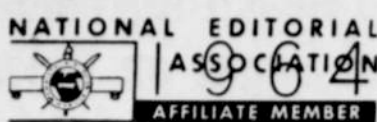


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## Conservation Officer Tells of Appreciation For Special Edition

Adrian Soil Conservation District  
Route 1... Nyssa, Oregon  
March 2, 1964

To the Editor  
The Gate City Journal  
109 Main Street  
Nyssa, Oregon  
Dear Sir:

Supervisors of the Adrian Soil and Water Conservation District wish to publicly thank the Gate City Journal, business men and other folks of Nyssa who contributed to the Gate City Journal's conservation issue of last week.

Supervisors feel that conservation of our soil and water resources is vital to a permanent, profitable agriculture in the area and that an informed public is an important link in getting conservation objectives identified and carried out.

We are pleased that the business community of Nyssa enthusiastically supported this educational effort.

Sincerely,  
WILBUR CHAPIN  
Chairman  
Adrian Soil Conservation  
District Board  
Of Supervisors

Malheur County Legume  
Seed Growers Association  
City Hall... Ontario, Oregon  
March 2, 1964

To the Editor  
The Gate City Journal  
109 Main Street  
Nyssa, Oregon  
Dear Sir:

The interest people of Nyssa have shown us in the recent Farmers' Appreciation Day is very much appreciated. We hope to continue this fine relationship in years to come. We are thankful of the services that the business men provide.

Cooperation between Nyssa business men, seed growers, county extension agents and Oregon State University has built up a multi-million dollar seed industry in the Nyssa trade area. We hope that it continues.

Sincerely,  
GEORGE FOLKMAN  
President  
Malheur Legume Seed  
Growers Association

## FRIDAY DINNER GUEST

Mrs. R. G. Larson, Sr., was a Friday evening dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell.

## Methodist Speaker Scheduled to Talk At Ontario Meeting

The Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell will be guest speaker at a 12 o'clock luncheon meeting Saturday, March 7, in the social hall of the Ontario Methodist church, according to the Rev. Paul Ludlow.

The speaker serves as executive secretary for Latin American countries of the division of world missions of the Methodist church. Title of his address at the Saturday meeting will be "A Relevant Faith in a Revolutionary World."

Reservations for the Saturday luncheon should be made by Friday, the Rev. Ludlow said. Those desiring to attend may contact him at 372-2245 for reservations.

## Adrian News

By Mrs. G. E. Mackey

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Mackey went to Boise Sunday evening to visit her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gage, and a cousin, Mrs. Maggie Forgy.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ausman and family of Homedale were Sunday evening dinner guests in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ausman.

## Honored on Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eastman and family at Caldwell. The event honored their grandson, Pat, on his birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney and Mary were Friday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Tina Scheimer and George.

Mr. and Mrs. Monty Spelman and sons visited Saturday with his uncle, Norval Shelton at Council. The Spelmans were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Franks and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lovitt and Alan were Sunday dinner guests of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Callahan.

## Flies to San Francisco

Earl Winn flew to San Francisco Friday on business, planning to return home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Duncan and family of Ontario were Sunday dinner guests at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan and family.

Robert Duncan received word last week that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pate Duncan of Jordan Valley, had returned from an extended trip to Oklahoma.

Mrs. G. E. Mackey visited several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Florence Gowey in Boise. On Wednesday evening they were dinner guests of Mrs. Mackey's sister, Mrs. Lois Durocher and family.

Classifieds Bring Results!

## School History Brought Up to Date Through Resume of Physical Growth

By FRANK PARR, Eighth Grade Teacher

(Editorial Note: This is the third in a series of articles on the history of Nyssa schools being published by the Journal. The resumes were originally presented at the Feb. 13 Founder's Day program of the Nyssa PTA. Another story by Audrey J. Ward, an early-day Nyssa student, will be printed in a subsequent issue of the Journal.)

The material I am about to give you concerning the history of Nyssa schools pertains to the physical growth of buildings. It involves bricks and buildings and taxes and hotly contested elections to bring this school plant from an institution worth approximately 50 to 60 thousand dollars—26 years ago—to a plant that is now worth close to two million dollars.

But in the description of this material growth to many of us here who have participated in the struggles to attain our present status, there are many things much more precious and of more importance than the physical growth of brick buildings or the expenditure of dollars or taxes.

I refer to the lives of the hundreds of children whose minds we have tried to train. The real history of this district is actually in what these buildings and teachers and tax dollars have provided for the young people entrusted to school boards, the administration and the teachers.

## History Reflected in Lives

These things are intangible—we cannot measure them. A great many of you people sitting here tonight can see the history of this school in your lives.

To me as I tell you about the bricks and the mortar, I'm also thinking of a great many wonderful memories of the boys and girls for whom this plant was built. They are the real history.

In 1937 the little village of Nyssa was having trouble. The Owyhee dam project had been completed. Into a community totally unprepared to cope with them, families from Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, the Dakotas, Utah, Idaho—and goodness knows where else—took up farms on the new land. They had children to be educated.

## Students From Three Districts

Our school facilities consisted of less than half of the present grade school building. Besides the children of the Nyssa community, we were taking care of three school districts from Adrian area, the Oregon Trail district and Arcadia in the high school.

The high school was housed in the wing of the grade school building which extended toward the lumber yard which was not there at that time. Two additions were ultimately added to that building, so around six or seven rooms was all we had.

The gym was partitioned off to provide a couple of class rooms. My history classes had about 50 students apiece and they were seated in those three-in-one opera chairs. The rooms were so crowded we only had one aisle down one edge of the room. Anyone coming in late had to literally crawl over others to reach a seat.

## Grades Scattered in Town

The halls were a mass of packed humanity when the classes were passing. The grade school upper grades were in the rooms extending toward the west in the old building; the fourth, fifth and sixth grades were scattered around town in church and lodge basements. Grades one, two and three were in an old frame structure north of the old gym.

In 1938-39 we tried a double shift with the town students coming in the morning and the country students in the afternoon. The teachers had a sort of split shift.

This arrangement relieved the crowded classrooms somewhat but did less than nothing to promote harmony between the town and country. There were gang fights—most of which took place off the school grounds, I think.

## High School Ready in 1939-40

In 1939-40 the new high school was ready for occupancy. We were a union high school comprised of the Oregon Trail district and the Nyssa district. James Bushong was principal of the high school and Leo Hollenberg remained as superintendent of the elementary school.

Henry Hartley came to Nyssa for the 1940-41 school year. He worked for consolidation of the Oregon Trail and Nyssa districts—consolidation carrying by a single vote in the Oregon Trail district.

It might be well to note that in this area that had been consolidated there was a school board to run the Nyssa elementary district, another nine-man board elected from the Oregon Trail and Nyssa communities to operate the union high school and Oregon Trail had a separate board to operate their elementary school after consolidation.

## Additions Made to Buildings

In 1941-42 only one board was necessary for the combined district and Mr. Hartley became superintendent. At two different times shortly thereafter additions were made to the grade school. Plans for an addition to the

## Catholics to Serve Ham Dinner Sunday In School Cafeteria

The congregation of St. Bridget's Catholic church have scheduled their annual ham dinner for Sunday, March 8. Serving to the public will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Co-chairmen for the event are Mrs. Eugene Pratt, Mrs. Art Boselman and Mrs. Joe Dirksen.

Assisting them will be Mrs. Herman Towne, decorations; Mrs. Roy Hirai, dining room and Mrs. George Vandewall, serving. Mrs. Glenn Brown and Mrs. Robert Sherard are in charge of tickets.

In addition to advance ticket sales, they may be purchased at the door.

high school had been drawn up, but World War II interfered. After the war, prices were high and the board waited several years before moving toward an addition. Prices never came down so in 1948 and 1949 plans went ahead for the junior high and the new gymnasium.

In 1950 these new buildings were put into operation, with Mr. Murl Lancaster installed as principal of the junior high.

## Facilities Again Expanded

In 1956, after using the three rooms at Arcadia for several years, we expanded our plant to include the primary buildings, cafeteria, the band building and the industrial arts shop.

Finally last year the board was authorized to let contracts for the new vocational agriculture structure. It has been completed and the FFA boys moved into it last week. The old ag shop has been converted into an up-to-date biology unit and will add another classroom to the high school besides.

I have not touched on events preceding 1936 as others have done that. We have a great many people to thank for the phenomenal growth of the Nyssa schools. I feel that they can be proud of what they have done for children of this community in the past, present and for generations yet to come.

## Missionary Couple From Latin America To Appear in Nyssa

The Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Morris will present a first-hand report of their latest experiences as missionaries to Venezuela at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 8, at the Assembly of God church, according to Pastor J. L. Mussell.

The couple lived in the capital city of Caracas for the last four years when Venezuela has been one of the trouble spots of the world.

They have been in missionary work in Latin America for the past 26 years. After spending 20 years in Peru they were transferred to Venezuela and have been under the auspices of the Foreign Missions department of the Assemblies of God. Both are ordained ministers of this organization.

At the forthcoming service, a full report will be given of the great revival that came to Caracas and also to Venezuela. Curious from that country will be on display; a film and colored slides will depict the advancement in missionary work.

The Rev. Mussell and his congregation extend a cordial invitation to all area residents.

## MARCH 13 HAM DINNER SET BY ADRIAN CONGREGATION

The annual ham dinner, sponsored by the congregation of Kingman Memorial Community church at Adrian, is slated Friday, March 13.

Serving to the public will be between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m. in the church basement.

Proceeds from the dinner will be spent for insurance on the church buildings.

## Pastor Notes Change In Mid-Week Service

Midweek services at Park Avenue Baptist church have been changed to Thursday night, according to Pastor Jimmy Williams. The services have previously been held on Wednesday evenings. Meeting time is 7 o'clock and the public is welcome to attend, the Rev. Williams said.

Sunday schedule at the church is: Sunday School 10 a. m.; Sunday Worship Hour 11 a. m.; Evening Evangelistic Service 7 p. m.

## LUTHERAN PASTOR TELLS MID-WEEK SERVICE TOPIC

Fifth mid-week service of the Lenten season will be held March 11 at Faith Lutheran church, according to Pastor John Milbrath. Sermon topic will be "Guilty Hands" and follows the general theme which is "Into Thy Hands."

The sermons have been dealing with vital issues and problems of Christian faith and life, Pastor Milbrath said.

Classifieds Bring Results!

## Safety Tips on Kite Flying Explained By Official of Idaho Power Company

"Go fly a kite... safely!"

This plea to youngsters in Idaho Power company's service area was issued this week by the utility's safety director as early spring weather brought out the traditional swarms of kite fliers.

"Kite flying is fun and it's safe," cautioned A. I. Sawyer, "if youngsters follow eight simple rules."

The safety director listed the rules as follows:

1. Don't use tinsel string, wire or any twine with metal in it.
2. Don't fly a kite with metal in the frame or tail.
3. Don't fly a kite in the rain.
4. Don't run across streets or highways while flying a kite.
5. Don't fly a kite over TV or radio aerials.
6. Don't touch fallen electric wires.
7. Don't fly a kite near electric or power lines.
8. Don't pull on the string or climb power poles to loosen snagged kites.

"Go out, fly your kites—and DO have fun," Sawyer said in conclusion.

## Student From Iceland To Present Program For Lutheran Youth

Miss Willimina Thor, exchange student from Iceland who is currently attending Vale high school, will be guest speaker at the Lutheran league fellowship dinner at 7 o'clock Sunday evening in Faith Lutheran church.

She will show slides of Iceland and tell of her native country. Her father is a Lutheran minister in Iceland and she is being sponsored by Grace Lutheran church of Vale.

All interested young people of the area are invited to attend.

## Fellowship Meeting Set Sunday Evening In Episcopal Church

A good attendance was reported at the inter-church meeting held Sunday evening in the Christian church by the Rev. Wallace Prowell, pastor of the host church. This was the first of a series of four meetings for Methodist, Episcopal and Christian church congregations.

The Rev. Dale Copey of Red Rock Christian church in Boise was speaker and presented the problems of Christian unity from the standpoint of the Christian church.

The Rev. David Stone of the Episcopal church in Weiser will be guest speaker at a meeting slated at 8 o'clock Sunday evening in the Episcopal church.

## THANKS TO MERCHANTS

Members of the Oregon Trail grange take this opportunity to thank the merchants of Nyssa for staging Farmers' Appreciation Day. Your efforts were truly appreciated.

—Tom Jones, Grange Master

## ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HAM DINNER Sunday, March 8, 1964

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