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TVCC Budget Hearing

The Notice Of School Budget Hearing for Treasure Valley Community College is published in this issue of the Journal. This notice should be studied by every person, questions should be asked where there is doubt about any item, and those who feel that significant changes should be made in the proposed budget should attend the public meeting on February 9. This is the date when the college Board of Directors will adopt a budget to submit to the voters for approval.

President Skinner and members of his staff are making themselves available to answer questions, and will appear at the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce on February 4. The fact that they are publishing this notice in the Nyssa and Vale papers for the first time indicates their desire that all the residents of the community college district be informed as much as possible, and this is good.

We in the Nyssa area have treated the college budget rather shabbily in the past as far as approval is concerned, and perhaps with some justification. The college started from scratch, it had growing pains, curriculums and programs fluctuated with the demands of a growing student body, and mistakes were made. A few years back expenditures exceeded the budget, the audit was delayed, and there was some cause for concern and suspicion.

Now the college is established, attendance has leveled off, and President Skinner, the college staff and board of directors are making a sincere and conscientious effort to put the college on a business-like basis. We applaud the fact that they are making the extra effort to keep us informed.

Treasure Valley Community College is an important part of this community and area. Hundreds of Nyssa students have been able to pursue education past high school because of the college. It is here, it is established, and needs the fullest support of everyone within the district.

This area is well-represented on the budget board by Jim Williams, Ernie Sewell, Grant Rinehart, Joe Saito, Dr. John Easley, and Gerrit Timmerman. They have spent countless hours on this budget, and have cut, pruned, cussed and discussed every item in it. Let's talk to these men, attend the hearings, and make an effort to be informed about our college and its operation.

Nyssa Bank Executives

We received a news release from the head office of the First National Bank of Oregon this week, telling of the promotion of Dick Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Hart, to the position of vice president and manager of the Klamath Falls branch of First National. His picture and story appears on the front page of this issue.

Dick is well-known and remembered in Nyssa, and in checking with the high school to get the year of graduation and a little information for the story, it occurred to us that there have been a lot of young men who have started their banking careers in the Nyssa branch.

We asked Arlene Robb to help us out, she called Roger Skeen in Portland, and in just a few minutes we had a rather impressive list. These men and the year they graduated from high school are:

Cliff Coleman, 1950 graduate, Manager, Stayton branch; Vern Moncur, Comptroller, Walker Bank & Trust, Salt Lake City; Roger Skeen, 1952, Assistant Vice President, head office; Fred Mitchell, 1952, Manager, Pilot Rock branch; Harley Sager (Fruitland grad), Manager, Heppner branch; Gordon Greaves, 1955, Manager, Bank of Idaho branch, Boise; Dick Hart, 1953, Vice President-Manager, Klamath Falls branch; Brent Williams, 1957, Business Services, head office; Chuck Rieb, 1958, Manager, East Bend branch; John Messick, 1958, Operations Officer, Baker branch; Forrest Huffman, 1961, Operations Officer, La Grande branch; Jim Armstrong (Huntington grad), Installment Loan Officer, Prineville branch; Gary Wilson, 1964, Executive Trainee, Salem.

These are young men whom we know, and we know their parents and families. Their accomplishments speak well for the quality of the people in this community, the quality of the schools, and perhaps the quality of indoctrination and training that they have received in the Nyssa bank.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 1960

The total number of births dropped slightly from 1958's high of 283 to 280 new-born in 1959 at Nyssa's Malheur Memorial Hospital. A record breaking seven sets of twins were delivered, including the publicized Stubblefield Siamese twin girls. The girls, born June 29th were later successfully seperated at the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland.

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According to the County Auditor Don Holser, dedication of the new Malheur Courthouse will be held Feb. 13.

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Ranney corporation of California has completed drilling of a new well to supplement the water supply from Nyssa's present collector on the Snake River, City Manager Art Colby reported.

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Mrs. Lyle Grunke has been named local chairman to head the Annual Heart Fund campaign of the Oregon Heart Association.

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Taking top honors in district skills contest, Nyssa Future Farmers of America returned last week from Vale after a two-day event, with eight first place awards and a total of 545 points.

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The King Laundromat will open to the public within 30 days it was announced by Rex Voeller, manager of the new enterprise.

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Ted Brammer, editor of the Gate City Journal, has been confined to his home with the mumps.

20 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 1950

The Nyssa Chamber of Commerce honored its pioneer physician Dr. J.J. Sarazin, at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, held in the High School building.

In presenting a $150 watch to Dr Sarazin on behalf of the Chamber, Secretary Harold Henigson said, "It is our good fortune that 45 years ago a pioneer came to Nyssa--a pioneer who had the fortitude to stick it out through the years. His trials and tribulations have built for our community a legend."

With Governor Douglas McKay as guests of honor, James W. Leslie, president of the chamber, presented Wilton C. Jackson as the toastmaster from Texas. Rev. Donald Cambell gave the invocation and Mr. Jackson introduced the guests, who were included in the 150 persons attending the banquet.

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At the regular meeting of the Oregon Trail Grange, Dale Garrison of the Nyssa Road Assessment district asked farmers to haul small loads to help avoid road damage during thawing season.

George Cleaver, talked about surplus commodity set up, Garret Stam spoke on subsidies, E.L. Jamison on government control, LeRoy Herraman on the Co-op meeting, Frank Parr on legislation.

Mrs. Frank Parr announced a card party to be held for benefit of the polio ward of Malheur Memorial Hospital.

Those appointed on the hospital committee are, Mrs. Garret Stam, Frank Parr and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stunz and daughter Suzanne left Sunday for Seattle. Mr. Stunz will attend a Western Retail Lumberman's association school at the University of Washington while there.

30 YEARS AGO

JANUARY 1940

Robert Burns of Nyssa will be among the first in the county to come under the federal old age pension of the social security law.

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The parsonage of the Nazarent Church is being remodeled and modernized. Roger Tucker will be in charge of the carpenter work.

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While only 64 voters in Nyssa took the trouble to turn out to vote, on the issuing of refunding and funding bonds, for the city, the council was given the go ahead for the refinancing of outstanding city warrants.

The funding of the city warrants and interest and water bond refunding issue was approved by the voters 62 to 2. Improvement bonds were voted 59 to 3.

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Money orders are now available at the Nyssa branch of the First National Bank of Portland, according to G.J. Mitchell Manager.

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Taken from the Jan. 25, 1940 issue. CAN YOU BEAT THIS? "Please send me a few copies of your newspaper containing the obituary of my aunt. Also, publish the enclosed clipping of the marriage of my niece. And I wish you would mention in your local column, if it doesn't cost anything, that I have two bull calves for sale, and our church is having an ice cream supper, tickets 25 ¢. As my subscription is out, please stop the paper, as times are too hard to waste money on newspapers."

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Twelve hundred yards of soil have been moved in the improvement of the Adrian High School grounds by the WPA.

News About SERVICEMEN

Sgt. Gordan Leavitt

Sgt. Gordon Leavitt has left for Vietnam for a second tour of duty after spending the holidays with his parents, the Orson Leavitts, and son Jeff.

He was awarded a Bronze Star with V-Device, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Air Medal. He also received an Oregon State flag from Governor Tom McCall.

THANK YOU !

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, letters and flowers during my recent stay in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Walter Bishop

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JAN. 30 - 7:00 p.m. Owyhee Riding Club - Oregon Trail Hall - Pot luck dinner.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31 - LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Centennial Ball, Don Roby's orchestra.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31 - Apple Valley Carnival. 80CC Yamaha motorcycle to be given away. Meal to be served, and games.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Chow Mein Dinner Community Methodist Church at the Ontario High School Cafeteria. Also take out orders.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3 - 7:30 p.m. Treasure Valley Christian Business and Porfessional Women's Council, dinner at La Paloma Restaurant.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4 - 1:00 p.m. Christian Women's Club luncheon, La Paloma Restaurant.

THURSDAY, FEB. 5 - 7:00 p.m. Legionnaires and Auxiliary pot luck at Community Hall.

OBITUARIES

Mutt Hammon Jr.

Services for Amasa Marion Hammon, Jr. 58, of Nyssa, who succumbed at his home January 27, 1970, will be conducted at the Lienkaemper Funeral Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Saturday January 31. Interment will be at Nyssa Cemetary.

Mr. Hammon was born Jan. 7, 1912 at Roy, Utah and has been a resident of the Adrian, Nyssa Community for 26 years. He was married to Doris Adele Butterfield, on September 13, 1934 at Brigham City, Utah. They moved to Adrian in the spring of 1944 where they lived and farmed. They moved to Nyssa, October of 1962 where he has resided since. Mr. Hammon worked at the Amalgamated Sugar Co., for 20 years until December of 1969, when he was retired.

Surviving in addition to his wife Doris are one son, Bob Hammon of Ogden, Utah and five daughters, Mrs. Eugene (Adele) Dockter, Ione, Oregon; Mrs. Blaine (Betty) Russell, Bakerfield, Calif.; Mrs. Marvin (Nancy) Bowers, Adrian; Mrs. Roger (Suzanne) Baker, and La Nae Hammon both of Ontario, and 15 grandchildren. Also seven sisters, the are: Mrs. Don (Myrla) Runquist, Roy, Utah; Mrs. Doyle (Edith) Lowder Rupert, Idaho; Mrs. Delbert (Ruth) Owens, Clearfiled, Utah; Mrs. Heinie (Billie) Kapp, Eden, Utah; Mrs. Mildred Burningham, West Point, Utah; Mrs. Fount (La Vina) Landford, and Mrs. LaMar Carver of Ogden, Utah; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Tony V. Marostica

Tony Valentino Marostica, 81, a resident of the Nyssa area for the past 32 years, died sometime this week at his home. He was born Oct. 23, 1888, in Italy.

Survivors include a son, Rudy Marostica, Ontario; a daughter, Mrs. Regina Recla, Ontario; two brothers, Angelo Marostica, Ontario, and Joe Marostica, Sterling, Colo.; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Rinaldo and Mrs. Andrew Settin, both of Sterling; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Recitation of the rosary was 8 p.m., Jan. 23, at Lienkaemper Chapel. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Nyssa with services at 11 p.m. at Lienkaemper Chapel. Interment was at Nyssa with Fr. Charles Young of St. Bridget's Catholic Church officiating.

Manuelita Apodaca

Mrs. Manuelita Apodaca, 59, died Jan. 20 at Salem, Ore. She was born Feb. 20, 1910 at Rody, N.M.

She is survived by six sons, Ernest Apadoca, Nyssa, Richard Apodaca, Robert, Clark, Gilbert and David Apodaca, all of Salem, Ore.; four daughters, Mrs. Patricia Galindo, Mrs. Phylis Leos and Mrs. Lupe Lucera, all of Nyssa, and Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez, Mt. Angel, Ore., and 28 grandchildren.

Recitation of rosary was held at St. Bridget's Catholic Church Friday and Requiem Mass was celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday at St. Bridget's by Fr. Charles Young. Interment was at Nyssa under direction of Leinkaemper Chapel of Nyssa.

AHS CALENDAR

Jan. 30 - GAA Tumbling at Nampa State School.

Jan. 30 - Basketball Marsing/there.

Jan. 31 - Band auction at high school.

Feb. 3 - Basketball Harper/here.

Feb. 5 - GAA Father and Daughter - trampoline exhibition - here.

NHS CALENDAR

Jan. 29 - Wrestling at Ontario.

Jan. 30 - Basketball Weiser/here.

Jan. 31 - Basketball Emmett there.

Feb. 2 - GAA 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Loyalty class of the 1st Christian Church met at the home of John and Wilma Strickland, Friday, January 23, with Bernice Batt, President presiding. There were 21 members present. Guest were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swanson of Lexington, Nebraska. They are relatives of Hubson Robb.

During the meeting elections of officers were held for the coming year. Joe and Jess Rigney, President; Harold and Mildred Sisson, Vice President; Quanita Oden, Secretary; Hazel Smith, Devotional Chairman; Merle Johnson, Press.

Devotions were given by Bernice Batt. After a most enjoyable evening refreshments were served.

From The CLUTTERED Book Bag

BY CLYDE T. SWISHER

Two words are the key to Jack London's terrifying tale "To Build a Fire." They are "cold" and "man", for this is the story of a death struggle between the two.

A man is crossing the Yukon trail one bitterly cold day. Nothing more, nothing less. He is surrounded by an immensity of ice, but he has his bearings and does not attach too much importance to the three feet of ice over which he is tramping. As far as his eye can see, there is only a white, frozen world with a lone trail like a "dark hairline."

The man is cheechako, a newcomer, and this is his first winter in the Yukon. He is a man without imagination. To him fifty degrees below zero has little meaning, and it does not even occur to him that there may be a limit to man's resistance to cold. His only thought is that about six o'clock that evening he will be back at camp, ready to sit down and eat a hot supper with his friends.

He is traveling without a sled, accompanied only by a wolfhound who instinctively knows that it is too cold to be out. As a matter of fact, it is seventy-five degrees below zero. The man's beard and mustache are frozen stiff. He begins to feel the cold penetrate his bones. They keep on walking, walking, walking. When he takes off a mitten to eat his lunch, his fingers instantly freeze. He gets a little frightened and only then does he remember to light a fire.

Reluctantly, the dog, who knows more than the man about the cold, and his master start up the trail again, leaving the fire behind. Later, the man suddenly steps into a hidden spring. That means lighting a fire without delay in order to dry himself. But the temperature of seventy-five degrees below zero has penetrated deeply into him: his feet and hands are stiff and numb, his blood seems to have stopped circulating, his nose and cheeks are frozen. When he starts to cut the laces of his moccasins to rub his frozen feet, a disaster occurs. A pile of snow falls from the branches of the spruce tree beneath which he has built his fire and extinguishes it. Now he has to begin all over again!

The rest of the tale relates how the man desperately struggles for survival against the elements of nature, finally succumbing to blessed sleep, to an inexorable twilight of life. Only when the dog scents the odor of death does he back away from him, baying at the frozen stars.

This is a perfect story, relating the tragic misadventure of a nameless man and his dog in a cruel and hostile environment. The lighting of a fire, such a simple act that the ancient Egyptians accomplished it by twirling their bow drill on a piece of wood to create friction, the Greeks by rubbing pieces of bay and buckthorn together, the Romans with two flinty stones and a sulfured splint of wood, and medieval man with flint and steel caught on charred rags or moss, becomes an impossibility for a civilized man caught in the frozen white hell of the Yukon.

"To Build a Fire" is a situation tale, and never was Jack London more successful in making us live through such tragic hours as these in which cold, ice, snow, solitude, and silence permeate the printed page. Here there is no struggle between two people, but between one man and Nature, and for a short while between a man and a dog, but the struggle is one of life and death, and death comes to the man when he is unable, mentally and physically, to grapple with a cold that could destroy any human being.

Report of Hospital Auxiliary Activities

Members of the Malheur Memorial Hospital Auxilairy met Jan. 26 at the hospital recreation room. The meeting was presided over by Ethel Lawrence, president. There were 15 members in attendance.

It was decided to use the Memorial Fund money to purchase colorful new draperies for 12 hospital rooms.

Mrs. Herman Towne served refreshments.

HELLO WORLD!

Jan. 21 - To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harrod, Ontario a boy.

Jan. 22 - To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thompson, Ontario a boy.

Jan. 24 - To Mr. and Mrs. Aquilino Martinez, Nyssa a girl.

Jan. 27 - To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aldred, Vale a boy.

Jan. 28 - To Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Mencheca, Nyssa a boy.

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