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Rigneys Win In Home Lighting Xmas Contest

Co-op, Nyssa Insurance Co. Tie In Commercial Division

The Jesse Rigney home on 233 S. Seventh street was awarded first place this year in the fourth annual lighting contest sponsored by the Nyssa Civic club. Honorable mention went to the Desmond Jones home at 606 N. Third street.

The Farmers co-op and Nyssa Insurance agency tied for first place in the commercial division with honorable mention going to the Thompson Oil company.

Fourth street was named the street with the most outstanding displays, with honorable mention going to south Seventh street.

The Rigney home had a window depicting the town of Bethlehem under a star-filled sky, with the star of the east shining for the three wise men. The three life-sized figures of the wise men were placed on the lawn and lighted with a spotlight, which reflected their figures against the side of the house.

The Jones home portrayed three angel figures lighted above the bright lights of the porch. Some other interesting displays were those at the Eddie Powell home, the Sarazin home, and colorful light displays were found at the A. H. Boydell and Grant Rinehart homes.

A number of business places had interesting window displays. The co-op window displayed a tree, with Santa Claus figure, before gaily ribboned refrigerators in the background.

The Nyssa Insurance company window represented a winter scene with Santa and his sleigh coming through the air.

The Thampson Oil company window has been enjoyed by the many shoppers in town in the pre-Christmas shopping days. The two wondows had each pane filled with snow through which could be seen the lighted Christmas tree.

The interest of younger folks in the contest was manifest this year by the display at the Ormond Thomas home on 4th street, that features a large Santa figure lighted by a spotlight. The Santa figure had been made by young Dick Thomas. The Nyssa Insurance agency window was arranged by Sally Lawrence, junior high student and the Rigney display by Doris Rigney, a high school student.

Mrs. Harry Miner was general chairman of the lighting contest, and Mrs. Wilbur Holcomb, Mrs. Ralph Lawrence and Mrs. Don Engstrom members of the judging committee.

Wilson's Clinch First Half Title

CITY LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Wilson Bros.	5	0	1.000
Adrian Lions	5	1	.833
MIA 1st Ward	3	3	.500
Stunz Lumber Co.	2	3	.400
Brackens	2	4	.333
MIA 2nd Ward	1	4	.200
Aggies	1	4	.200

The Wilson brothers basketball team moved into sole possession of first place in the city basketball league during the last 10 days by defeating the Aggies and Adrian Lions in hard fought contests. Adrian Lions cinched second place with wins over Bracken's and MIA first ward. Adrian Lions have completed their first half schedule and could get a first place tie with Wilson Bros. if the MIA second ward could pull a surprise and defeat the Wilson brothers team in the final game Thursday night, December 28. At 7 o'clock the same night the Stunz Lumber company team will tangle with the Aggies to complete the schedule for the first half for both of these quintets.

Return From Washington—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eldridge returned Tuesday evening from Camas, Washington where they spent Christmas with their son, Don Eldridge and family. Bob Eldridge of San Francisco also visited in Camas over the holidays.

Visit In Boise—

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Renstrom spent Christmas in Boise with Mr. Renstrom's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Erwin, and family.

Visiting Relatives—

Mrs. Nera Canfield of Pocatello is visiting her sister, Mrs. Louise McGaven, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maughan.

Here From Unity—

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne McPheeters and baby of Unity visited Mr. McPheeters' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McPheeters, Saturday.

Will Visit Here—

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Morris of Rifle, Colorado are here for a visit at the home of their son, Orville.

Supervisor Visits—

Mrs. Edna Mink, supervisor in the deaf and blind school at Gooding, Idaho is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Nettie Simpson, over the holidays.

Stores Will Give Prizes For First '51 Hospital Baby

Five Nyssa stores will give prizes for the first baby born in 1951 in the Malheur Memorial hospital.

The firms are the three department stores, Golden Rule, Bracken's and Wilson Brothers, the Nyssa Pharmacy and the Owyhee Drug store.

The parents do not have to live in the state to benefit from the prizes, but the baby must be born in the Nyssa hospital.

The prizes will be displayed in the store windows of the participating firms.

Growers Of Parma Elect Director

At a district meeting of the Nyssa-Nampa Sugar Beet Growers association at Parma Tuesday afternoon, Don Stevens of Parma was re-elected as a director for 1951. The advisory committee for 1950 was also re-elected.

The Parma meeting was the first of a series of district gatherings to be sponsored by the association in this territory. Growers in the Oregon Trail, Nyssa, Luce and Kingman Kolony areas are meeting in the new Nyssa school building today. Other district meetings will be held in Malheur county and southwestern Idaho between now and January 5.

December Mail Business Large

The Nyssa post office is experiencing its largest December business in its history, according to figures compiled by Postmaster Lloyd Lewis Tuesday. The figures, including December 26 business, show an increase of 16 per cent over the same period for December, 1949. However, the previous two-months period were in the "red" in comparison to the figures for the same period last year and reduce the December quarter receipts to a mere three per cent increase over the December quarter of 1949.

The Christmas flood of mail, with its unequalled volume created on December 18 at the local office. Far more parcel post was dispatched on that date than on any other day in the history of the office. The letter and card cancellations, surpassing 15,000 in number, kept six dispatch clerks busy until midnight on that date.

The receipts for the year will show an increase of three per cent and will barely place the office in the top bracket of second class offices, with receipts of $33,000. Another $7000 in receipts or an increase of 21 per cent is required before the office is advanced to a first class rating.

"Our patrons should be commended for the manner in which they have co-operated with the post office department in actually mailing early enough to give the department time to get the mail to the addresses before Christmas", Lewis said. "This has been the case for the last two years and except for one or two days each season our crew has been able to cope with the rush with little delay and discomfort to the patrons.

"I should also like to take the opportunity to publicly commend the employes who through this last Christmas season have so effectively and efficiently handled the huge volume of mail that has passed through our office in the last two weeks. They have done an outstanding job and at the same time, with the co-operation of the public, we have substantially reduced the man-hours used this season".

Here From LaGrande—

Mrs. Maud Workman and three children of LaGrande arrived at the Leo Utter home or the Christmas holidays. The Chet Corfield children spent Chritmas day with their grandfather, Mr. Utter.

Here For Christmas—

Mrs. Emmett Warner of Klamath Falls spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rust of Nyssa.

Injured In Accident—

Rabert "Red" Wilson of Nyssa was given treatment in the Ontario hospital for injuries received in an automobile accident involving cars driven by Wilson and a youth named Chandler of Vale at Cairo junction early Wednesday morning. Wilson was dismissed from the hospital after treatment. Chandler was reported to have been more seriously hurt.

Visit In Vale—

Judge and Mrs. Don Graham spent Christmas eve at the home of Judge and Mrs. David Graham of Vale.

Visits In Boise—

Miss Jenny Eachus is visiting over the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Velta Bay of Boise.

Visit In Council—

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keltzheimer and family visited in Council with relatives Christmas.

To Salt Lake City—

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Beus and family left Monday for a week's visit in Salt Lake City.

Harley Tucker of Joseph (center) was in Nyssa recently to make arrangements with the Owyhee Riding club to furnish stock for the Nyssa rodeo, to be held during the summer. He is shown with Neil Dimmick, (right) chairman of the rodeo committee, and Loyd Adams, a member of the committee. Willis Bertram, another member of the rodeo committee, was not present for the picture.

Registration Of Aliens Required By United States

Post office officials have been asked to assist in addressing aliens who are required to register under the alien registration act of 1940.

The internal security act of 1950 requires any such alien who is residing in the United States on January 1, 1951 must report his current address to the commissioner, immigration and naturalization service, between January 1 and 10.

Post offices will participate in the program to the extent of distributing the cards on which reports are to be made, collecting the cards from aliens and forwarding the completed cards to the central office of the immigration and naturlization service.

Every non-citizen, except those who were admitted temporarily and whose period of admission has not yet expired and who have not violated any of the conditions of their admission, must submit an address report. Aliens required to report include the following classes: an alien permanently residing in the United State, an alien temporarily admitted to the United State who has overstayed the period of his admission or who has violated any of the conditions of his admission and an alien who, through violation of the immigration laws, is illegally in the United States.

Here From Salt Lake City—

Miss Lois Ann Pike of Salt Lake City arrived in Nyssa to spend the holidays with her father, Oscar Pike and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pike and family of Owyhee. They were Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Bybee, where places were laid for 10 guests.

Here For Holidays—

Holidays visitors at the home of Mrs. Frank Morgan were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Ballah, and son, Arthur, of Del Nord, Colorado, and Mrs. Morgan's sister, Miss Jeanette Calkins of San Francisco.

Here From Ashland—

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hollingsworth of Ashland, Oregon arrived last week to visit over the holidays at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Austin Hollingsworth. On Christmas day, the two families were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schonewald of Vale.

Delivers Christmas Baskets—

Mrs. Don Graham has reported that the American Legion auxiliary provide six baskets of food, clothing and toys for needy families in this vicinity.

Missionary Returns—

Don Fife, son of Mr. and Mrs. La Mont Fife, has returned from a mission in the northwest states and is visiting his parents over the holidays.

Visits Parents—

James Smiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smiley, is spending the holidays with his parents in Nyssa. He is employed by the bureau of reclamation in Ephrata, Washington.

Undergoes Operation—

C. M. Caldwell of Nyssa entered the Malheur Memorial hospital last Wednesday for a major operation.

Santa Visit And Sales Successful

Speakers reported at the weekly chamber of commerce luncheon Wednesday noon that the Christmas sales promotion and visits of Santa Claus during the last three weeks were outstanding successes. They based their remarks on the expressions of merchants and residents of the area generally.

Santa Claus made his third and last visit to Nyssa Saturday afternoon. He rode west on Main street on a hay-lift and with the assistance of his helpers and a group of carolers on a truck following scattered candy kisses to hundreds of youngsters and oldsters gathered for the occasion. More than 50 of the kisses contained certificates entitling the holders to 50 cents each in cash or merchandise when presented at the proper stores and 38 of the slips were cashed.

Santa Claus again went to the old gymnasium to meet the tiny tots and there distributed treats. The older children went to a free show at the Nyssa theater and also received treats. The entire Santa Claus program was sponsored by the Nyssa chamber of commerce and the Eagles lodge.

Ninteen persons claimed prizes in the sales promotion Saturday. Other persons received prizes from the merchants on the two previous Saturdays.

Strausbaughs Sue State Officials

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Strasbaugh of Nyssa have filed suit against officials of the state highway department, individually, and several bonding companies for $80,000 for alleged removal of gravel from land said to have been owned by the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs, represented by Clyde Snider of Nyssa, named as defendants Ben R. Chandler, highway commissioner; R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer and W. C. Williams, W. W. Stiffler, Edward Chidsey and Lloyd C. Johnson, all of the eastern division of the highway department, and 17 bonding companies.

Mr. and Mrs. Strasbaugh alleged in their complaint that employes of the state highway department removed a fence around a gravel pit and took several thousand yards of gravel from the property without permission of the owners.

The plaintiffs ask $55,000 compensatory damages and $25,000 punitive damages.

Visit In Nyssa—

Mr. and Mrs. Burnall Brown of Ogden were guests over Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Baer. Other guests at the Baer home were Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Brown and daughter of Oswego, who also visited at the home of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omer Dorman.

Here From Corvallis—

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Holman of Corvallis are visiting during the holidays with Mr. Holman's mother, Mrs. G. W. Pennie, and his sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Lewis and Mrs. Robert Wilson, and with Mrs. Holman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Anderson of Ontario.

Consideration Given Highway Work At Nyssa

Three projects Viewed At Request Of Chamber of Commerce

Representatives of the state highway department were in Nyssa last week to consider the installation of more storm drains on Main street, installing curbing along highway 20 within the city limits and eliminating a jog in highway 20 at Columbia avenue.

Several weeks ago the Nyssa chamber of commerce passed a resolution asking the state highway department to request the Malheur Home Telephone company to move the telephone poles situated south of Columbia avenue on the west side of the highway to the extreme western edge of the right-of-way and asking the highway department to straighten the highway south of Columbia avenue, thus eliminating the jog.

In a conference with Harold Henigson, secretary of the chamber of commerce, a state highway official said it would be necessary to acquire at least 12 feet of right-of-way on the west side of the highway if the jog were to be eliminated, and also said that inasmuch as the highway had been widened at this point by the laying of gravel on the east side of the highway, any change to be made now would be costly to the state. However, the official said the department would consider the request for removal of the poles and would advise the chamber further.

Asked about the proposed curbing along the highway from Main street to the north city limits, the state official said he had looked at the property between these points and advised that the highway department was seriously considering the project.

Henigson mentioned the poor drainage on Main street between Second and Fifth streets, due to improper grading and was told that it might be necessary for the state to install one or two catch basins in the low spots. The visitor said he would report the matter to the proper officials.

Watch Service Is Planned By Church

On Sunday evening, December 31, a special New Year's eve watch service will be held in the Nyssa Church of Christ, Fifth street and Ennis avenue. A four-hour service, beginning at 8 o'clock and closing at midnight, with changing features for each hour will characterize this service which is sponsored by two of the young peoples Sunday school classes, taught by Mrs. Elmer Hill and Mrs. Austin J. Hollingsworth.

The first hour will be directed by the regular worship group with emphases on singing of old hymns and a sermon by the pastor, Rev. Austin J. Hollingsworth. Other features of the program will consist of devotional preparations, recreation, a film strip and refreshments and concluding with a candle light communion service. The sound film chosen is entitled "Kenji Comes Home", which pictures the struggle of Christianity and democracy with communion for the youth of post war Japan. This film was produced by the Protestant film commission. "Kenji", symbol of Japanese young manhood, returns from the war to find his home destroyed, his family gone. He falls in love with "Aki", a Christian girl and through her influence he secures new ideals and educational standards showing what true religion stands for. Although the picture attempts no fixed solution, it does stimulate deeper thinking on the values involved in the clash between democracy and totalitarism in the world today, Rev. Hollingsworth said. This New Year's night service is planned for the whole family. The public is invited to attend.

Move To Los Angeles—

Mr. and Mrs. William Ceci and family have moved to Los Angeles, where Mr. Cecil will be employed in mer Virginia Smiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smiley of Nyssa.

Architects Visit—

Graham B. Smith, Eugene architect, and his associate, James Reinell, were here last week to inspect the new addition to the school building, for which they were architects. They said a few "odds and ends" remains to be attended to by the contractors, J. H. Wise and Son.

Belgian Pilot Visits—

Mr. and Mrs. James Jewell of New Plymouth and their guest, Andre Nil of Belgium, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Schmelzer. Nil is an exchange Belgian air force student stationed at Lowrey field, Denver.

Here From Salt Lake—

John Rudelick of Salt Lake City is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Findling.

To Glenns Ferry—

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Robertson and Carol Ann visited over Christmas with relatives at Glenns Ferry, Idaho.

Locating C Of C President Almost Baffles State Men

Despite absences, red tape and other conditions created by local legal minds and their employes and Nyssa chamber of commerce officials and ex-officials, the Christmas trees on Main street have been removed and the state highway department is in the process of being satisfied.

State highway officials said last Thursday that the Christmas trees on Main street would have to be removed. They also said the chamber of commerce, which sponsored erection of the trees, would have to write to the state highway department for permission to erect trees which were already erected, sign an affidavit assuming responsibility for any accidents and furnish a liability bond.

The state officials were notified that Clyde Snider was president of the chamber of commerce, but were informed by Mr. Snider's secretary that he had been acting president, but was no longer serving in that capacity. She referred them to Harold Henigson, the chamber secretary who was acting as president because of the resignation of President James Leslie, the decision of Mr. Snider not to seek election as president and the absence of the president-elect, Thomas G. Jones, from the state. Mr. Henigson was also out of his office when the officials called, but his secretary informed them that Bernard Frost was in charge of erecting the trees.

Mr. Frost told the officials that he was not the boss of the tree job; that he was only doing what he was told to do by the chamber officials. By that time they told Frost what the chamber could do and he told Henigson, the attorney-secretary, who did not quite understand the power company manager's explanation of a legal question, and decided to write to the highway department to learn more about the details. Although still awaiting an answer from the highway department, Frost and his committee and city employes removed the Christmas trees Tuesday morning.

Bulldogs Again Split Two Games

The Nyssa high school Bulldogs came through another week with a victory and a defeat in basketball competition.

The Bulldogs nosed out Middleton high school by a score of 41 to 39 last Friday night in the most exciting game of the season on the local floor. The Bulldogs won in an overtime period after tying the count at 38 to 38 seconds before the end of the contest.

The Vikings took a lead at the opening of the contest and maintained a margin until well into the final quarter, when the Bulldogs caught up by virtue of endurance. The score at half time was 25 to 22 and at the end of the third quarter, 36 to 30. With half a minute to play, Pounds tied the score on a foul shot. Phil Wilson attempted two foul shots, but missed them both so that the game went into an overtime period.

In the three-minute session, Mitchell made a field goal to push the Bulldogs ahead 40 to 38 and Dick Wilson converted a foul shot. Matsumoto increased the Vikings' count to 39 on a foul conversion.

In the frosh-soph game, the Bulldogs swamped the visitors by a score of 55 to 31.

In a rough game at Nampa, the Bulldogs lost to the freshman team of the Northwest Nazarene college Tuesday night by a score of 43 to 28. The college boys led throughout the contest. Holcomb and Bowen did most of the scoring for Nyssa.

The Bulldogs will play their next three games away from home. They will mett Vale Tuesday, January 2, Parma January 5 and Meridian January 6.

4-H Club Meets—

The Arcadia Livestock 4-H club met at the home of the leader, Parley Feik for its first meeting December 14. Officers of the club are Virginia Corn, president; Duane Drydale, vice president; Catherine Coleman, secretary-treasurer,; Gale Coleman, song leader; Garth Olsen, yell leader, and Marilyn White, reporter. The next meeting will be held January 11 at the home of Virginia Corn.

To Nampa—

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Paulus spent Christmas eve and Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Paulus' sister, and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Blanksma in Nampa, where a family get-together was held.

Leaves For California—

Mrs. Hilda Tensen left Friday for a visit over the holidays with her Daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Bothamley and family in the San Fernando valley.

Here From Washington—

Deane and Don Sutherland, John Bozman and Bill Imes of Winthrop, Washington are visiting this week at the Wilbur Holcomb home.

Klamath Falls Visitors Here—

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garrison and Leonard, Carolyn and David are visiting over the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrison.

Baseball Team Is Honored For Sportsmanship

Frost And Patch Talk At Dinner Given By Nyssa Chamber

The theme of sportsmanship was the key to the tribute paid to the members of the 1950 Nyssa baseball team at a dinner meeting held in the Morocco dining room under the auspices of the Nyssa chamber of commerce Wednesday night.

Toastmaster Hamilton Chadderdon welcomed the players on behalf of the chamber of commerce and then introduced Reed Ray, who played two accordian numbers, "Lady of Spain" and "Dark Eyes". Mr. Chadderdon also presented Calvin Wilson, co-manager of the team.

Dennis Patch, principal of the Nyssa high school, said "This is a nice occasion to recognize and pay tribute to the town team that represented Nyssa last season. The players are young enough that a good share of them will be back next year, unless world conditions prevent.

"We are sometimes prone to overlook the things that make an organization click", said the speaker, who named some of the men who helped with transportation of the players and assisted in other ways. Mr. Patch said the men were never paid for their time and gasoline, but expressed the opinion that the community appreciated their efforts. Others also helped to make the club function. The speaker mentioned Ed Frost, who managed the team early in the season; Maurice Glover and Calvin Wilson, who were named co-manager upon the resignation of Frost and Howard Lovejoy, who managed the team for two or three weeks.

"The club gave a good account of themselves", the speaker said. "Their playing was more interesting than some we have had. We hope we continue to have a strictly local team. We congratulate each player for the work he did for the Nyssa community".

Bernard Frost said "This is the first meeting of this kind, but I hope there will be more. We of the chamber of commerce are trying to express our appreciation for the reputation and goodwill you boys have given us. One man on the team can hurt the town and give it a bad reputation. You boys have come up through our schools under the influence of good sportsmanship. I think Howard Lovejoy is entitled to a lot of credit for handling the boys. He has taught you sportsmanship comes first. Athletics are not only for entertinment, but to each boys how to act in various walks of life".

Mr. Frost cited the sportsmanship of Joe Louis and Joe DiMaggio, who are liked not only because of being winners, but because of their sportsmanship.

"We sponsor a baseball club because of our interest in sports. We certainly appreciate what you have done", Frost concluded.

After the talks Darreld Steinke showed motion pictures to the group.

Teachers Leave On Xmas Visits

Several members of the Nyssa faculty left last week to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in other cities. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartley and sons spent Christmas with Mrs. Hartley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Grant of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Cox will visit Mr. Cox's parents at Landers, Wyoming; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Laurance and sons are visiting relatives at Preston, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lovejoy went to Idaho Falls to spend Christmas with Mrs. Lovejoy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stoddard, where a family reunion was held; Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Wilson are visiting relatives at Elgin and at Adams, Oregon; Miss Olive Goodman and Mrs. Marie Rawlings are visiting at Twin Falls; Miss Lois White is visiting her parents at Prosser, Washington and Miss Emma Zwemke is visiting at the home of her brother in Salem.

Christmas Baby Arrives—

One "Christmas" baby was born at the Malheur Memorial hospital December 25. The child, a girl, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hyland of route 1, Vale. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orley P. Smith of route 2, Parma, December 21, and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Messick, Boise, December 27.

To Prairie City—

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hale spent the holidays at the home of Mr. Hale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Hale of Prairie City.

Relatives Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wieneke of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. John Wehlitz of Pendleton and N. L. Kimball of Weiser have been holidays visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wieneke.

Daughters Visit—

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berry and family of Mountain Home and Mr. and Mrs. David Johnasen of La Grande are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Towne.