

Days Gone By in Nyssa Community

From the Journal Files

10 Years Ago—July 27, 1944

Malheur county topped its quota in the 5th war loan drive by more than \$14,000 according to Joe Dyer of Ontario, Malheur county chairman. — The Nyssa Lions club voted to buy the Nyssa nursing home from Mrs. Bessie McIntosh. The Lions club will operate the nursing home for the benefit of the community. The club is buying the equipment and business but is not purchasing the building. — Local residents completed organization of a Missionary Baptist church in Nyssa with 15 charter members. O. N. Opsund was called as pastor, Joe Woodward elected secretary and Mrs. Sager treasurer. — Dewey Ray of the Newell Heights vicinity is recovering after suffering cuts and bruises when a tractor wheel ran over him when he accidentally fell in front of the machine. — The Nyssa schools will be opened August 28, Supt. Henry Hartley announced. Employment of the faculty for both the Nyssa grade school and high school has been completed.

15 Years Ago—July 27, 1939

A fire destroyed 175 tons of hay on the Drue Anderson ranch. The E. A. Wimp home just across the road from the fire was in danger of being ignited. Fire Chief Schireman of Nyssa gathered a group of volunteer firemen who wet the house down with a bucket brigade. The fire fighting equipment had to be left in Nyssa due to a ruling affecting insurance protection if the equipment is taken outside the city limits. — Ed Wilde one of the bidders, bought the two room school building from school district No. 26 for \$127. — The Nyssa troop of Girl Scouts left for their annual encampment at Payette Lakes with their leader, Mrs. Grant Rinehart and her assistants, Mrs. Dick Tensen, Miss Katherine Olsen, Miss Vera Jensen and Mrs. Nusser. The troop will remain until Monday when the Kingman Girl Scouts under the leadership of Mrs. Maurice Judd will take over the camp. — High school superintendent James Bushong of Imbler has rented one of the Kelly houses and will move his family soon.

While the children of Russell Talbot and Alvon McGinnis were enjoying a ride in their horse drawn carts the horses became frightened and ran away. Albert McGinnis received painful head injuries and Buster Talbot a badly twisted wrist. — While working on an automobile at the Fox cabins and market, E. M. Spencer received serious burns when a can of gasoline near him exploded.

25 Years Ago—July 26, 1929

Usually it is the big fish that gets away but Aden Wilson sent the fish home to prove his good luck. He sent a box of speckled beauties to Barney Wilson from the Deschutes river, among them was a 22 inch, 4½ pound trout. — Ground was broke this week for Dr. Sarazin for a new residence on the corner of Fourth street and Park avenue. The building will cost about \$7000 and will be modern throughout. — The lack of a natorium does not discourage the Nyssites when it comes to swimming. The Shoestring canal has been a popular retreat from the heat. The more

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daring enjoy swimming in the Snake river. — E. T. McDonald and family of Morfa, Texas are in Nyssa looking over the country with a view of locating here. Mr. McDonald thinks he can interest a number of families in Owyhee project lands.

30 Years Ago—July 25, 1924

Quite a bit of excitement was caused when a large haystack on the Zimmerman ranch was fired by spontaneous combustion, on account of the hay having been stacked while damp. About 30 men assembled to help fight the fire, the bulk of the hay was saved. — Government engineers were in town the end of the week making arrangements to have machinery taken to the Hole-in-the-Ground for the purpose of drilling new test holes on the proposed damsite for the proposed project. — George Schweizer is handling the rural mail route while Artie Robertson is taking his vacation. — O. E. Knottingham, Malheur county predatory hunter, took 5 bob cats and 9 adult coyotes during June. — A camping party composed of J. P. Baxter and family, Nellie DeVries and the Art Cook family are on a trip in the mountains of Baker county. They plan to proceed to the Blue Mountains by saddle horses.

35 Years Ago—July 25, 1919

Owing to the shortage of water from an exceptionally dry year the state water master has taken charge of the water distribution of the Owyhee ditch, and A. L. Sproul of Ontario has been appointed as deputy to manage the water supply. A system of rotating the water has been inaugurated and the water is being measured out to all land holders under the big ditch. — W. G. Jenkins sold his 200 acre ranch northwest of Nyssa, to Pete Tensen for a consideration of \$40,000. — Harvey Sackett and sister Blanche of Nyssa, moved to their homestead near Chalk Butte. Miss Sackett will hold down the homestead and Mr. Sackett will spend as much time there as his business interests in town permit. — Dwight Smith who has been in the service for Uncle Sam overseas for many months, was met at the Nyssa depot by a large crowd of friends and relatives. He was seen on the streets of Nyssa this week driving a new Essex.

40 Years Ago—July 23, 1914

W. L. Blodgett has sold his many interests in this section and will depart for the coast. He sold his real estate and insurance to J. Boydell, the moving picture theater to Arthur Boydell and a 120-acre ranch to John Ennis of Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Bessie Boydell is the new owner of the Blodgett candy and refreshment store. — Arthur Boydell left for San Diego, Calif., to take charge of the books of a railroad construction company to be gone several years. He is a regular employee of the firm. — C. C. Forbes has completely remodeled the Star rooming house, which was damaged by fire last spring. — Willie Schweizer is the proud owner of a new top buggy and harness recently shipped from Seattle. It is one of the classiest up-to-date buggies ever seen in Nyssa. — H. F. Brown has established residence on his homestead claim just above the Shoestring ditch four miles west of Nyssa.

Remember When . . . ?



THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO Nyssa's residential section looked like this, as seen from the south water tower. The crossing in the center of the picture is Main street where it is intersected by what is now Fourth street that leads north to the rural area. The dwelling, sitting back from Main, is Dr. J. J. Sarazin's home and office and was located approximately where the Sarazin Clinic is

now. Back of the house is Dr. Sarazin's stable where he kept his horse, frequently called on any hour of the day or night to make hurried calls many miles out in the country. On the left is the former Methodist church where the Signal Station is now located and the old Presbyterian church with the bell tower was rebuilt into what is now the Eagles hall. The Bennett apartments were among

the few dwellings back in 1916 and the home now owned by Dr. L. A. Maulding was one of the few on North Fourth street. In the immediate foreground, to the right, can be seen the old Wilson ditch about where Second street is located, which was not deep enough to carry off early spring water and occasionally resulted in flood conditions. Picture from the collections of Bob Thompson.

Buena Vista

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stephen entertained at a luncheon Monday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Art Norland and family and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephen and family. Mrs. Martha Norland and Raymond of Parma called later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and Lucille and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Simpson and Klair drove to Black Canyon dam, Emmett and Ola Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff visited with Mrs. Jennie Goodell in Caldwell Saturday while enroute home from Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Adams were Saturday evening dinner guests at the home of Jim Jamieson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Day of Adrian called at the Howard Day home Sunday afternoon.

Nancy Nesbitt was an overnight guest at the Alva Goodell home one evening last week.

Mrs. Leslie Topliff and Mrs. James Stephen, Jr., attended a WSCS meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Paul Penrod in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell were overnight guests Thursday at the Henry Estick home in Meridian. The group attended the Nampa rodeo.

Those attending the Chatter Box club picnic Sunday from this community were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Topliff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Simpson and Klair, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and Lucille, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell, Alva Goodell, Jr., and Nancy Nesbitt.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. John Strickland and Roberta, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stephen and Axel and Gladys, Stephen picnicked at the Nampa park and later attended the rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tanner and family attended a picnic dinner at the Ted Frahn home near Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell, Mr.

VISIT FROM IDAHO

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Moncur of Rupert are visiting in Nyssa with their sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Moncur and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moncur.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff, Mr. and Mrs. Fern Runcorn and Mr. and Mrs. George Cleaver attended a card party Saturday evening at the Oregon Trail hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleaver are at Hermiston with the Orr family, following the drowning of Ray Orr two weeks ago. His body had not been found early this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleaver returned Thursday from Madras where they visited at the Harold Fivecoat home. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis and family. The women are sisters. Cheryl Cleaver is visiting at the Charlie Davis home.

Mrs. Jim Ritchie, Garnet and Sandra, and Claudette Day called at the Ben Hartley home Sunday afternoon.

Hubert Parker, who is in the service, has a 30-day furlough and visited Sunday at the George Cleaver home. He will be stationed in California when he returns to duty.

Mrs. John Bowen and Mrs. Catherine Bohaman called at the La Vern Cleaver home Friday.

Nita Niccum spent Thursday at the Glenn Hoffman home. That evening Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, Glenda and Nita attended the show.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day and family of Adrian spent Sunday afternoon at the S. B. Hoffman home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ritchie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Day and Sandra, Mrs. James O. Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. La Vern Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Topliff and family were among those who attended the Nampa rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Stephen entertained for Cathy's first birthday at the Howard Day home. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Stephen, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. James Stephen, Jr., Larry and Ronnie. Refreshments were served.

Elizabeth Goodell of Emmett called at the Leslie Topliff home Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cleaver and family went swimming at Vale Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams called at the Loyd Adams home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver were Sunday evening dinner guests at the George Cleaver home.

Alva Goodell, Jr., and Nancy Nesbitt were dinner guests Sunday at the Clifford Harris home near Ontario.

Burning Permits For Range Land Issued At Vale

Maxwell T. Lieurance, district range manager of the Vale-Jordan Grazing district, announced at Vale that he is now empowered to issue burning permits for either federal or private lands inside the boundary of the grazing district.

State Forester George Spaur recently granted authority to all Bureau of Land Management district range managers in Oregon to issue burning permits on land protected by the BLM. Under state law, the range managers can issue a written burning permit for as much as ten days when in his judgment it is safe to burn material on any specific area. The state policy is, however, to limit the duration of permits to three days.

When the range manager is sufficiently acquainted with hazards and general conditions on an area he can, if he feels that it is safe to do so, give verbal permission by telephone to burn debris. This verbal permit would be followed immediately by a written permit which would be mailed to the applicant and which would contain the same stipulations and restrictions included in the verbal permission. Requests for burning permits which are not considered safe because of critical hazards, the need for fire lines or special equipment will be withheld until the burning can be done safely.

Persons who burn debris or ground cover of any kind are responsible for the damage caused the property of another by the fire and for any fire fighting cost which may result because of the burning. Burning permits are re-

Police Arrest 38 Offenders in June

Nyssa police made 38 arrests during June, according to Chief of Police E. L. Hansen's monthly report to the city council. During the 30-day period, \$402 in fines were collected and 117 man days were served in jail.

Of the arrests made, 18 were for public intoxication, three for public intoxication and accompanying charges, eight for traffic violations and the remainder for miscellaneous offenses.

quired by state law during the closed fire season which begins on April 1 of each year and extends to December 31, unless opened earlier by proclamation from the governor.

Appointment of the range managers as fire wardens was made for a threefold purpose: (1) service to the people living in the BLM grazing districts, (2) to prevent unauthorized and dangerous burning, and (3) to empower the BLM by state law to fight fire on any land within the grazing districts. Lieurance pointed out that any burning during the closed fire season without a written burning permit if done within one-eighth of a mile of any forest, brush, woodland, slash or land clearing debris is a violation of section 477.152 of the Oregon Forest laws. The range manager further said that any burning which escapes and causes injury to the property of another is prima facie evidence that the burning was not safe and is a violation of the section.

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Scout Troop 454 Has Swimming Party

The Boy Scouts of Nyssa troop 454, sponsored by the Nyssa Eagles lodge, enjoyed a swimming party last Thursday at the Ontario pool.

Transportation to Ontario and back was provided by Scoutmaster Bob Toombs and Gerald Cox. Those scouts who attended Roger Bergam, Jimmy Ostrom, Gary Toombs, Ronald Witty, Larry Cox, and Jack Meyers.

GUESTS OF HANEYS

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kern and family of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Ida M. Kern of Riverside, Calif., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burton C. Haney here last week.

They left Nyssa last Sunday after a two weeks stay at the Haney home.

Shortly Brandt and Sam Phillips went to Oravada, Nev., Friday on business.

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