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## Harlem Stars To Play in Nyssa On Friday, Dec. 6

The hilarious Harlem Stars are coming to Nyssa Friday, Dec. 6. Advertised as the greatest and funniest basketball team in the country today, these Negro stars tour the world making fans laugh.

They will be opposed by a bunch of local All-Stars of yesterday, composed of "Butch" McDonald, Larry Roberts, Jerry Myrick, Gary Quinn, Larry Schenk, Jim Moore, Mel Calhoun, Jack Bowen, Harry McGinley, Gene Chester and Dan Martin.

The locals are out-of-school, out-of-shape and would be no match for the traveling team if the latter desired to score. But according to publicity chairman Bob Wilson, the Harlem Stars never try to run up a huge score against their opponents. They keep the score close and devote most of their time to comedy.

The game is sponsored jointly by Nyssa high school Lettermen's club (Brent Schulthies, president) and the Bulldog Booster club (Bob Wilson, president). It will be played in the Nyssa high gym with game time at 8 p.m.

A preliminary game between two teams chosen from the junior high school will be played starting at 6:45.

Everyone who enjoys razzle-dazzle ball handling, intricate pass patterns, trick shooting, marathon dribbling and comedy antics should see this game. (All the comedy may not be put on by the visiting team!)

## MODERN NOVEL DISCUSSION SET WEDNESDAY EVENING

First of a series of monthly discussions on modern novels will be held at 7:30 Wednesday evening, Dec. 4, in room 4 of the high school building. Clyde Swisher, senior English instructor at the high school, will lead the discussion on Dreiser's "Sister Carrie."

## 1964 REUNION CONSIDERED BY NHS GRADUATES OF 1935

Some interest has been reported in having a reunion for NHS graduates of 1935, according to information received by the Journal. It is hoped that the gathering can be held during the summer of 1964.

Anyone who was graduated from Nyssa high school with the class of 1935 and who is interested in a reunion is asked to contact Mrs. Lois Ennis Hershberger, 1390 George street, Woodburn, Ore.

## STRINGER ASSISTS CREW IN STAGING SCHOOL PLAY

John Stringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stringer of Nyssa, is among members of the production crew for a one-act play "in the round" at Shattuck school, Faribault, Minn.

The production, Richard Harry's "Hope Is the Thing With Feathers," was a part of the school's Thanksgiving observance and was staged on the evening of Nov. 27 in the Johnson armory.

## Many Remain Open Friday

Merchants at the meeting decided to close at 3 p.m. but failed to notify other businessmen who were unaware of the latest plans. As a result quite a number of stores remained open all Friday afternoon.

According to radio reports, the only other valley towns in which businesses closed, in part, were Emmett and Council. The local post office was open through Friday and Saturday but was closed all day Monday, along with the bank and city offices. Most other firms opened their doors at noon Monday.

## Comments on Oswald

Some comments on Oswald were: "He was a madman and has probably been unbalanced since childhood." "When the truth is known, you'll find he is the tool of the Communists."

"He was killed to shut him up before he involved others." "It probably had something to do with President Kennedy pushing so hard for the Civil Rights bill."

When stocks began to break rapidly on the New York stock exchange Friday, before it closed, some local people felt the bottom would drop out of business and a depression would start. Others felt newly sworn-in President Lyndon Johnson would make a competent leader and could carry

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## Local Elk Hunters Skid Out 13 Miles After Axle Breaks

Three men from Nyssa had quite an experience while elk hunting last week. Leo Fife; his son, Garry, and Vern Field were in the Dead Horse Ridge and Thompson Flat area northeast of Enterprise when a rear axle on the pickup broke and a wheel came off.

They were 45 miles from the nearest town and there was considerable snow on the ground. There were very few other hunters in the area. They cut a pole and used it as a skid for 13 miles back to camp. It was necessary for Leo and Vern to ride the front end this distance to get traction.

When back at camp Leo walked out to the road and waited some time for another hunter to show up heading toward Enterprise. They finally gave this up, broke camp and loaded all equipment into the camper and headed for town for a new axle.

They got it replaced and hunted part of Saturday and Sunday, getting home late Sunday without having seen a single elk.

## Insurance Company Names John Marsh As District Agent

Appointment of local resident John F. Marsh as agent for the Ontario district office of the Prudential Insurance company was reported in an announcement this week by Edward F. Glannon, staff manager.

A resident of the community for 10 years, Marsh attended local schools.

The new agent came to this area from Olathe, Colo. He resides at 406 King avenue with his wife, Teresa (Bingham) Marsh, and two children, Laurie and Kelly.

## Methodist Bazaar and Lions Carnival Set Saturday; Activities Unchanged

Due to President Kennedy's death, two major functions, held annually in Nyssa, were postponed for one week.

The bazaar and merchants' lunch, sponsored each year by Methodist WSCS and Wesleyan Service guild ladies, was slated to be held last Saturday but has now been scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 30. The ladies state there will be no change in the previously announced activities. Hours for the bazaar are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the church social hall.

Needlework and baked goods will be on sale, together with items from a country store and white elephant booth. Also on sale all day will be doughnuts, made on the spot, served with coffee.

## Carnival Slated in Gym

The annual Lions club carnival, slated for last Saturday evening was also postponed and will be staged from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, in the grade school gym.

Dick G. Tensen, overall chairman, announced that all activities will be carried on as originally scheduled. Entertainment booths, bingo games and a food stand will be in operation. Door prizes will be two pieces of Samsonite luggage, a hair dryer and a transistor radio.

Tensen added that advance tickets, bearing the Nov. 23 date, will be valid and may be used for admittance.

## Operetta Termed Success



APPEARING IN THE RECENT OPERETTA, "The Guy From Venus," were NHS chorus and speech students (left to right) Doug Patterson, Carol Pond, Judi Moncur, Linda Reece and Roy Gibson. Patterson, as Don Starr, played the title role and secretly tried to help Linda Stacy, played by Miss Pond, who became heir to her father's department store following his death. Among other members of the cast, not pictured, were Ralph Tidwell, Betty Jo Graham, Tony Mitchell, John Wohlcke, Karen Hust, Steve Henigson. Proceeds from the musical production, under direction of Gary Clawson, NHS vocal instructor, and Don Bates, speech and English teacher, were added to the band's travel fund to Pasadena where members will march in the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl Parade.

—Photo by Schoen.

## Santa Claus Due in Nyssa Saturday, Dec. 7, in First of Two Appearances; Registration for Prizes Set for Kids

Street Decorations and Merchants' Displays Will Be Completed Prior to Santa's Coming

Santa Claus is due to make his first official 1963 appearance in Nyssa Saturday, Dec. 7. He is due to arrive on Main street at 2 p.m. and march, to the accompaniment of music by the Nyssa band, to the old Taylor grocery building.

According to chairman Bob Thompson, who has been communicating with the Old Gent, he will stay at his Nyssa headquarters from 2 to 5 p.m., interviewing the kiddies, finding out how their conduct has been and taking their orders for Christmas.

Thompson says there will be a decorated tree in the building, a nice warm room and seats for the waiting mothers. There will also be a registrar getting names of the kiddies for prizes to be awarded at a 4 p.m. drawing.

## Bicycle, Tricycle to Be Given

At this drawing some child, age 6 to 12, will win a brand new bicycle and some tot under age 6 will be the happy possessor of a brand new tricycle. It will be necessary to be present to win.

Another appearance is slated for Nyssa by Saint Nick on Saturday, Dec. 21, and will be for the benefit of those unable to attend the first time.

However, none of the first visitors are excluded and all, other than previous prize winners, can register for another drawing for an additional free bicycle and tricycle. There will also be candy given to all kiddies at this appearance.

## Yule Decorations Under Way

Idaho Power company and city crews are busy this week stringing street decorations in the downtown section of Nyssa.

Merchants have received the greater portion of their Christmas goods and will have their windows decorated before this time.

Most stores, other than grocery, will be open until 8 p.m. on Dec. 20, 21 and 23 for the convenience of night shoppers. They will close at 6 p.m. Dec. 24 for employees to get home to their families early.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD FOR CUB SCOUT TROOP

A Cub Scout organizational meeting was held recently at the home of Mrs. Howard Myrick, Nyssa PTA president. The troop will be sponsored by the local PTA organization.

Those present at the session were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Powers of Ontario, representatives of the Boy Scout council; Mrs. Wilmer Hipp, PTA secretary; George Hiram and Martin Greig, master and assistant master of the new troop and Mrs. Thomas Morrow, den mother.

## NYSSAN NAMED TO OFFICE BY EOC YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Judith Ann Wilson, Eastern Oregon college sophomore, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Young Democrats campus organization. A 1962 graduate of Nyssa high school, she is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Wilson of Nyssa.

## Dec. 1 Marks CAP 22nd Anniversary; Nyssa Unit Carries on Youth Program

The Civil Air Patrol will mark its 22nd anniversary on Dec. 1 this year. Nyssa has a 35-member unit of this hard-working and dedicated group with S. H. Porter serving as commander. Mural Lewis is executive officer for the local unit which was established May 15, 1963.

The Nyssa CAP group meets at 7:30 every Monday evening in the community hall. Porter has stated that there is always a need for more cadets and cadettes between the ages of 13 and 18 years.

CAP has etched a record of patriotic public service to community and nation since it was founded during World War II.

## Develops Into Potent Force

Since that time it has grown into a highly organized, efficient and potent force for the emergency services relief role it now occupies.

Cooperating with Civil Defense, Federal Aviation agency, state, county and city governments, CAP today is an asset to any community. Its trained and competent pilots stand ready to fly search and rescue missions on instant notice.

Its nationwide communications network of 14,000 radio stations has become a vital element in Civil Defense planning for survival and recovery in the event of national disaster.

## Becomes Civilian Auxiliary

In 1948 CAP was officially made a civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force by congressional action.

The USAF gave CAP two vital missions — assisting Air Rescue

## Concert Climaxes Two-Day Session For SRV Students

A large crowd was in attendance last Thursday evening at Nyssa high school when area students presented a concert climaxing a two-day Snake River Valley Music clinic.

The program featured an 1100-voice mixed chorus, a 500-voice girls' chorus and an 80-piece honor band.

A standing ovation was given Jester Hairston, clinician for the mixed choir, as he directed students and at the end of the concert. Hairston, who resides in Hollywood, Calif., told the audience that he had "greatly enjoyed working with the young people and that they had a great deal of training and discipline and showed complete cooperation."

Several pieces of original music written by Hairston were included in the program.

Leader of the girls' chorus was James Gabbord, vocal music director at the College of Idaho. Bill Rankin, also from C of I, directed the honor band.

Participating schools were Middleton, Notus, Valluvu, Donnelly-McCall, Parma, Wilder, Melba, Kuna, Marsing, Homedale, Vale, Adrian, Ontario, Weiser, Payette, Fruitland, New Plymouth, Emmett, Meridian and Nyssa.

## Four Accident Cases Treated at Hospital

Larry Roberts of Nyssa was given emergency treatment Monday at Malheur Memorial hospital after cutting his foot when he dropped a kelly frame on it while working at Amalgamated Sugar refinery. He was released following treatment.

Jack Gooing of Parma, also an employee of Amalgamated, was treated Tuesday for lacerations sustained while cutting string on bales of sacks at the factory.

Roy Dimmitt and Dean Haile, both of Nyssa, were admitted Tuesday to the hospital suffering from injuries sustained in an automobile mishap near Parma. Their condition was listed as good Wednesday afternoon by hospital attendants.

Harry Nakashima was released Wednesday from the hospital after being admitted Tuesday for treatment of a cut on his leg. He is employed by Shigeno Farms and was injured while moving some machinery.

## Nyssa Journalism Student Reports Somber Mood on Campus at OSU After Assassination of President

By VICKI MAXFIELD

(Editor's Note: This letter was received Tuesday in Nyssa by Vicki's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maylin Maxfield. We consider it touching, well-written and a vivid expression of the feeling among college students and the surrounding atmosphere upon learning that the life of their national leader had been taken in such a merciless way. There are so many news stories written about the bad deeds of the nation's teenagers, that we consider it a pleasure to print items of this nature. It reveals the true seriousness of this young student and many like her. Vicki was graduated from NHS last year as salutatorian of her class and began her freshman year at Oregon State university in Corvallis this fall.)

November 22, 1963  
"The President is dead!" Four small words that carry the impact of sorrow for a whole country. Needless to say, the campus is dead! Walking around the campus is the most eerie thing one could do.

Ten thousand five hundred people with sullen faces. If you run into someone you know, a small smile is offered with a whispered "hello." Nothing has to be said. Everyone feels the same.

## Roy Hirai Appointed To National Position With Potato Council

Roy Hirai, prominent potato and onion grower and shipper of Nyssa has been appointed to the steering committee of the National Potato Council, according to an announcement made by Claude Auger of Stockton, Calif., new National Potato council president.

The Nyssan is the only Oregonian on the committee. Steering committee members from Idaho include Paul Hansen and Joe Allen. Joe Houska of Hazelton, Idaho, is vice president.

## CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT SETS ELECTION

An election will be held in the Owyhee Cemetery Maintenance district Monday, Dec. 2, for the purpose of naming one director.

Voting hours will be between 2 and 7 p.m. at the Owyhee school house. All balloters must be electors in the state of Oregon and residents of the district at least 70 days last preceding the election date.

Judges for the election will be Marjorie Brewer, Edna Mills and LaVone Culbertson.

4 SHOPPING WEEKS LEFT  
CHRISTMAS SEALS fight TB and other RESPIRATORY DISEASES  
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

## College Classes Cancelled

With these four small words, the friendliest campus in Oregon became full of lifeless people. Classes have not been officially dismissed but many teachers have taken upon themselves to dismiss them. I just returned from reporting for a cancelled English literature class. I don't know if my English composition class will be dismissed but I'm sure it will.

The dorm appears empty, although filled with people. Radios are blaring out of each and every room. In some rooms you see a group of girls sitting around eagerly listening to every word that comes over the air. No records are playing; no music is heard.

Reactions Varied  
Everyone walks around the hall with head hung low. The question of "why" is on every mind. Some cry; some lie down; others have a sullen look. I can't cry and I wish more than anything else that only I could.

The reason I am typing this letter is because I have to get away—I feel I can do this by writing home. My head is splitting with the worst headache I have ever suffered but there are no tears.

When I woke up this morning (Friday), everything seemed normal. Journalism class and my interviews went on as usual. Jeanie Seuell wanted to borrow my muu-muu to wear to a house dance tonight. She came to the dorm and tried it on.

Thoughts Not Pleasant  
It was one of the most humorous sights I ever experienced. It came about five inches above her

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