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In the Spirit of the Season

Christmas Draws Near; Area Firms Extend Greetings Via Journal Pages

When this issue of the Journal reaches local readers, there will be only one full day until Christmas. Late shoppers will still be able to buy gifts, probably at marked-down prices but with less selection. Most stores will close Christmas Eve (Friday) at 6 p.m. to let employees have the evening with their families.

Dee-Lite Bakery Damaged by Fire Early Wednesday

Fire Wednesday morning did considerable damage to the stock and equipment of the Dee-Lite Bakery, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Willard Covert, and to the rear of the building, owned by Harold Henigson at 110 Main street in Nyssa.

The bakery operators had completed baking for Wednesday's deliveries and were ready to go home when the fire was discovered going up the wall near an icing machine in the rear part of the building, which was an annex of the original structure.

A representative of the state health department was on the scene within hours and told the Coverts what was and was not contaminated.

At press time Wednesday night no estimate had been made of the damage to the building or equipment.

Assault Suspect Returned to Jail After Hearing

After a preliminary hearing Wednesday morning in Nyssa Justice court, Juan Joe Mireles was returned to Malheur county jail awaiting a trial on a rape charge. Bond was continued at \$5,000 by Justice E. Otis Smith.

The 35-year-old ex-convict from Idaho allegedly raped an elderly lady of Nyssa Thursday night. Chief of Police Francis Petrie said the lady reported she awoke about 2:30 a.m. and discovered the intruder in her home after hearing a noise and finding a bathroom window open. She said she was kept a prisoner until about 7 o'clock that morning when she was permitted to go to a neighbor's home where she was due to report for work.

The employer called the police and the suspect was picked up a short time later. He was identified as the intruder by the woman he had allegedly assaulted. The suspect later admitted to the theft of a TV set, watch and ring from the home of the woman.

The suspect was represented at the preliminary hearing by Carl Burnham, Ontario, who was appointed by the circuit judge.

Santa Listens to Youngsters' Wishes



WHEN SANTA CLAUS VISITED Nyssa the past two Saturday afternoons, he not only distributed numerous candy canes, but listened to Christmas desires of Nyssa area small fry. It has been reported that in all seriousness one small lad requested a mouse trap. Why? No one but the small boy knows. Among Santa's visitors were (above photo, left to right) the children of Don and Janice Bowers; Brenda, 7; Mark, 1½; Barbara, 5; and tiny Miss Joy Ballou, three-year-old daughter of the Elvin Ballous. As is evident, Mark Bowers didn't much like the way Santa looked, so began to cry. The little lady in the picture on the left is four-year-old Shelly Mayden, belonging to the Bill Maydens. And who was Santa Claus? Why he was . . . Santa Claus, of course!

—Journal Photos.

This edition of the Journal is devoted largely to local news, stories of the Christmas event as celebrated in different countries and localities, and greeting ads from a big majority of Nyssa-Adrian merchants, also some from neighboring towns serving the area.

This is a practical way of wishing the best to customers and friends. It saves time and postage for busy merchants and makes it possible for the Journal to print the special issue.

Santa has made two appearances in town, trade has been brisk and weather has been favorable. Favorable comments are still being voiced over the religious parade having the theme, "Peace on Earth."

Nyssa Police Recover Stolen, Damaged Car

The Nyssa police department recovered a stolen car this week, according to Police Chief Francis Petrie. The vehicle, reported missing by John Hoare of Nyssa, was found near the Airport hill on the Idaho side of the Snake river. Chief Petrie said the car had been damaged and had a flat tire when recovered.

Hoare said the car was taken from the parking lot between the Sugar City 5 & 10 store and Idaho Power company office where it had been left with the key in the ignition switch.

RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Thomas Sant was released Dec. 16 and her husband went home yesterday morning from Malheur Memorial hospital where they were being treated for injuries sustained in a Dec. 12 auto mishap.

Mrs. Cora Mitchell, driver of the other vehicle involved, succumbed last Thursday after being critically injured in the collision.

Nyssa Weather . . .

Date	Max.	Min.
Dec. 15	36	18
Dec. 16	32	13
Dec. 17	34	17
Dec. 18	31	14
Dec. 19	31	12
Dec. 20	28	13
Dec. 21	28	13
Dec. 22	—	28

Owyhee Reservoir Storage
Dec. 20, 1965 543,390 Acre Ft.
Dec. 20, 1964 486,440 Acre Ft.

Withdrawal Hearing Slated for Patrons Of Rural Fire Area

A hearing for withdrawal of a contiguous area from the Nyssa Rural Fire Protection district will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the court room of the Malheur county courthouse in Vale.

At that time the court will listen to any and all persons who may wish to be heard on matters regarding the petition of withdrawal, and objections, either oral or written, may be filed.

Involved is the area south of the Owyhee river and east of the railroad tracks. Farmers of the area are contemplating joining the Adrian district.

SENIOR CITIZENS RELATE MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS

Senior Citizens group met Friday morning at Faith Lutheran church. Table games, visiting and a potluck dinner were highlights of the holiday meeting.

Following the noon luncheon hour, a business meeting was held with each one present answering roll call by telling of a memorable Christmas during his or her lifetime.

Afternoon activities included a talk on senior citizen housing by Pastor John Milbrath of Faith Lutheran church, group singing and additional table games.

SUFFERS SHOULDER INJURY

Craig Lewis returned Monday to classes at Nyssa junior high school after being hospitalized for three days last week suffering with a dislocated collar bone.

His mother, Mrs. Dorothea Mitchell, reports that he will have to carry his arm in a sling for some time but he is making a fast recovery. The youth was injured Dec. 14 during a supervised intramural wrestling match at school.

NHS OFFICERS NAMED

The Boys' Rally Squad held its second meeting of the year Dec. 7. Newly elected officers are Larry Larson, president; Rodney Atagi, vice president; Victor Haburchak, secretary; Mark Ward, treasurer.

Uniforms for the boys participating on the rally squad include a blue vest, which is being created and designed by Dale Schraufnagel, adviser of the new club, a white shirt, dark tie and slacks.

Rural Fire District Board Members Accept Bid for Purchase of Truck

Board members of the Nyssa Rural Fire Protection district, together with officers of the Nyssa Volunteer Fire department, accepted the bid of The Sawtooth company in Boise for the purchase of a new fire truck for the district. This action was taken at a special meeting held Dec. 17.

Only two bids were submitted to the board, due to the fact that one of the stipulations was that service shops must be within 100 miles of the district.

Both bids were from Boise firms and that of the Sawtooth company was in the amount of \$18,833, and was approximately \$2,000 under the competitive figure. The \$18 thousand figure includes trade-in of the present truck. Delivery will be made in about six months.

The original vehicle was purchased 16 years ago and cost the district approximately \$14,000. While the price offered on the new truck included trade-in, the board estimates that about \$7,000 was allowed for the old vehicle.

Money on Hand for Purchase

Board members report to district patrons that the money for this purchase is on hand in a sinking fund established for this purpose. A large part of the credit for this foresight goes to Grant Rinehart, auditor of the district's books, and to Jacob Fischer, who acted as president of the board until elected to the office of county commissioner.

Frank Sherwood, Loyd Adams and Frank Parr have served continuously on the board since its inception. Wilbur Atherton will take over the duties of president this coming year. He has been a member of the board since 1956. Melvin Spitz was elected to the board when George Coleman resigned in 1963.

District Operates on One Mill

The district operates at the present time, and has done so for several years, on less than one mill per year. The savings a patron makes on fire insurance more than compensates for tax outlay. This is largely due to the fact that the city furnishes housing for two trucks and the volunteer fire department operates them. The district makes no outlay except for a \$600 contribution to the volunteer firemen's club fund.

As compensation for housing of the fire district's trucks, the city has use of one truck unless it is needed for a call from the rural area.

The board has received inestimable help over the years from Frank Morris and Ralph Lawrence, particularly, for their advice and judicious use of the district's money in the purchase of

Refinery 55% Through Campaign; Tonnage Over '64 With Sugar Content At 15.56 for One of All-Time Highs

Manager Sees No Cut in Acreage Allotment From 1965 Due to Poor Crops in Some Areas

Amalgamated's Nyssa sugar factory was 55 percent through the current campaign with 475,000 tons of beets processed Wednesday afternoon. Tonnage per acre was 23.98 (up about 1½ tons from 1964) and sugar content was running 15.56 for about the same as last year — which was an all-time high.

District Manager Ray Larson said beets were keeping very well in the stockpiles to date and that this year they harvested every single acre in the district. Some growers had beets averaging over 30 tons per acre, he said, but they did not yet have a record of the high producers.

No Acreage Reduction Seen

The best news in the manager's report was that it now appears there will be no reduction in the acreage for the district in 1966. Company and grower officials had estimated a 9 to 10 percent cut from the previous year, but due to poorer crops than predicted in some areas it now appears it would be about the same.

Sign-up for acreage for 1966 will start Jan. 3 and continue through Jan. 14 with company fieldmen notifying growers of times and places. New growers may apply at ASCS office in Ontario for acreage allotment.

Babson 1966 Forecast To Appear Dec. 30

The Gate City Journal will publish "Babson's Business and Financial Forecast for 1966" in the Dec. 30 issue. Readers will find it on page one.

A careful checking of Babson predictions made in the Business and Financial Forecast for the past year upholds his remarkable record by being 88 percent correct. With a top percentage of 95 in 1946 and a low of 80 in 1960, over a 21-year period he has come up with an overall average of 85 percent for the span.

This Babson forecast will contain predictions covering such important topics as peace prospects, new power showdown in Russia, Red China and the United Nations, soaring production costs, tightening profits pinch, attractive opportunities in bonds, danger of a stock market stumble, inflation blow-off, discord in the Great Society and foreign doubts about the dollar.

Watch for this forecast in the next issue of the Journal. It is informative and could be very helpful in making plans for the new year.

Cascade VP Says Pipeline Capacity, Not Gas Shortage Causes Problems

Edward Niederer Jr., vice president-operations of Cascade Natural Gas corporation, has issued this statement to local gas users:

"There is no shortage of natural gas. The shortage is simply in the pipeline capacity on cold winter days when all customers are at their maximum requirements. The current situation faces other distributing companies in the northwest as well as Cascade."

Niederer explained that a special low rate is granted to large industrial users, with an understanding that curtailment may be necessary at such times as the pipeline from the gas fields is running at full load in the winter period. This enables the pipeline to operate closer to the capacity of the line every day of the year and effect savings that are passed along.

Small Users Have Priority

"Domestic users of natural gas and small commercial users have a priority on the fuel," the spokesman continued. Their rates, however, could not be as low as they are if it were not for the special rate — subject to curtailment — extended to large industries.

"The industries using this rate are obliged, by the governing tariff, to provide their operation with some form of standby fuel,

so that shutdowns will not be necessary during cold weather."

Natural gas, it was pointed out, has received wide acceptance throughout the northwest since its introduction less than 10 years ago. Pipeline companies that transport the gas to this region have not kept pace with the rapid growth in number of consumers, a situation that will be corrected.

Nyssa High Band Trip Story in Next Issue

The Nyssa high school band returned Monday afternoon from a trip to San Diego, Calif., where they made a televised halftime appearance at the professional football game between the Oakland Raiders and San Diego Chargers.

Lack of space does not permit carrying it this week, but a detailed account written by Dirick Nodry will appear in the Journal next week.

Head Nurse



MRS. BUD L. (JOAN) BROGAN of Caldwell assumed duties Dec. 1 as director of nurses and surgery supervisor at Malheur Memorial hospital. She came to her Nyssa job from Samaritan Community hospital in Nampa where she had worked in various supervisory capacities. Mrs. Brogan was graduated from the School of Nursing at the University of Denver and received her practical training at St. Luke's hospital in the Colorado capital city. She received her bachelor of arts degree in 1964 at Northwest Nazarene college in Nampa and is now enrolled for conference training with the University of Utah. She is a lifetime resident of Treasure Valley, as she was born at Caldwell and grew up in the Murphy area.



SEATED IN THEIR WHEELCHAIRS in front of four Nyssa Jay-C-Ettes are two residents of the nursing home wing at Malheur Memorial hospital. The men are D. Kitamura and John Schultz, and the Jay-C-Ettes (left to right) are Mrs. Ray (Evelyn) Tarter, Mrs. Mervil (Donna) Hutchinson, Mrs. Dick (Myrna) Walters and Mrs. Jim (Judy) Grunke. Members of the organization had made tiny snowmen out of egg cartons which decorated each plate containing homemade cookies and punch. On Monday afternoon each patient was given a refreshment plate, a handkerchief, a friendly smile and a "Merry Christmas" greeting.—Journal Photo.



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