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Portland International Airport

We received the monthly newsletter, Portside, published by the Port of Portland Commission this week. It is always fascinating reading, because the Port of Portland deals both with ships and docks, but also the Portland International Airport and planes.

Part of one article we reprint, as follows:
"Regional economy is like a scale which balances growth against time and distance - as one goes down the other goes up. Throughout history the goal of transportation technology has always been to straighten the line of travel between two points and then to communicate along that line in the shortest time possible. The tortuous, winding, up-and-down path of the West's early wagon trains bears little resemblance to today's road and rail system, and certainly none to the direct, arrowing flight of 600 m.p.h. jet aircraft.

If, as had been said, "Past is prologue," Portland's air transport growth over just the past five years would indicate an immense future benefit potential from this industry which is still in its infancy. In 1965, for example, Portland air travelers had a choice of 79 daily, non-stop flights to 19 cities. Today there are 134 daily, non-stop flights to 32 cities from which to choose. In 1965 you couldn't travel by airline non-stop between Portland and New York. This year more than 1,000 passengers are doing just that every week. Non-stop flights which were not available a few years ago now include such cities as Dallas, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Vancouver, B. C., Hilo, Hawaii and others. Similar improvements have taken place throughout Portland's regular airline schedules.

With today's expanded air service, Portland can now be reached in a matter of just a few hours from nearly any point in the nation, and in the last 12 months, well over 1 1/4 million people have flown to Portland either on business or to take advantage of Oregon's many tourist attractions - more than twice the number of people who came in 1965."

Incredible, isn't it? And this story is repeated in every major city in the United States. We have had occasion several times recently either to fly or to visit the Boise airport. Only a few years ago two or three DC-3 flights arrived and departed each day from Boise, now giant jets fly in and out on very frequent schedules to all points in the country, and Boise's new, modern air terminal is crowded most of the time.

Boise's strategic location and fine transportation facilities insure the rapid growth which she is experiencing, probably the fastest growth percentage-wise in the Northwest. Our own major city in Oregon, Portland, has rapidly risen to the front as one of the major transportation centers in the nation. Not too many years ago Portland was an all-day trip in slow cars, narrow highways, and the beautiful, tortuous Columbia River Gorge highway to tackle at the end of a long day. Now it's an easy seven-hour trip on the freeway, and only last month we flew from Portland to Boise in one-half hour from airport to airport.

After a week-end in the mountains we could care less if all those jets and all those people just quietly disappeared. However, it's not that simple, and it's well that far-sighted planners are preparing for the future. Whether we like it or not, people are headed this way, and we might as well be prepared for them.

In Memoriam

Raphael Willis

Raphael (Ray) Willis, 52, who was killed in a construction accident July 1 in Libby, Montana, were conducted at 10 a.m. July 6 at Nyssa by Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Willis was born March 18, 1918, in Missouri and had been a former resident of the Nyssa and Middleton communities.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene, in Libby; two sons, Larry and Daryl Willis, both of Libby; one daughter, Mrs. Karen Harron, Libby; his mother, Mrs. Jewell Willis, Kuna; a brother, James Willis, Kuna; a sister, Mrs. Leona Sandy, Pateros, Wash., and two grandchildren.

Dennis L. Tomjack

Services for Dennis L. Tomjack, 48, Nyssa, who died July 3 at his home in rural Nyssa, were conducted at 2 p.m. July 6 at Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa by Fr. Charles Young. Interment was at Nyssa. Rosary was recited Sunday evening.

Mr. Tomjack was born Oct. 19, 1921, in Nebraska. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Eagles Lodge No. 2134 of Nyssa.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Tomjack, Neligh, Nebraska; four sisters, Mrs. Audrey Koenig, Neligh, Mrs. Florence Barlow, Dallas, Ore.; Mrs. Lucille Stodola, Fremont, Neb., and Mrs. Virginia Burns, Dallas; and two brothers, Walter and James Tomjack, both of Nyssa.

David Apodaca

David Apodaca, 19, Salem, died June 30 in Salem.

He was born in Nyssa on Jan. 20, 1951. He is survived by his father, Roberto Apodaca, Salem; five brothers, Ernest, Robert, Gilbert and Clark Apodaca, all of Nyssa and Richard Apodaca, Salem; three sisters, Mrs. Patricia Galindo and Mrs. Lupe Lucero, Nyssa and Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez, Mount Angel, Oregon.

Services were conducted at 11:30 a.m. July 6 at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa with interment to follow at Nyssa Cemetery.

THANK YOU!

Our heartfelt thanks to the many friends who were so kind and thoughtful during our recent bereavement. Thanks also to the wonderful neighbors for their hospitality and concern. Thanks also to Father Young for his comforting words in our time of sorrow. —The family of Dennis Tomjack.

Navy Promotes Tom Moore



Rear Admiral V. A. Dybdal, Commander Amphibious Force, U. S. Seventh Fleet is shown congratulating and presenting Tom Moore with his certificate of promotion to Communications Technician "O" Second Class. Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Moore, Nyssa, and is serving aboard the USS ELDERADO, a Navy Command Ship in the Vietnam area.

BILL SCHIREMAN RETIRES AFTER 53 YEARS

W.E. (Bill) Schireman has retired after 53 years with the Standard Oil Company of California. Bill started his career in 1917 in Kennewick, Wash. as Clerk, then to Pasco, Wash. as Tank Truck Salesman. His tanktruck was powered by two horses and permission had to be obtained from the General District Manager of the company to drive the horses as no one under twenty-one years of age could drive their equipment. Working with horses was no new thing with Bill.

During his high school years, harvest time found him driving header-box with four horses over the hills around Endicott, Wash. Motorization didn't come until 1922 with a Pierce Arrow, solid tired, tanktruck. In 1923 he was in the Ontario field, covering Nyssa and territory south and east to Notus, and as far west as there was a farm.

Test drilling for the Owyhee Dam was underway and it was through insistence of Schireman that the plant be built in Nyssa to serve the land that would be opened to the incoming farmers. The present plant opened under the management of Schireman October 26, 1926, ready to serve the several construction companies who built the dam and its laterals. Along with the farm who had faith in the productivity of the new land, Bill took the Distributorship in 1940 and has continued the business as such for the past thirty years. He served as Fire Chief for many years in the late thirties and early forties.

Bill has made no hard and fast plans for the future but right now he is doing a few of the things he hasn't had time to do.

GRANGE NEWS

Members of Oregon Trail Grange met in regular session Thursday evening, July 6, with Master Don Somers presiding. Officers were seated by Assistant Stewards protom Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou.

Agriculture Chairman Ralph Thomas read a quote from Kiplinger Magazine saying that there would be no blanket ban on insecticide. Harold Kurtz, Ag committeeman reported on a new experimental chemical which, when fed to sheep, will permit wool to be plucked, thus eliminating shearing.

Grange members heard a report on the proceedings of Oregon State Grange held recently at Hood River. Delegate Mrs. James Stephen reported that a net gain of 437 members was recorded for 1969.

The Fifth and Sixth degrees were exemplified with 333 members receiving the Sixth degree. It was announced that Mrs. Tom Drydale had received first prize award at the Pomona level in the canning contest for her jelly. Mrs. Ira Price was the winner of the third place award for peaches. Mrs. Price was winner also of the fifth place State award for canned fruit. The award entitles Mrs. Price and husband to three days vacation at the beautiful, world-famous Empress Hotel at Victoria, B.C.

A change in the date for the grange picnic was announced. It will be held Sunday, August 2, at the James Stephen home instead of July 19, as previously announced. Members are requested to bring their own table service and chairs.

Refreshments were served to 19 members and two young guests by the Ralph Thomas and Elvin Ballou couples.

The next regular meeting will be held July 16, beginning at 8:30 p.m. All grange members are urged to attend.

News About SERVICEMEN

Danny Marostica, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Marostica and Dan Grieg, son of Mrs. Iona Grieg left June 29 for Pensacola, Florida for a Naval Training School. They will be there for five months.

DAVID WILSON COMPLETES NAVY TRAINING DUTY

David Wilson, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilson, returned Friday from two-weeks recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego; and two-weeks sea duty aboard the USS ISLE ROYALE. David is enrolled for fall term at Southern Oregon College, Klamath Falls, and will be eligible for two years active duty in the Navy in February.

Artwork Displayed During July

Mrs. Alice Laan, a Parma artist, has graciously agreed to display four of her most recent paintings at the Nyssa Public Library during the month of July.

The unique and vivid works now on display include "Anemone" and "Alaskan Daisies". Also featured are an Idaho landscape "White Cloud Mountains" and her most recent work, a still life entitled "Squash and Copper Pot".

Mrs. Laan first began painting as a hobby. During the summer of 1963, she studied under artist, Kim Kimmerring of Boise. She worked with Elsie Parkhurst of Caldwell from September 1968 to May 1969.

A native of Holland, Mrs. Laan came to the United States in 1954. She and her husband, Ray, and their four children live on a dairy farm near Parma.

The public is cordially invited to view the painting during regular library hours.



AIR FORCE MUSEUM

Air Force Museum To Be Constructed

An Air Force wide volunteer fund raising campaign in support of a new \$6 million Air Force Museum being built at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, will be conducted this month. The museum is being built entirely with funds donated to the Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc., by businesses and private citizens.

This month's campaign will allow Air Force active duty, retirees, reserve personnel and the members of the Air National Guard to have a part in the building of their new museum.

Donations can be made by direct mail to: Air Force Museum Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box Air Force One, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433. Construction of the new museum began in April 1967 and is scheduled for completion early next year. It will be open to the public in the summer of 1971 with free admission.

The museum will help preserve the Air Force heritage through its displays of historic aircraft and related items from the era of the Wright Brothers to the present.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Varsity Cheerleaders will be sponsoring a rummage sale Saturday 11. The sale will be held at the corner of First and Main from 9 to 5 p.m.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Lynn Snodgrass reported to the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday that Nyssa Night Rodeo plans were about complete.

50 YEARS AGO

Foreman Wilson, who bossed the gang which drilled the big well at the local O.S.L. yards, was with the Shriners who passed through Nyssa on their way to Portland. He stopped off for a day to Jazz around with the Nyssa bunch, with whom he is popular.

20 YEARS AGO

A crop dusting airplane tore down a stretch of 6900-volt power line of Idaho Power Co. in the Columbia Ave. section. Electric service was interrupted for one and one-half hours. The mishap occurred on the Dave Beers farm.

June Beers of Nyssa and Merrill Firestone of Corvallis were married June 21, 1950. The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Beers of Nyssa were married June 21, 1924 in Minnesota. The groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Firestone were married June 21, 1922 in Corvallis. The minister that married the young couple, Rev. and Mrs. Gerhardt, were married June 21, 1909 in Indiana.

The High School and Grade School buildings and the gymnasium, were broken into some time Monday night, according to Chief of Police A.V. Cook. Nothing of value was taken from the buildings.

30 YEARS AGO

Dale Garrison was elected chairman of the Nyssa Union High School District, succeeding William De Groff who declined the honor for another year.

The A.C. and George Sallee families were Fourth of July picnickers at Unity.

40 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Margaret Landon conducted a children's story hour at the Nyssa Library Saturday which was attended by 27 little folks. All enjoyed a very entertaining hour.

WANTED -- A "plug of a horse" must work well and price be right for a "plug". See or phone Gate City Journal.

Roy Willoby of Nyssa has purchased the fixtures of the old Nyssa restaurant. He moved them to Adrian where he will open a pool hall and restaurant.

Home grown new potatoes have appeared in the local store markets. Silas Bigelow brought in a supply of fine ones from the Owyhee Wednesday.

Wm. Duin is back from a trip to Holland, bringing with him a pretty Dutch girl, whom he was fortunate enough to persuade to marry him.

The glorious Fourth is now over and reports of the dead and wounded are coming in. The Fourth is a day we look forward to for pleasure and to do honor to the boys of '76 but forget the boys of today. How many homes received the shock of parting with one of their loved ones within the last three or four days.

Who says Nyssa is slow? The Nyssa Hotel has been feeding 40 to 50 transients per meal the past two weeks. Mrs. Mc Fall, the proprietress is keeping pace with the growing business. Harry La Claire is the chef.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 10 - 2 p.m. Owyhee Garden Club will hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Price.
2 p.m. Friendship Circle meeting at IOOF Hall.
SATURDAY, JULY 11 - 9 to 5 Varsity Cheerleaders Rummage Sale.
8:00 p.m. Recovery Inc. meets in Christian Church.
WEDNESDAY, July 15 - 12:30 Merry Matron's Club meet at Peggy Brown's home.

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