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## Farmers Favor Formation Of Fire District

### 5 Committeemen Named To Proceed With Organization

The proposed formation of a rural fire protection district was well received at a meeting of 20 farmers in the city hall in Nyssa Wednesday afternoon.

The farmers named five committeemen, who will designate a proposed boundary and proceed with formation of district. Members of the committee are Warren Farmer, Loyd Adams, Jake Fischer, Wilbur Atherton and Harold Sisson.

The plan of rural fire protection was explained by Ralph Lawrence, a member of the Nyssa fire department, and John Pickett, deputy state fire marshal.

The arrangement, including the designation of boundaries, will be presented to the state fire marshal for approval. Then the farmers will circulate a petition in the area, which will require the signatures of 25 per cent of the property owners before it can be presented to the county court for hearing.

The committee will meet Wednesday night, January 26 to develop further plans for the district.

## NYSSA CHILDREN BUY MOST SEALS OF CO. SCHOOLS

The largest contribution toward the Christmas seal campaign yet to be received from any school was received January 17, according to Margaret Beattie, executive secretary of the county health association.

A check for \$26.98 from the Nyssa grade school for any others received either this year or last.

"Of course the Nyssa grade school is perhaps the largest single school in the county and would be expected to make a larger contribution than most," said Miss Beattie, "but at the same time it is a good indication of the interest the children show in the work of the health association."

Bully Creek school, with only nine pupils, contributed \$2.25, which means that each child gave 25 cents, which might have been spent for candy or other sweets. So far as is known, Bully Creek is the only school that reported 100 per cent cooperation in the drive. Fifteen schools have not yet sent in their contribution.

## SAFETY COUNCIL TO SPONSOR ESSAY CONTEST IN NYSSA

At a meeting of the Nyssa safety council in the city hall last Friday night, plans were completed for the essay contest to be sponsored by the council in the local schools.

The contest will require an essay of 300 to 600 words for high school students on the subject, "How Can I Make My Home, My School and My Community a Safer Place?" A prize of \$5 will be awarded for the best essay, and \$3 for the second best, also honorable mention. In the grade school a prize of \$1 will be awarded for the best essay in each grade. The contest will close February 15.

The council also discussed means by which traffic might be regulated during times of emergencies. It was brought out that when either ambulance or fire truck service is needed it is imperative that traffic should be regulated so that there is no congestion in the course of these vehicles.

## EDUCATORS PLAN TO GATHER IN NYSSA

The Nyssa Education association will be host to the Malheur County Education association at a banquet to be held in the Nyssa high school building Monday evening, January 24.

The principal speaker will be Reverend Garner, dean of St. Michael's cathedral in Boise.

The educators will discuss new legislation affecting Oregon education and extension courses to be offered for teachers' certification.

The home economics girls of the high school expect to serve dinner to 70 persons.

**Have Radio Interference—**Residents of Upper Sunset valley have been having interference with their radio reception. Because of the noise, "sounding like a machine-gun," radio owners have been unable to listen to programs. Sometimes it lasts only a short time and on other occasions it continues all day. Residents of the valley would appreciate knowing what is causing the interference.

## BULLDOGS LOSE TO BAKER 39-36

The Nyssa Bulldogs made their best showing of the basketball season when they held their namesakes on the Baker floor Tuesday night to a score of 39 to 36.

Baker took a 9 to 0 lead at the start of the ball game, but the visitors soon swung into action and by the third quarter had gained a lead of 28 to 26. At the end of the quarter, however, Baker held a 32 to 24 lead.

After the initial spurge, the Baker Bulldog's biggest spread was seven points, 38 to 31, in the fourth period. Nyssa held control of the ball during the last two minutes of play but could not hit the basket.

Nyssa players were Wilder 8, Hunter 6, Williams, B. Wilson 14, Albert Pecka, Chadwick 3, Lowe and Alvin Pecka 5.

The Baker B squad lost its first game in 16 starts when the Nyssa B's won by a score of 35 to 31 in the preliminary.

The scoring was distributed rather evenly between the Nyssa players—Hobomb 6, Pounds 10, Bowen 7, Wynn 6, Marcum 3 and Reynolds 5.

## W. C. Bishop Services Held

Following services held in Provo, Utah, graveside military rites for Willard C. Bishop of Provo were held Monday, January 17 at Parma under the auspices of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with Chaplain Cobby in charge. The grave was dedicated by Bishop Richard Maw of the Owyhee L. D. S. ward and the flag was presented to Mr. Bishop's son, Michael Bill. The services held in Provo January 15 were conducted by Rev. W. B. Corlett of Salt Lake City.

Willard Claude Bishop was born August 29, 1923 in Provo, Utah, a son of Willard A. and Vera Salisbury Bishop. He attended grade school in Salt Lake City, Ogden and Parma and was graduated from the Nyssa high school and Boise Business college. On December 31, 1942 he married Frances Cummings of Parma.

Four months after his marriage, Bishop joined the army and became a technical sergeant in Co. K, 290th Infantry of the 75th division. Following initial training in the infantry at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he was assigned for special training in army engineering work at the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado. He first went into battle in Europe in December, 1944, seeing much action in Belgium, France and Germany. Among the recognitions that he received for meritorious service, he prized mostly highly the expert infantryman's badge, an oak leaf cluster, the bronze star received for heroic action at Burtonville and the Colmar coat of arms, which later came to him from the government of France.

For the first 10 months after his discharge from the army, December 19, 1946, Bishop was associated with his father in business in Nyssa. On October 1, 1946 he took employment with the First security corporation and became affiliated with the Provo branch of the bank, in which he soon rose to the position of personnel manager.

Survivors are his widow and one son, Michael Bill, aged 4; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bishop of Nyssa; his grandmother, Mrs. Eleanor E. Bishop of Orem, Utah; a brother, Eder Donald P. Bishop, now serving as an L. D. S. missionary in the northwestern states mission; three sisters, Mrs. Ileen Patterson and Francine Mayhew of Nyssa and Marjory Joy Bishop, a student at Brigham Young university in Provo.

## Clothing Classes Started—

The first meeting of the adult clothing construction class under the direction of Mrs. Charles Stefens was held in the home-making rooms of the high school Monday evening. Any woman who is interested in these classes may still enroll. The classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9:30 and on Saturday afternoons from 1:30 to 4 o'clock. The class will take up tailoring and simple clothing construction. The cost of the course is partly carried by the state, which pays 60 per cent and the members who pay the other 40 per cent. The cost per person will depend on the number enrolled in the course.

## Young People To Nampa—

A group of young people from the local Christian church attended a skating party given by the young people of the Nampa Christian church at Nampa Monday evening for the Christmas churches of the valley. Eighteen young people and seven adults attended from Nyssa. Following the skating party, devotions and refreshments were held at the church.

## Grange Desires Counties To Get Share Of Money

### Proposed Increases In Gasoline Taxes And Licenses Discussed

The Oregon Trail Grange, at its last meeting, voted in favor of pro-rating money from the proposed increase in gasoline taxes and automobile and truck license fees on the same basis as the present arrangement for the distribution of funds.

In a letter to the state Grange master, Morton Tompkins, the Oregon Trail Grange stated in part that "We believe that the increases should be pro-rated to the counties on the same basis as the present set-up. In other words, we are against a bill that would throw the increased amount completely to the state highway commission for the construction of arterial highways, without giving a proportional amount to the counties for market roads."

"We believe that the state highway commission will bring plenty of pressure to bear to keep control of all of the increase with the promise to spend part of it on market roads."

Dale Garrison, chairman of the legislative committee, gave a brief survey of the measures now before the Oregon legislature that the Oregon state Grange favors and opposes. Letters of opinion were sent to senator Esmo Smith and Representative Vernon Wilson.

Charley Grider, chairman of the agriculture committee, said the government is asking for an increase of 50 per cent in sod crops as a soil conservation measure and for an increase in turkeys and all meat animals. Harland Diven gave a report on auditing the books for last year. Bob Holmes reported on the "pig chain" that was started by the Grange last summer.

The Grange voted to give the silver offering at the two January meetings to the march of dimes.

Dale Garrison, past master, installed the officers.

The master, Frank Sherwood, appointed Loyd Adams, Bob Holmes and Harland Diven to attend rural fire meeting that was held in Nyssa January 19.

## MRS. VIOLA DUVALL, FORMER RESIDENT OF NYSSA, PASSES

Mrs. Viola L. Duvall of The Dalles, former Nyssa resident, died in a hospital at The Dalles recently.

Mrs. Duvall, who lived in the Nyssa-Adrian section for several years, moved to The Dalles from Kingman Colony 12 years ago. She was born March 4, 1901 in Wisconsin and moved to Oregon with her parents when she was two years old. Mrs. Duvall was a member of the Methodist church and Degree of Honor lodge.

Survivors are a son, Alvin R. Duvall; a daughter, Mrs. Neale Mitchell, and a grandson, Michael A. Duvall, all of The Dalles; two brothers, Arthur and Frank Schmidt of Alameda, California and two sisters, Mrs. Leona Legar of Kimberly, Oregon and Mrs. Mildred Wriglesworth of Echo.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles January 12, with Rev. L. A. Burdette officiating. Interment was in the Echo cemetery.

## Returns From Portland—

Mrs. Virgil McGee returned home Saturday from Portland, where she had been for three weeks because of the illness and death of her mother, Mrs. Frances Lyons, who died January 10. Mrs. Lyons, who was more than 81 years old, had visited several times at the McGee ranch home in Richland. Miss Mary McGee of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bates and George McGee of Nyssa and Vincent Parker of Fruithand were in Portland also for the funeral services.

## Co-Op Plans Meeting—

The annual meeting of the Farmers Supply co-op of Ontario and Nyssa will be held in the Japanese hall near the Ontario airport Thursday, January 27 beginning at 10:30 A. M. One director will be elected and other business will be transacted. LeRoy Herrman of Nyssa is the retiring director. A free dinner will be served at noon. All members and patrons are invited to attend.

## To McCall—

Dr. and Mrs. K. E. Kerby, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Marco Muralo and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Tacke of Ontario spent Saturday and Sunday at the Lake Shore lodge at McCall.

## Undergo Operation—

Don Moss is recuperating from an appendectomy performed last Friday at the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario.

## EASTERN FARMERS WILL VISIT NYSSA AND OTHER AREAS

Fifty farmers of New York and New England states will spend January 27 touring several southwestern Idaho and southeastern Oregon communities, including Nyssa, for the purpose of studying agricultural and food processing methods of the region.

The eastern group, extending their trip as far west as Seattle, will arrive in Boise early in the morning of January 27 aboard Union Pacific train No. 11. They will travel by bus to Ontario, where they will board their special cars on Union Pacific train No. 17 that evening and continue to Portland. Their itinerary will start with breakfast in the Boise hotel under the sponsorship of the agricultural committee of the Boise chamber of commerce.

During the remainder of the morning the farmers will tour the Carnation plant at Nampa, attend the Nampa institute meeting for an hour and inspect the Dairyman's Co-operative creamery at Caldwell. They will eat lunch at the J. R. Simplot dehydrating plant cafeteria following a tour of the plant.

From Caldwell, the visitors will travel by way of Wilder and Parma to Nyssa, where they will visit the Amalgamated Sugar plant from 3 to 4:45 p. m. Joe Jarvis, Union Pacific supervisor of agricultural development, and Ted Myers, traveling agent for the railroad at Boise, will accompany the group.

## Jesse Thompson Succumbs Here

Jesse E. Thompson, prominent Nyssa businessman for many years, died at his home on Third street and Good avenue early Tuesday morning following an illness extending over a period of several months.

During his many years of residence in Nyssa, Mr. Thompson was active in civic affairs. He was a former member of the city council and school board and was a director of the Nyssa Development company, organized to promote the industrial growth of the city.

Mr. Thompson was born October 7, 1884 in Allerton, Iowa and after living in Missouri for five years moved to Ontario with his parents. The father, Robert Thompson, bought the ranch where Rosel Hunter now lives at Arcadia. Jesse Thompson lived there until he was married to Grace Gamble May 20, 1907.

After riding the Echostrang ditch for two years, Mr. Thompson entered the grocery business in 1916 with A. H. Boydell on the present site of the Olympic club in Nyssa. He sold his interest to the Eder Hardware company in 1923 and moved to Payette, where he worked for a produce farm for a year. Mr. Thompson re-entered the Eder firm and was in charge of the grocery department for a few years. After his health failed, he formed the Thompson Oil company, which he operated with his son, Robert, and son-in-law, Del Taylor, until they sold the business two years ago and entered the stock business near Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson returned to Nyssa from Baker two months ago to make their home.

Survivors are Mrs. Thompson; a daughter, Mrs. Del Taylor of Portland; a son, Robert of Nyssa; four sisters, Mrs. Ezra Johnson of Powell, Wyoming, Mrs. Minnie Neese of Pasadena, Mrs. Lilly Canaday of Jerome, Idaho and Mrs. Anna Dall of Arcadia; two brothers, Charles of Emmett and Al of Enterprise, and five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday in the Methodist church, with Rev. C. L. Callahan of the Episcopal church officiating. Interment will be in the Nyssa cemetery.

## Attend Church Meeting—

A group of eight local members of the Church of Christ attended a "99 men's" rally and banquet in Ontario Tuesday evening. Ellery Parrish of Park Rose church, Portland, delivered the principal address. Joe Jewett of Baker acted as master of ceremonies and Ed Beem of Elgin conducted the business meeting. C. F. Swander of Portland will be unable to attend the local church's anniversary celebration Sunday, January 23.

## Elected By C of C—

J. L. Herriman of Nyssa was elected vice president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon at the quarterly banquet held in Boise Monday night. Several Nyssa men attended the meeting.

## Adrian Defeated—

The Adrian Antelopes were defeated by the Greenleaf Grizzlies 36 to 33 in a basketball game played Tuesday night in Greenleaf.

## Murder Victim's Body Taken Out Of Snake River

### Torso Discovered Saturday Is Tentatively Identified

The murdered man whose body was taken from Snake river last Saturday at Nyssa has been tentatively identified by a Baker resident as Leo DeMaries of Baker. Sheriff John Elfering announced today.

The man, said to have been a Baker miner, apparently came here looking for work. So far as is known, no one saw the man in Nyssa. The sheriff was definitely skeptical of the identification.

Identity of the man whose body was dragged from Snake river at Nyssa Saturday afternoon still remained a mystery Wednesday according to county officers, who are making a wide-spread search for information that might lead to solution of the case.

The body was discovered by Tommy Andrews, an employee of the Amalgamated Sugar company, who was working at the pump house on the edge of the company property at the time of the discovery. Andrews' attention was attracted to an object floating in the water and he pulled it to shore with a pole, to discover that it was the body of a man, later estimated to have been between 40 and 50 years old.

Sheriff John Elfering has issued an appeal to residents of southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon to notify him if they know of any missing persons. The man, who was murdered, was about five feet, one inch tall, had graying dark hair and was somewhat bald. He wore a mustache. His weight was estimated at 145 pounds. At the time of his death, he was clothed in whiplcord work trousers, a dark work shirt, a denim jacket and heavy shoes.

The murdered man had been shot four times through the head, according to Dr. Joseph Beeman, Boise pathologist, who conducted an autopsy. Because of the weather and the condition of the body, Beeman was unable to definitely determine how long the body had been in the water. Some officers thought it may have been in the water four or five weeks.

District Attorney Charles Swan said fingerprints taken from the body had been sent to the FBI in Washington, D. C. for possible identification. Descriptions of the man were sent to police officers in various towns along the Snake river.

The body of the victim will probably be buried in the Nyssa cemetery by the Nyssa funeral home Friday. Graveside services will be held.

## F. F. A. Contests Set For Nyssa

The complete program for the eastern Oregon F. F. A. contest to be held in Nyssa January 28 and 29 was announced this week by Richard Wilson, vocational agriculture instructor in Nyssa.

The snop contests will be held Friday afternoon, beginning at 1:15. Supervisors in charge will be Don Stewart, Ed Axtell, Henry Reuter, Richard Wilson, Lyman Patton, Bob Sawyer, Ray Wendell and Francis Verling.

At the banquet beginning at 6:30 p. m., a spelling contest and demonstrations will be held and contest ribbons will be presented. In the evening beginning at 8:30, a public speaking contest will be held, with one boy from each school participating.

A parliamentary procedure contest will be started Saturday morning at 9:15, with one teacher from each school participating.

## Return From Trip—

Mr. and Mrs. David Beers and daughter, Dora, of Nyssa have returned from a trip to California. They were accompanied to California by Wallace Beers of Chicago, who remained in California for a longer visit with his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Beers and Dora returned by way of the Redwood highway to Corvallis, where Dora re-entered Oregon State college. Mr. and Mrs. Beers continued on to Tacoma, North Richland and Challis, Washington to visit relatives.

## Here From South Dakota—

Mr. and Mrs. Orris Slippy and children of Colome, South Dakota were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dall last week. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Orris Newell. Mr. and Mrs. Slippy visited Mr. and Mrs. William Newell in Nampa before returning to their home in South Dakota.

## SMITH SPEAKS TO PARENTS, TEACHERS

Graham B. Smith, Eugene architect, gave a description of the plans for the proposed new school building in Nyssa at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association in the high school building last Thursday night.

Pictures that are given to the grades having the most parents in attendance at the P. T. A. meetings have been received.

The room mothers, teachers and pupils of the fifth and sixth grades made contributions to the two families that lost their homes by fire recently.

## March Of Dimes Drive Is Begun

March of Dime workers are distributing a record number of coin collectors for use on store counters and other public places in preparation for the annual fund-raising drive of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis according to Orin Sumner and Ed Knettle, Nyssa chairmen, and Glenwood Pounds, Adrian chairman.

This year's coin collector, one of the most attractive that has been designed, will provide an unusually effective counter display, Mr. Sumner said. It bears the appeal: "You may save a child" and shows a little polio patient timidly attempting her first step as she leaves a wheel-chair.

Mr. Sumner and Mr. Knettle urged the people of Nyssa to make as many contributions as they can afford when ever they are shopping or otherwise come across a coin collector during the march of dimes, January 14 to 31.

"We will never miss a few coins given to this worthy cause, but while they may mean little to us they mean a lot to the thousands of little children in all parts of the country who look to us through the march of dimes to give them a fighting chance for recovery so they can play again like other boys and girls," Mr. Sumner said. "We know the people of Nyssa will not fail them."

The proceeds of the January 29 high school basketball game will be contributed to the march of dimes by the Nyssa high school. Principal Dennis Patch is in charge of the arrangements in the high school. Principal Walter L. McPartland is in charge in the grade school, in which the children will make their contributions in coin cards.

## FLAMES DESTROY TENANT HOUSE ON T. H. BREWER PLACE

A tenant house on the T. H. Brewer farm in the Owyhee section was destroyed by fire about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The house, a two-room structure, was occupied by a hired man, Art Warren, who was burned on one arm and one foot. Warren was taken to the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario for treatment.

When Warren realized the house was full of smoke, he went to a closet to get his clothes and found them in flames. It was then that he was burned. The fire is believed to have started from faulty wiring in the closet.

## FROZEN WATER PIPE SITUATION BETTER

The frozen water pipe situation in Nyssa was improved Wednesday, according to Tom Weeks, city water superintendent, who is in charge of thawing operations.

The city crews using three thawing outfits was making some progress, but 10 service pipes leading to residences were still frozen Wednesday morning.

Weeks urged all residents to allow a little water to run from a faucet in their houses to prevent freezing in the service pipes. This policy has already reduced the number of freeze-ups, he said.

## Jersey Club Meet—

The Malheur County Jersey club will hold a meeting Tuesday, January 26 at 1:30 in the Nyssa city hall. As special efforts are being made by the club to interest owners of mixed and grade dairy herds, all dairy farmers are invited to attend the meeting, according to Mrs. Hope Grider, secretary of the club.

## Beet Growers To Meet—

A series of meetings sponsored by the Amalgamated Sugar company for growers will be held in the valley next week. The Nyssa meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, January 26 at 1:30 p. m. in the gymnasium.

## In Portland—

Mrs. Cliff Main and small son, Kent, left by plane Saturday for Portland, where Kent will be in the Doernbecker hospital for 10 days for observation and tests.

## Co-Operation Is Theme Of Nyssa Chamber Dinner

### Principal Talk Delivered By K. C. Eldridge Of Portland

The spirit of progress and co-operation that prevails in Nyssa and surrounding areas was emphasized in talks delivered by several speakers at the annual banquet of the Nyssa chamber of commerce in the high school building Wednesday night.

In the principal address, K. C. Eldridge, Jr., president of the Food Sales corporation of Portland, declared that "it behooves every individual to awaken in their souls and minds a responsibility to their community. We want prosperity; we want to leave something to posterity. Under our economy there is no standing still, which is the first sign of decay."

"Oregon is one of the fastest growing sections in the United States. That growth has not come about by an act of God or is not something that just happened, but has developed because the people have awakened to the great potential in the state of Oregon and the possibility of its development into one of the most productive states in the union. Portland has come to realize that it can't build ports until it has built up-state communities."

"We have something that we haven't sold. Nyssa can do something in helping to 'sell' the great northwest to the United States."

"You must have faith in your community and responsibility to that faith. The chamber of commerce stands for the things that develop our communities and state."

Turning to his announced subject, "The Human Equation in Business," Mr. Eldridge defined the human equation as the employ in industry.

Basing his talk on his 39 years of experience in wholesale and retail selling, Mr. Eldridge said "If you treat your employees right they will reach high accomplishments, because of that accomplishment and not because of Saturday night or payday. The human equation in business is the most important factor there. If the man behind a machine believes his employer has an interest in him he is going to take more interest in that machine and reach greater production. It

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## BAND CONCERT SET FOR WEDNESDAY

The band concert which was postponed in December because of weather will be presented by the Nyssa high school band Wednesday night, January 26 at 8 o'clock under the direction of Lynn J. Lawrence.

The program will be given as follows: March, "The League of Composers" by Edwin Franko Goldman; tone poem, "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius; baritone solo, Miss Joyce Gann; waltz, "Gold and Silver" by Franz Lehár; "Grandpa's Clock," a novelty arranged by Paul Yoder; twin piano number, Carlene Jones and Laura Schenk; fantasy, "Kindergarten March" by Goldman; overture, "Bagdad" by Borrett; L. Buhstel; clarinet duet, Lola Weeks and Viva Mary Lesberg; "A Gny 90 Revue," Gerald E. Prescott, Ralph H. Prink and Harry J. Wenger; "Round the Band," a novelty arranged by Paul Yoder and "Star Spangled Banner."

## Auxiliary Meeting Postponed—

The Malheur Memorial Hospital auxiliary meeting scheduled for Monday, January 24 has been postponed until February. The program was being arranged by Mrs. Roy Holmes, but due to coal shortages during the cold weather it was deemed advisable to cancel the meeting until next month.

## Going On Mission—

Keith D. Bybee, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bybee, has been called to fill a two and one-half year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Holland. He will enter the mission school in Salt Lake City January 24.

## Boy Is Injured—

Garry DeRoach, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Ross Brown, received a slight concussion when he was kicked on the head by an older boy while playing at school Tuesday. He is improving but will have to remain in bed for several days.

## Church Services Cancelled—

The usual services of the Episcopal church have been cancelled for Sunday, January 23 because of the coal shortage.

## Benefit Card Party—

The Rebekah lodge will sponsor a benefit pinocle party at the I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening, January 22 at 8 o'clock. An electric mixer will be given as a door prize.