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### The Portland Rose Is Gone

Two old friends of Nyssa left the scene over the weekend when Union Pacific's Portland Rose and City of Portland made their last runs. It seems a shame that these once grand and heavily loaded passenger trains have left the scene, but let's face it, we didn't use them.

Old timers remember the train as their only form of transportation other than horse and buggy, and Nyssa got her name as the "Gate City" because this is where the railroad enters Oregon. We have heard many stories of people riding the train to Weiser to see the opera; or riding to Nampa to eat at the Dewey Palace; or making the big trip to Boise to shop for the necessary items which couldn't be purchased at the general store.

Frequently in the Gate City Journal's columns of 50 and 60 years ago we read of the Nyssa baseball team journeying to a neighboring city by train to play a ball game. The train was crowded when valley baseball fans traveled to Weiser to watch Walter Johnson pitch, and even in those days of semi-pro he was a legendary figure.

When our family traveled to Nyssa from Portland and back on the old "Rose," the attention given us by the porters, the stories told by the kindly brakemen and conductors, the excitement of sleeping in the berth -- all adventures missed by today's kids.

And the scenery! Gliding down the Columbia River Gorge with the waterfalls and mountains. Snaking through the Blue Mountains, and then our first glimpse of the Snake River at Farewell Bend, the smell of sagebrush, and by the time the water tower of Nyssa showed up the excitement was unbearable. And of course grandpa and grandma were there to meet us at the station!

The scenery is still there, in fact more of it with the Columbia's huge dams and the many other changes. We drove to Portland two weeks ago, but it's hard to see much scenery when you are zipping along the freeway at 75 miles per hour. And the last time we flew from Portland to Boise it was a half-hour trip, and the scenery was non-existent.

We saw the first Streamliner at the Union Station in Portland in about 1933, and later the City of Portland, one of the fine trains in the nation with dome cars, club cars, and all the fineries. But better highways and better airplanes and more frequent schedules gradually made the trains almost a thing of the past. And as patronage dropped off service became poorer, or did poorer service lead to less patronage? In any event, the passenger train is dead, at least in this country.

They will come back some day. We will see new, fast trains between Portland and Seattle and San Francisco and Los Angeles, on the order of the trains in Europe and Japan. The interurban will be back, such as being constructed now on the East Bay and Peninsula to carry people into San Francisco, and help relieve the downtown bottlenecks. They are a must.

In the meantime, Railpax and Amtrack will get organized and lose money, and perhaps the government will subsidize passenger service and provide some service to most parts of the country.

So this is a small, nostalgic tribute to the trains that are gone and the days that were. We haven't ridden the train for years, and neither have most of you. Nevertheless, we hate to see them go and somehow feel that part of our life has gone with them.

### Owyhee Club Members Receive 25 Year Pins

The Owyhee Riding Club met April 30, at Oregon Trail Hall. Members voted to sell a portion of the rodeo grounds for housing development.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of pins in recognition of 25 years membership in the riding club. Those receiving pins were: Loyd and Iva Adams, Adah Schweizer, Neil and Peg Dimmick, Roy and

Marie Holmes, Charley Culbertson, Sue Marshall, Lynn and Nora Snodgrass.

Providing entertainment for the evening was Dean Sappe, who played two solos on his drums.

Serving refreshments were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jamieson.

Next regular meeting will be held May 21, due to conflicting events.

### Nyssa Winners At Peterson's

Three Nyssa residents were among the lucky winners in Peterson Furniture Company's "Give Away Days" celebrating their 60th Anniversary. They were Mrs. T.G. Stenkamp, Olvera Fuentes and Raquel Gonzales.

Ontario winners were John Victor Behele, Payette; and McDonough, Will Butler, Earl H.M. Hiatt, Vale.

Flock, Mrs. J.R. Rasmussen, George Tiger, Mrs. John Walton, Hollis Johnson and James Waddell. Other winners were Jon Josephson, Fruitland; Don Bergmark and Nathan Shepherd Wester; S.R. Barnes, Huntington; Frank Walczyk and Mrs. Victor Behele, Payette; and H.M. Hiatt, Vale.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:  
Have taken the liberty to write you and send a news item I would like to have in your paper.

We lived at Adrian, Kenneth and Ralph graduated from Adrian High School. Two children graduated from Nyssa High School with the class of 1930. They still have friends in the area that will remember them. I thought it might be nice to have an article about Pearl in your paper.

Mrs. (Pearl Williams) Butler has just returned from Philadelphia. She was chosen to represent the California School Board at their National Convention there. Mrs. Butler spent four days at the convention and four days in New York and Washington, D.C., sight seeing and visiting many places of interest.

After graduating from Nyssa in 1930 she attended Logan State College in Utah and graduated from there in 1934. She spent some time working for the San Francisco recreation department and many other places. While in Nyssa she worked with Mr. Maurice Judd.

Her brother Ralph is presently living in Boise and a sister Tressa Allen is residing in Nampa.

Mrs. Beulah Williams, 423 14 Ave. S., Nampa, Idaho 83651

### OBITUARIES

#### Juan Ceniga

Recitation of the rosary for Juan Ceniga, 50, a lifelong resident of Vale who died the morning of May 1, was held at 8 p.m. May 4 at High Chapel by Fr. David Hazen of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. May 5 at St. Patrick's Church with Fr. Hazen as celebrant. Interment was at Valley View with military honors by the Vale American Legion Post No. 96.

Mr. Ceniga was born May 27, 1920 at Vale. He attended school and was graduated from Vale High School in 1938. He served with the United States Army during World War II in the Pacific theater. He was very active in community and civic affairs and served on the Vale City Council. He was president of the Vale Rodeo Board for the past 10 years.

He had shown a keen interest in all sports and had coached little league baseball clubs for many years. He was a member of Sports, Inc., a charter member of Ontario Elks Lodge No. 1690, a member of the American Legion, Post 96, a charter member of Euzkaldunak, a Basque organization.

He was married to Alice Presley on August 10, 1963. She survives.

Mr. Ceniga had worked for the Malheur County assessor's office and had also served as a deputy sheriff for the Malheur County sheriff's office. At one time he was manager of the Elks Lodge for several years before he accepted employment by the Bureau of Land Management where he served as shop foreman for the warehouse and equipment supply yard until his death.

In addition to his wife, Alice, Vale, he is survived by his father, Dan Ceniga, Vale; three brothers, Julian, Vale; Frank of Bend; and Shedro of Ontario; three sisters, Mrs. John (Martina) Lands, Hometown; Mrs. Marie McLaughlin, Vale; Mrs. William (Frances) Pugh, Portland; one step daughter, Miss Suzanne Presley, at home; two stepsons, Roberty Presley, at home and Michael Presley, Billings, Mont., and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Cancer Society.

#### M. Frank Shuff

M. Frank Shuff, 52, Parma, a resident here for eight years, died April 28 in the Nyssa hospital.

He was born Sept. 10, 1918, in Emmitsburg, Md., and was reared there. He was graduated from Strayer College of Business in Washington, D.C. and began working for the John I. Haas Co. prior to World War II. He served three and one-half years with the U.S. Navy in the Philippines, China Sea, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa campaigns, and was stationed in Japan for several months after the end of World War II in 1945. He received the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, Victory Bar, Philippines-Asiatic Ribbon with four battle stars.

He returned to work with the John I. Haas Co. after the war and was transferred in 1947 to Yakima, Wash., as assistant vice president and manager of the hop-growers firm. He married Shirley Mahre, July 1, 1947, in Yakima, and they lived there until 1963, when they came to Parma to open an office here for the company.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Parma Lions Club, and was active in little league baseball in Yakima and Parma.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons, Frank Shuff Jr., and John, and David Shuff, all of Parma; a daughter, Cheryl Shuff of Parma; his mother, Mrs. M.F. Shuff of Emmitsburg; a sister, Mrs. Lumen Norris of Emmitsburg, and a grandchild.

Services were conducted at Trinity Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. May 1 by the Rev. Victor A. Schulze, pastor. Interment was at Parma under direction of Dakan Funeral Chapel.

Memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church.

#### 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.

#### Mary C. Powers

Services for Mrs. Mary C. Powers, 100, Parma, who died April 29 in a Boise nursing home were conducted at the Parma Dakan Funeral Chapel May 3 by Vern Baldwin and George White of the Followers of Christ Church. Interment was at Lower Boise Cemetery, east of Parma.

Mrs. Powers was born March 6, 1871, in Kansas City, Mo., and moved as a young child with her parents to Coffeyville, Kan. When she was nine years old, the family moved by wagon train to Lebanon, Oregon. She began teaching school at Wallowa when she was 15 years old. She was married to Francis A. Powers and they lived in Wallowa and in Emmett before homesteading a farm near Parma. Mr. Powers died March 10, 1928.

She was a lifelong member of the Followers of Christ Church.

Surviving are six sons, Carl H. and Irvin Powers, both of Parma, Alvin of Stuart, Fla., Ralph of Prineville, Paul of Port Orchard, Wash., and Warren of El Cajon, Calif.; three daughters, Mrs. Ida Crowther of Tampa, Fla., Mrs. Esther Gahley of Caldwell, and Mrs. Ruby Penton of Moscow; a brother, Albert Hickman of Grants Pass; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Campbell of Grants Pass; 24 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Mable.

Memorials may be given to a favorite charity.

#### William Kniefel

Services for William H. Kniefel, 90, Caldwell, who died in a Caldwell hospital May 1 were May 4 at the Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church at Roswell. Officiating was the Rev. John R. Harland of Caldwell Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church. Interment was at Roswell under the direction of the Dakan Chapel.

Mr. Kniefel was born Oct. 6, 1880, at Deerfield, Minn. He came to Termonion, Utah, when he was 20, where he started farming. He married Mary O. Tallman on Dec. 8, 1903. They lived at Tremonton until 1916, when they moved to Mountain home. In 1917 they moved to Parma. Mr. Kniefel retired in 1943, when they moved to Caldwell. Mrs. Kniefel died in 1943. He married Eva Aarland in 1950. They have lived at Caldwell since then. He had served on the Canyon County Draft Board, the Parma Wool Pool, the Roswell school board, the Riverside Drainage Board, and was a charter member of the Farm Security Board. He was elected as a Canyon County Commissioner in 1928, serving for two years. He was a member of the Roswell Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years, serving as a trustee.

He is survived by a son, Clarence Kniefel, Parma; three daughters, Mrs. Wilbur Roberts, New Meadows, Mrs. Dallas McNeil, Portland; and Mrs. Kirby Roberts Caldwell; a half-sister, Mary Wehner, Meamisburg, Ohio; two stepsons, Ed Petersen, Wilder, and Lars Aarland, Caldwell, two stepdaughters, Mrs. Mildred Hudson, Ventura, Calif., and Mrs. Cecelia Smith Jerome; nine grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to Roswell Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church of the Caldwell Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church.

#### Mae E. Haynes

Graveside services for Mae Elizabeth Haynes, 90, Route 2, Parma, who died May 1 at her home, were conducted at 2 p.m. May 4 under the direction of Dakan Chapel. The Rev. Stanley Banks officiated.

She was born May 5, 1880, at Osceola, Iowa. She grew up in Iowa and was married to William S. Haynes, Oct. 12, 1898 at Orange City, Iowa. They lived in Southern Iowa for a short time, then they moved to South Dakota, then to Michigan, moving back to Iowa in 1902. The couple came to Parma in 1926.

Surviving are a daughter, Bessie M. Haynes; a son William E. Haynes and a nephew, James F. Watson all of Parma.

#### 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

### CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

A significant part of the Mother's Day service Sunday morning at the Conservative Baptist Church will be the baptism of four young people. This will be the first time the church has been able to have candidates baptized in its own building. Those prepared to be baptized include Marley Robinson, Michael and Angie Stam and Kerick Bauman.

Special recognition will be given to all mothers who attend both the morning service at 11 a.m. and the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. Mothers of the community are urged to attend church on this special day of recognition and a special welcome will await them in these services.

Tomorrow (Friday) night the high school youth will travel to Caldwell to participate in the Idaho State Conservative Baptist Youth Association rally at the First Baptist Church. They will leave Nyssa at 6:30 p.m. accompanied by Christine Meyer who has recently returned from her second year at Prairie Bible Institute.

#### St. Bridget's News

St. Bridget's Altar Society is sponsoring a card party this Friday in the Parish Hall. Games to suit all tastes will be played starting at 8 p.m. A dessert, coffee and punch will be served. Chatter tables for non-players will be available for visiting.

Saturday May 15 will find St. Bridget's Altar Society sponsoring a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the corner of Main and N 1st St. at the underpass. This particular sale will feature light weight clothing for use during the summer months.

St. Bridget's Parish Advisory Board has voted to go ahead with plans for using the Christian Education Center during the summer months for a youth center several times a week in the evening. It is hoped to have a pop machine, juke box, ping pong tables, and other games for youth of the Nyssa area.

The official installation of Altar Society officers will be this Sunday at the 11 a.m. Mass. Those to be installed are Mrs. Larry Rose as president, Mrs. Raymond Joyce as vice president, Mrs. Joe Castro as secretary, and Mrs. Jesse Guerra as treasurer. The high school students will serve coffee and doughnuts following the Mass to celebrate the occasion with a reception for the new officers.

#### Missionary Baptist Church

The Women's Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Scott Hiatt April 29, for a day of fellowship. The members enjoyed a potluck dinner after which they repaired song books in the afternoon. The Circle meets every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

#### FIRST WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

The First Ward Relief Society will hold their Homemaking Meeting Wednesday, May 12 beginning at 10 a.m. A baby sitter will be provided.

Lesson will be presented by Jean Wood entitled "Making Your Family Proud of You." Activities are under the direction of Lucille Gyllenskog and Ruth Bunn. Lunch will be served at noon.

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian Women's Fellowship will meet Thursday May 6 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Elvin Ballou. Following the meeting refreshments will be served.

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### Hometown News

Mrs. Angie Cook visited with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cook at Sweet Home, Oregon from April 22 to May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Foster, hosted a dinner party Sunday May 2. It was in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary which was May 1. Guests were Dr. and Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Inga Buckley and Mrs. Zora Osborne.

Enjoying dinner Sunday May 2 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Eldredge were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bolt and Mrs. Myrtle Brubaker of Emmett; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carpenter and Charles and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mordhorst of Payette. All are relatives of the Eldredges.

Mrs. Michael Eastman underwent emergency appendectomy surgery at Malheur Memorial Hospital, Saturday May 1.

Mrs. Bernard Eastman, Sr., of Payette spent April 29 visiting at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Eastman.

Mrs. Mel Beck and Mrs. George Hiral attended the PTA State Convention April 19 to 23. It was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland. Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Hiral traveled via passenger train.

Mrs. Orma Cleaver was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Cleaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Frost spent April 29 and 30 at the Owyhee Reservoir. They did some fishing and worked around their cabin. Hazel reports the fishing was good.

Wayne Haroldson of Seattle visited at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Haroldson for several days.

Dr. and Mrs. K.E. Kerby went to Wallowa Lake Thursday April 27 to open their cabin, they returned May 3. In between, Dr. Kerby made a hurried trip back to Nyssa to deliver a baby and also performed surgery while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Murl Lancaster visited their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hobson at Hagerman, Idaho last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. S.C. McConnell accompanied by their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Forest Moore of Nampa traveled to Scappoose, Oregon. There they visited their great-granddaughter Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell from April 22 to 26. Mrs. Powell is the daughter of the Forest Moores.

Saturday evening guests at the home of Mrs. Irma Myers were Mrs. Ola Lee and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Lester Allen from Parma.

Mrs. Harry McGinley who underwent surgery at Holy Rosary Hospital April 26, is now at home recuperating and doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Riggs attended Mom's Weekend at Oregon State University.

Grover Lytle took Elmer Grunke of Malheur Nursing Home for a ride in the country Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Victor Marshall and Mrs. Charles Beattie of Ontario enjoyed dinner at Farewell Bend last Sunday.

Among mother's attending Mom's Day at OSU last weekend were Mmes. W.A. Wilt, Glen Brown, George Sadamori, Howard Myrick, Roy Hiral and Keiji Okano, Ted Morgan, Gene Stunz, John Olsen and Bob McKinney.

Weekend and Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reece were Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Corak and Tori of Halfway, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reece and family of Mt. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Giles and family of Payette and Kirk Cleaver.

B.A. Stunz of Lake Tahoe, Nevada visited at the home of his brother Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stunz April 29 and 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Frell Blair returned home May 1 after visiting for two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Blair and family in Kansas City, Missouri. They went to see their new grandson Garren, born April 17.

Chuck Brady, grandson of Mrs. J.I. Brady suffered a serious break of his left foot last week. Chuck in employed as shop foreman at Cable's in Ontario. The break was so serious that it required a pin to hold it in place. Chuck is now at home, but will be confined for some time. Chuck was married last fall to Tressa, daughter of the Irvin Topliff's of rural Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Kido and family entertained at dinner Monday evening in their home in honor of Wayne and Keith Overstate and Keith's fiancée, Kathy of North Bend. Other dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walt Looney and family and Mrs. Kido's mother. The Harry McGinley family also visited at the Kido home.

### BLANCHE WEEKS' BIRTHDAY HONORED

The families and friends of Mrs. Blanche Weeks honored her with a birthday party Sunday. Traditional ice cream and a very special cake were served.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. John VanZelf and family; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fife and family of Vale; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bartron and son; Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks of Seneca; Mr. and Mrs. Pias Johnson and family of Parma; Mrs. Lois Steinke, Sherry and Curt of Vale; Glen Weeks and daughter, Marcia and her friend, Brian McCormick of Parma and Sermi Suddhirhavak.

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