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OPTIMISM

It has been said that small town editors fall in one of three classes: (1) those who never write editorials, (2) those who continually sing the praises of their town and community—never finding anything wrong, and (3) those who write only when things are displeasing.

Self-analysis is sometimes difficult. Perhaps our efforts have been in class (3) too much of the time, so this will be in the "praising" class.

Nyssa is "on-the-move." Perhaps not as rapidly as most would desire, but still "on-the-move." New homes are being built at a steady rate, some new commercial buildings have been completed in recent months, others are under construction, and suitable rental houses are scarce.

Preliminary work has been done for construction of a bowling alley to be ready for this fall, an engineers' platoon will have headquarters here, the Jaycees are in the middle of a survey to diagnose our "ailments" and determine what should be done to cure them, and voters will be able to make a swimming pool possible, if they so desire.

No one of these will bring much additional health, happiness and prosperity to Nyssa but collectively they can mean a lot. And almost all can be credited to the younger people of our town. We older ones who have failed to furnish the leadership, so sadly lacking, should offer all encouragement possible to those who are shouldering the burden for us.

Next Tuesday will be a day of decision on the swimming pool. The Lions club and City Planning commission have jointly brought this to a point for our decision. We can go to the polls and vote "yes" and get a pool, or we can vote "no" and do without. If the latter should occur, we would predict that it would be a number of years before another group would do the necessary work to bring it to a vote again.

Pool publicity committee has met with many of the civic and church groups and explained the proposal; they had a brochure printed giving detailed information on the cost, type, size and location; the Journal has publicized it and in this issue eight organizations carry a large ad endorsing it.

We, too, heartily endorse the pool proposal. We doubt that we will personally use it but will get enjoyment out of watching the happy kids and are for it for selfish reasons. We believe it is worth more than the cost will be. As property owners, we can see a depreciation in our values if the town does not progress. We must go forward or fall back.

There are some who feel that farmers of nearby communities should help with the cost, since their children will be using it. We feel this is something we should provide for their use as well as ours. Neighboring towns have pools and they can go there to spend their time and money. In fact there is no necessity for them to trade in Nyssa. They can get their needs elsewhere. But what would Nyssa be without the farmers trade?

With all the federal and state taxes that we are forced to pay there will be some who will vote "no" to get to vote against a tax levy. We hope these will be few, as we feel this is one tax from which our local community can realize a direct benefit with no "brokerage" going to Washington or Salem.

Farms are becoming larger and more mechanized, laborers will come here in smaller numbers, and, as the sugar factory modernizes, their campaigns will be shorter. It seems to us we need to plan for the future. We need additional industry. It will take concerted action to get it. Let us start by voting "yes" on the pool proposal. Then let us get all active groups in town to organize and start another improvement.

Nyssa is on the move... Let's keep it going!

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Nazarene Church
Series to March 5

The Rev. Maridel Harding

The Rev. Maridel Harding, one of the most widely known women evangelists in the nation, will appear at Nyssa Nazarene church Feb. 23 through March 5 at 7:45 each evening, according to the Rev. Omar Barnhouse, local pastor, who said the visitor presents the timeless truths of the gospel in a way that challenges and inspires.

Her preaching is dynamic and effective, the Rev. Barnhouse continued. She emphasizes the doctrine of holiness, preaching a Christ who is able to "save to the uttermost." Many have been won to Christ through her evangelistic ministry.

She has held revivals in all 48 states and in Canada and recently made an eight weeks' tour of Europe, preaching in the British Isles and Florence, Italy. She is widely known for her musical talents and religious readings.

The daughter of Jarrette and Dell Aycock, long-time former evangelists in the Church of the Nazarene, Maridel Harding actually started in the work at the age of two, traveling with her parents.

She was graduated from Bethany Nazarene college, Bethany, Okla., with a major in speech and also attended Pasadena college in California. She married the Rev. Whitcomb Harding and worked with him in evangelism for 10 years. Mr. Harding has been superintendent of the Nebraska district since 1950. Their home is in Hastings, Neb.

Church Women Unite
For Prayer Services

Ladies of Episcopal church were hostesses Feb. 17 for the 75th anniversary observance of World Day of Prayer in this area. Mrs. Fred Savage was chairman of the fellowship hour preceding the service.

Mrs. W. E. Piercy, vice president of United Church Women, presided at a short business meeting. Following the organ prelude by Mrs. Elvin Ballou, a duet was rendered by Mrs. Eldred Brower and Mrs. Phil Watson.

Meditation was read by Mrs. Roy Knoedler and worship was led by Mrs. Piercy and Mrs. Anna Pratt. Mrs. E. A. Liming gave the offertory prayer and led the litany which followed.

Mrs. Henry Zobel was program chairman and also narrator for the play commemorating the anniversary of the day, "With Tomorrow Yet to Come." The story told of the desire of one woman in 1887 to have one day of prayer in one place and how the desires and prayers of many women have encircled the globe until 145 countries make it a day of continuous prayer in 1961.

Mrs. Bud Sappe sang the hymn, "Forward Through the Ages," which was theme for the program. Next meeting of United Church Women is slated for May 5.

Your Invitation
To HearEVANGELIST
Maridel Harding7:45 EACH EVENING
Feb. 23 - March 5NYSSA
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CHURCH

Good Music Nightly!

Letters to Editor

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not signify the agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

Writer Sees Physical
Benefit of Swimming

To the Editor:
 As the time approaches for the people of Nyssa to decide on whether or not a swimming pool is necessary for their community, I hear more talk pro and con. After weighing all the evidence I would like to put in a few ideas that may have been overlooked.

The recreational advantages, city improvement and safety factors have all been debated many times. However, the health and physical development phase may not have been emphasized.

In my school years I worked during the summers at a large lake where as many as 5,000 persons a day would be swimming. Over the 10 years I observed the physical development and growth on many children. I instructed children from two to 15 years of age in swimming and I was continually aware of the physical development of these children in comparison to non-swimmers.

It has long been recognized that swimming is the best single form of exercise for muscular development. It builds longer smoother muscles than other exercises, it increases depth of chest because of the type of breathing required and develops better coordination in diving exercises.

A child who learns to swim early develops confidence in himself and is less likely to panic in water emergencies. He develops the type of muscles that resist tiring as rapidly as the thicker muscles. His reflexes will be quicker and he will enjoy himself while learning and growing.

These are a few points that might be considered in deciding which way to vote.

—K. E. KERBY

Dear Editor,

Speaking for the students of Nyssa junior high, we would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the people who are contributing their time and efforts to the campaign for a Nyssa municipal swimming pool.

We hope their efforts will prove successful.

Sincerely,

Katherine Farmer
Bill Lawrence
Sid Lancaster
Bud Lawrence

Mrs. Mary McConnell visited Sunday evening with Mrs. Matthews at Ontario Presbyterian nursing home.



Vote "YES"—Tuesday, Feb. 28!

'The Lord's Prayer'
Is Program Theme
For WSCS Circles

Methodist WSCS Celia Cowan circle met during the evening of Feb. 10 in the church parlor with nine members present. Mrs. Duane Holcomb presided at the business session. A cooked food and recipe sale was held during the evening. Mrs. Guy Sparks led devotions and Mrs. Cyrus Bock was program leader. Mrs. Cees Hoppman and Mrs. Richard Pounds were hostesses.

Jessie Lee circle members met Thursday morning in the Apple Valley church basement. Thirteen ladies were present and tied three quilts during the morning. The Rev. Paul Ludlow joined them at noon for potluck luncheon. Mrs. Sherman Wilson conducted the afternoon business session and Mrs. Earl Boston had charge of devotions and program, assisted by Mrs. C. L. Fritts.

Iris Bell group met in the church parlor with 12 members and one guest present. Mrs. Eugene Butzer presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Alfred Adams and Mrs. Raymond Sager were devotional program leaders. Mrs. Leslie Topliff and Mrs. Loyd Adams were hostesses.

Mrs. Merilean Robbins was hostess to 12 members of the Marlene Harmon circle. Mrs. George Coleman conducted the business session. Mrs. Jesse Elgan led devotions and presented the program.

Business for all circles concerned the serving of lunches for the coaching conference this week. Program was "The Lord's Prayer."

LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

A church council meeting will be held Friday night beginning at 8 p.m. in the Max Long home.

Lenten services will be conducted March 1 at Faith Lutheran church beginning at 8:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

LUTHERAN LADIES HOLD
MEETING AT NICHOLS HOME

Ladies of the Lutheran church met Feb. 13 at the home of Mrs. James Nichols for their regular monthly meeting. Twenty members and one guest, Mrs. Street of Walla Walla, were present. Mrs. Street is the mother of Mrs. Gene Huffman.

Devotions were led by Mrs. John Briehl. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Paul Baker and Mrs. Deward Benedict.

ST. BRIDGET'S CHURCH
HAS NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

A new schedule of Sunday services for St. Bridget's church of Nyssa has been announced by Father John Baumgartner, pastor. Beginning Feb. 26, Sunday masses will be at 8 and 11 a.m.

Lenten services will be held Sunday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 7:30 at St. Bridget's. Sunday night services include rosary, litany, question box and benediction. Wednesday night will include rosary, litany, sermon and benediction; and Friday night Stations of the Cross and benediction.

Time for Adrian Sunday mass remains at 9:30 a.m.

Owyhee Community
Church Events

Sunday school, 10 a.m.

Morning worship service, 11 a.m.

Young people's society, 7:30 p.m.

Evening service, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday school teachers met Feb. 20 at the home of Elver Nielson for a business meeting. Plans were made for the American Sunday School Union teachers conference to be held at Owyhee church in March under the direction of the Rev. Marvin McClain.

A young people's party is slated Friday, Feb. 24, at the Ken Lorenson home at 7 p.m. All young people of the community are welcome.

The Rev. Harold Jacks, who has just returned from a trip to the Holy Land, was guest speaker at the evening service Feb. 19. He showed colorful slides of his journey.

Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders attended the Parma ward "Daddy Date" event Tuesday night. Dinner was served, followed by a program and dancing.

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