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Who Needs This Kind Of Help

Judging from the calls and comments we have received since our remarks of last week on the situation at the Nyssa Labor Camp, it is evident that just about everyone in Nyssa feels the way we do on the situation. At least we have heard no remarks to the contrary.

It is not our intention now to belabor the situation. At the interagency meeting last Thursday the governor, through his executive assistant, made it clear that the person doing all the talking did not represent the governor or anyone except himself.

It also is clear that because of the notoriety and fuss that has been made, health officials will have to require a more strict compliance with the rules, and if the requirements become too strict local housing authorities will have to close the camp.

Perhaps this is inevitable anyway. Demands for migrant farm labor seem to diminish each year, and perhaps in the not too distant future automation and the permanent work force in the area will take care of this necessary work. Who knows? This is beside the point. What local folks don't like is outsiders coming in here and telling us how to run our business. Particularly when they don't know anything about the situation here, and have no authority to make even the slightest judgment about our affairs.

What's worse, what local folks really don't like is these people telling not us, but the whole valley, and in fact the whole state of Idaho through the mass media what's wrong with Nyssa. Undoubtedly we have some things wrong with us, but the record doesn't indicate that we deserve this kind of treatment.

Name a town in the country where local folks have been more kindly to the migrant farm laborer and his family, and have treated them with more respect and dignity than right here in Nyssa. So much so that no city in the valley has as large a percentage of ex-migrants who have planted their roots, built their homes, taken steady jobs, and adopted Nyssa as a place to raise their families. These people resent the intruders more than anyone.

Find a school system where the administration, teachers and student body have been more involved with the problems of a minority race and have spent more time, effort and money in meeting these problems. Practically every cent of federal money is spent in providing a kindergarten for 4 and 5-year olds so that these youngsters will have a fighting chance when they enter the first grade.

Here is a school system where 45 percent of the children in the primary grades are of Mexican descent, 40 percent in the elementary grades, 25 percent in junior high, and more than 10 percent are graduating from high school. The percentage is rising each year, and these graduates are distinguishing themselves as they go on to higher education.

Look at the fine athletes on the teams, members of the band, class and student body officers, and the good students throughout the schools. Incidentally, you don't gain respect with your peers without earning it.

Sure, we have our faults and our shortcomings, but we also like to handle our affairs in our own way. We don't need the kind of help that has shown itself in the last couple of weeks. So much for old what's-his-name. Next week we'll talk about Thundereggs!

1970 Annual Nebraska Picnic

Plans are being made for the 1970 Annual Nebraska Picnic to be held August 16 in the Caldwell Memorial Park in Caldwell, Idaho.

A "Home Talent" program is being planned. Anyone who can sing, play an instrument or otherwise entertain singly or in a group, is requested to contact: Mrs. B.H. Perry, 631 6th

St. N. Ext., Nampa, or Clarence Lee and daughters, 4th Randall, Boise, or Mrs. M.L. Pardoe, 1023 Cleveland, Caldwell.

A pot-luck co-operative dinner is also planned. Bring your dinner and own table service. All Nebraskans are urged to attend and enjoy the day.

In Memoriam

Guy W. Glenn

Guy W. Glenn, 64, a lifelong resident of the Nyssa area and a retired farmer passed away at his home July 23.

Mr. Glenn was born March 9, 1906 at Nyssa. He married Della Lois Schweizer at Burley on Feb. 23, 1934.

Survivors include his wife, Della, Nyssa; a son, Charles Glenn, Nyssa; a daughter, Guyanne Jensen, Worden, Wash.; a brother, Hugh Glenn, Othello, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Rowena Kreager, Nyssa and seven grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. July 27 at Lienkaemper Chapel of Nyssa by Wesley Jones of the Presbyterian Church, Ontario. Interment was at Owyhee.

Paul J. Michael

Services for Paul J. Michael, 75, a former resident of Payette, who died July 25 at Edmonds, Wash., will be conducted at 10 a.m. July 30 at the Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel in Payette. Interment with military honors were at Riverside.

He was born Oct. 15, 1894, at Bushnet, Ill., and served in the Army in France during World War I. He married Hazel Huff on Nov. 24, 1920, at Interior, S.D. They homesteaded at New Castle, Wyo., and were in the cattle business there for a number of years.

They came to Payette in 1937 where he operated the Vee-Cub for nearly 30 years. They moved to Edmonds four years ago. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the John Webster Rhoads American Legion Post No. 33 of Payette and the Elks Lodge at Ontario.

Survivors besides his wife of Edmonds include a son, Charles Michael, Nyssa; a daughter, Wanda Michael, Edmonds; a sister, Mrs. Darrell Hill, Charleston, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

Nicola Ree Hunt

Nicola Ree Hunt, 21 months, died July 27 at the Nyssa hospital. She was born Sept. 25, 1967 at Seattle.

Survivors include her father, Howard Hunt, Payette, and her mother, Lucia Hunt, Nyssa; two brothers, Manuel and Patrick, and two sisters, Stella Marie and Petra Jo, all of Nyssa; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eulalia Acebedo, Nyssa, and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hunt, Payette.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. July 29 at Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by the Rev. Robert Manley of the Nyssa Church of the Nazarene. Interment was at Nyssa under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel.



We have freedom of thought, spirit and self-expression. God has blessed us with divine intelligence to sort out, evaluate, accept or reject thoughts. He has given us freedom of spirit for spiritual growth and fulfillment. He has given us the opportunity to express ourselves. Let's apply them all constructively for a better world.

Service News



SGT. GORDON LEAVITT

Letter to the editor

Editor, The Journal:
There are many thoughts and fears about our allied penetration of Cambodia. I would like to express the views of some of the men who were there during the entire operation.

When we were informed that an allied assault into Cambodia was going to take place, most of us were slightly shocked. The officer who briefed my unit about it was very honest about the situation, leaving us with high esprit and the fact that we had a high challenge before us. Suddenly everyone was busy preparing to blow into enemy held territory, and we were actually taking the initiative in this war. The Chaplain prayed for us and then we quickly boarded the choppers and went to Cambodia with somewhat mixed emotions, and a very patriotic attitude.

As we were flying at 3,000 feet there was a very distinguishable difference between the bomb riddled country of Vietnam, and the lush, green, enemy infested country of Cambodia. It was quite obvious that we had landed right in the path blocking an enemy unit retreat to sanctuaries deep inside Cambodia. The first few hours we were there had brought several recon patrols in contact with NVA units, and jet fighters and helicopter gunships were spewing their deadly armament.

During the first week of the operation, the 1st. battalion of the 5th U.S. Cavalry discovered a huge cache of enemy weapons, ammo, medical supplies, trucks, bicycles, clothing, and other materials which was named "The City". It was a very impressive cache.

Upon discovering this huge storage place, the morale of all the troops involved immediately rose to new peaks. Never before have I seen so many soldiers so enthusiastic about a job.

Being personally involved as the squad leader of THE demolition team that blew up tons of enemy ordnance, to include TNT, plastic explosives and U.S. produced dynamite that had filtered into enemy hands

via subversive elements, I was proud and relieved that we had destroyed and captured enough supplies to equip 1,000 men for 6 months.

Upon completion of this mission, several of the men expressed hopes for a further penetration of enemy sanctuaries. These men had not taken a blood thirsty attitude but instead realized that we were actually helping to further the withdrawal of brother Americans from the grasp of this war.

Since the initial penetration of NVA sanctuaries, there has been several caches of arms and food and medical supplies and many other enemy supplies captured. With the capture of each cache, I, along with several others, was further convinced that the decision to enter Cambodia was very wise. We definitely suppressed the enemy's initiative, thereby furthering withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam.

The entire American operation was militarily successful and left the U.S. soldiers with a feeling of "A JOB WELL DONE". It was this feeling with which we returned to Vietnam, and immediately started talking about moving from forward combat bases in Vietnam to more secure areas around Saigon, and turning the responsibility of national defense to the South Vietnamese army. These facts add up to troop withdrawal and an end to American involvement in this war.

I have been actively involved in this war for 1 1/2 years, and have been wounded twice, and I thoroughly support President Nixon's decision to enter communist sanctuaries inside Cambodia. Should the need ever arise again, before U.S. forces are dislodged from this war, I do hope that we respond with the same responsibility as this time.

In expressing the general attitude of our soldiers over here, I can honestly say that the men of the 1st. Air Cavalry Division are proud of what we did in Cambodia.

Sgt. Gordon Leavitt
1st. Air Cavalry
Vietnam

NYSSA NAVAL OFFICER COMPLETES DENTAL COURSE



LT. KENNETH COTTLE

Navy Lieutenant Commander Kenneth L. Cottle, Dental Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Cottle of 107 N. Fifth St., Nyssa, Ore., completed oral surgery to graduate from Naval Dental School at the National Navy Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.

When passing a pedestrian in the street, motorists should slow down and give him room. If the pedestrian is crowded by a car, he can easily become confused and step into the path of an approaching vehicle.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Bud Town will be the guest speaker at Faith Lutheran Church, Nyssa, July 30, at 8 p.m. There will be an identical service on Sunday, August 2, at 10:30 a.m. Town is head of the Soil Conservation District with an office in Vale. Dan Nichols of Nyssa will take the responsibility for the liturgical part of the service.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A pot-luck supper was served July 23 at the First Christian Church, Nyssa. It was in honor of interim minister, Rev. Wayne Cutshall of Homedale and also to welcome the new minister, Rev. Erlend Johnson and family.

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet Aug. 6 at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Sherbert at 8 p.m. A special program is planned.

St. Bridget's News

Several members of St. Bridget's Catholic Church enjoyed a potluck picnic last Sunday after Church services. The group traveled to Mason Dam near Baker.

ARMY NEEDS

PHONE OPERATORS

"Number, please?" No sweet-voiced soprano this, but a young man in today's Army working a switchboard like one of Bell's own.

Because of the increasing sophistication of modern Army communications networks, men skilled in the installation, operation and maintenance of local and common battery switchboards are needed.

Following the mandatory eight weeks of basic training, those enlisting for this course will spend another eight weeks at the US Army Southeastern Signal School at Fort Gordon, Ga. Classes will include: introduction to communications; basic orientation for switchboard operators; the installation and operation of various switchboards and Manual Telephone Central Office Sets; and an end-of-course proficiency test and critique.

While the young men manning the switchboards may not be as comely as their civilian counterparts, their job is every bit as vital and important to this country's security.

For further information on this and other fields open to young men and women in today's modern Army, see Sgt. John E. Mathews at 67 S.W. Second Ave. Ontario, Ore. He'll be glad to help you.

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

Nyssa Senior Citizens will entertain the Senior Citizens of Emmett, at a potluck dinner to be served at noon August 12, in the Methodist Church basement.

Chicken and cake will be furnished by the organization, the members are asked to help prepare the chicken. For further information please call Mrs. John Long 372-3106.

SENIOR CITIZENS ATTEND MEETING

Dr. and Mrs. John Long, Nyssa, were among the more than 200 who attended the six-county meeting of the Senior Citizens held at Spring Creek Forest Camp, 35 miles above Weiser, last Thursday, July 23.

Senior citizens drove from all parts of this area to the meeting, including four busloads. Jim Anderson, Boise, was master of ceremonies, and all enjoyed a potluck dinner at the camp.

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

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Kids Depart For Church Camp



These Nyssa youngsters are shown just prior to departure Monday for the Ascension Summer School, Cove, sponsored by the Episcopal Church. They will be at the camp one week. Front row, L to R, are Rudy Apadoca, Alfred Bernal, Dana Maxfield, Sally Bernal, and Karrie Ybanez. Rear row, Geoffrey Eastman, Tina King, Melissa Larson, Mary Silence and Steven Apadoca.

Melissa, Geoffrey and Dana earned their week at camp by regular attendance at St. Paul's Church School.

Mother of Year Guest Speaker

At TVCB & PW Met

Idaho's 1970 Mother of the Year, Minnie Keim, will be guest speaker at the Hawaiian Luau to be held at the La Paloma Tuesday at 7:30, August 4, hosted by the Treasure Valley Christian Business and Professional Women's Council in Ontario.

A "See Hawaii" presentation will be brought by the Iseri Travel Agency in Ontario.

Diane Walz, a one-time Malheur County Dairy Princess will sing a selection of Hawaiian melodies. Presently a surgical nurse at Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario, Miss Walz will be a senior student at Biola College in La Mirada, Calif., this fall. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walz of Ontario.

All interested women are urged to wear their gayest and most hawaiian-like costumes for the luau and mums if available. Phone Polly O'Hara 889-5719 for reservations.

COMING EVENTS

TODAY, THURSDAY, JULY 30 - 10 to 4 p.m. Rummage sale at the Episcopal Church basement.

FRIDAY, JULY 31 - 8:30 p.m. Owyhee Riding Club will meet at the South Park in Nyssa.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - 8 p.m. Recovery, Inc., meets at Christian Church.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 - 12:30 p.m. Oregon Trail Grange Picnic at James Stephens home, Nyssa.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 - 7:30 p.m. TVCB & PW meeting at La Paloma Cafe.

Sugar Beat TOPS will meet at 7:30 p.m. Fern Christian will be guest speaker.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5 - 1 p.m. Christian Women meet at La Paloma Cafe.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 - 8 p.m. Christian Women's Fellowship, meet at home of Mrs. Marjorie Sherbert.

Chicken and cake will be furnished by the organization, the members are asked to help prepare the chicken. For further information please call Mrs. John Long 372-3106.

Two little girls were talking about the Lord. One sighed, "He could not care for a little girl as I am." "That is what God is for," replied the friend.

FIRE CALLS!

The Nyssa Volunteer Fire Department was called out this week to extinguish a fire behind the Nyssa Tavern in a car owned by Sylvia Jeffers. The interior of the car was burned.

Weekly Sermonette

Martin Luther wrote to a friend, "Your thoughts of God are too human." But that could not be written to the Psalmist.

He rejoiced in the greatness of His creation. "Thy heavens," he declared, is "the work of Thy fingers" --- Psalm 8:3. There was a time when there was nothing and no one but God. It was He who caused all things to be. Before man can work he must have materials. But God, without pre-existent material, brought into existence that which never existed.

He rejoiced in the greatness of His compassion. "What is man," he exclaimed, "that Thou art mindful of him?" --- Psalm 8:4. The Lord of whom it is written, "Thou tellest the number of stars," the Bible says, numbers "the very hairs of your head." The Lord who keeps the stars in place, the Bible says, "keeps the feet of His saints." The Lord who "upholds all things by the word of His power," says to His children, "Fear thou not . . . I will uphold thee."

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