corner on the Nyssa-Adrian highway were announced here this week. The announcement was made following a conference of railroad officials with Chairman Ed Knettle of the Nyssa public safety council Wednesday.

Men representing the railroad were L. W. Aithof of Portland, division engineer of the Union Pacific, western district, and L. V. Chausse, division engineer of the Idaho division.

The railroad company agreed to give the necessary right-of-way, 20 feet wide and about one-eighth of a mile long, for construction of the highway along a line parallel to the tracks of the Homedale branch to replace the present section, which crosses the railroad tracks due north and south, makes a sharp right-angle turn and crosses the tracks due east and west.

The change will eliminate the west highway crossing entirely and will leave the other crossing only for the purpose of serving three farm families.

The original complaint about the dangerous condition of the crossings was given to the state highway commission by the Nyssa public safety council following a fatal accident at one of the crossings a few months ago. The letter of complaint was referred to the railroad company by the commission, which then took under consideration plans for eliminating the hazard at the insistence of the safety council.

Mr. Knettle said the railroad men were gratified at plans for the change, as they said costly mechanical signals, which had been proposed for the Garrison corner, have not proved to be very successful in all cases in eliminating accidents involving trains and motor vehicles.

R. H. Baldock of Salem, state highway engineer, is reported to have said work will be started on the change as soon as weather permits in the spring.

The railroad men who visited in Nyssa this week also expressed themselves as being in favor of the elimination of the so-called canyons crossing at Park avenue and the routing of traffic through the underpass.

NYSSA FIGHTERS WALLOP ADRIAN

The Nyssa high school boxing team defeated the Adrian mittmen in the Nyssa gymnasium Wednesday night. Nyssa took nine bouts and Adrian two.

The surprise of the evening was the defeat of R. Marostica of Nyssa by K. Price in the 160-pound class.

Other results were as follows: with the Nyssa boys coming first: 165 pounds, Leo Long defeated Asmundi; 145, D. Jensen outpointed Smith; 135, Jack Chard downed Voers; 125, B. Ketch downed Hoke; 120, Smith lost to Vande Water; 120, H. Fischer defeated Lanville; 148, G. Schreman defeated Radigan; 170, T. Van Twisk beat Ray; 170, Suiter downed Price; 135, H. Flanary defeated Baxter. Toombs and Haney of Nyssa fought an exhibition bout.

MELBA DEFEATS ANTELOPES 48-33

The Melba Mustangs defeated the Adrian high school basketball team Tuesday night in the Melba gymnasium by a score of 48 to 33.

At the end of the first quarter the two teams were tied at 13 all, but Melba sprinted and gained a lead of 26 to 18 at the end of the half. The Mustangs continued to lead through the third period, which ended in a score of 36 to 28. The Antelopes had numerous shots, but could not locate the basket, and Melba couldn't miss. High man for Adrian was Holly with 16 and for Melba Heyerr with 25 points.

Returns To School—James Smiley, a sophomore at Oregon State college, has returned to school following a vacation spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Smiley.

Here From Nebraska—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henderson of Alliance, Nebraska arrived Sunday to spend a few days at the home of their aunt, Hazel Krul.

On Buying Trip—W. H. Lemon, authorized Western Stores dealer in Nyssa, spent a few days in Ogden on a buying trip. He returned home Tuesday.