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## Ralph Armstrong Named New Agent At Nyssa Union Pacific Freight Depot

Ralph Armstrong is Nyssa's new freight agent at the Union Pacific depot, replacing the late Tom Jones. He comes from Opal, Wyo., where he was agent for the railroad for 20 years, and an employee of the firm for six years prior to that.

The new agent is a native of Kemmerer, Wyo. His family consists of his wife, Fonda; Randy, 16; Brenda, 9; and Toni, 6.

They are presently living in Parma but have purchased a house at 717 North Second street here and plan to move over about April 1.

The Armstrongs attend the LDS church. His hobbies are hunting, trapping, fishing and arrowhead collecting. He said he has a collection of several thousand of these Indian relics which have been on display in several Wyoming locations.

He belongs to the American Legion, VFW and Wyoming Archeological society. Until a short time ago he had his own small band in which he played the saxophone.

He told a Journal reporter, "We are real happy with the move. This is a nice area and the people are extremely friendly and accommodating."

After the move to Nyssa the Journal will introduce the entire family pictorially.



RALPH ARMSTRONG  
... Native of Wyoming

## Soil Conservation Meeting at Arock Set for Jan. 30

An educational meeting to explain soil conservation districts and how they can be used to encourage soil and water conservation will be held in the Grange hall at Arock Monday, Jan. 30.

Wilbur Chapin of Adrian, vice president of the Oregon State Association of Soil Conservation districts, said the meeting will start at 8 p.m.

The program, Chapin said, is being arranged to explain work that has been done in other districts and to explain how districts can be organized.

Hans Salomon of Adrian, one of the supervisors of the Adrian district, will tell of work that has been done in that district.

Chapin, who is also chairman of the public lands committee of the state association, will talk about the association's policy in administration and improvement of public lands. He will also explain the program and objectives of the state association in developing an over-all program in soil and water conservation.

The work unit conservationist of the Adrian district, Ralph Cleveland, will give a general talk to explain conservation and how it can affect present and future land owners and the entire community. Harry Sandquist, Malheur county agent, will discuss future agriculture needs and the part conservation will play in filling these needs.

The meeting, Chapin stressed, is open to the public.

### SENIOR CITIZENS TO MEET

Senior citizens will meet at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, in the Nyssa Methodist church basement.

Everyone attending is asked to take a sack lunch. All persons 55 years of age and older are cordially invited.

## To Greet Residents at Thailand Festival



MISS PRAPASRI TANGTATSWASDI, who will be honored at the "Thailand Festival" Friday evening in the Nyssa school cafeteria, displays many articles from her native country. Among them are jeweled dancing dolls, hand-carved teak wood objects, jewelry, luncheon sets and special "wife beaters." Some of these items will be for sale at the Jan. 27 festival and the doors will open at 7 p.m. to enable those attending to select the articles they wish to purchase. The program will begin at 7:30 with the NHS band playing the Thailand national anthem. It has been transposed for the local musicians by Warren Adams. Prapasri will show slides and give information about her native country. High school and junior high girls will present Thai dancing and a style show of dresses made from lovely Thai silk. Refreshments

of Thailand origin will be served by high school students and a drawing for door prizes will climax the festival activities. Miss Tangtatswasdi is the seventh NHS foreign exchange student, sponsored through the American Field Service and members of former host families will report on what these former students are now doing. Tickets are being sold at junior high and high school students, or may be purchased at the door. Proceeds will go to the AFS committee to bring another exchange student to Nyssa next year. The American Field Service was founded shortly after World War I and the exchange student program is designed to promote better understanding and good will among people of the United States and other countries.

—Journal Photos.

## Mail Changes Told By Nyssa Postmaster

Lee Dail, Nyssa postmaster, announces that zone rates have been changed due to the latest postal raise, which became effective Jan. 15. Parcel rates were formerly based on distance between sending and receiving offices.

Rates are now based on all towns in one sectional center to all towns within another center. This has brought about many changes in parcel mailing rates. For example, Portland was in the third postal zone from Nyssa and now all towns within that sectional center are in the fourth zone.

All towns that receive mail through the Salt Lake City sectional center are now in the third zone, but were formerly in the fourth zone.

All parcels mailed must bear zip codes, Dail said. It will greatly aid postal employees when they are presented for mailing as the charge is derived from the zip number.

Cancellation stamps on first-class letters bear the zip code of the city from where the item of correspondence was sent, except those mailed in larger cities having a number of postal stations, the postmaster concluded.



## Nyssa Classes Held For Area's Spanish Speaking Residents

Spanish-speaking patrons interested in the "Opportunity Center," under auspices of Treasure Valley Community college, met Jan. 6 at St. Bridget's parish hall in Nyssa.

Director Larry Sights told how such a center can help these area residents with educational and economical problems.

Being offered at this time are various types of general educational development classes including home economics and English.

All interested Spanish-speaking patrons are urged to attend the three-hour classes held Monday through Friday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the hall.

Five area residents were selected to help center personnel select programs for the Spanish-American students.

## Nyssa Miss Injured In Fog on Slick Road

Miss Karla Kriegh, an employee at the Nyssa branch of the First National Bank of Oregon, was badly shaken and suffered numerous bruises following an auto mishap on her way to work Wednesday morning.

She was admitted to Malheur Memorial hospital for observation, and at present time extent of her injuries had not been determined. According to her mother, Mrs. Dick Kriegh, the accident could have been much worse.

A check with the Oregon State police office revealed that the accident occurred about five miles south of Nyssa on the Adrian highway. It was foggy, with a snow floor on the road. Miss Kriegh apparently saw the flashing lights of a school bus stopped to load children.

Jesse Stoker's vehicle was between Karla's Volkswagen and the bus, and apparently unable to stop on the slick road she hit the right rear fender of the Stoker vehicle. The side of Miss Kriegh's car was damaged considerably.

—Journal Photo.

## Church Meeting Set in Ontario For February 19

The executive committee of Malheur County Council of Churches met Sunday, Jan. 22, at Kingman Memorial Community church in Adrian and made plans for the annual meeting of the council, according to the Rev. Tom Foster of Ontario.

The annual meeting of the council will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Ontario on Sunday, Feb. 19, beginning at 3 p.m. Member churches in the county are asked to have their official delegates present and new charter member churches will be recognized. The meeting will be open to the public.

In other action at the executive meeting, the central department chairmen and standing committee chairmen reported on their actions. The two committees that have been most active are the campus ministry committee, under chairmanship of the Rev. Wesley Jones of Ontario, and the migrant ministry committee headed by the Rev. Wallace Prowell of Nyssa.

Both of these committees submitted budgets that will become a part of the total council budget at the annual meeting.

Persons interested in the purpose and work of the council are invited to contact the Rev. Elmer Rosenkilde of Adrian, president of the council, or any one of the members of the executive committee. There were 12 of the 17 members present at the Jan. 22 meeting in Adrian.

### CORRECTION

In a beet acreage story last week the Journal erroneously referred to Ray Larson as manager of the Nyssa-Nampa district. It should have read Nyssa. Ray said he hoped the manager of the Nampa district would not read the paper and find out he had "lost his job."

## Nyssa School Budget Board Adopts \$350 Average Increase for Teachers To Start Study in Total Requirements Federal Funds Eliminate Necessities For New Programs to Be Considered

At the Nyssa school board meeting Thursday, Jan. 19, requests for teacher salary raises in the amount of \$350 (average per teacher) was adopted as a starting point for making up a tentative budget.

The amount asked for by Frank Parr, chairman of the faculty consultation committee, and teachers George Fanning and Betty Oft did not receive approval but was placed in the budget as a beginning from which the entire figures could be studied at the next meeting, Feb. 7.

The salary committee presented a full-page ruled schedule showing present salary schedules now in effect in Nyssa schools as compared with Vale and Ontario. Parr said the proposals would be far below the state average increase for teachers. This was borne out by a report by Superintendent W. L. McPartland from records of salary schedules presented by 15 to 20 other schools in a recent meeting at Portland.

### Other Requests Made

Teachers also asked the board to consider paying the employees' cost of Blue Cross hospital insurance and expenses paid by those people who attend summer school or work toward their nine hours required to renew their certificates. (Action was deferred on these items following a study of salary increases requested.)

The \$350 average raise would add \$21,465 total to the present budget item on salaries for the 66 persons affected. Last year the increase granted was \$140. That, and the proposed increase, are in addition to the \$160 raises automatically given each teacher under previously adopted schedules. These are commonly called increments.

Members of the budget board in attendance were Fred Arai (elected chairman), Lyle Miner, Ray Larson, Roy Holmes, Gene DeMinck, Bob Wilson, Darwin Jensen, Henry Esplin, Joel Mitchell, Howard Myrick, Dick Tensen and Farrell Peterson. Members absent were John Olsen and Gene Stunz.

## Deadline Announced For Entering Feb. 4 Talent-Stunt Event

Mrs. Herta Rose, chairman of the forthcoming county PTA talent and stunt night program, reports that several entries have already been received from groups desiring to compete in the program which will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Ontario high school auditorium.

Participation is open to all PTA units and other interested organizations. Groups planning to compete should call Mrs. Rose at 473-3179 no later than Jan. 30. There will be a Feb. 3 rehearsal in the auditorium.

Mrs. Rose also reports that non-competitive specialty acts will be featured.

## Joint Concert Slated Tuesday at TVCC

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, Treasure Valley Community college will present a joint concert of the Treasure Valley Community chorus directed by Dr. Sam Pobanz and the TVCC orchestra directed by Roger Taylor.

The concert will be held in the Weese building on the college campus. The public is invited to attend as guests of the college.

## Nyssa Ray Larson Chosen as 1967 President of Malheur United Fund

Directors of Malheur United Fund, Inc., met Jan. 18 in the lunchroom at the Ore-Ida Foods plant in Ontario.

At that time the 1966 campaign was officially closed, with the financial report showing the drive netted \$13,000. The treasurer was authorized to disburse this money to the five participating agencies. They are Oregon United Appeal, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scout organizations.

New directors were selected and the list will be published upon acceptance by the nominees, according to Dale McLane, outgoing president.

### New Officers Named

Elected as president for 1967 is Ray Larson, manager of the Nyssa district for Amalgamated Sugar company. Others named to office are Joe Beach, Vale, first vice president; Juanita Medler, Ontario, second vice president; Tom Stenkamp, Nyssa, secretary-treasurer.

It was announced that the second annual awards banquet will be held March 10, with location to be announced.



RAY LARSON  
... Heads Contribution Drive



TWO EMPLOYEES of the Nyssa branch, First National Bank of Oregon, who recently received promotions are Bob Kennedy (left) who is now assistant manager and Bill Keeney, replacing Kennedy as general loan officer. Both stepped up a grade following Tom Stenkamp's promotion to manager after the transfer of Ronald Young to The Dalles branch of the bank. Kennedy has been

an employee of the bank since 1957, having served in Moro and Baker branches, and coming to Nyssa in February 1966. Keeney came from the Merrill bank to fill Kennedy's old position. The information on Kennedy was left out of last week's notice in the Journal through a slip on the part of the bank public relations department.

—Journal Photo.