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Churches of Area Plan Traditional Observances of 1961 Christmas Season With Special Services and Programs

Churches have again taken the lead in Christmas festivities in this area. Through special services, programs by young people of the churches depicting the first Christmas, and through parties for young and old, they have tried to stress the true meaning of Christmas. Many of the churches in the Nyssa-Adrian area have had part of their activities while others to come are given below:

One-Car Mishap Claims One Life; Two Hospitalized

Juan Uriate Monasterio, 21, of Weiser, Idaho, was fatally injured Monday night in a one-car accident and succumbed in Malheur Memorial hospital. The mishap occurred approximately 200 yards south of the King avenue intersection on highway 20-26 near Cairo junction.

Two other occupants of the automobile, Antonio Gomez, 23, also of Weiser, and Paul Gallegos, 21, of Nyssa, were still in the local hospital Wednesday. Gomez who received lacerations and bruises was reported in good condition. Gallegos received multiple lacerations and bruises and was listed in fair condition.

Investigation by state police and Taylor Sandvigen, deputy medical investigator, indicated that the three men, traveling north, went off the road at approximately 10:45 p.m.

The vehicle hit a utility pole, shearing it off at the base, and then continued for about 151 feet into a plowed field, rolling over at least once before it stopped.

Investigating officers said there were no witnesses to indicate who was driving. The trio was brought to the local hospital by Duane A. Doramus of route 2, Nyssa.

Rosary will be recited for Mr. Monasterio at 8 o'clock this evening, Dec. 21, 1961, at Bertelson, Lienkaemper chapel in Ontario and Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock Friday morning in Blessed Sacrament Catholic church. Interment will be made in St. John's church in Ontario.

Santa Claus Plans Return Trip Saturday

Santa Claus will make a brief appearance in Nyssa again Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. for the benefit of any kiddies who didn't get to see him two weeks ago—and for those really anxious to see him again.

He'll be on the streets and in downtown stores, so youngsters are urged to watch for him. He will have candy for the little ones again.

There's also another free movie, "The Kettles on Old MacDonald's Farm," at Nyssa theater for older children, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Continues to Study Plans Regarding Nyssa Teachers' Salaries

By SUPERINTENDENT WALTER L. McPARTLAND

In the spring of 1961, Board of Education of Nyssa schools recommended that a system of merit pay for Nyssa teachers be studied.

In July, a committee of four classroom teachers and three principals met with the Board of Education to determine the extent and basic objectives of the study. The school board instructed the committee to work on a merit plan for the system AS IF IT would be put into effect and to consider the following jobs:

(1) Work out an instrument for evaluating teachers in the Nyssa school system.

(2) Make necessary presentations, orientations and recommended changes until an effective plan is developed that is acceptable to all concerned.

The following basic objectives were selected as guideposts:

(1) Policies relating to the merit pay plan should be developed through cooperative efforts of the teaching staff, administration and Board of Education.

(2) Basic objective of the plan must be to help teachers to succeed and to improve in their work; thereby improving the quality of the educational program.

(3) Plan must be designed to reward superior teaching, not as a penalty for less satisfactory performance.

Nyssa - Adrian area have had part of their activities while others to come are given below:

Church of the Nazarene
A special children's Christmas program will be presented at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the Church of the Nazarene.

At 7 o'clock Sunday evening a candlelight communion service will be conducted. New pews and pulpit furniture are being installed today and Friday and will be Christmas gifts to the church.

Faith Lutheran Church
A children's program consisting of Christmas music will be held Sunday evening in Faith Lutheran church. Choral numbers will be provided by three age groups. Mrs. Jim Thiel and Janelle Neiger are organists and Mrs. John Briehl is program director.

A children's Christmas service will be held Friday evening at Grace Lutheran in Vale.

LDS First Ward
A Sunday school Christmas program will be presented at the (Continued on Page 5)

\$350,000 Mailed To Corn Growers By Idaho Canning

Bob Moss, manager of Idaho Canning company Nyssa factory, announced Wednesday that checks totaling approximately \$350,000 had been mailed to sweet corn growers in the Nyssa-Payette area this week.

These payments went to about 200 growers, with about half that number in each of the areas.

Moss said the annual growers banquet for Nyssa producers was being planned for near the middle of January but the exact time and place will be announced later.

Acres contracts for 1962 will be received in the Payette area the latter part of January with the field men and office crews moving into the Nyssa area a little later, Moss said.

STUDENT OFFICER ELECTION HELD AT ADRIAN SCHOOL

David Looney was elected president of Adrian high school student body at an election held Tuesday.

Other officers chosen are Michael Hastrier, vice president; Donna Davis, secretary; Marlene Slippy, treasurer; Carl Lovitt, sergeant-at-arms; Judy Mackey, school board representative.

(4) The plan must be developed to meet local conditions.

(5) Plan should be subjected to a continuing evaluation through all levels of school personnel.

(6) The merit policy should apply to all aspects of the school situation, including selection for initial appointment, salary schedule and promotion.

Study Other Plans in Effect
Following the meeting with the school board, the committee elected a chairman and secretary. It has continued to meet once a week since August to study merit plans that are in effect in various sections of the nation and to make an evaluative instrument that possibly could be used to evaluate local teachers.

The committee has made regular progress reports to the Board of Education and to Nyssa Education association. It is hoped that a tentative plan can be submitted to both groups for further study early in the new year.

Scenes Reflect Nyssa Yuletide Spirit



TYPICAL of Yuletide displays to be seen in Nyssa are these depicting Biblical and modern scenes of Christmas. The Nativity scene (above) can be seen on the lawn at St. Bridget's Catholic church on Locust street. To the left is a display at the Dale Bingman home on North First street where Santa stands to greet visitors as they approach the front entrance.

Nyssa Churches and Homes Display Holiday Cheer; JC's Sponsor Contest

In keeping with the Yuletide season, many Nyssa homes and churches are decked with colorful lights and holiday displays. Nativity scenes on lawns, Santa Claus and reindeer on roofs, the Jolly Old Gentleman from the North Pole greeting visitors at doors are some of the displays to be seen around town. Others include holiday wreaths, gleaming trees, glittering windows and other traditional decorations. All these make Nyssa a hometown to be proud of at this holiday season.

Nyssa Jaycees have taken on the project of seeing that some of these families and congregations of the best decorated residences and churches will be repaid for their efforts.

To Be Judged on Originality
Judging will be done by members of the Town and Country Garden club on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 26-27. All residents are asked to have their Christmas lights burning between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock both evenings. Displays will be judged on originality and must be readily seen from the street.

Classifications for churches will be Nativity scene with \$15 to be awarded to first place winner and \$10, second prize. Within the city limits, residences will be judged on two types of displays—Nativity and Christmas scenes. Two prizes will be given in each classification amounting to \$10 for first place and \$5, second award.

Rural displays will be judged on the same two types of displays, with comparable prizes being given.

Rural Residents Must Register
Rural residents entering the competition, however, have been asked to register their entries at Idaho Power company office by phone or mail. They are requested to submit their names and addresses, stating name of avenue on which they live.

Among business firms assisting with this project and to which Jaycees members express their appreciation are Ben Franklin store, Wilson Brothers Department store, First National Bank of Oregon, Coast-to-Coast store, Pounds Grocery, Nyssa Co-op Supply, Peterson Furniture, Eder Hardware.

The Merc, Ray's Food Fair, Firestone Dealer store, M and W Market, Bracken's Department store, Amalgamated Sugar company, Idaho Power company and News media of the area.

This school bus stop has been a problem for some time due to sites where the vehicle loads and unloads, especially on foggy days.

A special meeting of the school board has been set to work out the "Lights on for Education" program which will also serve as the Feb. 15 meeting of the Parent-Teachers organization.

This program is sponsored annually by Oregon School Board association, Oregon Education association and Oregon State PTA.

Warns Accident Rate Is Highest On Christmas Eve

The most dangerous time of the year for traffic is just ahead. It will come, state safety officials remind, on Christmas Eve when fatal accident rate is five times greater than for the remainder of the holiday.

"Death by automobile is pointless and needless at any time, but on a holiday such as Christmas Eve it becomes even more tragic," according to Warne Nunn, chairman of the Oregon Traffic Safety commission.

Nunn said Oregon recorded four deaths on Christmas Eve last year—seven for the entire holiday period.

"Officials of all traffic law enforcement agencies warn against drinking intoxicants if driving, yet too many drivers take a chance—putting themselves above the law and placing their passengers in unnecessary danger," he pointed out.

"No Christmas will be a merry one," he concluded, "if it's marred by accident."

Rex Voeller to Install Two Coin-Operated Cleaning Machines

Rex Voeller announced Wednesday that two "do-it-yourself," coin-operated dry cleaning machines would be added to the King Laundromat very soon. The machines are here and awaiting installation by a factory representative.

Voeller said the machines were designed to fill the need of those people desiring to do their cleaning and had time to do their pressing. The equipment can be used for clothing that requires no special cleaning attention and for cloth household furnishings.



TOP DONORS in Nyssa's blood program since it started in 1949 are Bob Thompson (left) and Everett Heldt. They have both exceeded the three-gallon mark. Thompson has given 25 pints and Heldt is accredited with 26 pints of the life-saving fluid, as indicated by records provided by the local blood committee.

Construction of Succor Creek Road, Highway Improvements and Erection Of Nyssa Signs Are Chamber Topics

Membership Votes to Increase Dues for 1962 To Pay Sign Costs; Amalgamated Interested

Securing a new road, improving existing highways and advertising Nyssa were topics of discussion at the local chamber of commerce meeting Wednesday noon at Brownie's cafe.

The new road hoped for would follow the Succor creek route south to Jordan Valley, leaving present state highway 201 south of Adrian. County court members appeared before the state highway commission Dec. 8 and asked that the road be constructed to shorten the route to California and cut down the cost of transportation of livestock and agricultural products now going down the Idaho side of the state line on U. S. highway 95.

It was also felt that if the road were constructed it could be designated as an alternate of U. S. 95, bringing more traffic through Oregon with the resulting increase in revenue from the gas tax. This project has the approval of the Ontario and Vale chambers and the Malheur County Development group.

Four Lane Highway Included
Improvement of existing highways would include widening the Nyssa-Ontario road to four lanes and construction of a new bridge across the Snake river between Ontario and Payette.

Advertising of the town would be accomplished through erection of signs on the highways west and south of Nyssa. At the present time there are none, other than those supplied by the highway departments telling the distance to Nyssa at various junctions.

Henry Zobell, manager of Amalgamated Sugar company's Nyssa factory, said there was a good possibility that the company would erect its own sign telling of White Satin products made at the largest and most efficient sugar factory in the world.

Asks Cooperation With Others
Paul House, who was a member of the delegation calling on the highway commission Dec. 8, suggested that plans be formulated for highway improvements and (Continued on Page 5)

Ore-Ida Shut-Down Over; Workers Return

Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., last week announced that their potato processing plants would resume full production during this week.

Ore-Ida operations had originally been shut down on Dec. 10 to adjust inventory with increased production.

F. Nephi Grigg, Ore-Ida president, stated, "We are now happy to say that the inventory on some items is down to the point where continued processing is necessary."

Approximately 2,000 employees are affected by the Ore-Ida recall.

Committee Lists Local Blood Donors During First Mobile Visitation in 1949

The Red Cross bloodmobile has continued to visit Nyssa twice a year since 1949 and donors have failed on very few occasions to provide their set quota.

According to reports provided by the local blood committee, top donors for the Nyssa area are Everett Heldt, having given 26 pints, and Bob Thompson, accredited with 25 pints of the life-saving fluid. There are many others who have exceeded the one and two-gallon marks.

Nyssa's first drawing was held July 27, 1949, in the Methodist church and at that time 54 pints of blood were donated. Among those first donors are a number of area residents who still continue to visit the drawing regularly, sometimes accepted, now and then rejected. Others are deceased and some have moved from the area.

First Blood Donors Listed
As provided by members of the local committee, the list of Nyssa area residents donating blood during the first 1949 mobile visitation included Avelon Olean Wells, Betty (Tillman) Walters, Bernard Frost, Frank Sherwood, Samuel Phillips, Herman Towne, Rosel Griffin Anderson.

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