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Good Luck, Nyssa Teams !

Nyssa sports fans are looking forward to a full weekend, with many planning to travel to such places as Corvallis and John Day. Coach Mel Calhoun will take seven wrestlers to the State Wrestling Tournament at Corvallis Thursday, and the boys will compete in matches Friday and Saturday. Based on their performances in past years, we can expect some of them to return home as state champs. In any event, they have had a marvelous season and we can be very proud of their efforts. It is a great honor for an athlete to perform in a state tournament, and for seven to qualify is a tribute to Coach Calhoun and his wrestlers.

Basketball coach Gerald Talbot will take his team to John Day for a play-off game with Madras, the winner to go to the State Basketball Tournament at Eugene March 22. Win or lose, the basketball team has finished a very successful season with a 16 won, 6 loss record, much the best record of any team in recent Nyssa history, and we can be very proud of these boys also.

Coming on top of a winning football season, this has certainly been one of the best sports years in history. Winning is a state of mind, and it can become contagious. During the first part of the season our basketballers hadn't become completely convinced that they were invincible. As the season wore on and the wins piled up, it started to become evident that they could win. It became a habit.

The whole thing reached a climax last weekend when the boys pulled two tough victories out of the fire on a hard road trip, games that they had to win to stay in contention for state. Behind by 3 points with only 27 seconds to play, they beat Wahatnoka Friday night. Then on Saturday they defeated Madras with a big fourth quarter after being tied most of the ball game.

They have the momentum going and we think they can win, and so does every sports fan in Nyssa. You coaches and players of Nyssa High School can be assured that your community is behind you. Good luck, and whatever the outcome, you have our support.

St. Bridget's News

Sisters Clare Inez and Alice Ann O.S.F., The Associate Directors of the Baker Diocese Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, spent Monday through Wednesday at St. Bridget's parish. While in Nyssa, they worked with teachers and students in the CCD program of St. Bridget's parish. They visited the CCD classes at Adrian on Monday, helped in the planning of the students Mass on Tuesday afternoon in Nyssa, and attended the high school classes on Wednesday evening.

The Sisters brought with them many of the new films available through the CCD Diocesan office. Plans are now being formulated to show some of these to the high school students on Wednesday evening, and to adults at the coffee hour after Mass on Sundays.

St. Bridget's Altar Society is going ahead with plans for a card party May 7. Games of all types will be the goal to fit all tastes with tables also set aside for discussion. Refreshments will be served. A good adult social evening is the goal.

The second class of the present Inquirers' series will be held in St. Bridget's rectory Monday evening, March 15, at 8:00 p.m. This Thursday, an advanced adult discussion group is beginning at 8:00 p.m. Those wishing to attend are asked to read the first three chapters of the book of "Revelations".

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The United Methodist Church of Nyssa will have a Fellowship Dinner on March 14, following the morning church service. Miss Nancy Wilson and Miss Patsy Wilson will show slides and speak on their trip to Europe during the summer of 1970.

Everyone is invited to come, bring food, and your own table service. Friends of the Wilson girls from other churches are especially invited.

Special Lenten worship services are being held by the Nyssa United Methodist Church each Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. The total theme of these services is built around the words of Jesus from the Cross, using each of them in turn. The topic for Sunday, March 14, is "Son, Behold Thy Mother!"

Everyone is invited to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Path of Sorrows, with the Christ and us during this Lenten season.

APOSTOLIC FAITH

Apostolic Church of the Faith in Christ Jesus services will be held in the evenings Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 p.m. Sunday School services are held from 10 a.m. until noon. All are welcome, announced Pastor Mike Valverde, Jr. The church is located at 612 North 9th Street in Nyssa.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:
Members of the Siempre Adelante Organization and most of the Mexican American Citizens wish to take this opportunity to let the people of the Nyssa Community know that we do not have the same feelings as those expressed in the poem printed in last week's Gate City Journal.

We are Americans and want our children to become good citizens and do not expect any special treatment. We are proud of our children who have held offices and have done well in school.

We believe that we gain respect for what we are and not for our nationality.

We want you to know that the majority of Mexican-Americans are loyal American citizens and are interested in promoting the role of the Mexican-American within the community - not apart from the community.

Siempre Adelante Organization.

Nyssa Ministers Plan Good Friday Service

The Nyssa Ministerial Association urges all in the Nyssa Community to keep Holy Week, April 4 to 10, as free of secular festivities as possible to recall to all the sacredness of this week in the life of Christians. The individual churches will celebrate Holy Week in their own way, but the Ministerial Association, as in the past, will sponsor an Inter-denominational Service Good Friday evening, April 9.

The service this year will be conducted in the Methodist Church with Pastor Don Crego, President of the Association, acting as host. All the people of the Nyssa area are invited, and more details of the Good Friday service will appear in this paper at a later date.

FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. James W. Dotson of the First Baptist Church will accompany the church youth group Saturday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. when they will attend a progressive dinner.

Their first stop will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowrance progressing to Parma to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hiatt and back to Nyssa to the Everett Hiatt home.

From there they will go to the Ray VanderOord home and the Scott Hiatt home, with their last call being a return to the Lowrance home. There will be food, a program, and devotions at each home.

Ladies Monday Bible Study and Prayer hour was held this week at the home of Mrs. Harley Sager in Parma. Next Monday, the group will meet at 9 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Iona Greig.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank those who sent food, flowers and cards at the time of the death of our mother and grandmother. —The Neils Larsen family

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES

Nyssa Senior Citizens and Senior Citizens of other nearby towns met with the Ontario City Citizens at their center for a joint potluck meeting March 8. Approximately 60 attended the affair with 12 being from the Nyssa group. The program included a talk on the problems of and for the Senior Citizens. The members then were placed in six groups to discuss the talk and the afternoon was then spent discussing how Senior Citizens could do things to help others and how they could work together and with others to accomplish the goals they set out to do.

Refreshments were served to 12 members by the co-hostess Mrs. Fern Runcorn. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 6, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. William Smiley with Mrs. Don Somers as co-hostess. All grange women are invited to attend.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Although a warm wet February had raised the hopes of Malheur County farmers for an improved irrigation water supply outlook, the situation is more gloomy than a month ago. Warm rains and melting have increased the flow but reduced the possibility of a good spring and summer stream flow.

Paul House, North Board of Control manager, said under present conditions it appears the Owyhee users may be limited to 3 1/2 acre feet.

Marguerite McNeil, owner and operator of Marguerite's Apparel will hold her grand opening Monday. The new business is located in Peterson's furniture building. Mrs. McNeil is a daughter of Mrs. Freda Miner and a sister of Harry Miner, Nyssa.

Representative Emil Stunz and Senator Anthony Yurri reported Tuesday that they were quite optimistic over the possibility of state funds being available to pave the road to Lake Owyhee in the near future.

Harlan Sager, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sager is a winner of Ontario Elks Scholarship contest. He received \$200 and will attend the district contest to be held in Lakeview.

20 YEARS AGO

Basket ball fans who believe that the typical high school is that large building that has ivy creeping on the outside and teachers creeping on the inside are due for a big surprise.

The male members of Nyssa High School faculty have decided to shatter that myth about the creeping and prove they still possess athletic prowess. Recently at an informal meeting, the boys voted to form a basketball team to be officially known as "the Sad Sackers".

Although admitting they are not exactly big league material, these aging athletes will pool their wisdom, experience and whatever muscle available to defeat the student varsity team, all for the purpose of sending the senior members of the high school basketball team to the state tournament. The slaughter should begin promptly at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, providing the professors can gather their hair nets and muscle ointment in time.

Rumor indicates that due to the length of the court, the older gentlemen will need both an offensive and defensive team. They may also insist on their baskets counting four points.

The shifty passing of "catgut" Lawrence and "Sliderule" Cox is expected to keep the varsity team on their toes. "Two Ton" Lovejoy and Dennis (the rotund) Patch are expected to work the backboards. It is hoped that "Nicotine" Charley Steffens will keep the fans cheering. Lee "Ragmop" Miller and "Vitamin" Overstake will round out the octet.

GRANGE NEWS

The March 2 meeting of the Committee of Women's Activities of Oregon Trail Grange was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Parr.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Eric Boenig, acting chairman, in the absence of Mrs. Frank Holub.

Project for the month was to make bibles for use at the nursing home. Each member was invited to make two bibles of colored or flowered material, size 18 by 36 inches with a tape tie. Bibles are to be brought to the next club meeting.

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30 YEARS AGO

Twenty years service as a Nyssa rural mail carrier was completed by Artie Robertson last Friday. He entered the service on March 7, 1921 taking the place of George Schweizer who was then a substitute carrier.

"A bushel basket would hold all the mail that we carried in those days," Robertson said. There were about 90 mail boxes serving about 100 families along the 33 mile route, all of which reached by the usual unsurfaced, ungraveled country roads, except for about 150 yards of graveled roads just south of Nyssa city limits. The route has always been a daily one.

In contrast to the number of patrons on his route when he started, there are now 225 mail boxes and 273 families, all of whom can be reached on either surfaced or graveled roads. And the amount of mail has increased, "until at times a fellow could make good use of a truck," according to Artie.

Another sidelight on the growth of the local post office, which has advanced from what was then a third class office to its second class rating now, is that there was only Elizabeth Thompson, post-mistress and Artie. They were required to put in two hours work on each Sunday in addition to their daily week work and no extra help for Christmas rush, at present there are the postmaster, three clerks and two carriers in the Nyssa office.

Robertson has served under three postmasters during his 20 years service, Elizabeth Thompson, Dean Smith and the present postmaster, S.D. Goshert.

50 YEARS AGO

Many Nyssa people have prepared grounds for gardens and lawns with the expectation of securing water from the proposed municipal irrigation system are wondering when the water will be turned on. It is to be regretted that this improvement should be delayed. According to estimates, \$4500 will install the system, bonds for which have already been issued. Difficulty in disposing of the bonds has been encountered, which is said to be the obstacle that is preventing the immediate installation of the system. This is a condition for which the City Council does not appear to be to blame, but Nyssa people will be sadly disappointed if the irrigation system is delayed.



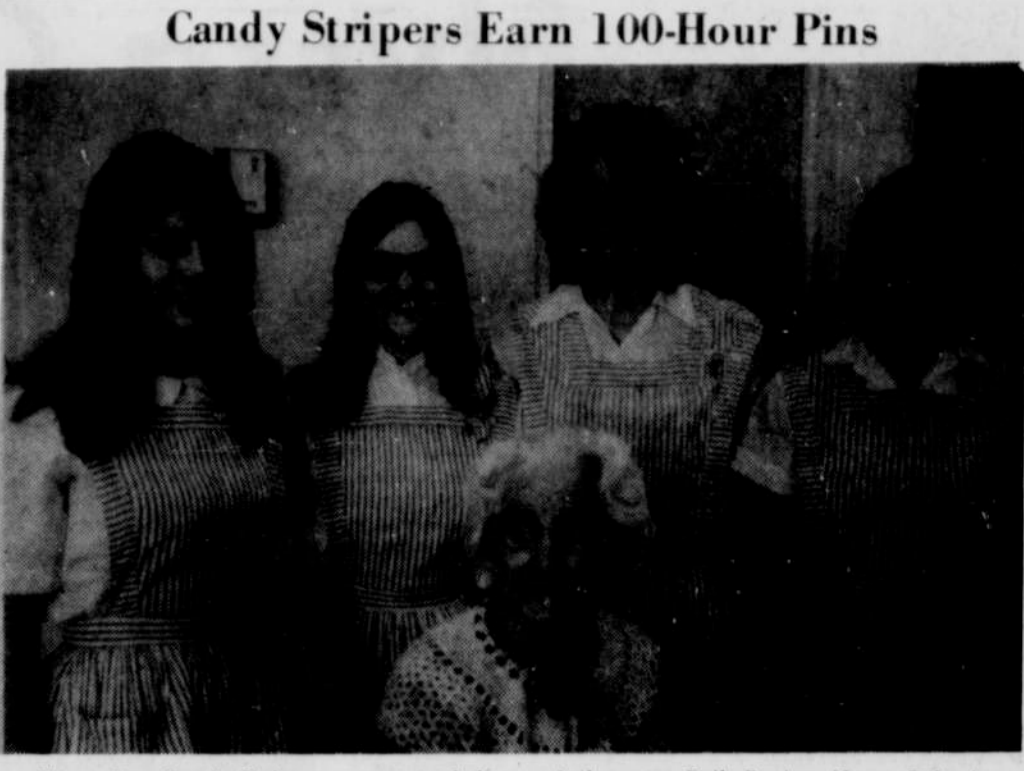
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These four Candy Strippers were awarded 100 Hour pins in ceremonies Monday at Malheur Memorial Hospital by Ernest King, hospital administrator. They are, from left, Debbie Haney, Vickie Franklin, Judy Belveal and Norma Menchaca; shown with Mrs. Emma Slinger, a resident of the Nursing Home. Six girls were awarded 50 Hour pins, and they are Beth Barton, Nancy Roberts, Bobbie Ray, Becky Blaylock, Roberta Morrow and Vedas Estrada. Mrs. Margaret Tensen is advisor.

The awards are given in recognition of the many hours of public service given to the community by the Candy Strippers.

Adrian FFA Chapter Parents - Son Banquet

Adrian High School held the Thirtieth Annual FFA Parents-Son Banquet February 23, with approximately 180 members, parents and guests in attendance at the school cafeteria.

The banquet is held to give recognition to parents and people in the community who make it possible to have a FFA Chapter and carry out FFA activities.

Recognition awards of outstanding FFA members are presented at the banquet.

Following the invocation by the Rev. Raymond Wilson, the FHA girls served dinner consisting of baked ham, corn, hot rolls, tossed salad, mashed potatoes, and gravy, pie and ice cream.

Chapter Sentinel Alan Atagi introduced the guests. State farmers, honorary members and delegates from the surrounding chapters were special guests attending.

Melvin Wilson was guest speaker and a former Adrian FFA Chapter president. After graduation from high school he furthered his education at OSU

in Corvallis and is presently an instructor at TVCC.

Clyde Martin, Jim Thomas and Curt Fewkes reported on their trip to the National FFA Convention at Kansas city last fall. Clyde Martin was in the National Chorus, while Jim and Curt went as Chapter Delegates.

Chapter Adviser Joe Witte, presented letter awards, which is based on activities in FFA, and go to the top third of the group.

Chapter Sweetheart was presented by Bruce Ishida. Candidates this year were Linda Martin, Susan Olsen, Wanda Gregg and Kelly Shenk. Linda Martin was elected Sweetheart of the year.

Proficiency awards were presented to outstanding members by the sophomores. Those receiving awards were: Jim Thomas, dairy proficiency; Alan Atagi, crop production; Clyde Martin, farm home electrification; Ron Miller, soil and water management; Clyde Martin, processing; Jim Conant, farm mechanics; Dan Martin,

placement in agriculture; Monte Fujishin, livestock production; Jim Thomas, Star Chapter farmer; Monte Fujishin, Star Greenhand; Greg Toppliff, farm safety; and Clyde Martin, public speaking.

Honorary Farmers Degree is given to outstanding individuals in the community who help the FFA Chapter. This year three people received this distinguished award. Kenneth Thomas, father of James D. Thomas, has helped make it possible for Jim to have projects that assisted him in becoming a state farmer last year. He has also supported the Chapter for the last five years; Ross Corn, father of Patrick R. Corn, has also contributed to the FFA. He encouraged Pat to participate in all Chapter activities. He also supported the annual slave sale for the last three years.

Clarence Nelson is the father of four boys who have been active in FFA. Two of his sons, Eddie and Norman, were both Chapter Presidents. Charles Nelson attained the degree of State Farmer. Dan Nelson is currently Chapter Reporter.

—by Dan Nelson and Pat Corn

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- 1) The tax levy that you will be voting on for the 1971-72 budget is \$23,648. less than the current levy.
- 2) Treasure Valley Community College cost for educating a student was \$1,078 in 1969-70 year where other comparable Oregon community colleges were over \$1400.
- 3) The FTE students for 1969-70 was 1,169.3 and is over 1200 this year.
- 4) Of your property taxes in Ontario 12.1 percent is for TVCC and in Vale only eight percent is for TVCC.
- 5) Of the 118 Ontario 1970 High School graduates that went on to college, 73 enrolled at TVCC.

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