

Chaperone Describes 'Wonderful' Band Trip to Tournament of Roses Parade

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This is the story of 88 wonderful kids, one young but rapidly aging band director, 10 tired chaperones and the Nyssa high school band trip to Pasadena and the Tournament of Roses Parade New Year's day, 1964.

It is also the story of blistered, swollen feet; sunburn and chapped lips; not enough sleep; and an adventure that all will remember the rest of their lives.

After a rousing send-off by the Nyssa townspeople the band was on the road Sunday at 5 p.m. in three Greyhound buses. We stopped at Jordan Valley for a snack and at Winnemucca for another snack and change of drivers.

Too Much Excitement for Sleep

Then on into a clear night with dry roads and only an occasional patch of fog. There were efforts to sleep a little, but most of these too new, there was just too much

excitement, and all the pleasures hadn't as yet been exchanged were unsuccessful. The trip was not.

We had a 5 a.m. breakfast at Bishop, Calif., Monday morning and a change of drivers. At Lone Pine we stopped long enough to get out and see Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the continental United States.

Watching the sun rise on the high Sierras that morning as we cruised along was something almost indescribable. The snow-capped peaks changed from blue to pink to white; the sun came out bright and warm. The weather was perfect the rest of the trip—and almost too hot at times.

Many Compliment Behavior

Later a stop at Mojave on the desert to stretch our legs and then we arrived at Tip's Restaurant outside of Los Angeles for lunch at 11 o'clock. It was here

that the hostesses told us that they had never served such a well-mannered, polite group of high school students — one of many compliments from restaurant people, bus drivers and folks we met along the way.

It was here also that many of our wide-eyed travelers picked olives off a real live olive tree.

We arrived on the UCLA campus at 1 p.m., and there were ooh's and ah's from our travelers when they saw Sproul Hall, our seven-story residential hall on the hill. This huge building had the girls' living quarters on one side, the boys on the other; and communal cafeteria, recreation rooms and lounges were shared by all.

Hall Affords Good View

Carl Glaser, who had been with Multnomah and Benson Hotels in Portland, was manager and all room assignments and arrange-

ments had been made by him before we arrived. From our rooms and balconies we could see much of Los Angeles and the blue Pacific.

After checking in, Frank Turner had the band out on the practice field to march some of the kinks out of their legs and to start getting acclimated to the 80-plus weather and low altitude.

After supper Monday we piled into our buses for a tour of Beverly Hills and down Sunset Boulevard, passing many of the well-known places of the movies and television. Many of the girls claim they saw Troy Donahue pass in a big, black convertible, and perhaps they did.

Visit Grauman's Theatre

In any event we arrived at Farmers market just as it was closing, but had a chance to look around and enough time for several boys to show up in French

tams. Then up Hollywood Boulevard to Grauman's Chinese theatre where we got off and looked at the signatures and footprints of the greats of show business embedded in the cement.

We all strolled down Hollywood Boulevard to Warner's Cinerama theatre where we saw "How the West Was Won." It certainly was colorful and spectacular.

When the show was over, our buses were lined up in front of the theatre and we attracted quite a lot of attention as we boarded them. One of the old western stars came along and shook hands with the kids.

Practice With Other Bands

Tuesday morning we slept in until about 7:30 and the band was on the practice field from about 9 until 11 o'clock, along with the University of Illinois and Berkeley high school bands which were also staying at Sproul Hall.

Several of the men walked over to the UCLA men's gymnasium for a visit with Kenneth Moore, former Ontario high school coach who is now assistant in the UCLA physical education department. He introduced us to "Ducky" Drake, famous track coach and the developer of Rafer Johnson and C. K. Yang, Olympic decathlon champions.

Mr. Drake taped up Gene Chester's ailing knee, which was a big help in seeing our principal through many hours of being on his feet.

Arrive at Disneyland

After lunch we rode over to Santa Monica and watched the surf boarders riding the waves—quite different from the usual Dec. 31 at home. We then went through Los Angeles where the group had a chance to see the maze of freeways which go over, under and through the big city.

We arrived at Disneyland about 3 p.m. Our buses were escorted into the grounds and everyone was given tickets for the many rides and attractions.

At 5 p.m. the band members were in uniform and ready for the Toyland Parade. This consisted of the Disneyland band leading the parade, then all the fabled characters of Toyland in their colorful costumes. The Nyssa band brought up the rear.

We were given a wonderful introduction and when the band swung out with "California, Here I Come," the applause of the huge crowd, the searchlights on the banner and uniforms, the lighted street and general atmosphere provided a moment most of us will never forget.

"Spectacular Experience"

I'm sure I wasn't the only one with a catch in his throat.

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Dellin Erickson Takes Over as Head Of Nyssa Chamber of Commerce Board For 1964; Plans Drive for Members

Committee Heads Named; Budget Adopted; Monthly Meetings Set Up; Tax Talk Heard

Nyssa Chamber of Commerce held its first meeting of the new year Wednesday noon at Brownie's cafe, with a new board and Dellin Erickson presiding as new president.

Erickson, who succeeds Vic Haburchak, outlined some of the plans and hopes for the year, submitted a proposed budget that was approved by the membership and introduced

Teamsters Union Cancels Request For Ore-Ida Vote

National Labor Relations board this week notified Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., that Teamsters Union Local 943 has withdrawn its petition for an election. The election had been scheduled with Ore-Ida maintenance employees for Wednesday, Jan. 8, 1964.

On Oct. 17, 1963, this same maintenance force had voted against union representation. Sixty-three workers voted—38 for no union connection, 22 favored Teamsters and three wanted the Amalgamated Meat Cutters.

The October election, however, was set aside and rescheduled for this week.

The cancellation notice was signed by Patrick H. Walker, acting regional director for the 19th region of the National Labor Relations board.

City Police to Enforce Peddling Ordinance

Police Chief F. E. Petrie has asked the Journal to call attention to the fact that Nyssa does have an ordinance against peddling without a license and that the law will be enforced for everyone.

There are cases when soliciting will be permitted within the jurisdiction of the city. Those solicitors, however, must have a card of registration issued by the police department, Petrie stated.

Minimum fine for violating Ordinance No. 335 is \$25 and the maximum fine is \$100, the chief added.

C. Landreth Named Assistant Manager

Charles "Chuck" Landreth began work Monday morning as assistant manager-salesman at Roberts-Nyssa motor company, according to announcement made this week by Manager Boyd Wilson.

Landreth, a native of Nyssa, has been in the retail end of the automotive business for the past 15 years. He spent approximately 11 years with Waggoner Motors and for the past four years had been employed by Swager Ford.

\$53,000 Tax Funds Listed for Study Of Upper Owyhee

According to a recent release from the office of Congressman Al Ullman, this second congressional district will receive a total of \$792,454 federal tax funds for the Bureau of Reclamation to make general investigations.

The investigations include basin surveys, reconnaissance and project inspections.

Of the tax funds appropriated the total is only \$30,000 short of the amount requested for the district and is approximately 8 percent of the total for the entire country. Directly affecting this area will be \$53,000 allocated for the Upper Owyhee project. This was the amount requested.

Wesley Roberts as speaker of the day. He also announced committee chairmen.

The board has established regular meetings for the first Tuesday in each month. These will be noon sessions at Brownie's cafe and Erickson said that the public was invited to any of them for suggestions, information or fellowship.

To Report to Chamber

The regular business will be transacted then and report made to the chamber at the next regular meeting of that body.

He said a survey made by Reed Ray, merchant committee chairman, indicated that there were 122 businesses or professions listed in Nyssa and only 70 were paying dues to the chamber during the past year. An all-out effort is to be made to make participation 100 percent.

No plans are being made at this time to change dues structures and the budget adopted is based on revenue received in 1963. As additional money is received, expenditures will be made for items approved by the chamber.

Budget Highlights Noted

Receipts, based on 1963, are estimated at \$2,929.77 with dues bringing \$2,230; city of Nyssa, \$250 participation in street decorations and \$449.77 funds on hand.

Expenditures, listed according to size, were: secretary, \$600; contract on Christmas decorations, \$600; tourist promotion, \$500; secretary office expenses, \$200; additional Christmas lighting, \$200; teachers day program, \$100; Junior C of C, \$35; chamber banquet, \$25; U. S. Chamber dues, \$25; and Oregon Reclamation Congress, \$10.

These with \$306.38 in unpaid bills would leave a surplus of \$28.39 at the end of 1964.

Tax Charts Shown

Speaker Wesley Roberts, a farmer at Oregon Slope, showed a number of charts outlining figures made from a tax study conducted in Bonneville county, Idaho, a few years ago.

Roberts said he didn't want to imply that the same figures would apply here but that generally the situation would be the same.

His charts showed (1) that the greater part of property taxes were used to support schools, (2) that a great proportion of taxes came from farm property and that this was not a true picture of the ability to pay, (3) that a

Hereford Bull Sale Scheduled for Feb. 28

The annual Eastern Oregon Hereford Breeders association bull sale will be in Ontario Feb. 28, according to plans made at the group's annual meeting last week, is announcement made by George Bain, secretary.

Early indications are that area breeders have selected 80 bulls for the sale, Bain said. Competition is expected to be keen for championship honors during the Feb. 27 judging.

New officers elected were Tom Shaw of Caldwell, president; Norman Ireland, Ontario, vice president; George Bain, Ontario, secretary. Jim Cahill of Weiser was elected to a three-year term as director.



THIS IS ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD of the containers of food distributed at Christmas time to needy families of the area. The project was sponsored by American Legion Post 79, with Judge Don M. Graham as chairman. Numerous varieties of food items and money were donated by many organizations and individuals who are to be commended for their acts. On behalf of the recipients, the Journal editors express appreciation to members of the Legion post, auxiliary and the Nyssa Jaycees for the many hours spent in performing this large but generous task. This photo was taken on the evening of the holiday party staged in Nyssa community hall for members of the needy families. During the event the Jaycees' "Toys for Tots" were distributed by Santa Claus and refreshments were served to the invited guests. —Journal Photo.

Area Families Have Happy Holiday Through Combined Efforts of Many

Christmas—1963, will be remembered by many families as a happy one through efforts of American Legion Post 79, the Nyssa Jaycees, their auxiliaries and many other generous residents of the area.

According to Judge Don M. Graham, Legion chairman for the project, 54 baskets of food of the area whose names were furnished by the county welfare department. The families were comprised of 85 adults and 206 children.

On the evening of Dec. 23, the Legionnaires, Jaycees and Legion auxiliary staged a party for the families. Eleven mothers, older brothers and sisters took over 90 children to the Nyssa community hall where each received at least three good toys and the group was served cocoa, milk, cookies and candy.

Project Termed Successful

"Successful" is the word used by those who worked on the project and were present for the party. "Just seeing the smiles on the faces of the small children as they received their gifts, was worth all the effort put forth," Judge Graham said.

Thirteen baskets were made up and delivered by various organizations and individuals. Among them were American Legion auxiliaries, Methodist church, Rebekah lodge, Christian church, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Tobler, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stunz, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, all of Nyssa; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Burchfield and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pete Ashley of Ontario.

The remaining 41 baskets were made up with donated food and money. Helping to prepare the containers were Mr. and Mrs. Morris Riblett, Byron Standerfer, Clarence Niccum and the Mmes. Joe Maughan, Wilbur Booth, C. M. Pounds and Don Graham.

Men Deliver to Homes

These were delivered to the various homes by Tom Johnson, Clarence Niccum, Romalio Martinez, Eddie Lawrence, Billie Lawrence and Byron Standerfer. The men covered many miles while delivering the food and gave many hours of their time, Judge Graham reported.

Numerous varieties of food items were donated for the project by Angie Cook, Ray and Alfred Simpson, Alice Collins, Bill Wilks, Clyde Long, M & W Market, Wilson's Market, Christian church, Job's Daughters, Ray's Food Fair, Legion auxiliary, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Booth and Dee Booth.

Other food donors included John Stringer, 200 pounds of (Continued on Page 5)

Pasadena Performance by Musicians Credited to Efforts of Two Directors

'A Job Well Done' Viewed by Most Nyssans; Many Journey to California for Spectacle

Appearance of Nyssa high school's marching band in the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena New Year's day, 1964, and success of the venture are a tribute to two outstanding music directors. Credit goes to Bob Q. Smith, who initiated the original request and built the fine organization that could rate such an honor, and to Frank Turner, who did such a fine job in training the young musicians and directing their efforts.

Turner is a graduate of UCLA and had marched in the Rose Parade before, so his knowledge of the area and parade conditions was particularly valuable.

Youngsters, Parents Commended

It is also a tribute to the fine youngsters, and their parents, and the many hours of hard work preparing for the trip. These kids are spirited and had fun, but they are also disciplined; and when the chips were down, they came through with flying colors.

Most of all, it is a tribute to the school administration and to the citizens of Nyssa and the valley who made the trip possible through their generous support and contributions.

While waiting for the parade to reach our viewpoint, we listened to the radio as the parade passed the broadcast area. Perhaps the ABC radio announcer summed it up when he said, "I'll bet the people of Nyssa are proud of this outfit. If only the teachers could keep them in their classes like this all the time. They are in perfect alignment and their precision is perfect."

Principal Gene Chester said after getting home that to him the most satisfying part of the trip was the good behavior and attitude of all the kids in the band—Not one unpleasant incident, just complete cooperation and a job well done.

Many Nyssa people were seen in Los Angeles. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Sarazin and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cottle; Mrs. Ken Pond and daughter, Marilyn; Fred Arai and son, Don; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Esplin; Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Kurtz and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Wyckoff and Daniel Carullo, Argentine exchange student; Mrs. Alice Neill (Continued on Page 10)

Unemployed Get Higher Benefits Under New Law

The new year will bring several changes to Oregon unemployment insurance benefits law, according to the State Department of Employment.

Firstly, the new law increases the maximum weekly benefit amount from \$40 a week to \$44 a week and the minimum amount from \$15 to \$20.

Secondly, the weekly benefit will now be figured on the basis of 1.25 percent of the claimant's total base year wages, rather than 1/26th of the claimant's highest base year quarter wages.

Since a number of claimants who filed in 1963 will have claims carried over into the new year, the benefits division of the department of employment has had to refigure thousands of claims because of these changes in the law.

Of course, those filing claims after the first of the year will automatically have their claims determined under the new law. Under the new regulation also, the claimant's benefit year, the year in which it is determined he is eligible for benefits, begins on the day he files his claim.

The employment department estimates that some 75,000 claims had to be refigured. It is also estimated that increased benefit amounts will cost some \$500,000 annually, depending of course on the extent of unemployment.

The unemployment insurance trust fund has the best balance it has had for a number of years. On Dec. 20 it contained \$72.1 million compared to \$56.1 million a year earlier.

As a consequence, the new law also will give many employers reduced unemployment insurance tax rates beginning Jan. 1, 1964. The rates will vary from 1.8 to 2.7 percent depending on their experience rating.

First 1964 Nyssa-Born Baby Captures Prizes of Nyssa, Ontario Merchants

Jena Marie, daughter of Dean and Thelma Burley of Ontario, not only won the Nyssa Stork Derby for the first 1964 baby born in Malheur Memorial hospital but became "sweepstakes" winner by also getting all prizes given by Ontario merchants for the first-born in the county.

The little lady thus became the biggest winner of all time for the first-born in the local hospital. She made her appearance only two hours and 15 minutes after the new year opened with Dr. K. A. Danford as attending physician.

The mother is a registered nurse, employed for the past five years at Holy Rosary hospital in Ontario. The father is a fence contractor and builder. They reside at 380 N.E. First street in Ontario.

Donors, Prizes Listed

A list of Nyssa donors and prizes offered are as follows: Amalgamated Sugar company, sack of White Satin Sugar; The Beauty Nook, haircut, shampoo and set for mother; Ben Franklin store, infant dress; Bestway Building Center, two dozen diapers; Bob Thompson agency, \$5 gift certificate; Bracken's Department store, sweater, hood and bootie set; Brownie's cafe, two \$1.50 dinners.

J. Muri Burns, hand-knit baby sweater; Clover Lawn Dairy, \$5 gift certificate; Dee-Lite Bakery, large iced angel food cake; Eder Building Supply, \$2.50 gift certificate; Farmers Feed and Seed company, \$5 in trade; Firestone Dealer store, a surprise gift; First National Bank, \$5 savings ac-



THIS IS JENA MARIE BURLEY, first 1964 infant born in Malheur Memorial hospital, as she sleeps peacefully in the arms of her mother, Mrs. Thelma Burley. She was unaware of the fact that young ladies usually pose for a photograph and she was also unaware of the fact that she and her parents were recipients of many gifts from local merchants as well as from merchants of other valley towns since she was also the first 1964 baby born in Malheur county. The county-wide "Stork Derby" was sponsored by neighboring Ontario. Jena Marie was born at 2:15 a.m. on Jan. 1 and weighed 11 pounds, 7 ounces, with Dr. K. A. Danford as attending physician. She left the hospital Saturday to join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burley and two brothers, Jeff, 4 years of age, and John, 2. The family resides at 380 N.E. First street in Ontario. The infant's grandparents are Bill and Ortha Burley of Caldwell and Lena Lankford of Fayetteville, Ark. —Journal Photo.