

## The Gate City Journal

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### 1st Year - 200th Year

This October 1 issue marks the first anniversary of our trusteeship of the Gate City Journal, for it was just one year ago this date that we assumed ownership and became publishers of this newspaper.

Fifty two issues, and in this relatively short time we have run the gamut of events which makes our particular community click. Special events, holidays, promotions, sales - each issue carried some special meaning to some special person. And most issues were of special importance to most people, because they chronicled the events that makes up the life of our town.

We use the word trusteeship, because this newspaper in a sense belongs to the community, and we, like the publishers before us, are really trustees of your newspaper. It is our responsibility to assemble the news, the ads, the pictures, and to do the mechanics necessary in meeting deadlines, printing and mailing. It is you, in turn, through your readership, the submission of news, your support of our advertisers, and your cooperation and interest that makes the whole operation possible.

It has been a very good year for us, and we are most appreciative of the support of all of you in this past year.

1970 is the 64th year of continuous publication of the Gate City Journal, and marks the 200th year of freedom for American newspapers, beginning in 1770. Printed below is the Journalist's Creed, written by Walter Williams, Dean, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, 1908-1935. It seems particularly appropriate in this 200th year of freedom, during the National Newspaper week.

### The Journalists Creed

I believe that the public journal trust, that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of a lesser service than the public service is betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy, and fairness, are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme tests of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best--and best deserves success--fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.

Walter Williams

### Mrs. Elton Clapp Celebrates Birthday

Mrs. Elton Clapp was pleasantly surprised Saturday afternoon when three of her neighbors and friends called on her bringing with them, refreshments, to help her celebrate her birthday. The guests were Mrs. David Beers, her sister-in-law Mrs. Leo Beers, and Mrs. J.H. Malloy.

They, in turn were surprised, as Mrs. Clapp's grandson, Raymond Wiley, had also baked and decorated a birthday cake which he served the group. Later in the evening, Mrs. Clapp received a birthday telephone call from her son's family, the Clarence Clapps, of Stayton, Ore.

### OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Annual Community Church meeting was held at the Church September 22, with election of new officers.

In the church, Otis Bullard was elected Deacon; Elders are James Phelps and Gary Nielsen, Deaconess, Martha Lorensen; Clerk, Ethelmae Dail; Treasurer, Ruth Martin; Ushers, James Phelps, Bill Nielsen and Otis Bullard; Librarian, Ken Lorensen; and Pianist, Annette Haney.

In the Sunday School elected were Boyd Haney, Superintendent and Gary Nielsen, Asst. Superintendent; Kenneth Lorensen, Secretary; Joe Stephen, Adult Class; Kay Moxom, Young Married Group; Annette Haney, Junior High Group; Peggy Nielsen, Juniors; Charlene Ward, Primary; Barbara Asumendi, Beginners; Axella Stephen, Nursery; and Clara Corfield, Cradle Roll.

The Young Peoples Group will be under the sponsorship of Judy and Bill Nielsen. This was made to be an elective office at this time.

Rev. Mike Finley and young people, Kay Jones, Drenda Koski, Steve Loomis, and Dave McGinnis of the Donnelly Church were visitors Sunday and conducted the Morning and Evening Service at the church. Rev. and Mrs. Moxom were Sunday guests at the Church in Donnelly.

### St. Bridger's News

St. Bridger's 7th and 8th grade CYO spent Saturday morning and part of the afternoon working on the grounds of the parish. Several new trees were planted to help beautify the grounds and provide shade in the years to come. Sack lunches were shared by all, and root beer and ice cream sticks were served, compliments of the Parish. The group plans to have other projects during the year.

To celebrate the First Friday of the month in a special way, and to develop devotion to the Sacred Heart there will be an evening Mass this coming Friday at 7:30 p.m. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 p.m.

St. Bridger's Young Adult Christian Education classes started out well this year with 29 registering for the three courses being offered for the fall semester.

### Christian Women To

### Hear Outstanding

### Speakers Oct. 7

The Christian Women's Club will be favored with two very outstanding women at their October 7, luncheon. Mrs. Don Samuelson, wife of the Governor of Idaho, will present the special feature, speaking on the beautiful new china she has selected for the Governor's Mansion.

Guest speaker is Mrs. Millie Stamm of CWC Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. Stamm is the author of the recently published inspirational book, "Meditation Moments for Women" which is now in its fourth printing. Special music will be presented by Mr. Ed Bradshaw, well known vocalist of Ontario.

All women are cordially invited to attend the luncheon at 1 p.m. at the La Paloma Cafe in Ontario, and bring a guest. Reservation must be made in advance by calling Mrs. Betty Lewis at 889-6538.

## OUT OF THE PAST

### 10 YEARS AGO

A total of 119 deer and 3 elk had been brought into Nyssa and Nu Acres custom meatcutters by Tuesday night. The elk were killed on the Idaho side of the river, as Oregon season is not yet open.

How many have been killed and processed at home or have been taken elsewhere is not known.

Beuna Vista--Several in the community went to the Ray Griffiths farm near Nyssa Saturday to help stack 75 acres of baled hay. Griffiths and his son, Eugene, were seriously injured Wednesday afternoon as they were getting down from a completed stack of bales. The cable on which they were coming down broke, causing them both to fall.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Shipment of fall lettuce from Nyssa amounting to only 40 cars so far this season, are falling far short of last year's figure, principally because of disease and a poor market.

The ANK Garden Club was praised by Mrs. Douglas McKay in a letter received this week. Mrs. McKay attended the Malheur County Fair with Governor McKay. She stated "It was one of the finest exhibits I have seen any place. Again I say congratulations to the Nyssa Garden Club."

Four Nyssa youths, Ivin Bush, Albert Pecka, Alvin Pecka and Paul Manchester are members of the 1950 Oregon Tech football squad at Klamath Falls and are staging strong fights for first berths, according to information received here.

### 30 YEARS AGO

In the soft light of burning tapers and a fire glowing on the grate, before a flower banked improvised altar in the living-room of her father's home Miss Vera Garrison, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Garrison became the bride of John Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olsen of Baker at six o'clock on Sunday evening.

On Monday Wesley Browne, representing the Nyssa Post of the American Legion presented the High School with a fine wool flag, and at the same time the medallions awarded each year to members of outstanding achievement in the graduating class were displayed.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Owyhee--The syphon of the Owyhee canal across Malheur River will be approximately three miles east of Vale. It will be about 3 1/2 miles long. The site has been tested, plans and specifications however, have not been drawn. It is

likely to be about two years before construction of this structure will be authorized.

Since the blowing, spouting, and burning of the big new gas well at Payette last week, some excitement and "I told you so" sentiment prevails. Oil leases are being secured all around Nyssa, you may soon be as rich as an Oklahoma Indian and drawing handsome oil royalties from your farms with your spuds, beans and hay. The hills southwest of Nyssa may be "Signal Hill Oil Domes" and oil derricks may cover the distance between Nyssa and Owyhee Dam. Let it come, but if just as convenient to the promoters, we'll take oil instead of gas.

### 50 YEARS AGO

Mrs. E.F. Pratt who has long been a valued resident of the Owyhee, recently took a well deserved vacation and visited her old home in the Willamette Valley. From the Lebanon Express the Journal quotes the following account of a party given in her honor by her former neighbors.

"Mrs. Eugene F. Pratt and her two sons, Eugene, Jr. and Lewis, of Nyssa, Malheur County, who are visiting at the home of Mrs. Pratt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Steen of Stols Hill, were given a surprise reception by Mrs. Pratt's former school mates, neighbors and other friends Tuesday afternoon. It has been fourteen years since Mrs. Pratt visited the vicinity of her childhood home and the occasion of this event was a joyous one to those whose pleasure it was to be present.

To add to the pleasure of the affair, an abundance of ice cream, cake and sandwiches were served to the party by Masters Eugene and Lewis Pratt."

### 60 YEARS AGO

Quite a number of Nyssa people are catching the "Oil Fever".

People are investigating the Nyssa oil fields and are well pleased with the results of such investigation.

Nyssa has been awakened and is beginning to realize the immense wealth lying at her very door. We are not optimistic enough to see Nyssa with paved streets, five story buildings, grand hotel with a lobby full of oil magnates talking oil, and other signs of great activity.

The promises of oil were some time ago, but outside oil men are beginning to expect great development and great results.

Among the crowd that attended the Fair Wednesday was, James Beam and family, John Ray and wife, Mrs. Ennis, Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Gibson, Mrs. Overstreet, H.J. Ward and family, C.E. Peck and family, A.G. Kingman and W. Lee Blodgett.

### Randy Armstrong Completes Navy Corpsman School

Navy Hospitalman Randall J. Armstrong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Armstrong of 717 N. Second St., Nyssa, was graduated from the 14 week Naval Hospital Corps School at San Diego.

### REBEKAHS MEET

The Yellow Rose Rebekah Lodge met in regular session Sept. 22 with Noble Grand Virginia Rookstool presiding.

Visitors were Hazel Leavitt, Deputy of District 24 and three members from Beatrice 82 of Ontario.

Next meeting will be Oct. 13, when final plans will be announced for the visit of Assembly President Jessie Goude.

Refreshments were served to 14 members by hostess, Harriet Warren.

### NHS CALENDAR

TONIGHT, - Football, Vallivue, here, 8 p.m.

OCT. 5 - Frosh-Soph Football at Vallivue, 4 p.m.

OCT. 5 & 6 - Iowa Tests Educational Development - Freshmen and Juniors.

OCT. 7 - Jr. High Football at Payette, 4 p.m.

OCT. 8 - Representative from University of Oregon to speak to Junior and Senior boys on the NROTC, 10:30 a.m.

## NU ACRES HAPPENINGS

BY MARGARET EVANS PHONE 674-2074

The Farmerette Club was hostess to a stork shower in honor of Mrs. Jack Burton Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. Games were played, after which Mrs. Burton opened her many gifts. Refreshments of cookies punch, and coffee were served. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans attended the Methodist church in Jordan Valley Sunday. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fretwell. In the afternoon they called on former neighbors, Mrs. Susan Chesney, and Mrs. Charles Daudt and family. Mrs. Daudt had the misfortune to break her leg and is confined to her home for the next six weeks.

Mrs. Mike McKague learned of the death of her uncle, Fred Ellison of Big Timber, Mont., last week. She had just visited with him this summer.

Mrs. W.H. Grasmick accompanied her brother, Mr. and Mrs. John Rudolph of Nampa, and sister, Mrs. Roy Cantrell of Meridian to St. Anthony Friday morning to visit their sister, Mrs. Grace Bauer and family. They returned Sunday evening. In Twin Falls they visited their nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Shaw moved to the Merl Wilhite house this past week. Ricky Turk of Fruitland stayed the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw to celebrate his birthday this week. Rev. and Mrs. George Nichols of Spokane visited Wednesday with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans. They were here to attend a Nazarene Church Convention at the Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa. Mr. and Mrs. George Dohner went to Boise to the Assembly of God Church to hear Rev. John Hall preach Sunday. He is a former teacher of Mrs. Dohner in Southern California College. Mrs. George Dohner attended a Prayer Breakfast at the Christian Business and Professional Women's Council Saturday morning at 6:30, at the Palomino Restaurant in Ontario. Those attending were Mmes. Jan Sparks, and John Fairchild of New Plymouth, Glen Williams of Weiser, Ida Nelson of Payette, Carl Gunderson, Bette Blake, and Lyle Haines of Ontario. Mrs. Lucy Evans received word of the birth of her sixty-second great-grandchild, Gayle Lee, born to Mr. and Mrs. Rex Evans at Livermore, California Friday.

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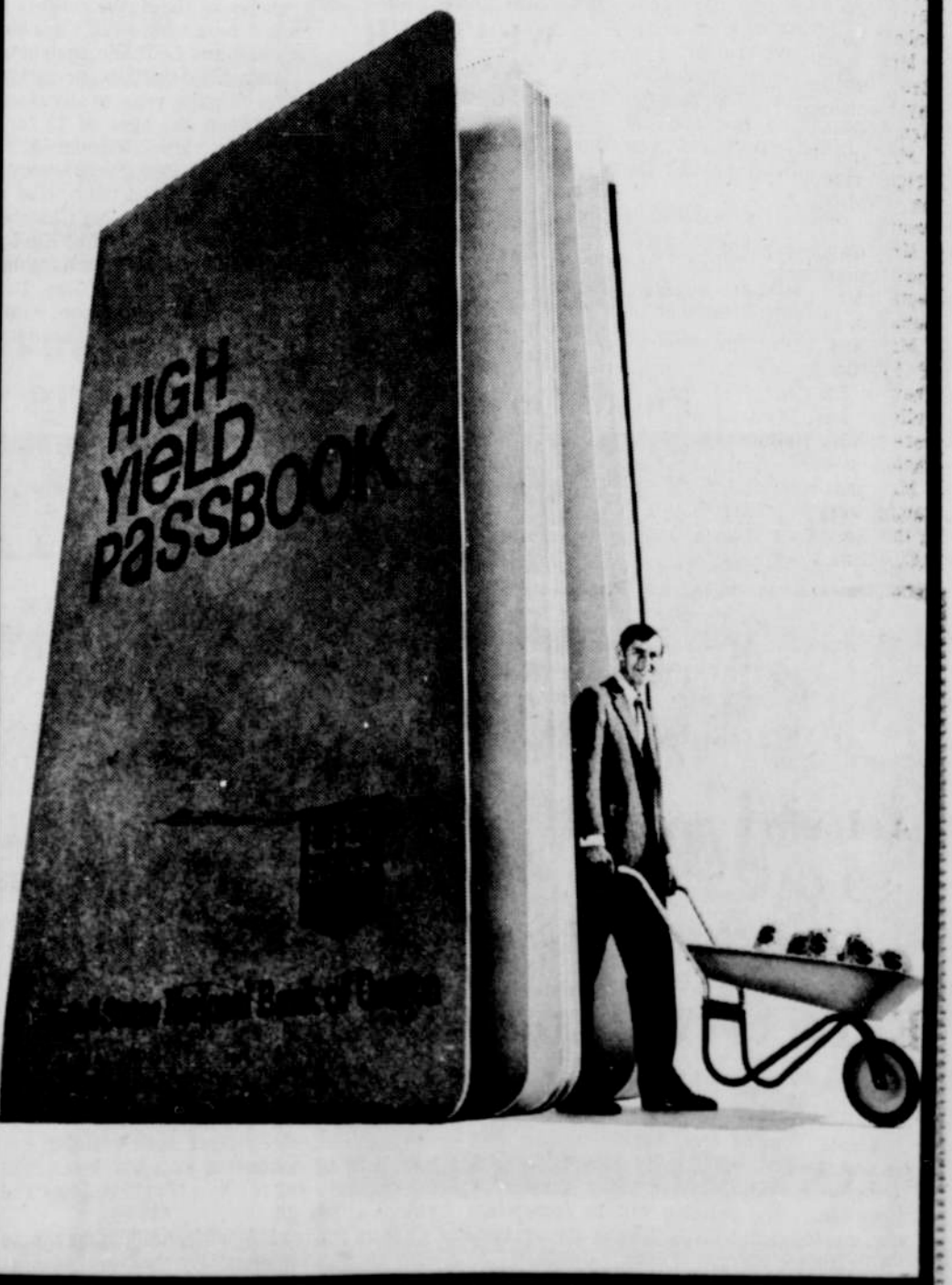
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