

Santa Claus To Make Appearance Again In Nyssa

Treasure Hunt Will Be Concluded By Local Merchants

Plans for the final public appearance of Santa Claus in Nyssa were announced at the Wednesday luncheon of the Nyssa chamber of commerce, which is co-sponsor with the Eagles lodge of the visitation.

Santa Claus will appear on a float with a group of carolers Saturday, December 23 at 2 o'clock and will throw candy kisses to the children and others who care to scramble for them. The names of firms participating in the sales promotion that has been conducted for three weeks will be placed inside the wrapping on approximately 50 of the kisses. The lucky finders of the 50 kisses will receive 50 cents in cash or merchandise when the slips are taken to the places of business so designated, according to Rex Voelker, who is in charge of the event.

At 2:30 Santa Claus will go to the old gymnasium, where he will meet the younger children and distribute treats. The older children will go to the Nyssa theater at 2:30 to view the picture, "Golden Stallion", featuring Roy Rogers, and receive treats.

The treasure hunt for adults will be continued Saturday, December 23. Eighty-one prizes will be offered this week to persons who hold numbered cards that they received through the mails or at the Gate City Journal office. To win a prize, a card holder must have a number that corresponds to the number on a prize located in a store. Each merchant will offer a prize for this week and some, whose prizes were not drawn last week or the week before, may give two or three prizes. Prizes will have to be claimed by the winner in person Saturday.

Nyssa To Play Middleton Five

The Nyssa Bulldogs, who won rather handsily from the Payette Pirates in a Snake River Valley league basketball game on the Nyssa floor last Friday night by a score of 53 to 39, will face the highly-touted Middleton quintet on the local floor Friday night.

The Pirates scored the first basket in the Friday game, but the Bulldogs soon took the lead and were never headed. Holcomb was high point man with 17 points.

Middleton has averaged 58 points per game in this season's play. One of the star players, Frost, has averaged 22 points per game in the four contests played this year.

Middleton's 46-game winning streak was broken in 1950 by the Fruitland Grizzlies, who were coached by Harry McGinley, who is now tutoring the Nyssa Bulldogs. Middleton's teams went to the Idaho state B league tournament four out of the last five years and lost the state tournament berth last year only because of the superior playing of McGinley's Grizzlies.

Grange Booster Night Observed At Oregon Trail

The Oregon Trail Grange held its booster program and Christmas party Tuesday evening.

The program consisted of group singing; a welcome address by Master Frank Parr; skit, "No Man's Land", by the Grange women; "The Absentees", Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Adams; reading, "Christmas on the Farm", Mrs. Alva Goodell and selections, male quartet, George Cleaver, Garret Stam, Wilson Winter and Frank Parr, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson Winter.

The program and dancing was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jamison and daughter. A potluck dinner was served.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held December 26. A bingo party will be held after the business session.

Present Concert—

The Adrian high school music department will present its annual Christmas concert in the Adrian high school gymnasium Thursday evening under the direction of Delbert Detienne. The concert will include among its numbers "Glory to God" and "Prayer for Peace" by the chorus; "The Bells of St. Mary's" by the girls' sextet; "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by the girls' quartet and a soprano solo, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" by Loretta Vandewater. Among the band numbers will be "Finglandia" and "Christmastide Overture." The accompanists for the vocal numbers will be Lorraine Vandewater and Pate Hopkins.

Youth Shipping Out—

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Castle of Nyssa have received word from their son, Frank W., who enlisted in the navy in California September 8. He said he is getting ready to ship out but due to security reasons did not reveal his destination.

Hospital Staff Is Preparing For Christmas, Spring

As well as for Christmas, plans are underway for a spring at the Malheur Memorial hospital.

Workmen are putting in line this week for flood irrigating the enormous lawn that will be planted around the hospital. Manager John G. O'Toole said that in addition to the planting of the grass, trees will be set out.

Girl Scout troop No. 4 of Nyssa and the Happy Playmates club of Newell Heights are supplying the hospital with needed tray favors for the holiday season.

Persons unfortunate enough to be in a hospital, will be served turkey dinners at the institution Monday.

The hospital personnel will hold a gift exchange this afternoon around a Christmas tree that has been set up in the staff's dining room.

Roach Criticizes Construction Of Government Dam

In what he called a report to the people, Thomas Roach, president of the Idaho Power company, told a large group of bankers, newspaper and radio men, mayors, state representatives and other officials at a dinner in the Moore hotel in Ontario Monday night that his company is very much in need of a power plant on the western end of the territory to meet the demand that is developing and that will continue to develop.

The percentage growth of the Idaho Power company since 1942-43 has been greater than the growth of any other power company in the five northwestern states. The concern has never denied adequate power to any firm here or firms that wanted to enter the area, Mr. Roach said. It has been able to keep its development ahead of the need.

"We have not only taken care of your present needs but have very aggressively sought new industries and encouraged them to come into our Snake River valley area."

In contrast, Mr. Roach pointed to the Bonneville power area, where the use of power has been restricted in the winter due to what he called government interference in private business. The intermountain power pool, including power furnished by the Idaho Power company, has turned over large loads of electricity to the Oregon-Washington area.

With a present capacity of 285,000 kilowatts, the Idaho Power company has tripled its power output since the close of world war II, and expects to develop a capacity of 440,000 kilowatts by 1955.

"We have a responsibility to you people to assure you that we will have an ample supply of power in 1955 when it is needed. We now have contracts with individual firms as large as our entire load five or six years ago."

Swinging into a discussion of the proposed construction of a high-head dam in Hell's canyon by the government and the effort of the Idaho Power company to secure permission to develop power in that area, Mr. Roach indicated that his firm was unable to secure authority from the power commission because of the interest of the government in construction of the Hell's canyon project as part of a long range program of development on the Columbia river and its tributaries.

"By the time we complete the C. J. Strike project, we will have to have underway a major project. It (Continued on Page 7)

Vale And Nyssa Leading League

The Nyssa and Vale basketball teams are tied for first place in the Snake River Valley league with two wins and no losses.

The two leaders maintained their margins last week-end, when Nyssa defeated Payette 53 to 30 and Vale nosed out Meridian at Vale 41 to 35.

Other winners between December 9 and 18 were Payette 29 and Emmett 24, Weiser 58 and Parma 38, Ontario 51 and Caldwell 37, Weiser 40 and Ontario 34, Meridian 54 and Parma 47, Caldwell 39 and Emmett 31, Vale 58 and Union 41 and Nampa 47 and Weiser 29.

The Emmett and Nyssa teams in the fresh-sop section of the A division are tied for first place with two wins and no losses each. Ontario is third with one win and no losses, with Parma, Vale, Meridian, Pavette and Weiser listed in that order.

Return To Walla Walla—

Mr. and Mrs. Waldon Ferguson have returned to their home in Walla Walla, having been here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ferguson's mother, Mrs. Lucille Norcott.

To California—

Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Jackson and family will leave Friday for Victorville, California, where they will visit over the holidays with Mrs. Jackson's parents.

Return From Salt Lake—

Mr. and Mrs. Don Engstrom returned Tuesday from a business trip to Salt Lake City.



Good Program Is Presented P. T. A.

The outstanding P. T. A. program of the year, presented before a large crowd at the Nyssa P. T. A. meeting held in the new school building last Thursday night, featured the play "Why The Chimes Rang."

The story centers about the efforts of townspeople in a far-away country to make the chimes of an ancient church ring. One day, persons from many walks of life, including the king himself, brought their gifts and laid them on the altar as offerings to the Holy Child in the hope that the presents would make the chimes ring. Pedro and Little Brother decided to go to the church and add their little mite to the gifts, but en route from their home in the country they came upon an old woman freezing in the snow and Pedro remained to comfort her. He sent Little Brother on to the church and after the lad had laid his gift upon the altar the chimes began to ring, much to the astonishment of the assembled crowd.

Those participating in the play, directed by Mrs. Jesse Rigney and Mrs. Dennis Patch, were David Mortimore, reader; Jennie Eachus, old woman; David Patch, Pedro; Roger Maulding, Little Brother; Rollie Cox, priest; David Savage and Bill Morrison, rich men; Thomas Evans, writer; Doris Rigney, girl; Charles Steffens, musician; J. C. Cox, rich lady; Ez Carr, king; Elvin Alexander, candle-lighter; Bonnie Ward, chimes player; and Donna Lee Wilson, angel. Music was furnished by the high school choir, directed by Ray Weatherspoon and accompanied by Vela Dee Paulsen.

During the regular meeting, Mrs. Monty Fraser talked on primary reading. She said that successful reading can be expected "only when we have physical security, emotional security and social security."

A child must have good health, if he is to read well, the speaker said. (Continued on Page 2)

McGinley Gives Opinion Relative To League Teams

Discussing the basketball prospects of the Nyssa Bulldogs in the Snake River Valley league this season, Coach Harry McGinley told members of the Lions club at the Monday luncheon that his team "will run up against height all season."

"I think Ontario will be a hot and cold team," McGinley said. "If they happen to hit us when they are hot they will cause us some trouble. I believe Vale is going to be the toughest team in the league. The boys are not big, but they are plenty tough. I haven't seen Meridian play. Parma and Emmett seem to be the weakest at this time. Payette is tough."

Construction of New Bridge Over Snake River Asked

The corps of engineers, U. S. army, at Walla Walla has announced that DeLos Vinsonhaler of Nyssa has made application for approval of plans for erection of a bridge across Snake river from Bridge Island and the Idaho mainland, about two miles south of Nyssa.

The applicant proposes to erect a steel truss bridge across the side channel of the river with vertical clearance of 35 feet above ordinary high water and a horizontal clearance of 147 feet. High steel will be approximately 23.5 feet above ordinary high water.

Any protests, if any, against the proposed operations from the standpoint of navigation should be received at the office of the district engineer, 19 later Poplar street, Walla Walla, not later than January 11, 1951. Otherwise the corps will consider there are no objections.

Students Here For Holidays—

For the past week, college students have been returning to their homes in Nyssa for the Christmas holidays. From Oregon State college at Corvallis are Deane and Janet Irving, Lewellyn Robbins, Deane Hunter, Barbara Neizer, and Donna Traber, who will visit in Nyssa before going to Twin Falls. Babe Williams, Floyd Hale and Donna Chedelin have returned from Salem, where they are attending Willamette university, and Royce Chadwick, Glenn Schreman and David Sarazin have returned from attending the University of Oregon at Eugene. Mary Lou Schenk, Carole Flinders, Morel Bunn and Val Childs have returned to Nyssa from Brigham Young university at Provo, and Bonnie Lewis has returned to Nyssa from University of Utah at Salt Lake City. Lee Snyder of Whitman college at Walla Walla is visiting his parents.

Grower Meeting Dates Announced

Dates for the annual community meetings sponsored by the Nyssa-Nampa Sugar Beet Growers association were announced this week by Arvil L. Child, association director representing the Nyssa area.

In addition to discussion of any matters of general interest to the growers, a director is elected to the board at each meeting and an advisory committee of three is elected. William Carson of Weiser, president of the association, plans to attend as many of the meetings as possible.

The meetings will be held as follows: December 26, Parma at 2 p. m. and Wilder at 7:30; December 27, Nampa at 2 p. m. and Marsing at 7:30; December 28, Nyssa and Oregon Trail at 2 p. m. and Kingman Colony at 7:30; December 29, Vale at 2 p. m. and Jamison at 7:30; January 3, Payette at 2 p. m. and Emmett at 7:30; January 4, Weiser at 2 p. m. and Oregon Slope at 7:30, and January 5, Meridian at 2 p. m.

The meeting for Nyssa and Oregon Trail growers will be held in the little theater in the new school addition.

Mr. Child said "We feel it is very urgent that the growers attend these meetings, where they might become better acquainted with the problems of the industry."

Large Crowd Sees School's Program

Approximately 1000 persons attended the Christmas program given in the new gymnasium Tuesday night by pupils of the first four grades of the Nyssa school.

As compared to the setting in the old gymnasium, the lighting effects on the costumes in "The Littlest Angel" made much difference in the presentation.

The program of the upper four grades will be presented in the gymnasium tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. The theme will be "The Christmas Story."

Program Presented At Adrian—

A Christmas program was presented last Sunday evening at the Adrian United Presbyterian church by the members of the Sunday school, with special music by the choir. Mrs. Francis Deffer was accompanist and Mrs. D. L. Hurst and Betty Hansen soloists. The program was concluded with a candlelighting service. Rev. and Mrs. Henry Moore were in charge of the program.

College Student Returns—

Wilton Jackson, student at Oregon State college is visiting at the home of Mrs. Thelma Elliott at Adrian over the holidays. Jackson is manager of the Hawthorne Manor student house at college.

Injured In Accident—

Mrs. I. L. Cooper of Nyssa was still in the Malheur Memorial hospital this morning suffering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Nyssa last week. Mr. Cooper received emergency treatment at the hospital. Donald Hickey of Nyssa, the driver of the other automobile involved was not treated at the hospital.

Creamery Patrons Receive \$128,000 Additional Cash

An additional payment of \$128,000 was made this week by the Farmers Co-operative Creamery company of Payette to patrons for milk and cream butterfat delivered during the past year.

The \$128,000, spread over four counties, including Malheur county, was in addition to payments made earlier in the year. It is \$17,000 greater than the additional payment made last year.

The \$128,000 increased the total paid to patrons this year to more than \$2,500,000, according to R. C. Hammond, company manager.

English Teacher "Views" Schools

Miss Winnifred Cleary of England, who is touring the United States and visiting the schools of this country under the sponsorship of the National Education association, was guest of the Nyssa Education association at a tea held at the new library last Sunday afternoon. The affair was arranged by Mrs. T. E. Bates, president of the Nyssa teachers groups.

Miss Cleary compared the educational set-up of England and the United States. In this country the educational system is more closely linked to the community it represents through administration and financing. The educational program in England is set up by the minister of education, with plans submitted by the local education authorities. Salaries in England are paid by the state. Under this set-up there is never community concern by the teachers over educational financing.

In England, there are more small schools than in this country. There is in the English schools daily worship, which all pupils attend. The morning worship is led traditionally by the head of the school, followed by a period of religious instruction.

Competition for entrance into the universities is strong and there is a waiting list for teacher training courses.

Miss Cleary stated that the youth of this country is misrepresented by the films and magazine portrayals that go abroad. In these the American youth is portrayed as precocious, advanced for his years with a strong tendency toward rudeness. The English teacher said that he had not seen this type of American students, but had been impressed by the manners and appearance of the students with whom she has visited.

She stated that English youth are more advanced in their learning, but that American youth are advanced over English youth in learning to live and in independence.

Education is facilitated in English schools by the fact that the retarded and the superior students are in separate schools, leaving the average student to be educated in the public schools.

The health of the English student has improved during the last few years in spite of rationing, for if all rations are purchased a balanced diet will be assured.

In answering a question asked her concerning socialized medicine, Miss Cleary stated that it was not as live an issue in England as it seems to be in this country. In England it was accepted by 90 to 95 per cent of the doctors, and is accepted by the majority of the people, except a few in the upper income levels, who feel they lose social prestige through the plan.

Women Tell Of Xmas Customs

Christmas customs and traditions of other lands were told to the members of the Nyssa Civic club at the December meeting of the group at the parish hall Wednesday afternoon. The program was given under the direction of Mrs. Clyde Snider, who said in presenting the program entitled "Christmas Around the World", that although all peoples do not observe Christmas, it is observed in almost every country in the world.

The program was opened with an arrangement of "Deck the Halls" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" for voice, violin and piano by Kathryn Crandall, Mrs. Herbert Fisher and Mrs. Carlos Buchner and arranged by Mrs. Fisher. Mrs. Snider then presented Mrs. H. O. Hopkins, who told of Christmas customs in her native country of Belgium, and of December 6 as a date of gift-giving, and that St. Nicholas rode a donkey in that country. She described the feeling one experienced in attending the midnight mass, the walk home through the crisp winter air, with the sound of carols ringing through the night, to the warmth of the home where the spirit of the season abounded.

An English ballet, presented by Delores Duus, Kay Hammon, and Donna Focht with Peggy Focht as soloist was presented under the direction of Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, with Vela Dee Paulsen as accompanist. Following the dance, Mrs. Wilson told of the similarity of the English and American Christmas customs, with Father Christmas, rather than Santa Claus bringing the gifts. These gifts are not placed on trees, but rather in stockings, and if gifts are expected, larger than can be placed in stockings, then pillow slips or bolsters are hung beside the stocking.

Mrs. Don Lytle, in presenting Christmas customs of her native France, said that the true spirit of Christmas was found in the church. She told of the nativity scenes found in French churches, and on the 6th (Continued on Page 7)

Churches Will Give Programs For Christmas

Observance In Nyssa To Include Caroling By Choirs

On Sunday the churches of Nyssa will join in special services for the birthday of the Christ Child. During the past two weeks many of the organizations of the churches have observed Christmas in their meetings, which will be climaxed in Sunday's services.

At the Nyssa Church of Christ, a pageant of "The Christmas Story" will be presented at 8 o'clock Friday evening. Special Christmas music has been arranged for the Sunday morning and Sunday evening services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church will have a Christmas service Sunday evening, opening with a worship service led by Rev. Crenshaw and concluding with a program presented by the Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. William Schreman, assisted by Mrs. Grant Rinehart, with a Santa Claus and treats for the members of the Sunday school. On Monday morning Christmas services will be held at the church with Rev. Crenshaw in charge of the service.

The L. D. S. first ward will present a Christmas program at Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sunday morning, with the Christmas story told in tableau with Mrs. Earl Bingham, Mrs. Ruth Bunn and George Stanger as readers. Special music will include "The Lord's Prayer" by Grant Evans, and "O Holy Night", sung by Mrs. J. E. Brower, Mrs. Walker Low and Mrs. Pearl Woodard. The congregation will also participate in the Christmas music. On Saturday evening the M. I. A. will go caroling, followed by a party at the church.

The Nyssa second ward will present a Christmas worship service Sunday morning at the regular Sunday school time. Joining in the presentation of the program will be the girls' chorus, readers, singers and children from the junior Sunday school.

The Nyssa second ward will have a Christmas program and party Saturday evening, beginning at 7:30. There will be special numbers and entertainment for the whole family, with a visit from Santa Claus. The program will be sponsored by the Sunday school and primary organizations.

A Christmas vesper candlelight service will be held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the departments of the Sunday school, concluding with white gifts of clothing for overseas. The program is entitled "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas Tonight". There will be special choir numbers at the morning service.

On Saturday evening the high school and older youths of the M. Y. F. will join in caroling, followed by a party.

The Catholic church a midnight mass will be held Sunday evening and mass at 9:30 Monday. On Friday evening there will be a party at the church for the children from the first through the eighth grades, with games, prizes and refreshments.

On Sunday morning at the Nazarene church, the junior department will give a Christmas program, beginning at 10 a. m. and treats will be given to all attending Sunday school. At 7:30, the young people will present a Christmas program.

On Saturday evening at the Assembly of God a Christmas program will be given by the Sunday school, with Christmas songs and recitations under the direction of Mrs. Don Hickey and Mrs. Carl Lassiter. There will be a Christmas tree and treats for the children.

At the Lutheran church, Rev. Carlson of Nampa will deliver the Christmas sermon. There will be special music at the morning service.

In Adrian the church school of the Free Methodist church will present a program of recitations, songs and playlets with Mrs. Bill Nelson in charge, followed by Christmas song and story, "The Town of Bethlehem" under the direction of Delbert Detienne.

Firemen Hold Party—

The Nyssa volunteer fire department held its annual Christmas party for members and their wives in the Morocco Monday night. A turkey dinner was served to 48 persons. Santa Claus gave a present to each woman. After the appearance of Santa Claus, the couples danced.

Building Permit Issued—

The first building permit issued in the city of Nyssa since October 30 was given to Roy Wild this week. Wild intends to convert a former church building into a residence at Second street and Ennis avenue.

75 BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

H. E. Collins was honored on his 75th birthday anniversary with a dinner given Sunday afternoon at the Doll House. Twenty-eight of his children and grandchildren were present for the occasion, among them the Floyd Collins family of Melba, the Fay Collins of Apple Valley and the Ralph Collins, Marcum Smith and Kenneth Hunter families of Boise.