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Planning for the Future

The economic future of Nyssa and the surrounding community is a bright light among the shadows of gloom being cast throughout the northwest and the nation during this presidential election year. While the prophets of despair and chaos are gazing into their smoke-tinted crystal balls, those with a more optimistic outlook are looking ahead 10 or 15 years in their planning for this area.

It must always be considered that Nyssa itself is a comparatively new town, having not even reached its adolescence until the mid-30s when the Owyhee project came into being and Amalgamated built the world's largest beet sugar factory here. The area is still feeling the beneficial aspects of a new irrigation project that has just come into its own since the second world war.

Nyssa was among the top seven cities in Oregon in the amount of increased retail sales between 1948 and 1954; an increase of 41.3, to be exact, while Ontario showed an increase of 4 percent for the same period. Mail patrons, electric users and water users are on the increase, all indicating a slow, steady growth.

In such a community you find younger people than in the average urban or rural area and these young families account for greater than average number of children per family unit. The Nyssa school district has the largest number of children per 1000 population of any district in the state.

Where you find well-cared for children you will find prosperity—not necessarily riches—but an abundance of the better things like good schools, good roads, good churches and everything that points to a progressive attitude. These larger family units buy more of the every day needs as well as more cars and almost everything else obtainable in a small town.

Because the town and the community are young, they have not been thoroughly developed insofar as retail trading habits are concerned even though these habits have a strong influence upon all economic conditions in the entire community. The "youthfulness" of the town and its supporting rural communities is in line with the fact that there are 40 percent more rural residents within shopping distance of Nyssa than there are in the immediate vicinity of any of the other four major towns north of here.

It must be acknowledged that farm prices are now low, too low, in fact for comfort of farmers or townspeople, but it must also be conceded that the decline is probably less noticeable here than in most other agricultural communities. Here farming is so diversified that sugar beets, hay, dairy products and numerous other crops that have maintained price demands of previous years are lending stability where low-priced potatoes, cattle and grain have been cause for apprehension.

Looking into the future again, the Amalgamated Sugar Co. is about ready to announce new uses of its refined product to take care of increasing yields, higher sugar content and possibly more acreage. Natural gas will be a reality next fall and more and more eyes and thoughts are turning to the sparsely populated areas.

The above facts are being recognized and acted upon by local people who have their future in this community. It's gratifying to see the interest being shown in this area's potential, but it's even more satisfying to see sensible studies being made and limited financial involvements rather than the boom or bust that raised havoc with many a community a couple of generations ago.

Nyssa Churches Plan World Day Prayer Feb. 17

Millions of Christians around the globe are joining in the annual "World Day of Prayer" services Friday, Feb. 17 dedicated to world peace and understanding. For the Nyssa community prayer services will be conducted at the Owyhee LDS church beginning at 2 p.m. with representatives of churches throughout the area co-operating in plans and preparations.

Mrs. Mark Hartley of the Owyhee ward is serving as temporary chairman in the absence of Mrs. Ronald Batt who was called to the East by family illness. Other women serving on the planning committee and the churches they represent are Mrs. K. A. Danford, Faith Lutheran; Mrs. Paul Penrod, Methodist; Mrs. Elvin Ballou, Christian Church; Mrs. Amy Findling, Assembly of God; Mrs. M. L. Kurtz, Adrian Presbyterian; Mrs. Ralph Lawrence, St. Paul's Episcopal; Mrs. Don Wilson, Nazarene; Mrs. Carl Lassiter, Full Gospel church and Mrs. Carl Burningham, Nyssa LDS wards. The group met at the home of Mrs. Danford Wednesday afternoon to formulate details for the special services.

World Day of Prayer which was begun by a small group of U. S. women 70 years ago will be observed in more than 20,000 U. S. communities and in more than 134 other countries on almost every continent and island around the globe, February 17.

At services circling the earth for more than 24 hours, people of all ages and races will pray in more than a thousand languages and dialects for understanding among the nations of the world. With their prayers will go offerings of money and material goods to help relieve human need and suffering wherever it exists. In the U.S. alone last year, World Day of Prayer offerings provided more than \$460,938 for cooperative Christian ministries in health, education and welfare at home and abroad.

Sponsored in the U.S. by United Church Women, a general department of the National council of churches, the program this year has been written by American Indian leaders from Cook Training school in Phoenix, Ariz., with the theme, "one flock, one shepherd."

Christian Church Notes

Sunday school, 9:45-11 a. m.
Worship service, 11:00-12:00 a. m. Rev. Earl Hastings, minister. Sermon entitled, "What is Evangelism."

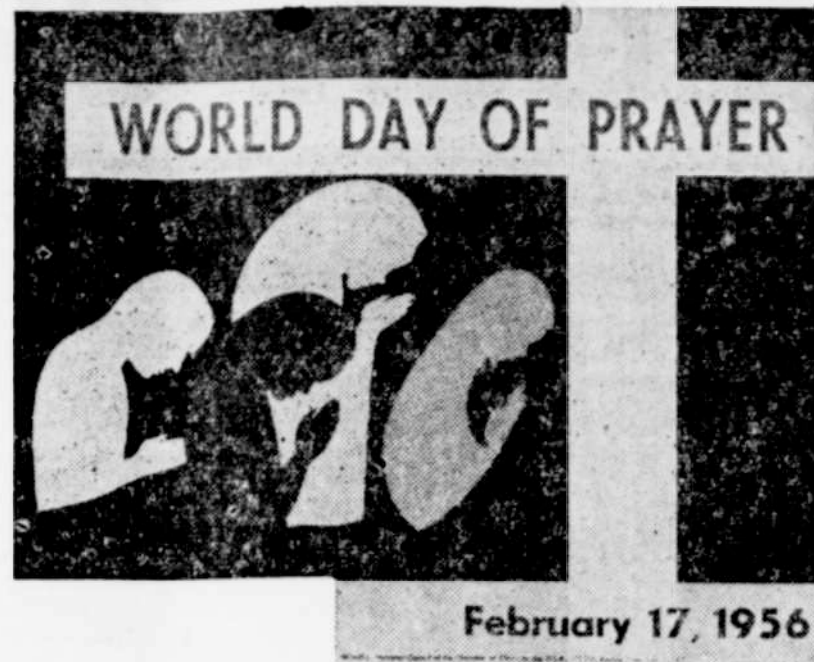
Sermon, "The Hearing Ear." Evening service, 8:00 p. m.

CYF meets 7:00 p. m. each Sunday evening. All young people welcome to come and join in the question and answer study hour. Subject for Sunday Feb. 12, "The Meaning of Baptism."

Bible study for everyone at 7:00 p. m. every Wednesday evening. Choir practice follows at 8:00 p. m.

Womens fellowship meets Thursday, Feb. 9, 2:00 p. m. at the church.

The Come Double class will hold their monthly discussion at the home of Elvin Ballou Friday, Feb. 10, 8:00 p. m.



Owyhee Community Church News

Thought of the week:
Even a fish would keep out of considerable trouble by keeping its mouth shut. A loose tongue may get its owner into a tight place.

Following the supper in the church basement on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, five women and men of the adult class will participate in a Bible quiz. The questions are based on Joshua the 2nd through the 7th chapter. Those competing in the contest are: Blanche Perkins, Betty Nielsen, Millie Robb, Marjorie Chapin, Clara Corfield, Homer Whitman, Ken Lorensen, Charles Chapin, Andrew Ekanger and Harold Dail. The questions for the quiz were made up by Mrs. Cooper and Rev. Himple.

Prayer meeting and Bible study will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Boselly of the Owyhee Corners.

Women's Missionary meeting of the church met at the home of Mrs. Otis Bullard in the Arcadia district, on Tuesday afternoon.

The church wishes to extend its sympathy to Mrs. James Stephen, Sr., and family on the recent passing of Mr. Stephen.

On Monday evening the young people will have a progressive dinner party. All the young people are asked to meet at the church at 7:15, be sure and be on time.

On Tuesday evening the church board will meet at the home of Homer Whitman, Jr., at 8 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening there will be a meeting of all the Sunday School teachers at the church parsonage. Don't forget this important meeting and be sure to bring your teaching material and a sample of your class material.

Episcopal Church News

"O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

Note this change for this month: Holy Communion will be presented this coming Sunday, Feb. 11, at 11:00 a. m. with the Rev. Wayne Metz as celebrant. A conflict calls for the change to this week instead of next.

Mr. Wm. Schireman and Mr. A. C. Sallee were elected to three year terms on the Bishop's committee at the parish meeting held last Wednesday evening. Mr. Ralph Lawrence was appointed Warden and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson as Chm. of teachers of the Church School.

Couples' Club will meet next Wednesday evening at the church at 7:00 p. m. with a pot luck supper.

Bishop's committee will meet Wednesday at 6:00 in the study at the church.

Sunday night's study session will be a resume of the first four nights spent on the Apostles' Creed which will include: "I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord..."

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (Cor. 13:13).

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Seventies Plan Banquet Feb. 21

The Seventies of the Nyssa LDS stake are sponsoring their annual turkey banquet Tuesday, Feb. 21. The event will be held in the Nyssa stake house beginning at 8 p.m.

In addition to the banquet there will be door prizes, auction sale and a program of music, skits and other numbers. Proceeds will be utilized for foreign mission work.

The banquet, served family style, is planned, furnished, prepared and served by the 60 members of the Seventies and their wives of the Nyssa stake which is comprised of the Vale, Ontario, Owyhee, Parma, Nyssa first and Nyssa second wards. Last year nearly 500 were served at this popular banquet, one of the Seventies reported. The public is invited to attend.

RELIGION IN LIFE

By Rev. Paul L. Ludlow

Can a tavern keeper be a christian? This is a question that gets kicked around considerably in youth discussion groups.

To answer yes, is to appear to give sanction to the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. A negative answer always starts an argument about where to draw the line.

Cases are cited of virtuous bartenders and of shyler lawyers and errant ministers. Is there anything inherent in an occupation that makes it incompatible with the Christian Life? So much depends on our concept of a christian. If we mean a properly baptized member of a church, then surely there is not much of an argument.

Certainly there are many demeritizations in Christendom which would keep on their rolls a tavern keeper and would not hesitate to accept his financial gifts to the church.

To be a christian implies that one is a follower of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Does this not involve living according to the Golden Rule, and to love God and ones neighbor? Of course no one does this perfectly but there is the standard of judgment. The sincere christian should approach his task and undertake to do it in the Spirit of Christ.

In the light of this principal are there not some occupations which put severe strains on the christian conscience? We would hesitate to make a check list or black list of such vocations, for it must be clear that no matter how highly respected a man's occupation, it may be a betrayal of Christ if His work is motivated by malice, pride, envy, or selfishness. Therefore, though we may draw no sharp line between christian and non-christian vocations, we may draw such a line between right and wrong motives.

Can you be a Christian Tavern keeper? Let your conscience be your guide but be sure your conscience is sensitized by the Spirit of Christ.

Christian Church Ministers to Meet

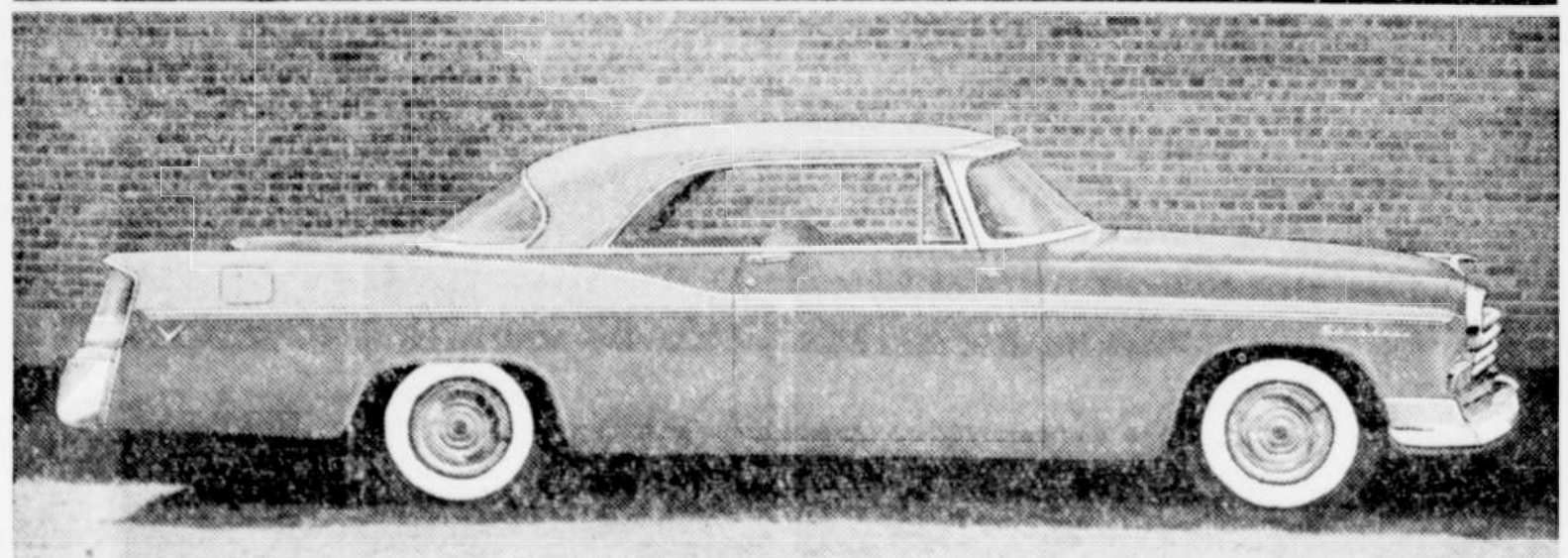
The ministers of the Christian Churches of the valley, and their families will meet at the home of Martin Torrence in Payette to honor Rev. Howard Larson and his family at a farewell dinner.

Rev. Larson is at present the minister of the Christian Church in Ontario, but will be leaving soon for Springfield, Ore., where he has accepted the pastorate of the first church of that city.

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