

# Stan's Stand From the Stands...

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## WHERE THE HECK IS JOHN DAY?

"Where the heck is the John Day team?" was an impatient chant from a small disgruntled group gathered Sunday afternoon behind the batting cage on the high school field. Today was to be a double-header, and the sun was double-hot.

For 2 1/2 hours the Nyssa Junior Legion boys had fumbled through hitting practice in the close blazing sun while killing time waiting for a caravan of cars to pull up and spill out a load of red-hatted uniformed players and a bag of bats and balls. So far all that had shown up were a couple of dogs and a hot wind.

Time ticked by until at last Manager Larry Roberts grumbled, "Five more minutes and that's all."

It may as well have been five more days because the John Day bunch was having batting practice at John Day while waiting for Nyssa to show up. There had been no confirmation of playing time or place, so both teams sat in the hot sun egging on a sunstroke for nothing. The large sack of fried chicken, made in preparation for the famine that usually strikes the team between games, was thoughtfully cooked for nothing.

The batting practice pitcher, swimming in a shirtful of sweat, furrowed a mean brow when told his exhaustion was for naught. The couple of fans, who had somehow found out there was a game, returned to their "ovens on wheels" and drove back home, sunburned for nothing. It had turned into a for-nothing afternoon, much to the delight of anti-baseball spirit.

## NOT ALONE!

The Nyssa Legion club is not the only Legion club in the valley having an uphill struggle to exist. The Jaycees in Payette dropped sponsorship of the Payette Legion club because of sluggish interest shown by needed personnel. Now those baseball uniforms will lie useless in a cardboard box.

Legion ball is not important for character building alone. It many times plays a key role in a boy's future. Because the teams are usually composed of top baseball talent, minus glory seekers, scouts from big league clubs constantly comb Legion leagues. College coaches grant athletic scholarships many times because of a Legion record. The point is—a boy can seek a goal in Legion ball, making pure effort a worthwhile endeavor.

## BABE RUTH BABBLES

The Weiser Babe Ruth team came to Nyssa two Tuesday nights ago with a bearded manager and a smile. They left the same way, only with a wider smile. The Nyssa boys were left sitting in the dust holding on to a smoking scorebook and a dull pencil, each in possession of the loser's prize, disappointment.

Weiser players had stomped on the rubber home plate 36 times, while Nyssa players had made it home only three times.

A stubborn ball was the undoing of the home club. No matter how hard the pitcher tried for the strike zone, the ball insisted on raising the umpire's left arm. And when it wasn't raising the umpire's left hand, it was digging into the dirt at home plate and then scampering back to the screen while runners exercised.

Through all the misery the Nyssa team kept alive, fighting to the end. And the end was long in coming. Weiser wanted to go home when they were 20 runs ahead. The Nyssa team said no. They made a more insistent appeal when they were

36 runs ahead, but the Nyssa team again said no. Grumbling, they kicked in six more runs before the last out was made.

Their bearded manager hurriedly shook hands and yawned a "good game and good night." It had been a long night. Any night is a long night when you get beaten by 36 runs.

The next Friday Nyssa hosted Payette for another loss; this time 12-4. The substantial crowd witnessed one of the better ball games as both teams pressed hard and fast. The first few innings Pitcher Steve Kerby struggled with controlitis, the dreaded disease that paralyzes the control nerves of pitchers and causes high temperature (in the manager) and many walks.

But after a few doses of medicine (administered by verbal threats from gritted teeth) the sickness was over and the game settled down. The visitors were then ahead, to stay, but that didn't stop action and excitement. It was good to hear the crowd shouting and screaming while being engulfed in a tide of pure baseball.

## LITTLE LEAGUERS WIN

Last Friday evening the Major Little leaguers invited Payette over for a visit. Hesitantly accepting, the Payette boys entered cautiously into town. Suddenly they were attacked and squeezed dry of four runs, grabbing only three for themselves.

Three pitchers, Frank "Buttons" Rambaud, Mike Kodama and Lonnie Barnhouse, took turns on the mound for most of the damage. When it was all over, Payette picked up their bats and balls and muttered, "Okay for you guys, we won't come back in a million years!"

## G.I. FORUM FALLS

Nyssa's town team, the G.I. Forum, lost a close 4-3 game Sunday afternoon to the league leading Payette Packers in the Idaho city. The Border league game was witnessed by a large crowd, all surprised at Nyssa's showing. Usually on the bottom end of a lop-sided game, the Spanish-speaking boys buckled down and let their hosts barely skim by. Pitcher Cardoza started the hot game with Solenas filling in relief.

The Payette Packers are managed by a young fellow playing shortstop. His name is John Simianer, and if the name is familiar, it is because he has been a stand-out in sports for Nyssa since he was big enough to carry a ball. Had he a break at the right time and place, his name would be on a roster printed on bubble gum trading cards, namely the big leagues. Recently moved to Payette, he was welcomed with open arms by town team officials. Their gain, our loss.



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## Coming Events...

Today, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Blood drawing at Eagles hall.  
Today, 2 p.m.—Methodist WECS general meeting in church social hall.  
July 7, 8 p.m.—Special meeting of Eagles auxiliary officers at Eagles hall.  
July 9—Chatterbox club picnic at Vale park.  
July 11, 8 p.m.—Eagles auxiliary meeting at Eagles hall.  
July 14-15—Nyssa Nite Rodeo.

## Nyssa Births...

June 28—To Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Watson of Ontario, a boy.  
July 1—To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hurley of Parma, a boy.  
July 3—To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Siler of Jordan Valley, a boy.  
July 4—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Creson of Vale, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rhoades and children spent the Fourth of July weekend at Wallowa lake. They returned home Wednesday.

## VISIT IN FLINDERS HOME

Arvel L. Child of Quincy, Wash., spent several days last week with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwood Flinders. His son, Keith, who had been on a Central States LDS mission for the past two years, arrived in Nyssa Saturday and was also a guest in the Flinders home.

Keith left July 4 for his home in Quincy, accompanied by Karen Bybee and Gail Flinders who will visit relatives there.

Mrs. John Savage and Debbie of Los Angeles, Calif., and the Marvin Wilson family were Sunday dinner guests in the Flinders home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrence and son and Rudy Atagi spent from Saturday afternoon until Tuesday evening camping and fishing at Olive lakes near Baker.

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## Importing of Laborers By Amalgamated Brings Study Request

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ed field laborers into Eastern Oregon and that without these laborers in the past he felt that there would not be a sugar factory here, a potato processing plant in Ontario or packing sheds in the area. These same laborers are also used in potatoes, onions, berries, fruit and are the main source of fire fighters for the Bureau of Labor Management in this area.

He said Amalgamated recruited approximately 5000 field workers to take care of beets processed by the company in Utah, Idaho and Eastern Oregon factories.

**Most Workers Come From Texas**  
To do this it was necessary to start early and the first steps were taken in January to insure a sufficient number of workers. Most of these workers come from Texas and the company employs Joe

Castanuela, San Antonio, as recruiter to locate the workers, in cooperation with the regular company recruiter, who decides the number of workers needed for each to work about 18 acres of beets.

The Texas recruiter contacts crew leaders and makes financial arrangements necessary to get the Mexican laborers where they are needed at the time they are needed.

These arrangements include plans and means for transportation, proper licensing of vehicles, necessary insurance and compliance with all state laws of states they traverse from Texas to Eastern Oregon and other points.

## Company Loans \$30,000

The company advances \$30 for each worker over 14 years of age and \$2.50 for each member of the family under 14, as food allowance enroute. None of this is repaid to the company and is charged up to the cost of recruiting labor. In addition the company

made advance loans totaling over \$30,000 this spring to workers (through crew leaders) when they arrived early and were unable to get work.

Zobell stressed that before these workers could be brought into the area the Oregon State Employment service gave a clearance order that was also approved by Texas Employment service.

Zobell said it was almost impossible for the state agency to determine how many laborers would be unemployed and could be brought into the county far enough ahead for the beet grower to be assured of a sufficient labor supply.

He further noted that the type of workers the company had recruited in recent years was much better than the general run of migrant laborers. He said he believed they were more reliable, more honest and caused less trouble.

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