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Nyssa Nite Rodeo

The Nyssa Jaycees are to be complimented for staging probably the best rodeo in the 24 year history of the Nyssa Nite Rodeo. At least old timers who have seen most of the rodeos over the years tell us this was the best, and we concur.

Playing before sell-out crowds both Friday and Saturday evenings, all thoughts can be dispelled that Nyssa is not a rodeo town. The cowboys knew what they were doing, the stock was good, and the whole program ran off right on schedule. Even an unscheduled lightning storm and heavy rainfall midway through Friday evening's show didn't seem to dampen the spirits of most of the spectators and performers, and the rapid manner in which the field was readied for action after the storm was commendable.

Praise was also lavished for the Eh Capa Bareback Riders of Boise. Here was a feature attraction that just can't be beat, and a good example of what can be accomplished by a group of young people dedicated to their task. Drillmaster Wayne Stear works them hard and long, but the youngsters realize that their accomplishments make it all worthwhile. Like any championship team, it takes hard work to be on top.

We took in the Snake River Stampede Tuesday night in Nampa, and here is big-time rodeo at it's very best, ranking with Pendleton, Calgary, Cheyenne and a few others as the best in the nation. Always an enjoyable show, it nevertheless did not surpass our own in the zeal of the cowboys and the interest of the fans.

Rodeos have become big business, and some of our Oregon and Idaho cowboys such as Larry Mahan, Harry Charters, Dean Oliver and many more have become some of the biggest stars in the nation. Perhaps some of these young riders in the Nyssa rodeo will take their place some day. It is fitting that we in Nyssa, who live right on the wagon tracks of the Old Oregon Trail, should participate in this truly Western sport. Thanks to the Jaycees and all who are keeping rodeo alive, and it is evident from the large turnout that Nyssa folks appreciate their efforts.

POUNDS REUNION HELD IN MONTANA

Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Pounds, who have been vacationing for the past three weeks, returned home July 9.

They attended a family reunion July 4 at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Dorothy) Post and children of Glendive, Montana. Also present were sons Joe Pounds, Jefferson City, Mont.; Andy Pounds, Glendive; Milton Pounds, South Gate, Calif.; daughter, Mrs. Nick (Onna) Katsimanis, and daughters of Casper, Wyo., granddaughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Tim (Charlotte) Post Egeness and Christina, their only great-granddaughter completed the party. The day was spent in visiting, picnicking and picture taking.

The last family reunion was held in 1945 at Pine Bluffs, Wyo.

A daughter Mrs. Rip (Edith) Bernard of Brocton, Mass.; and a son Jack Pounds of Tillamook were unable to attend.



News About SERVICEMEN

SOLDIER KILLED IN VIETNAM

Pfc. Kelly Ray Davis, 19, of Arook, who had been serving with the Army Engineers in South Vietnam for the past six months, has been reported killed in action.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alejandro Madariaga, were informed by the Department of Defense of the death of their son.

ONTARIO STUDENT RECEIVES ROTC TRAINING

Cadet James H. Roberts III, whose parents live at 1036 S.W. Fifth Ave., Ontario, is receiving six weeks practical application in military leadership at the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps' advanced summer camp at Ft. Riley, Kan. from June 13 to July 24.

He is one of approximately 17,000 young men expected to attend ROTC advanced summer camps at various military installations throughout the nation.

At camp the cadet will train as a small unit leader and instructor in realistic exercises and receive command experience and an opportunity to apply classroom knowledge in the field.

Roberts is a student at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., and is majoring in government.

Ganns Return From Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gann returned July 10 after five weeks vacation visiting relatives and friends.

Their first stop was at Hugoton, Kansas where they visited Mrs. Mary Cox and other relatives. They traveled to Huston, Texas and visited a sister, Mrs. Carl Sharp and relatives. Mrs. Sharp accompanied them to Waco, Texas to spend some time with relatives.

The Ganns also stopped at Chapel Hills, Texas; visited a cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chism of Lookeba, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cox, former Nyssans in Sayer, Okla.; a nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sullivan in Watanga, Oklahoma; and Mr. and Mrs. Tory Keef of Blanchard, Oklahoma. Mrs. Gann and Mrs. Keef are old school mates. The Ganns were in Dodge City, Kansas for July 4 where they were guests of his sister, Mrs. Ginnie Grider and Gertrude Goddard. All enjoyed seeing the fireworks there.

They report a wonderful trip but are glad to be back home.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Adolph Schroeder, cabinet maker and one of Nyssa's most ardent collectors, has recently completed his third round coffee table with tops made from various semi-precious stones he has collected.

Donna Jean Peterson, 13 year old daughter of Grant C. and Mildred Peterson of Nyssa was chosen queen at Doernbecher Hospital during the annual Rose Festival in Portland. Each year hospitalized children choose their own royalty.

The 13th annual Nyssa Nite Rodeo was termed a success. It was sponsored by the Owyhee Riding Club and approximately 2,000 fans attended.

20 YEARS AGO

Lila Mae Holmes will appear in the role of queen of the Nyssa Nite Rodeo. She will be attended by Virginia Corn and Coleen Bybee.

Mrs. Emil Stunz sustained a fracture of the ankle at the Stunz cabin at McCall, when the ladder on which she was standing fell. Billie Bowman of Boise, a niece of Mrs. Stunz, will be with her for a week or two.

30 YEARS AGO

Local officials of the Bureau of Reclamation are watching a weak spot in the bank of the Kingman lateral. The spot is located at the place where a break occurred during irrigation season last year. The weak spot is in the bank which has a crack in it running parallel to the ditch. It is being closely watched according to Geo. Haycock, watermaster.

Ed Pruyn has been ill for the past two weeks at the family home and the family is now in quarantine for smallpox.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ady of Ontario are the proud parents of a baby boy, Thomas Eugene, born July 9, 1970 at Holy Rosary Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and one half ounce. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Mae Ady of Ontario. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ballou of Nyssa.

HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL

JULY 8 - To Mr. and Mrs. James Webster of Nyssa a girl.

THANK YOU!

The family of Walter H. Fox wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the lovely floral offerings, and comforting thoughts and expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement. Mrs. W.H. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fox and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fox and family and Mrs. Velma Miller and family.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the many friends who sent flowers, cards and came to express sympathy during the death of our loved brother and uncle, Walter D. Rigney. We particularly wish to thank Dick Pounds and the other law-enforcement people who tried so hard to locate us.

Very Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Rigney,
James W. Rigney, and Doris Aygaub



Short-term summer 4-H cooking and clothing clubs are being offered for any interested beginning girls ages 8 or 9. If you are interested in joining a beginners' 4-H club for the summer please contact either Mary Haburechak (372-3052) or Jeanine Saitor (372-3713) by Monday, July 20.

40 YEARS AGO

Dorothy Austin and Margaret Pinkerton arrived home from ten days vacation on Saturday, spent at the Episcopal Summer School at Cove, Ore. Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton met them in Ontario, to which place they had come by stage, and brought them home. The girls hope to go again next year.

Earl Lang of Nyssa took part in the horse shoe pitching contest at the Boise Basin Celebration and brought home the State Championship of Idaho.

Earl Ward, who has been seriously ill with spotted fever is getting along nicely.

50 YEARS AGO

One of the biggest social events of the past week was at the home of Mrs. Sadie Crockett on Friday, June 11, where a miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Miss Merle Leuch who will become the bride of Mr. Tom Johnson during the month of June.

It is reported that a large number of prunes were blown off the trees during the heavy wind Wednesday evening. The Idanha Orchard suffered considerable in this respect.

Nyssa's population is 563 according to figures furnished the Journal by the Bureau of the census.

60 YEARS AGO

Don Davis who has been attending school at the University of Oregon came home the last of the week and made a short visit with his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis and sister Miss Lula, before taking up his duties with the aeroplane forest patrol. The machines will be equipped with wireless by which the observers may report blazes detected.

The season of the year that good roads would be appreciated is now at hand and it would mean a great deal to the people of this country if they had a road that would be in the pink of condition. The dust is getting deep and now when you drive through it you should think of the advantages of the macadamized road.

It is next to impossible to get butter either from the rancher or the creamery. The conditions here are such that the best dairies of the west can be in this community and that is the next thing that the rancher wants to take hold of and push through like he has every other progressive move that has been started.

In Memoriam
Gerard A. Drost

Services for Gerard A. (Tom) Drost, 81 of Parma, who died the evening of July 11 in a Boise hospital were conducted at 10:30 a.m. July 15 at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church in Parma by the Rev. Wayne Wardwell. Interment was in Parma Cemetery under the direction of Dakan Chapel.

Mr. Drost was born May 22, 1889, in Haarlem, Holland. He came to the United States when he was 17, and settled in Nyssa. He attended the University of Wisconsin and later became a cheesemaker. He was employed in this capacity in Twin Falls, Gooding, Hagerman, and Parma. He moved to Parma in 1933, where he also farmed. He married Edna Rose on July 9, 1919, at Parma. She died March 17, 1962, at Nyssa. He retired in 1952 from farming, and moved into Parma. He was a veteran of World War I; a member of the Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church and served as treasurer, head usher and custodian for several years.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. John (Frances) Fallon of Boise; a brother, Nicholas, J. Drost of Amsterdam, Holland; two grandchildren, a great granddaughter and a nephew.

NNC Quartet To Present Concert

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Tom Winkler, now a Deacon serving St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Nyssa and Holy Trinity in Vale, will be ordained to the Priesthood. The ordination will be held Sunday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Matthews Church, Ontario. Everyone is urged to attend this most beautiful and colorful service.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Joe Martin will be the guest speaker at Faith Lutheran Church, Nyssa, July 16, at 8 p.m. There will be an identical service on Sunday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Martin is Operation's manager at the Nyssa Branch of the U. S. National Bank. Don Young from Nyssa will take the responsibility for the liturgical part of the service.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Ohly of Tyler, Texas will be at the Owyhee Community Church, Monday at 8 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Ohly have a very unique industry among children in Eastern Texas Public Schools.

A picture entitled "A Well Rounded Square" will be shown. It is geared for young people and to their problems in the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual realms of their lives and has an appeal for all ages. Pastor Moxom invites every one to attend this outstanding event.

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

The Senior Citizens will hold their regular pot luck meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Long July 22 at 10:30 a.m. Ice Cream and hamburgers will be furnished by the hosts.

ST. PAUL'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE

Members of St. Paul's Guild of the Episcopal Church will be holding a rummage sale each Thursday and Friday for the next several weeks. The sales will be held in the church basement,

305 Bower Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate clothing or other items may call Mrs. Grant Rinehart 372-2415 for further information.

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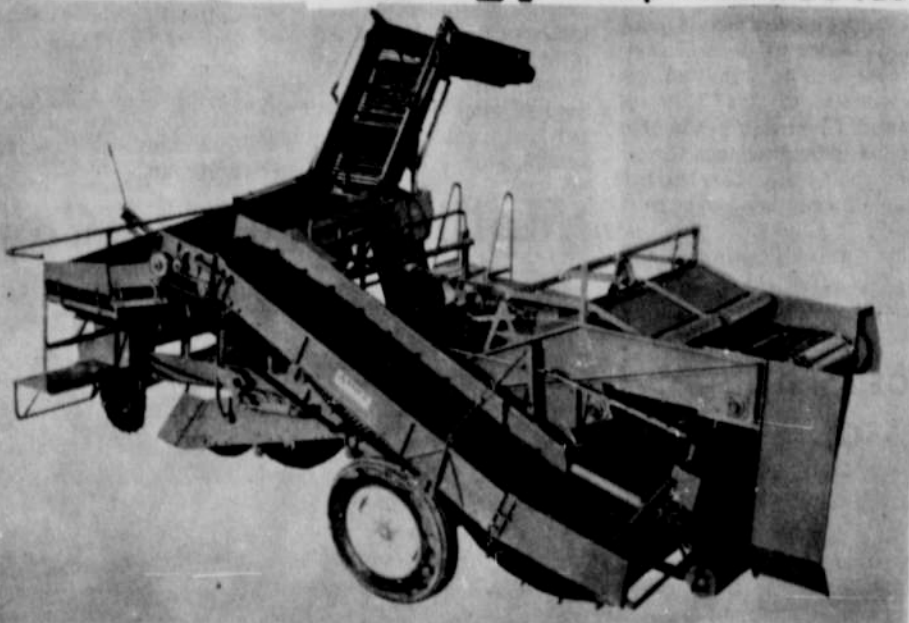
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