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To escape comment or criticism, do nothing, be nothing, say nothing.

**We Forgot Our Birthday**

We forgot to comment last week that The Nyssa Gate City Journal had a birthday and is going into its 54th year of publication in Nyssa. Anniversaries are frequently overlooked nowadays although a business is usually proud of its "age" rather than being like an individual who reaches his 39th birthday once a year.

In attempting to visualize all the things that might have taken place during a 53-year period, we can do little more than point out that 2,756 issues of The Journal have gone to the readers of the Nyssa community. Never has an issue of the paper failed to reach the post office sometime during the week it was published.

If it were possible to ascertain the millions of words that have been written, the history that has been recorded and the week-by-week accounts of happenings that affect those who started communities in this area and those who are now carrying on, the final analysis would be unbelievable, even to the present publisher.

The Gate City Journal has had numerous owners and publishers and all of them have been a part of life in the Nyssa and Adrian communities. Many business firms have come and gone during the Journal's 53 years of existence and it is obvious without comment that those still here outnumber the ones that fell by the wayside for one reason or another. All of them have made your newspaper possible by their continued support through the years, just as have the subscribers who read the weekly newspaper each issue.

**METHODIST Church News**

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."  
 —Psalm 119:105

Thursday, Jan. 16 — Woman's society circle meetings. At 2 p.m. Margaret Toothman, will meet with Mrs. Crandall; Grace Weaver meets with Mrs. Clifford Fox. At 8 p.m. Celia Cowan circle will meet with Mrs. Walter Roth.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 9:45 a.m. — Church school for all.

11 a.m. — Worship service. Mr. Ludlow's sermon topic will be "The Eternal Word Is Heard."  
 7 p.m. — Methodist Youth fellowships.

8 p.m. — Lesson on "Cross and Crisis in Japan" with Charles Steffens as leader. All are invited.

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. — Bible study. Read the sixth chapter of John.

**Christian Church Notes**

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."  
 —Psalm 24:1

Sermon topics for Sunday, Jan. 19: "His Office Let Another Take" and "Three Frogs."  
 6 p.m. — Orchestra practice.  
 7 p.m. — All youth groups.  
 Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Prayer meeting and Bible study.  
 8 p.m. — Choir practice.  
 The CWF will meet at 9:30 Thursday morning to clean the church. All members are asked to attend. Please bring a sack lunch.

Sunday afternoon the CYF will have a swimming party.  
 Jan. 23 there will be a ham dinner serving from 5 to 9 p.m.

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**Christian Church Sets Ham Dinner For January 23**

Plans are underway at the First Christian church of Nyssa for the annual fund-raising ham dinner which is scheduled for Jan. 23 between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m.

Mrs. Ewen Chard, chairman of dinner arrangements, announced plans to serve the dinner family style with "all the food you can eat."

Tickets are available from Mrs. Jesse Rigney, ticket chairman, or from any of the six sub-chairmen, Mrs. Dorothy Bibbey, Elvin Ballou, Mrs. Ken Pond, Mrs. Lester Oden, Mrs. J. H. Teague and Mrs. Glen Strickland.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used for the church building fund and other church projects.

**RELIGION IN LIFE**

By Rev. Paul Ludlow

Does church attendance make me a better Christian?

The answer must be qualified by several "ifs." Yes, if I go with a sense of need, with an open mind. If I go from the divine worship service determined to put into practice the noble living there proposed.

Our trouble lies in the lack of a pure motive in worship. We go to church for so many unworthy reasons: dull habit, superstitious fear, to be seen, to be entertained, even to win a contest. No wonder that the results of church attendance seem so insignificant. No wonder that good people say, "I can be just as good a Christian by not going to church." But the truth is they really cannot.

A good Christian is a responsible person, not a parasite. He will realize that the church has been the agency that has produced and preserved all the really worthwhile characteristics of our civilization. A responsible Christian will want to use his influence and resources to strengthen and widen the usefulness of this divinely ordained institution.

The most important event that may take place in church is that which happened to the prophet Isaiah, in his own words in this order: "I saw the Lord—the whole earth is full of his glory, woe is me for I am lost,—here I am, send me."

Prepare to meet God in church! Come in to worship, go out to serve.

**Mrs. Hudson Robb Leaves Hospital**

Mrs. Hudson Robb was taken to Malheur Memorial hospital last Tuesday evening by Steve's ambulance service after she suffered an attack. She was released on Friday. While confined she received three pints of blood.

A brother of Mrs. Robb's, Harry Swanson and wife, and a sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brell, all of Lexington, Neb., arrived Friday evening to visit.

**Owyhee Community Church Notes**

"So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."  
 —Psalms 90:12.

Women's missionary meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at the Joe Stephen home.

Prayer and Bible study group met at the Harold Dail residence Wednesday evening.

**Adrian Community Church News**

Regular Monday classes in the church basement at 2:45 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 17, the seventh, eighth and ninth grade boys and girls who attend our church are invited to Parma Presbyterian community house from 7 to 10 p.m. for a party and fellowship meeting. Please notify Ann Newman or Wayne Sparks if you plan to go. Boys and girls in this age group have been invited from all the Presbyterian churches in the Boise valley. Cars will leave the church building at 6:45 p.m.

We feel that our church and community owe a vote of thanks to the Mary and Martha missionary society for buying the tile for the church basement and to Carl Begeman, Jake Borge, Dick Kreigh, Dudley Kurtz, Kenneth Price, Irvin Topliff and Ernest Seuell who laid it.

Next fellowship training class will be held Sunday evening, Jan. 19, at 7:45 p.m. This meeting will be open to anyone interested in knowing more about the real meaning and purpose of the church.

Mary and Martha missionary society met Thursday afternoon, Jan. 9, at the home of Mrs. Wesley Piercy with Mrs. Lynn Hurst as co-hostess.

Devotions were led by Mrs. John Packwood, prayer cycle by Mrs. Harvey Bennett and the study for the afternoon was on Japan, led by Mrs. Francis Deffer. During the business meeting Mrs. George DeHaven was elected president of the society, Mrs. Dyre Roberts having expressed her desire to resign from that office for the coming year. The society officers who had been elected were officially installed by Mrs. Henry Moore.

Refreshments were served to the 14 ladies present.

**Friday Night Set For Daddy-Dates**

The Nyssa LDS stake Home-builder girls are holding a Daddy-date night Friday, Jan. 17, at the Nyssa stake house beginning at 8 p.m.

Entertainment for the evening will be a show and dancing, followed by a dinner for the girls and their dates.

**Missionary Women Meet at Jacksons**

Golden Hour Missionary chapter women of the Nazarene church met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Robert Jackson with 24 members present.

Mrs. Bob Martin of Apple Valley presided over the business meeting and offered devotions. Mrs. Don Wilson brought a missionary study on Japan.

Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by Mrs. Jackson.

**Newell Heights—Smorgasbord Friday Evening At Adrian Church**

By Mrs. M. L. Kurtz  
 Phone 2132

The AKH Extension unit members and husbands will have their smorgasbord Friday evening at 7:30.

The party will be held in the Adrian church basement with Mrs. Ray Laan and Mrs. Stanley Hill as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stam and Johnny were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Luit Stam.

Mrs. Dudley Kurtz and Mrs. Durlin Hammon attended the Town and Country Garden club in Nyssa Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Worden and Mrs. Wilson Witt met Monday afternoon to plan the program for the Modern Pioneer club.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Funk and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Babe Hamilton Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jensen and Kim spent Saturday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dierking and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ashcraft visited Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hill.

**Judds Visit in California**

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Judd returned Monday evening from a six weeks' vacation in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kurtz visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fritts in Caldwell Friday and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Durnil at Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McDermott were luncheon guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Province in Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Verl Bishop in Big Bend Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McDermott visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Reno in Big Bend Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Kurtz were guest players Saturday evening at a pinochle party in the Boyd Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Babe Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bennett Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kreigh and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Seuell in Big Bend.

Men of the Mariner's club spent the week laying tile in the basement of the Adrian church.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McDermott visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eason in Parma Friday.

Mrs. Marlow Funk and Karen spent the holidays in Clearfield, Utah, where they visited the former's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rigby.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Garrison returned Friday after spending one week in Spokane with her father, Ed DuPre, who recently underwent surgery.

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