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## Invitation Extended to Nyssa Men To Organize Drum and Bugle Corps

An organization meeting to make plans for the formation of a Nyssa drum and bugle corps will be held Thursday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., at the community building on North Second street between Ehrgood and Emison.

The plan has the endorsement of the Nyssa American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Nyssa Eagles.

While strictly in the formative

stage, plans are being made which will be presented to those attending the meeting Thursday.

It is felt that a drum corps could add much to Nyssa celebrations and it would be so constituted that it could represent the community or any of the above named organizations at functions in the area.

All men interested in joining, whether they can now play an instrument or not are urged to attend the session. The corps will need snare drummers, tenor drummers, a bass drummer, cymbal player and trumpet men plus a color guard.

It will, of necessity, be open only to permanent residents of the area.

This is mandatory in that eventually intricate routines may be developed and every man must know his set pattern. To start with it is planned to perfect parade marching only.

It is known that many interested in the corps do not have instruments. These will be supplied. Arrangements are being made to rent the equipment needed rather than purchase same until the stability of the organization is assured.

The only uniform, for a starter, will be sun tans which most men own or can purchase at a reasonable price. Organization caps whether Legion, VFW or Eagles may be worn. Such minor points can be threshed out once the corps begins to function.

Should there be enough interest to get the corps started, arrangements will be made for instruction in the basic instruments.

Thursday night it is planned to show films taken at a recent national American Legion drum and bugle corps contest.

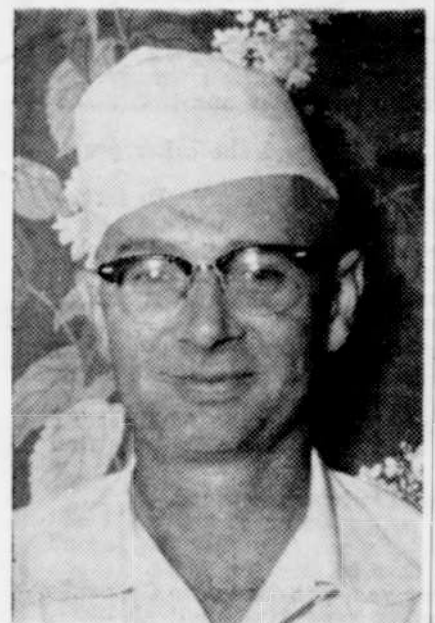
It is hoped to raise funds through various promotions. No door to door or merchant to merchant solicitation is planned at this time.

Following the meeting Thursday night, all who attend are invited to stay and watch the short installation service of the new Nyssa officers of the Legion.

It is NOT necessary to be a veteran to join the corps.

If enough interest is shown at the meeting committees will be chosen and plans made to get practice started in the near future.

## Men About Nyssa



William W. Kohl

Today we're closing in on Billy the Montana Kid Kohl, operator and chief chef of Brownie's Cafe.

Bill was born Aug. 9, 1916, at Chinook, Mont. When he was six the family moved to Galata, Mont., where Bill's dad was a school principal. The family next moved to Zurich, Mont., and it was here Bill attended school.

The next quick jump was to a homestead 12 miles north of Chinook where the family lived (Continued on Page 8)

## Nyssa Eagles Hold Joint Installation



SATURDAY, JUNE 8, the new officers of the Nyssa Eagles and auxiliary were installed at ceremonies attended by over a hundred members. A dance followed the installation. The two groups of 1957 officers are shown above. Eagles, from left, front, Bob Thompson, secretary; Claud Wilson, treasurer; E. H. Brandt, trustee; Dale Garrison, junior past president; Ed Taylor, worthy president; Ray Russell, trustee pro tem; back row, Roland Laurance, trustee pro tem; Duane Holcomb, worthy vice president; Elmer Jaques, chaplain; Larry Woodell, outside guard; Don Herron, conductor; Bill Hamilton, inside guard. Auxiliary, left to right, bottom row, Laura Bowns, treasurer; Dorothy Higdon, trustee; Bertha Taylor, worthy ma-

dam president; Barbara Jaques, past worthy president; Mary Lou Chadwick, chaplain; Ruth Strasbaugh, outside guard; back row, Lorraine Beckstead, vice president; Greta Broad, trustee pro tem; Mary Marostica, secretary; Thelma Mefford, conductor; Virginia Brandt, inside guard pro tem; Ladonna Miller, trustee pro tem.

—Journal Photos.

## Leading Beet Scientists Visit Nyssa; Experimental Work Eyed by Group During Day Session at Amalgamated

Representatives from 18 of the leading sugar beet companies in the United States and Canada were Nyssa visitors Tuesday for a special field meeting at which time the representatives inspected the experimental work taking place at Amalgamated's Nyssa plant.

They noted the progress made in the development of the new monogerm seed and studied all phases of the laboratory work now being conducted in Nyssa.

The group which came from companies all over the country held a business meeting in Boise prior to coming to Nyssa.

While guests of the Nyssa organization they also toured several beet acreages in the area, inspecting those fields now using monogerm as well as those planted in the usual manner.

The study undertaken by the group of scientists who have pooled their resources in order to develop even more successful seeds and operational methods will benefit both industry and growers, according to Jed Lewis, general manager of the Nyssa operation.

Attending the meeting were:

Guy Manuel, vice president and general agriculturist and Dr. R. T. Johnson, plant breeder, Spreckels Sugar company; Dr. A. R. Downie, assistant general agriculturist and Dr. R. E. Finkner, plant breeder, American Crystal Sugar company; Dr. Donald Dickenson and Donald Peterson, plant breeders, Holly Sugar corporation; Bion Tolman, general agricultural assistant and Ronald Johnson, assistant general agriculturist, Utah Idaho Sugar company; Dr. F. V. Owen, principal geneticist, USDA, Salt Lake City; Peter Bergan and Wesley Smith, agricultural research department, Canadian Sugar factories, Alberta, Canada.

Vernal Jensen, chief agriculturist, Amalgamated Sugar company; Dr. George Rush and Dr. Don Oldemeyer, Amalgamated Sugar company, Nyssa, plant breeders, and Jed Lewis.

Aldon Steck, secretary, Union Sugar company; James Fischer, secretary-treasurer, Beet Sugar Development foundation, Fort Collins, Colo.; Sam Campbell, manager, West Coast Beet Seed company, Salem, Ore.

P. B. Smith, general agriculturist, Great Western Sugar company and Dr. H. E. Brewbaker, director of the experimental station, Great Western Sugar company.

## Nyssa Chamber Focuses Views On Young People

Attention of Nyssa Chamber of Commerce members was focused on young people Wednesday when a visiting speaker urged support for the Junior Chamber of Commerce, individuals contributed funds for the Junior Legion baseball team and plans were made to send an area advertising poster to the national Boy Scout jamboree.

Cal Wilson of Burns, accompanied by Nyssa by Karl Doman of Vale, asked employers to encourage their younger employees to join and take part in the Jaycees. In giving a history of the 22 year old organization, Wilson stated that it is now the third largest service group in America with 75 chapters in Oregon.

Leadership training and positive thinking are the main goals of the Junior Chamber, Wilson said, and cited the need for such activities to train young men and give them an outlet for their energies during their free hours.

## Baseball Funds Given

Need for funds to help the Junior Legion baseball team was stressed by Leonard Hewett, Dick Wilson and Hugh Tobler, who reported that \$175 is needed to help finance the program this year. Emil Wohlke is manager of the Junior Legion team again this season.

Volunteering to contribute \$10 each were Dessert Seed Co., Clyde Snider, Amalgamated Sugar Co., First National Bank, Hal Henigson, Dick Wilson, Tobler Feed and Fuel, Ken Renstrom, Wilson Bros. Department Store, Eder Hardware, Quality Corner, Taylor's Food Market and Ideal Gas and Appliance.

Sign for Valley Forge Gene Grasty was delegated to (Continued on Page 8)

## Nyssa Nite Rodeo Definitely 'Out' For July Dates

For the first time in 10 years there will be no Nyssa Nite Rodeo in mid-July. Lynn Snodgrass said this week, but he did speculate there might be a rodeo of some kind in late summer or early fall. Although there have been no plans made for such an event, disappointment expressed by numerous persons in Nyssa and the surrounding community could result in some action by the Owyhee Riding club later on, Snodgrass said.

Main reason for "calling off" the rodeo this year is because of another RCA show held at Weiser on the same dates that Nyssa had established several years ago, it was explained. Having two shows in an area does not effect the crowds as much as it does the participants who attempt to schedule a circuit that will take them to most of the accredited rodeos being held.

The Nyssa Nite Rodeo association was formed here in 1947, a combination of riding club members and local merchants. The association sponsored the rodeo each year until 1954 when "it was called off", but only temporarily, and Snodgrass promoted that year's event nearly single-handed.

In 1955 the Owyhee Riding club took over sponsorship and appointed Snodgrass as general chairman. That was the year Weiser decided to hold its show on Nyssa's dates. Last year the riding club again sponsored the affair with Snodgrass handling all arrangements with the enthusiastic support of numerous club members and many individuals and business men.

Snodgrass said that mid-June is too late to begin plans for a rodeo during the second week in July and there is no possibility that the traditional show can be held as in the past, "but you can't tell what will happen between now and September," Nyssa's principal rodeo enthusiast commented.

## Spitze Candidate For School Board

Only one petition was filed by the deadline Wednesday for a candidate for school board member to serve for five years and to succeed John Schenk, who declined to be a candidate.

The name of M. L. Spitze will appear on the ballot for the election next Monday between 2 and 8 p.m. at the junior high school building.

Any registered voter who has lived within the school district for at least 30 days before the election is able to cast a ballot.

## Cafeteria Report Issued by School For First Year

The first annual report for the Nyssa schools' cafeteria showed lunch receipts amounted to \$23,638.79 and a total of 101,209 student meals were served during the school year. The program did not start until last Nov. 1.

Supt. R. V. Wilson said that state reimbursement amounted to \$5,499.69 and an inventory of \$353.87 at the close of the fiscal year June 30, brought the total inventory to \$29,492.35.

Expenditures amounted to \$27,621.90, leaving a balance of \$1,870.45, the report showed. Food expenditures amounted to \$16,965.09; cash for labor, \$9,533.11; equipment (not including original investment), \$375.24, and other expenses, \$748.46.

In addition to paid student meals, 2,798 free meals were served, including those in return for work, and 5,267 adult meals were served. Average per day was \$28.

Total average cost of each meal was 25.27 cents. Wilson said the report does not include utilities, building space, cost of original equipment or labor paid for by meals. The report does include the special milk program as part of the lunch program.

## Accident Reports Given by Hospital

A collision near Adrian in which a motorcycle was involved was reported on Tuesday by the Malheur Memorial hospital. Bruce DeHaven, 15, Adrian, and Barbara Stephens, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stephens, Nyssa, were riding the motorcycle when the accident occurred. Further details on the mishap were unavailable.

The hospital reported DeHaven was treated for abrasions of arms, hands and legs, and was released. Miss Stephens is confined at the hospital for observation of head injuries.

Emergency treatment was given as a result of two other minor accidents. Fortunato Galendo, 30, Nyssa, was treated Monday for a small laceration and released.

Maralee Wulff, 18, Rt. 1, Ontario, daughter of Irvin Wulff, was brought to the hospital Tuesday to receive treatment for contusions of the toes after her foot was caught in a lawn mower. She was treated and released.

## Father's Day On North Third Will Be Lulu!

Father's day on North Third should be a lulu!

Especially in the 400 block. Twin daughters were born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parks who now have six girls. Nearly six years ago twin boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Grasty when they lived in the house two doors north of the Parks and triplets had been born to parents in the Grasty house two years prior to their twins!

And in the same block Bernard Eastmans have two boys, Jack Zittercobs two children, the Cliff Mains two and Walt Roths two.

What the secret is they won't reveal but it seems the logical block in which to move to if couples want bundles from heaven.

## Blood Seekers Start Early Campaign For Pint Donations Here on July 8

By Hal Henigson

On Monday, July 8, the Nyssa community will conduct another of its semi-annual blood drawings. The month, the week and the day chosen for us is probably the worst of the year and ordinarily being offered the poorest spot in the show might be cause for complaint. In our case, it is an honor spot and represents recognition by the Boise regional blood center of Nyssa's dependability, its ability to come through when the chips are down.

Maybe Dr. E. F. Sestero, the director of the center is expressing wishful thinking but we are proud to repeat his comments:

"We hope the July 8 date meets with your approval because it is a relatively poor month and we will be very much in need of the usual successful drawing in Nyssa."

Sure July is a poor month to give blood; it is also a poor month to work; it is really a month for a nice vacation; so is August; and so is September for that matter.

## Must Be Ready

But what about disease, illness, accidents and all other conditions which require blood transfusions. Will they take a vacation during hot July—or hot August or even September. To answer these questions is unnecessary. We in Nyssa area are always ready to demonstrate to those less imbued with the spirit of "Helping Thy Neighbor," in our own and other communities, that the people of the Nyssa area are not scared away by hot weather or a poor month or anything, just so long as the need for blood exists.

That need for blood is ever (Continued on Page 8)

## Interesting History of Local Efforts to Develop Owyhee Recreation Submitted to Portland Group

Editor's Note: The following is a detailed history of the development of access and recreational facilities at Lake Owyhee, prepared by Ken Renstrom and submitted to Marshall N. Dana, assistant to the president of the U. S. National Bank, Portland. Dana has organized and headed two delegations to the Portland Chamber to inspect recreational facilities at Lake Owyhee and is continuing his work for full development.

In submitting the report to Dana, Renstrom commented, "We, who have worked for many years, are deeply grateful to you, and the Recreation committee of the Portland Chamber, for the interest you have shown and the support you have, and are, giving."

By KEN RENSTROM

Lake Owyhee, largest undeveloped recreational area in the Pacific Northwest, lies in extreme eastern Oregon, within less than an hour's drive of U. S. highways 30, 26 and 95, and state highway 201.

When the Owyhee dam was constructed, forming Lake Owyhee, no funds were included in the appropriation for the recreational use of the lake, this dam having been built before recognition of the values that could be derived from recreational usage.

At present, even after repeated pleas over a period of many years

by various interested groups in Malheur county to the federal and state organizations interested, no funds have been allocated for any additional access or usage of this great scenic playground which would bring millions of dollars of new revenue to the state of Oregon and the people of Malheur county.

## Boat Club First Backers

The first efforts to make the lake available were put forth by the Nyssa Boat club. Several members of the club scrounged material from an abandoned coal mine, materials left by the contractor and the Bureau of Reclamation after the dam had been completed, and constructed a boat hoist, which was operated by the Boat club for several years.

Upon completion of the dam, the old railroad, which had been used for construction, was abandoned and the rails and ties removed. No one wished to assume responsibility for the maintenance of this access road to the area. The same group of Boat club members who constructed the boat hoist would either borrow a power grader from the county or one owned by individuals and grade this road a couple of times each spring.

## Bridges Built

Within a few years the railroad trestles crossing the river, which had been used as bridges by fishermen and people going to the lake, were condemned. In

order to still use the river road, members of the Nyssa Boat club again went to work, taking materials from the trestles to build two small bridges across the river.

The only access to the lake at this time was the boat hoist constructed by the Boat club at the dam, a very primitive dirt road through the sage brush hills to Dry creek and Dead Man's gulch, and another road of the same type, only more impassable, down Leslie gulch. Efforts had been made by private individuals at various times to improve the Leslie gulch road. However, due to the characteristics of this road the only usage was by pickup.

## Cherry Creek Road

About 1950 the Nyssa Boat club sponsored another project. After several weeks of exploratory work to find a feasible route to the lake, the club sponsored the building of a road to Cherry creek, located about four miles above the dam. This was the first effort made by any organization or individual to provide new and additional access to the lake. The road was put through in 1951 to the lake's edge. A total of over \$5,600 was raised by subscription for the construction of this first road. This road, however, was practically impassable, due to the many switch-backs on the lower end.

A short time later the sports (Continued on Page 8)

## Frank Shelton, Other Officers Elected by VFW

Frank Shelton was elected and installed commander of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, Owyhee post 358, at a meeting Tuesday night. He succeeds Ted Teske as head of the organization.

Other new officers are Fred C. Bennett, senior vice commander; Bill Marostica, junior vice commander; William B. Mayden, quartermaster; Don M. Graham, chaplain, and Ted Teske, trustee for a three-year term.

The new officers were installed by Ralph Cormmesser, Ontario, past district commander of the VFW.

Mayden and Teske were reappointed on the building committee to represent the VFW in its joint project with the American Legion, Sugar Factory Workers union and Junior Chamber of Commerce for construction of a community building at the site of the basement hall formerly known as the Veterans hall.

## OT Riding Club Hosts WRCA Meet

The Oregon Trail Riding club was host to a meeting of the Western Riding clubs association May 23 at the Oregon Trail hall with Lynn Snodgrass, president of the association, presiding. Approximately 70 were in attendance.

The program included vocal solos by Nancy Skeen accompanied by Barbara McPartland and several accordion selections by Shifley Schilling.

A routine meeting of the local riding club was held the following Friday with Gilbert Holmes, president, conducting the business meeting. Gloria Gonyer and Barbara McPartland presented a piano duet and Marlene Adams, a vocal solo.

## Ruth Herrman Has College Office

Miss Ruth Herrman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Herrman of Nyssa, who is a first year student at the Deaconess hospital school of nursing, Spokane, Wash., has been elected to serve as student body treasurer of the school for the coming year.

## County Officials Get Salary Boost After Hearing

Six elective county officials and one appointive officer received salary increases Wednesday after a delegation from Ontario, Vale and Nyssa met with the county court at the public budget hearing.

Increases were allowed for the assessor, clerk, county judge and sheriff in the amount of \$500 each for a total of \$5000 annually instead of \$4500 budgeted for the past several years and for the coming fiscal year. The treasurer's salary was upped from \$3600 to \$3960, or a flat 10 percent, as was the county superintendent's salary, originally budgeted for the same amount.

The county sanitarian, an appointive official, received a flat \$250 annual boost for a total of \$4800.

County Judge G. Y. Chester said the total \$2960 salary boost over that budgeted on May 17 will be taken from the new appropriation of \$52,000 set aside for the court house sinking fund.

Joining the delegation to ask for the increased salary consideration were Harold Henigson and Bob Thompson.

Judge Chester said that no other groups or individuals appeared at the budget hearing to ask for reduced or increased funds. Total estimated expenditures remain at \$776,490.45 of which \$392,046.45 will be needed from property taxes inside the 6 percent limitation.

## Nyssans Among EOCE Graduates

Mary Joan Russell and Patsy Yoneyama, Nyssa girls and 1953 graduates of the local high school, were among the graduating class at EOCE, LaGrande, this past week.

Miss Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Russell, was graduated with a BS degree in education and will teach in the Concord, Calif., elementary schools next year.

Miss Yoneyama, daughter of the John Yoneyamas, received a BS degree in education and plans to attend the University of Oregon next school term to begin work on a master's degree in mathematics.