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**Fire Prevention Urged**

Throughout all the United States the period of Oct. 4-10 is being observed as Fire Prevention Week. Each week should be one of prevention, but you are particularly urged to eliminate all known fire hazards now with good "housekeeping."

Fire is a menace to your loved ones, your homes and businesses and is a needless waste that can largely be avoided with ordinary care. It caused the death of almost 12,000 people in the U. S. last year and wrought more than \$1 billion in property losses.

The five leading causes of fire (accounting for more than 75 percent of the total) are listed as follows: Matches and smoking, 23.4 percent; faulty electrical equipment, 20.6 percent; lightning, 12.2 percent; heat, flames and sparks from open fires and defective heating units, 10.1 percent.

Nyssa is fortunate in having a real top-notch volunteer fire department that also mans the equipment for the Nyssa Rural Fire district. Adrian recently formed a fire district but does not yet have a siren or truck that have been ordered.

It is unfortunate when fire destroys property and we can understand the helpless feeling of the people who lost a farm home Sunday near Adrian. But fire districts are formed and people in them pay taxes to purchase and maintain the equipment, and fire departments are limited in going outside their districts to fight fires—otherwise they might be gone when badly needed at home.

We would strongly urge that you deal with fires by preventing them where possible. Check your insurance policies and see that they cover up to present-day values and periodically have them reviewed by a competent local agent. Five Nyssa agents sponsor a fire prevention notice in this issue of the Journal and will be glad to advise with you on your problems.

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**Topics of Sermons, Church-Wide Study Told by Local Pastor**

Sermons to be delivered from the pulpit of Nyssa Methodist church during the next four weeks have been announced by the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence. Dates and sermon topics will be:

Oct. 11, "The Early Settlers;" Oct. 18, "This Church Is a Launching Pad;" Oct. 25, "The Most Taboo Subject in the American Pulpit;" Nov. 1, "How to Vote on Tuesday."

Church school begins each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. with morning service at 11 o'clock.

"Christian Responsibility for the United States and the New Nations" is topic for the church-wide study scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, at the church. This is a combination study of both missionary and social concern, sponsored jointly by the Commission on Missions and the Commission on Christian Social Concerns.

Mrs. Sherman Wilson is social concerns chairman and has announced the program. Mrs. Ralph A. Lawrence is in charge of the course and the assembly of study resources. For those who prefer a daytime hour for the study, a second session duplicating the first will be held at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday.

**MYF Panel Describes Program Work Areas With Mock TV Show**

Methodist Youth Fellowship group met Sunday evening, Sept. 27, for a special session to which new members were invited. President Karen Smith conducted the meeting attended by 24 youth and three adult counselors.

After a period of recreation, the evening program was presented—which was the enactment of a television panel show on the "MYF network." Commentators for a program entitled "Where Are We Going?" were Marcia Wyckoff and Glenn Bock.

Panel members who described the work of the various program areas of the MYF were Bonnie Sager, faith; Karen Main, witness; Eileen McConnel, outreach; David Nishitani, citizenship; Terry Sells and Sheila Huffman, fellowship.

Following the "broadcast," the group gathered for worship in the M-Y chapel, led by the Rev. Lawrence. Counselor in charge was Mrs. Meridean Robbins.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH LADIES TO SERVE ANNUAL DINNER**

Members of the executive board of St. Bridget's Altar society met on the evening of Sept. 29 at the rectory.

Plans were made for the annual turkey dinner to be held Nov. 1 at the Nyssa school cafeteria.

**OVERNIGHT GUESTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Eldredge of Boise were Sept. 30 overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eldredge.

**LETTERS To the Editor**

Signed letters to the editor are welcomed and will be printed if they do not contain comments of a libelous nature or attacks on religious and racial groups. Publication of the letters does not necessarily signify agreement of this newspaper with opinions expressed.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MALHEUR COUNTY COURT**

Dear Sirs: As a candidate for county commissioner in Malheur county, there are several questions I would like to pose, all of them bearing on county business and the present political campaign:

(1) Was the expense of a trip of the county judge to a Washington, D.C., conference several weeks ago, paid from county funds? If so, from what fund?

(2) During September, the three members of the court flew to the coast to inspect highways at various points. Where did the funds come from for that expense? Did it come from the county court budget, or from the road district, and what were the costs?

(3) If, as the court contends, financial figures supplied by the county auditor were in error, why? It would appear that his job is to keep the figures straight. If he can't, why is he retained on a job that already is duplicating that being done by other county officers?

I feel the public has a right to know the answers to these questions.

/s/ AMEIL CLAUDE  
 Candidate for  
 Commissioner  
 Republican Ticket

**CATHOLIC CIRCLE SLATES SONGFEST, PIE SOCIAL**

A songfest and pie social are planned for 7:30 Sunday evening in the Catholic parish hall on North Third street. The event is being sponsored by St. Teresa's circle of the church and all adult members of the parish are invited to attend.

**TAKE CALIFORNIA TRIP**

Mrs. Lucille Stewart of Tacoma recently spent some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kingrey. The Nyssans accompanied Mrs. Stewart on a 10-day trip to California where they were guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Green and family in Mill Valley. The trio also visited with friends in San Francisco. They returned via the coast highway to Portland where the Kingreys boarded a train for Nyssa and Mrs. Stewart continued on to Tacoma.

**ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL**

Mrs. George McKee was admitted Monday morning to Caldwell Memorial hospital for observation and treatment.

**Religion-Politics Discussions Slated At Methodist Church**

A new series of discussions of interest to young adults will be launched Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Nyssa Methodist church. The Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence will coordinate a five-week study on "Christianity and Politics," to be presented at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.

Parents may bring their children to church school and remain for this class, the Rev. Lawrence said. In an attempt to answer such questions as "Should Christians discuss political views from the standpoint of their faith?" and "Do religion and politics mix?" topics will be covered as follows:

Oct. 11, "The American Present;" Oct. 18, "About Mixing and Meddling;" Oct. 25, "Christianity's Contribution to Politics;" Nov. 1, "Policies, Personalities and Parties;" Nov. 8, "Convictions and Compromises."

Appropriate scriptures, current news items and reports will back up the discussions. Anyone who would be challenged by these discussions is welcome to attend, the pastor concluded.

**CHRISTIAN LADIES MEET**

Afternoon meeting of the Christian Women's Fellowship group was held Oct. 1 at the church with Mrs. Ed Pruyne as hostess. Mrs. Lester Oden was worship leader and Mrs. Pruyne presented the program.

Other CWF members met that evening at the home of Mrs. Wallace Prowell. Mrs. Oden served as worship leader and Mrs. Prowell was in charge of the program. Both groups knitted on scarves and caps.

**Sunday Farewell Service to Honor Elder Gene Jones**



**GENE DOUGLAS JONES . . . To Serve Texas Mission**

A farewell testimonial for Elder Gene Douglas Jones will be held at 8 o'clock Sunday evening, Oct. 11, in the Nyssa LDS Second ward. The young missionary is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Reeves Jones of route 2, Nyssa.

The missionary was born at Lamar, Colo., but has spent most of his life in Nyssa where he attended grade school and was graduated from high school with the class of 1963. He attended Oregon State college in Corvallis for one year.

Elder Jones will enter the mission home in Salt Lake City on Oct. 26 for a week's training before leaving for the Texas mission field where he will serve for two years. His address will be

**Rally Day Observed At Methodist Church**

"Rally Day" was observed on Sept. 27 in Nyssa Methodist and Apple Valley church schools. The Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence gave a children's sermon during the morning program at Apple Valley church school.

Following the morning worship service, based on the theme, "Know Your Neighbor," a coffee hour was held in the social hall of the Nyssa church, sponsored by the Membership and Education commissions.

**Projector Dedicated**

A new filmstrip projector for use in Christian education was dedicated by Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, Larry Nancy and Patricia Sunday during the worship hour. The gift was presented in memory of Bill Wilson.

Participating in the dedication ceremony were Melvin Spitze, church school superintendent, and Gene Chester, church lay leader, together with the Rev. Lawrence.

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The young missionary's friends are invited to attend his farewell testimonial service.

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Make Every Week Fire Prevention Week.

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- KILL YOUR LOVED ONES!
- RUIN YOUR BUSINESS!
- LEAVE YOU HOMELESS!

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