

Days Gone By in Nyssa Community

From the Journal Files

5 Years Ago—Dec. 20, 1951

Another of those rare occasions was reported this week when State Patrolman Harold Brendle drove his car, which was shooting forth smoke from burning rags under the hood, to the Nyssa fire station. An Idaho motorist telephoned the Nyssa fire station to be ready for the car on fire. . . . Dellin Erickson, Ontario, and Arthur Schweider, Idaho Falls, have purchased the Owyhee Truck & Implement Co., from Mr. and Mrs. Elden Yergensen.

10 Years Ago—Dec. 19, 1946

The coldest day of the year was Wednesday, 14 degrees above zero. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Wulf will be special guests of the Nyssa Theatre Dec. 25 and receive an orchid, an award for the "best neighbor." . . . A trophy won by the Owyhee Riding club at the county fair, was presented to Lloyd T. Marshall, president of the club, by Lonnie Ward, president of the Sage and Saddle club.

15 Years Ago—Dec. 19, 1941

Herschel Thompson and Louis P. Thomas, air raid committee-men who attended meetings in Nampa and Salem this week, discussed plans for a "blackout" in Nyssa Sunday night. Farmers in this area are included and are requested to turn out all lights. . . . Wesley J. Browne, chairman of the finance committee, asked local residents to save surplus paper for the civilian defense council.

20 Years Ago—Dec. 17, 1936

Malheur county is to have one of the largest pheasant farms in Oregon. The Oregon state game commission has purchased 120 acres of sagebrush land 8 miles from Nyssa and 7 miles from Ontario. The farm will be stocked with a large breeding stock. . . . An Oregon Trail Grange was organized Tuesday evening with Klaas Stam as master. . . . Ira Ure, E. O. Muir and Clarence Roberts, all of Salt Lake City, purchased the 175-acre farm near Nyssa from Charles Garrison.

25 Years Ago—Dec. 24, 1931

General Construction Co., of Seattle, builder of Owyhee dam, was low bidder of \$151,050 on schedule 2 of the Mitchell Butte canal work and J. A. Terteling was low bidder on schedule 1 of \$133,430. . . . A silver thaw, rain that froze as it fell, caused many mishaps Monday, ice coated the power span across Snake river and caused the line to break. A number of minor car accidents were reported.

30 Years Ago—Dec. 24, 1926

The state board of normal school regents selected La Grande for the new Eastern Oregon normal school. . . . About six inches

of snow cover the ground and more falling. . . . Fire Tuesday evening destroyed the picking and packing houses of the Goodrich Poultry House, together with 150 dressed capons and chickens.

35 Years Ago—Dec. 23, 1921

About 30 young people, including some of the teachers, went to the Long pond for a skating party Monday. . . . Aubrey Dean, highway patrolman, was blotting out the red Sampson Trail signs with new paint this week. Sampson, a Boise music dealer, had daubed red paint on fences and posts in Idaho and Eastern Oregon for advertising purposes.

COUNTY LIBRARY

An abundance of fiction is included in the group of books going into circulation on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Malheur county library.

"Captain Little Ax" by James Street is a novel about a youthful captain in the Civil War. It was begun in short stories by Street which were put together and connected after his death by Don Tracy.

"The Fountain Overflows" by Rebecca West is a novel about a family whose musically-inclined members are divided from those who are not, in spite of mutual love.

"Angel's Ransom" is a novel of suspense by David Dodge in which robbery, violence and romance in Monaco have a part.

"Company Man" by John Burnett, is a novel of the world of big business in which top airline executive battle for power.

"Big Woods" is the title that brings together William Faulkner's hunting stories.

"Girls on Parade" by Katharine Sullivan includes case histories of women released from prison and describes efforts of Massachusetts organizations to help them.

"The Age of Reform; From Bryan to F.D.R." is an analysis by Richard Hofstadter of the reform movements in U.S. politics from 1890 to 1940.

Agatha Christie's new Hercule Poirot mystery novel is "Dead Man's Folly."

"Mori Said" by Haim Hasas is a story of contemporary Jerusalem revealing through the lives of its leading characters a three-generation movement from religious orthodoxy to worldliness to political awareness.

"Modern Italian Stories" is a selection by Walter Strachan of work by seventeen writers in the short-story field.

Famous Quartet To Be Presented By Malheur Concert Association

The Tanglewood Opera Quartet will be presented by the Malheur Community Concert association, Monday, Jan. 7, in the Ontario high school at 8 p. m. This will be the third concert of the 1956-1957 series presented by the association.

The four brilliant, young American artists who compose this quartet were discovered at the famous Berkshire Massachusetts Music Festival, which is the proving grounds for many of the greatest American names in music today.



4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

By County Extension Agents

Club Organization

Enrollments for 18 4-H clubs with a total of 229 members have been received in the county agent's office to date. These consist of four health clubs with 54 members, six clothing clubs with 55 members, five cooking clubs with 42 members, and four livestock clubs with 78 members.

Many of the health clubs start their project work right after the first of the year.

Quite a number of home economics clubs have organized, gotten their material, and started their project work, but haven't sent in their enrollments yet. Enrollments should be sent in to the county agent's office right away so we will have a record of your club and names of the members.

We will be sending out information occasionally on various subjects, which will go only to members and leaders whose names we have on record.

Selecting 4-H Dairy Animals

Last week we sent some material to livestock leaders on selecting dairy calves for 4-H club work. This information should be particularly pertinent right now, with many of the members just starting their projects. Here are a few of the important points it mentioned:

Be sure to get a healthy animal. First, check to see that the herd has a clean bill of health, free from bangs, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. Then, pick an individual that is healthy, vigorous and average size for the breed and age. Don't choose an animal with rough hair coat, pot belly, or one that is thin or stunted. Select a calf with a glossy coat of hair, pliable skin, thrifty condition and alert appearance.

Type and conformation is important. The good calf is clean cut, not too heavy boned, angular in form, and sharp over the withers. Wide spread of rib, a deep, wide chest, and a large barrel in proportion to the rest of the body is desirable. Look for loins that are long, level and wide. Mammary development should show four teats placed squarely and wide apart.

Animals need not be registered, but should be from high-producing stock. Ancestors should have high production records for several successive years. The animal should have a long line of good ancestors, although the sire, dam and grandparents are the most important.

Age of the animal isn't too important. You may carry any animal you own as your 4-H project. However, if you are a nine or ten year old just starting in 4-H you might want to start out with a young calf. Older members, anxious for income from milk and offspring may choose an older animal.

Returning Record Books

Last year's record books are being checked for accuracy, completeness and neatness and will be returned to club members shortly. We know you livestock members need these to keep your year-around records complete.

Top books will be given a blue, red or white sticker, according to

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Sarah Fleming, soprano, has earned a solid reputation with the New York critics through her many appearances with the American Opera Society, as soloist with the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood and with the New York City Opera company.

Madelyn Vose, mezzo-soprano, is already a veteran of many operatic performances which have run the gamut of musical styles and periods.

Marvin Worden, tenor, sang for three seasons with the Grand Opera company of his native city, Denver. Since moving east he has sung with several opera companies.

Marshall Keinbaugh, baritone, has a background of many successful appearances in numerous recitals and operas and is highly regarded by radio and television audiences.

Wolfgang Schonzer, musical director of the quartet, has enjoyed a career as both pianist and conductor.

The program to be presented by the quartet is the music that American audiences most want to hear solo, duo and quartet arias from everybody's favorite operas.

quality. Two summer school scholarships will go to the club members having the highest scoring livestock book and the top home economics book. These scholarships are provided by the Ontario branch of the United States National Bank of Portland.

Here and There

The junior leaders had a lot of fun at their Christmas party at the city hall in Ontario a couple of weeks ago. Their next meeting will be Jan. 17 at Lynn Hoffman's home.

The December meeting of the Willowcreek Beef club was held at the Ross Simpson home Dec. 30. Discussion of the use of new record books was the main order of business.



Dr. and Mrs. Winslow Smith

Man, Wife Team K & F Speakers Monday Evening

A team-talk which brings together two of the west's outstanding educators, Dr. and Mrs. Winslow Smith who spent 14 months in close contact with governments and the common people of the Middle East countries is the bill of oratorical fare to be set before members of the Knife and Fork club at the meeting next Monday evening at the East Side cafe in Ontario.

The talk will stress the basis for correction of the misunderstanding presently evident in the flaring Middle East countries where Dr. Smith was research advisor in bacteriology in the United States operations mission in Israel, and Mrs. Smith, a sociologist and consultant in human relations, studied the various phases of culture there.

Lt. Kay Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Riggs, spent the holidays at home while on leave. Kay, a graduate of radar school, arrived home Dec. 14 and left Monday.

An Account of My Experiences In the Future Farmers of America

Stanley Sisson

When I joined the Future Farmers of America my Freshman year in high school I had two Yorkshire sows and one boar. During the year I rented three acres of land from my father to raise some field corn for my pigs. In the middle of the year, I bought a Guernsey heifer from my father. That year I exhibited my animals at three fairs: the FFA chapter fair, the Eastern Oregon Livestock show and the county fair. At the county fair I entered the livestock judging contest and placed highest in the county. Duane Drydale, Dean Holmes and myself entered the state livestock judging contest at the state fair in Salem, Ore., and placed eighteenth. I also received a one year FFA letter.

During my sophomore year in school I bought one grade cow and two registered Guernsey heifers for the cost of two hundred and fifty dollars. In public speaking I was one of the two boys who were selected from the sophomore class to compete in the chapter public speaking contest.

At the annual parent and son banquet I was honored in receiving the Safeway Foundation award scholarship for \$10, a foundation award pin for soil and water management, and a second year FFA letter.

When we elected officers for the year 1956-1957 I was chosen secretary of the Nyssa Future Farmers of America. I added two more projects on to what I already had from my freshman year. They consisted of five acres of mixed grain and four acres of barley. I bought a registered Yorkshire boar from Portland, Ore., this spring. At the county fair this Fall I exhibited all of my projects except my mixed grain. In the swine division, my sow and boar both won grand champion ribbons. One of the heifers that I exhibited won a

champion ribbon for the Guernsey breed. I also won a trophy with the field corn that I exhibited. In all I won \$75 in premium money.

At the close of my sophomore year, I had spent 392 hours on all of my enterprises and I had averaged \$3.61 an hour for the year.

I feel that one of the best things that I have gained from FFA work has been leadership and a chance to mingle with others throughout the state and other regions of our great country.

Ratazyks Move To Ephrata, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Ratazyk, Nyssa route 2, moved Wednesday to Ephrata, Wash., where they will operate a farm they have leased in that area. Their 78-acre ranch near Nyssa has been sold to Delbert Garner who will operate the farm in connection with his other operations.

The Ratazyks have operated their farm here for the past 15 years producing numerous diversified crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pierce and children of Veneta, Ore., were week end guests at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Benoit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wyckoff and family moved into their new home last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Anderson and Darla of Albion, Ida., were week end guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Poulsen.

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