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Days Gone By in Nyssa Community

From the Journal Files

10 Years Ago—Nov. 22, 1945

Plans have been announced for the establishment of a freight depot in Adrian by Union Pacific railroad officials. . . . The Harris-Voeller Theater company, operator of the Nyssa theater, has purchased six lots in block 9 at Second and Main for construction of a new theater building. O. A. Wells, manager announced. . . . Idaho Power Co., has purchased the electric power plant and lines of the Jordan Valley Cooperative Inc. . . . Dr. K. E. Kerby was elected president of the staff of the Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario at their monthly meeting.

15 Years Ago—Nov. 21, 1940

J. N. Jennings, Nyssa farmer took sweepstakes honor at the Malheur county corn show held last week in Nyssa. All prizes were donated by the Nyssa chamber of Commerce. . . . Lawrence Peutz, 23, son of Wm. Peutz, Nyssa, holds the honor of being the first man under the selective draft to have volunteered for service in the county. . . . A. W. Howell acted as the hand of fate this week as he reached into a hat, into which the names of J. C. Olsen and A. C. Sallee who tied for Nyssa's mayor, were placed and withdrew the name of Olsen, thus breaking the tie of 277 votes each.

20 Years Ago—Nov. 21, 1935

W. W. Lytle, state veterinarian was in Malheur county last week investigating loss of hogs by cholera. . . . Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McLing who operated the Journal for over four years left for Emmett to operate a farm. Berwyn Burke is the present publisher. . . . Kenneth Miller, secretary of the National Reclamation association, received a fine watch

in appreciation of service well done. . . . 102 elk were checked out at the La Grande checking station. Two of the largest elk ever brought into Nyssa were bagged by Ray Emmott and Dewey Ray. Many other Nyssa hunters returned with elk.

30 Years Ago—Nov. 20, 1925

C. E. Dixon and family arrived in Nyssa Wednesday evening and are living at the Al Green property. He is third truck operator at the OSL depot. . . . Pearl Bingham had his hand severely injured while leading a horse behind a car. The rope became wrapped around his hand when the animal jerked. . . . The PTA met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kerr of the Owyhee section and elected Mrs. Ace Schweizer, Mrs. Wm. Peutz and Miss Pauline Stewart as delegates to the county council to be held at Valley View.

35 Years Ago—Nov. 19, 1920

The first unit of the Black canyon irrigation project is underway. Surveyors of the reclamation service are at work on the Payette river and lands within the district. 9000 acres will have water delivered for crops next year. . . . Earl and Frank Ward are engaged in repairing what is known as the Red Butte road, direct from Nigger Rock to Owyhee. The money for improvement amounting to \$400, was donated by Nyssa business men. . . . George Reed purchased 80-acres in Kingman Colony from George O. Smith for \$8000. Mr. Reed will build a house at once.

Visit In Boise

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gooch spent the weekend in Boise visiting with Mrs. Gooch's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Winard and family.

Fehlman, Montoya In AFB Training

Glenn E. Fehlman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Fehlman, Sr. of Nyssa, route 1 and Miguel Montoya, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Montoya of 813 Ehrgood Ave., Nyssa are enrolled in basic military training with the U. S. Air Force at Parks AFB, Calif.

Fehlman is serving with Flight 360, 3275th squadron and Montoya is with flight 348, 3281st squadron, 3275th basic military training group.

Upon completion of this 54-day basic training the men will either be sent to one of the numerous Air Force technical or administrative training schools in the U. S. or be assigned duty at an Air Force base where their particular skill is needed.

Fehlman entered the Air Force Oct. 12 and Montoya on Oct. 3 this year. They attended Adrian Union high school and Nyssa high school respectively.

Karl Boog Completes Commun. Course

Cpl. Karl W. Boog, nephew of Henry C. Bliefernich, 381 S. Oregon St., Ontario, recently was graduated from the communications supervisor course "at the Armored School, Fort Knox, Ky.

Training in general communications subjects, communications procedures and security, field engineering and instructor techniques were included in the course.

Boog entered the Army in October, 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Mrs. Clara M. Ross of Lenox, Iowa arrived in Nyssa Wednesday evening of last week to spend the winter with her daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Vane Rusco and children of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. John Goddard, Sr. of Notus.

Youth Leadership Contest Underway

The Elks' annual search for the nation's outstanding young leaders is underway. In charge of the local contest is Jay A. Phillips, chairman of Ontario's Elks, Lodges' Youth activities committee. Entry blanks, and the rules for the contest will be distributed to the high schools in this area, by the chairman. The outstanding students in leadership will be selected by the faculty to represent their school.

Hugh Smith, exalted ruler of Ontario Elks' Lodge No. 1690, announced today that the deadline for filing entries in the Elks' National Youth Leadership Contest is February 1, 1956. The contest, open to boys and girls under 19 years of age, gives recognition to youngsters who have distinguished themselves as leaders. While the emphasis is on leadership, entrants are also judged on citizenship, appreciation; perseverance and resourcefulness and sense of honor.

The boy and girl selected as the outstanding leaders of this community will be entered in the state contest conducted by the Oregon State Elks' association. Winners there will represent Oregon in the national contest.

Smith said that the lodge will award the following prizes to winners in the local contest: \$50 to each boy and girl winner, and \$25 to each entrant. The state awards are: \$100 to each boy and girl winner. National awards, identical for boys and girls, are \$1000 in U. S. defense bonds for first prize; \$500 in bonds for second and \$300 in bonds for third prize.

The contest is sponsored by the Youth Activities committee of the Grand Lodge of Elks. Dewey E. S. Kuhns of Charleston, W. Va. is Chairman of the Leadership Contest.

R. Batt Home Prior To Far East Duty

Pvt. 2 Robert Batt left Wednesday night to return to Fort Lewis, Wash., after spending a 15-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Batt of Nyssa. He has been advised that he will be sent to the Far East for duty with the U. S. Army in the near future.

Pvt. Batt graduated Aug. 12 from a teletype school in Georgia after a five and one-half months' course.

A graduate of Adrian high

Floyd V. Hershey Passes at Nyssa Home Fri. Morn

Services were conducted at Lienkaemper's chapel Monday afternoon for Floyd Victor Hershey, 57 who died early Friday morning at his home in Nyssa following a long illness. The Rev. Paul Ludlow officiated with interment in Nyssa cemetery.

school in 1953 he entered the service Dec. 8, 1954.

Mr. Hershey was born Feb. 2, 1898 in Pullman, Wash. and moved to Kansas at the age of five where he resided until coming to Nyssa in 1936. In 1945 he purchased a farm near New Plymouth which he operated until retiring last spring. Mr. and Mrs. Hershey moved back to Nyssa six months ago to make their home.

He is a veteran of World War I, a member of the American Legion and the Methodist church at Nyssa.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie, one son, Robert of Nyssa and four sisters including Mrs. Myrtle Larson of Rupert, Ida.

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