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Nyssa . . . Our Hometown!

Our hometown is Nyssa, Ore., located on the east edge of the state, close to the west bank of the Snake river which divides Oregon and Idaho.

Populationwise, it is not "the greatest," but the sign on the highway at the city limits reads 2,740. Without us it would read 2,738 — so we count and we're glad we are Nyssans.

For recreation, we bowl at the local lanes, play golf on the nearby Ontario course and occasionally attend a social function at the Eagles hall or just meet and eat with friends.

This area is a paradise for hunters, fishermen, campers and rock hounds.

When we go into a Nyssa store, we usually find pretty nearly what we are looking for — and if a certain firm doesn't have the item, the owner or manager usually offers to order it. With just a little planning ahead, we usually get what we want.

As for a leisurely day out of town, we'd rather shop at home and spend a day off doing something that we enjoy. Pounding the streets of a larger city, just to shop, is strictly not our idea of fun or enjoyment.

We have found most residents of Nyssa and the surrounding area to be very friendly, and feel that in the six years we have been here, we have gained numerous loyal friends.

Funny thing about the newspaper business, when you please someone it seems they just expected to be pleased. But when someone is unhappy with something contained on the printed pages, it soon becomes known to the publishers. However, in thinking it over, guess every businessman faces the same situation, be he cafe owner, groceryman or other merchant.

We of the human race, all too often, do more griping than we do back patting.

When we came here six years and two months ago, we said we would not go back to Northwest Arkansas, from whence we came, until we could feel that we would be coming home to Nyssa.

For the past two summers we have had a strong desire to return to the Razorback state, but only to visit family and friends, and then return to our hometown, Nyssa. — A.B.

WATCH FOR THE OREGON ROAD RAT



Train yourself to spot a Road Rat. One good clue: He honks his horn or shouts at other drivers. (Oregon Traffic Safety Commission)

THE GOOD OLD DAYS?

(This item was sent to Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater of the Big Bend community by her sister in Wichita, Kan., and was submitted for publication by another sister, Mrs. Wilson Witt, Journal correspondent for the Newell Heights area.)

Probably most of us take our modern conveniences too much for granted. But imagine what great-grandmother would think if she could see how we live today! A glimpse at one of her typical days shows how far we've come.

Such a glimpse is provided by this authentic "receipt" for washing clothes, preserved from the past in its original spelling:

Build a fire in back yard to heat kettle of rain water.

Set tubs so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.

Shave one hole cake soap in bilin water.

Sort things, make three piles. 1 pile white. 1 pile cullard. 1 pile work britches and rags.

Stur flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water.

Rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard. Then bile. Rub cullord but don't bile—just rench and starch.

Take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle then rench, blew and starch.

Spred tee towels on grass. Hang old rags on fence.

Pore rench water in flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water. Turn tubs upside down.

Go put on cleen dress—smooth hair with side combs—brew cup of tee—set and rest and rock a spell and COUNT BLESSINS.

(What about the housewife of today? She puts clothes in automatic washer, pushes button. When cycles are completed, she places them in dryer—pushes another button—takes clothes out when dry, folds, presses or irons some of the clothes, if necessary. She didn't muss her hair or get her dress dirty—so there's no need to sit a spell and rest, and besides she probably doesn't have a rocking chair. And many times forgets to "count blessin's"—she doesn't have time!)

SUNDAY VISITORS
 The Rev. and Mrs. Floyd White of Paul, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Wyckoff of Wallowa were Sunday callers in the W. W. Foster home.

Christian Women's Group Sets Tuesday Meeting at Ontario

Two Payette women will present special features during the July 6 meeting of Treasure Valley Christian Business and Professional Women's council to be held at 7 p.m. at East Side cafe in Ontario.

Mrs. Glen Walker will sing and play the violin and Leona Anderson of Idaho Power company will give a lesson on "Outdoor Cooking." The speaker will be Miss Anita Swanson from national headquarters.

Those desiring reservations are asked to contact Mrs. Pheral (Joan) Dodson by dialing 372-3071.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP MEETS

Members of the Bible study circle of the Adrian Community church met June 23 at the home of Mrs. Lynn Hurst near Ontario. A potluck dinner was served to 12 members and two children.

Mrs. Marie Moore presented the lesson entitled "Mutual Obligations of Freedom," taken from the book of Galatians.

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