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Easter Season Observances Planned By Churches of Nyssa-Adrian Area; Good Friday, Sunrise Services Slated

Churches of the Nyssa-Adrian area again this year are trying to stress the true meaning of Easter and the Holy season through special services, programs by young people and traditional observances of Christ's betrayal, trial, crucifixion and resurrection.

Good Friday services are planned tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Nyssa First Christian church. Several ministers will be participating in this joint service.

Ronald Schoen Injured Tuesday In Car Accident

Ronald Schoen, local photographer, was taken by ambulance to Malheur Memorial hospital following a one-car accident about 4:15 Tuesday afternoon.

According to Nyssa Police Chief F. E. Petrie, driver of the ambulance, the accident occurred west of New Plymouth and east of U. S. highway 95 and was caused by Schoen falling asleep or blacking out.

Schoen's wife told a Journal reporter he did not know what happened but did remember having trouble staying awake prior to the accident.

Injuries were fractured ribs, a broken nose, other bruises and lacerations on the upper part of his body. The attending physician said he would probably be hospitalized for several more days.

Other Ambulance Calls

On Monday of this week John E. Reffett became suddenly ill and was taken to the Veterans' hospital in Boise by the local ambulance. Exact nature of his illness had not been determined at press time Wednesday. Mr. Reffett had been released on March 21 from Malheur Memorial hospital in Nyssa where he had been a patient for several days.

Also on Monday evening of this week, Louie Small, an aged man residing at the Owyhee hotel, was taken to the local hospital after suffering a heart attack.

Trio of Nurses Plans To Attend Convention April 13-15 in Eugene

Evelyn Christensen of New Plymouth, Jane Turner and Mary Craft of Ontario will represent the District 20 nursing group at the 61st convention of Oregon Nurses association to be held April 13-15 in Eugene.

Principal speaker at the session will be Dr. Arthur S. Fleming, president of the University of Oregon, who will talk on the convention theme, "Nursing Opportunities Unlimited."

Convention activities will include the traditional banquet, meetings of occupational groups, programs on pharmacy controls, world health and medicare.

MEETING SLATED TONIGHT BY ADRIAN LEGIONNAIRES

A meeting of Adrian Legion Post 109 will be held at 8 o'clock this evening (Thursday) at the Legion hall, it is announced by Adjutant Thurman Piercy.

Members are urged to attend this session as several important items of business are pending.

State Easter Seal President Appeals For Public Donations; Lists Services

An appeal for persons to respond to the Easter Seals they received from Oregon Society for Crippled Children and adults has been made by the society's president, Dick Yost, Portland insurance executive.

"We are grateful for the results to date," Yost stated, "and are hopeful that thousands of persons in the state are merely a little later than usual in purchasing their Easter Seals."

Yost urged those who have mislaid or failed to receive an

Easter Seal contribution envelope to mail their checks to Easter Seals, care of their local post offices.

The society president pointed out that Easter Seals "are a symbol of hope for many of Oregon's physically handicapped children and adults" and asserted that "if every person in the state could see what is accomplished, we would have 100 percent participation."

SOCIETY PROJECTS INCLUDE:

1. Children's Hospital school in Eugene where children from more than 20 Oregon counties receive special education and therapy.

2. Camp Easter Seal on the Oregon coast, the state's only summer camp especially designed for the physically handicapped.

3. Mobile therapy clinics that travel over the state, bringing physical therapy to those in need.

4. An equipment pool that supplies crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, braces, hydraulic lifts and artificial limbs to those in need.

Plan Good Friday Service



THE REVS. RALPH A. LAWRENCE (on left) and WALLACE PROWELL select hymnals for the Union Good Friday services to be held at 8 p.m. April 8, in Nyssa First Christian church on South Fifth street between Reece and Ennis avenues. Rev. Lawrence is pastor of the Nyssa Methodist and Rev. Prowell is minister for the host church where this photo was taken Monday afternoon in the sanctuary. In addition to congregational singing, program selections will include a prelude by Mrs. Elvin Ballou, with scripture reading and invocation by Pastor W. B. Taylor of the First Baptist church; Offertory scripture reading by Rev. Prowell; offertory prayer and responsive reading by Pastor John Bullock of the Nazarene church. The message, "Faces Around the Cross," will be given by the Rev. Lawrence and Pastor Donald J. Smith of the Assembly of God, with the sermon scripture and closing prayer by the Rev. Marlow Thompson of Adrian Free Methodist church. Also on the program will be special vocal selections by the Treasure Valley Community college choir. The service is being sponsored by members of the Nyssa-Adrian Ministerial alliance, and they are issuing an invitation to all area residents.—Journal Photo.

Jaycees Schedule Annual Egg Hunt Saturday in Park

The annual Jaycee-sponsored Easter egg hunt will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, in Nyssa south park. It is announced by Chairman John Marsh.

Children through 10 years of age will be permitted to participate and the youngsters will be divided into groups for the search. The area between the ball diamond and the out-of-bounds fence has been designated as the place where small children will hunt.

Those in the 6-10 year age group will search for eggs in the southwest section of the park.

Marsh states that all eggs are wrapped in foil and some will be wrapped to contain slips of paper with names of Nyssa firms printed on them. When one of these eggs is found, the slip should be taken to the store and the prize may be claimed.

LDS Relief Society Dates Musical Event

A program of instrumental and vocal selections, entitled "It's a Grand Night for Singing," will be staged at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Nyssa LDS stake house.

The musical, sponsored by the Relief society, will feature patriotic and religious songs, as well as popular tunes. Guest soloist will be Clint Bellows of Ontario.

NHS Judges Pick Top Scientists For Junior High

The Nyssa junior high science fair held last Thursday in the school cafeteria was well received by a large crowd of parents and scientifically inclined patrons of the community.

Approximately 200 projects were on display. Some of the exhibits had been in the process of construction for months, while of course, others were put together in record time.

Judges of the fair this year were four science students from the high school senior class. Dan Reece and David Sumpter judged the seventh grade projects, while Victor Haburchak and Jo Ann Durfee awarded the ribbons for the eighth grade.

First place blue ribbons in the eighth grade went to Shelly Schulthies, Janice Piercy and Kenneth Spitze.

Seventh grade first place winners were Nancy Wilson, Gayle Ableman and Lurelle Robbins.

Eighth grade second place winners were Gary Sadamori, Kent Boydell and Barbara Wilt. Seventh grade second place ribbons went to Christine Stephen, Larry Meyers, Linda Hunt and Ronald Sarazin.

Honorable mention awards in the seventh grade went to Mark Stringer, Marjorie Durfee, Harry Brendle, Kenneth Church, LeAnn Wilson, Martha Heider and Janis Takami. In the eighth grade honorable mention ribbons were given to Diane Haney, Doris King, Wanda Taylor, Sharyda Bair, Ted Barton and Romona Warren.

Mrs. Mildred Renstrom, James Skeen, Elvin Ballou and Frank Parr are junior high science instructors.

Nyssa's Fourth Annual Mystery Day April 16; Journal to Blanket Area

Nyssa's fourth annual Mystery Day event is set for next Saturday, April 16, and promises to be the best yet. As has been the custom in most past years, it won't offer entertainment—only stores filled with bargains.

The Journal will blanket the area with over 4,000 sample copies paid for by the Businessmen's Promotion committee, with radio station KSRV giving spot coverage prior to the event.

Most merchants will be carrying special prices on timely items. Some will run these specials Thursday, Friday and Saturday—some on Friday and Saturday—but the latter day will be the big one when every merchant who carries an ad in the Journal will offer bargain prices galore.

Some will carry "???? prices on all items, while others will offer store-wide discounts on Saturday only.

Patrons will find it worthwhile to be in Nyssa next weekend. Only on Crazy Day will bargains be offered, city-wide, comparable to this period.

(Those who plan to have advertisements in this special edition, at no increase in rates, are asked by the Journal staff to prepare copy this weekend or earlier to allow for additional care in making up the ads.)

School Election Dated April 15

Budget for the Adrian schools has been approved by the budget committee and on April 15 the levy of \$176,878.15 will be submitted to voters of the district.

According to Supt. Glenn E. Ward, the levy represents an increase of \$13,767.38 over the 1965-66 budget. The largest raise, \$12,400, is due to an increase in teachers' salaries.

The school board adopted a new salary schedule in order to retain the present staff and to obtain new personnel. By reason of the salary increase, four new teachers have been hired. Another \$5,000 raise in the budget is needed in fixed charges due to an increase in social security. However, due to a decrease in capital outlay items, this increase raised the budget by only \$1,297.38, Ward said.

Area Freight, Passenger, Mail Service Near Normal Wednesday After 4-Day Strike by 8,000 Firemen on Railroads

Little Actual Damage Seen to Economy Of County; Trucks Used to Transport Mail

Freight, mail and passenger service was near normal in the area Wednesday morning following a four-day strike against eight major railroads by 8,000 striking firemen.

The unexpected cease work started one minute after midnight last Thursday on Union Pacific and the other seven lines. Trains were left in cities along the line from La Grande to Omaha, and the only movements were those operated by non-union personnel of perishable goods.

Local Freight Agent Tom Jones told a Journal reporter that there was little actual damage sustained by shippers in the area. And it was of short enough duration that supplies never became short in essential industries or food stores.

The strike was called off Sunday, but service was not immediately restored on all lines as they failed to get the word from H. E. Gilbert, union president.

Some Mail Delayed

A check with local postal authorities showed only a one-day delay in first class mail at the beginning of the strike. Wycoff trucks brought mail to Nyssa at 7:45 a.m. daily Thursday through Tuesday and took on outgoing mail at 5 p.m. daily Thursday through Monday of this week.

Parcels and other than first class mail are still coming through late and trains are running behind schedules.

Assistant Postmaster Melvin Cottrell said they received very few "gripes" about the mail delays and that this time they were not blamed on the post office department. The biggest inconvenience that he was aware of was Social Security recipients getting their checks one day later than usual.

The railroads agreed not to take any reprisals against the individual strikers but were talking of suing unions for damages, which they estimated ran approximately \$30 million for the railroads affected.

Mrs. Rigney Earns Merit Mother Title

Mrs. Jess W. (Josephine) Rigney, special education instructor for the Nyssa schools, is one of only eight women in the state to be named Oregon Merit Mother by members of the Oregon Mothers' committee.

Announcement of the honors was made early this week in a letter to Mrs. Dee (Janetta) Garner, president of the Nyssa PTA unit.

Mrs. Rigney's application, together with a history of her work in the education field, church and community organizations, was submitted to the committee by the local PTA unit.

An awards program will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, April 8, in the state capitol building at Salem; however, the honoree will be unable to attend.

ADRIAN FIREMEN CALLED

Adrian volunteer fire fighters were summoned Sunday morning to the Pete Franks ranch where a scrap lumber fire had spread to a straw stack. The blaze was extinguished and slight damage was reported.

An Explanation for the Need to Raise Teachers' Salaries in Nyssa Schools

By SUPERINTENDENT W. L. McPARTLAND

The proposed budget for Nyssa schools is up a total of \$38,643. This figure includes an increase of \$17,664 for teacher salaries and \$6,000 for a full-time guidance counselor at the high school. Social security (\$8,000) and retirement (\$2,000) call for a total of \$10,000. These three items account for most of the increase. The rest of the budget is very much the same as the current year.

Nyssa is now paying \$4,800 for new teachers graduating from college with no teaching experience. The new schedule raises the beginning salary to \$5,000. This is \$200 below an average beginning scale of Vale, Adrian and Ontario.

The competition for beginning teachers is becoming greater each year, and practically all Oregon-trained teachers go to western Oregon, California or Washington where beginning salaries start at \$5,400 to \$5,600.

Idaho Tax Raises Salaries

In the past most of Nyssa's new teachers have been recruited from Idaho, and 33 of the teachers on our present staff are from Idaho. After passage of the sales tax in that state beginning teachers' salaries became comparable to ours, and Nyssa and other eastern Oregon schools no longer can reach across the border when a new teacher is needed.

For example, the 1965 average starting salary in New Plymouth, Notus, Parma, Weiser, Payette, Fruitland, Emmett and Homedale is \$4,855.

The school board has attempted to keep the salary schedule of Nyssa schools comparable to those of Malheur county and other eastern Oregon schools, and until recently has done quite well. Now we find that we are not even keeping up with Idaho.

The schedule for teachers with a four-year degree has 12 steps.

Starting with \$5,000, they receive an increase of \$100 each year for five years, then \$160 each year for the remaining years to a maximum of \$6,680.

Nyssa Schedule Explained

A teacher with the equivalent of five years of college starts at \$5,160, and the schedule calls for 13 steps to a total annual salary of \$7,000. A teacher with a master's degree starts at \$5,320 and can reach a maximum of \$7,320 after 14 steps. Each of these schedules calls for increment raises of \$100 a year for the first five years, then \$160 increments thereafter.

The quality of the teacher in the classroom determines the education your child receives. The opportunity to select the best qualified teacher is closely related to the salary, all other things being equal.

If Nyssa is to continue to hire competent teachers, the beginning salary and salary prospects for the future must be high enough to give some choice of selection.



THESE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS were given superior or excellent ratings for their projects in the Nyssa junior high science fair staged last Thursday evening in the school cafeteria. They are (left to right) Kenneth Spitze, Gary Sadamori, Kent Boydell, Shelly Schulthies, Barbara Wilt and Janice Piercy. Seventh grade students receiving similar ratings will be pictured in next week's issue of the Journal.—Staff Photo.

Sunrise Service Set For Easter Morning By Ministers of Area

An Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6:15 Sunday morning on cemetery hill west of Nyssa. It is announced by members of the ministerial association, sponsoring organization.

Youth of various Nyssa churches will participate in the program. Among those taking part will be Linda Ballou who will present a vocal solo; Pam Bullock, Sherri Dodson and Nancy Seward will sing a trio number.

Special speaker will be Gerry Leseberg. Congregational reading and singing will also be held.

All area residents are welcome to attend this annual service.