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### House Bill No. 1120

There has been much interest in Nyssa's opposition to House Bill No. 1120, which deals with bilingual education. The bill, which passed the Oregon House and is now in Senate committee, has been opposed by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce and the Nyssa Schools.

Some have interpreted this action to mean that we in Nyssa are opposed to helping our little Mexican children get a proper education. This of course is not the case, in fact Nyssa and our school system has led the way in the entire area in providing a proper start for these youngsters.

What concerned people are opposed to is forcing the schools to adopt a bilingual approach to education. Nyssa educators and the school board do not wish to be placed in a situation where they MUST teach classes in both English and Spanish, nor do they think it is proper.

The only instance we know of where bilingual education has been part of the school system for years is in the Province of Quebec, Canada. They have taught classes in French half a day and English half a day in their schools for the last 100 years, and undoubtedly the children become somewhat proficient in both languages. But, in doing so they have destroyed National unity. Frenchmen have been fighting Englishmen, and they are in a mess.

We in Nyssa are enough Nationalistic minded that we feel that it is important that all emigrants, whatever their origin, should learn and excel in the language of their adopted country. To this extent the Nyssa Schools have established kindergarten, with Federal funds, for 4 and 5 year old Mexican children so that they can learn the English language, our customs and habits, and be ready to assume their place in the first grade with the other children.

Recognizing that even after this pre-school training all of the youngsters aren't completely ready, and new families move in without this training, the schools have also provided Spanish speaking aides to help these children. They interpret and help, and the results have been outstanding.

School records will show that our Mexican students have rapidly progressed to the point where there is absolutely no difference in the learning ability of most of our children. Each year our Mexican-American children show a better percentage of completion of high school, and more and more assume scholastic and leadership roles in the schools in music, sports and other activities.

We see no reason to reverse this record of success. We don't care what they are doing in Woodburn or Wilder, or anyplace else. We have a larger percentage of minority group children in our schools than perhaps any other city in Treasure Valley, and have met the problem head-on long before most of the other people have gotten into the act.

We in Nyssa are also concerned about the fact that militant groups are trying very hard to break down the excellent relations that so many have worked so hard to improve over the years.

Back to House Bill No. 1120. We see no reason for it, and have done everything possible to see that it is not passed in the Oregon Senate. The laws as they exist give school districts all the leeway they need to teach their children as they see fit, and we don't think legislation is needed to force us to do otherwise.

### LDS Seminary Students To Receive Certificates

Special certificates will be received by eighty three LDS seminary students in ceremonies to be held at the Nyssa Stake Center Sunday evening May 1 at 8 p.m.

The young people of high school age of Nyssa, Ontario, Parma, and Vale have attended early morning classes throughout the school year to study the Book of Mormon. The knowledge they have gained will be

expressed in a presentation of speech and musical numbers for the graduation program.

The main speaker for the event will be Waldo Thurber of Boise, a well known retired businessman and church leader in youth activities. The certificates will be presented by Nyssa Stake President Dehlin A. Erickson. Refreshments will be served following the program. Parents and friends are invited.

### In Memoriam

#### Infant Roy Sutton

Roy Eugene Sutton, Jr., seven months old, passed away April 24, 1971, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene.

He was born September 17, 1970 and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy (Lavora Smith) Sutton, of Oakridge, Oregon.

Survivors in addition to his parents are grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Sutton of Gooding, Idaho.

Graveside services were conducted April 26, by Bishop Farrell G. Peterson. Interment was at Owyhee Cemetery under direction of Lienkaemper Chapel of Nyssa.

#### IN MEMORY OF EARL WARD

Earl Ward was born December 29, 1896, on the Owyhee, the son of John and Ida B. Ward. His parents were early settlers in the area. His father came here in 1881 and his mother shortly after, with her parents to Ontario where they built and operated the first hotel in town, The Neatherly Hotel.

Earl spent his entire life farming and ranching the area. In his youth, he and his brothers raised and broke horses to ride, selling many of them to the U.S. Cavalry. He was an active part of Ward Brothers'. For many years he was in charge of the farming operations, while his two brothers were in charge of the sheep and later cattle business.

After retirement, Earl kept busy caring for their home and five acres, 1 mile southwest of Nyssa. He rented his farm. He enjoyed fixing up his home and was always doing something to improve it. He loved the hills and he and his wife Laura, spent many hours fishing and camping in the surrounding area.

Earl Ward passed away April 20 at the Malheur Memorial Hospital at the age of 74. He was laid to rest in the Nyssa Cemetery April 23, 1971.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the nurses and staff of Malheur Memorial Hospital and Dr. Kenneth Danford for their kindness and care during the illness and death of our husband and father; and to the many friends for their flowers, cards and thoughtfulness. —Mrs. W.E. Ashcraft, Mrs. I.R. (Joyce) Richards and Mrs. R.W. (Donna) Hamilton

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the nurses and staff at Malheur Memorial Hospital, for the wonderful care given our husband and father. Also a very special thanks to Drs. K.A. Danford and K.E. Kerby and the staff at the clinic, for care given during his illness.

Our very deep thanks and appreciation for the wonderful food prepared on the day of the funeral.

A special thanks to the Rev. J.D. Crego and Lienkaemper Chapel. —The family of Earl Ward

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to those who furnished food, floral offerings, visits, cards and other courtesies during our recent bereavement.

Donna Curry and family Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Curry Nadine Sweeney and family

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## OUT OF THE PAST

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Three weeks ago, Simon Pool of the Netherlands arrived at the Herke Stam home.

Pool is in the United States as an exchange farm trainee, sponsored by the Netherland-American foundations. Purpose of the program is to give a better understanding between people of foreign countries and get acquainted with different farming methods. He will remain at the Stam home until fall when he plans to return to New York to board the SS Rotterdam, Sept. 29.

#### 40 YEARS AGO

"Nyssa with its numerous new houses, Spanish types, English types, and others, shows a remarkable growth in the past year," said M.E. Bain, field deputy for County Assessor Andrew M. Graham and he is one man to whom no property owner is over zealous. Bain is assessing Nyssa this week. Being an old time publisher of the County, Mr. Bain called at the Journal office Tuesday. He retired from the newspaper field when he disposed of the Ontario Argus about 1913.

#### 50 YEARS AGO

Frank Boswell of Big Bend has purchased an interest in the M and M Soap Company of Nyssa, of which R.H. McNeely holds a controlling interest, and the manufacture of this unrivaled cleanser will be commenced on a large-scale immediately. A campaign is being started to introduce the product to the public.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Bonnie Ward of Nyssa was selected at the grand session of Job's Daughters April 13 as honorary state queen of Oregon. The position is the highest that can be reached by a member of Job's Daughters in the state.

John Stringer, Nyssa livestock man, has purchased one of Hawaii's most famous and valuable horses, "Tropic Sky," a gray stud sired by Skymore and out of Aloha Oe.

Stringer went to Honolulu to play polo with the Boise team. He made arrangements to purchase Tropic Sky, who was shipped to the United States on the Hawaiian Craft. Skymore is by Bomba, who twice won the Ascot cup.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stringer have returned from a three-weeks visit in Honolulu, where Stringer played polo. They visited friends of Mrs. Stringer. On their return trip they were forced back to Honolulu because of motor trouble and saw General MacArthur's take-off for the States.

#### 30 YEARS AGO

Dee Payne, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Payne, was rescued from the Shoestring irrigation ditch running through the old Holiday farm. He was rescued by his uncle, John Payne who gave artificial respiration and revived the youngster.

Harold Kurtz was recently elected president of the Future Farmers of America for the coming year.

Adrian and surrounding communities are rapidly completing plans for the second annual May Day Festival to be held at the Big Bend Park, May 3rd. The affair is sponsored by the Adrian American Legion and presented by the Adrian High School student body, with C.T. Cook, coach, in charge of the program. Seven grade schools will compete; they are Wade, Kingman Colony, Ridgeview, Owyhee, Napton Siding, Adrian and Lower Bend.

Adrian Union High School and Nyssa Union High School will present a band concert. Following the concert will be the crowning of the May Queen, Queen Dorothy II, Dorothy Hamilton, attended by princesses Donna Ashcraft and Eileen Slippy. Concluding the days festivities will be a baseball game between Adrian High School and Jordan Valley Mustangs. The purpose of this May Day is to provide a play day for grade school students of the school districts and serves as a community get-together for the parents.

### St. Bridget's News

St. Bridget's Men's group are now signing up groups for booths for The Fiesta Day, June 5. All booth areas this year will be concentrated in the area between the hall and the rectory. The outside dance will go from 9 to 11 p.m. There will be music in the eating area during all of the afternoon. Those who come are urged to dress in Mexican motif.

The Christian Education classes on the grade level will all meet Tuesday May 4 at 4 p.m. for Mass. This will be the last combined class of the current year, and Mass will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### 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

#### Park Avenue Baptist Church

Park Avenue Baptist Church services start with Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by Sunday worship services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study, April 28 at 8 p.m., the topic will be "The Ten Commandments." Everyone is welcome, announced Pastor Roy Kilby.

#### PIANO RECITAL SET

Mrs. Dorothea Mitchell announces that her piano students will be presented in a recital, beginning at 3 o'clock Sunday, May 2 at the Nyssa LDS Stake House. The public is invited.

#### Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

## ATTEND CHURCH

### CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

A series of messages entitled "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit" will begin in the Sunday morning service of the Nyssa Conservative Baptist Church with the first message on the subject of "The Holy Spirit's Part in Salvation." Succeeding topics will be "His Beginning with the Church," "His Work with the Christian," "His Assurance for the Christian," "His Deliverance for the Christian," and "His Provision for Evangelism."

The morning service begins at 11 a.m. The evening service begins at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Arthur Coats announced that his topic in that service will be "Doing God's Will." This message will consider three aspects of God's will for us: His predetermined will, His command and His desire.

Other services of the day include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages including two for adults and the Youth Training Hour at 6:30 p.m. for junior high and high school youth. A spokesman for the church indicated that all of the services are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

#### Latin Assembly

Of God Church

Sunday, church activities begin with Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by the worship service at 11 a.m. and Sunday night service at 7:30 p.m.

Young people's service, every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. Bible study every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

A friendly church with a friendly smile. The Rev. David H. Martinez, Pastor.

Sunday, April 25, was a special day in the United Methodist Church of Nyssa. The dedication service for the new Chancel was held.

Mrs. Sherman Wilson presented the Chancel to the church for dedication, and Don Somers, chairman of the Board of Administration of the local church accepted it. An impressive Litany of Dedication was then made a part of the service by the pastor and the congregation.


The Rev. C. Keith Mills, Superintendent of the Snake River District of the United Methodist Church then brought the sermon.

The new Chancel was made possible by money from the gifts given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cochran, Lloyd Tober, Mrs. Elsie Robinson, Miss Gertrude Hichs, Sherman Wilson, Mrs. Cora Stockfleth, Gilbert Klinken-berg, Ed Henderson, Mrs. Carolyn Stephen, Grover Willis, E.C. Terhune, Leo Thompson, Robert H. Martin, Mrs. Harriet Pennie, and Earl Alexander.

A Fellowship Dinner was enjoyed by the congregation of the church after the morning service April 25th. Cecil Evans and Rev. C. Keith Mills, were honored for their birthday anniversaries. Following the dinner Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pounds were honored for their many years of faithful service as custodians of the church. On behalf of the congregation Ernie Metcalf presented the Pounds with a lounge chair.



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