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How Nyssa Got It's Name

We have finally heard the true, authentic story of how Nyssa got its name. Or at least it sounds plausible after visiting with Harry Leuck, old time Nyssa resident and retired Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy (see story page 1).

The name Nyssa, according to Leuck, came from a sign at the end of the line when the railroad was being built, and long before there was a town here. The sign read NORTH YARD SUPPLY STATION, and later someone tacked the letter "A" onto the initials to make the name consonant, or pleasant sounding, and it came out NYSSA. This story came from Leuck's Uncle Nicholas, who helped build the railroad, and who saw the sign many times.

Some of you won't agree with this version. We would welcome hearing your story, and if there is such a thing as we could all agree on a story, it would be well to record it for posterity.

Other versions we have heard is that it is an Indian name; that it is a Biblical name; that it was somebody's girl friend's name; that it came from the sign NEW YORK SALE & SHIPPING ASSOCIATION; and others.

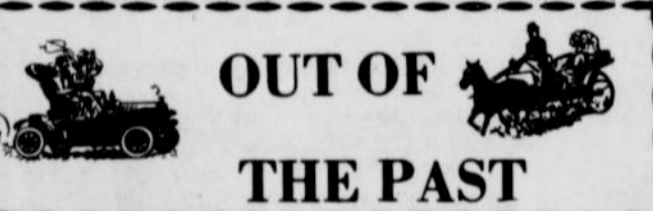
Only last week a tourist from Ohio stopped in our office and asked where the name came from. It seems he had named his daughter Nyssa, but he seemed rather vague as to the reason, and didn't know a town by that name existed until he neared Oregon and spotted us on the map.

Now is a good time to get this thing settled. Can anybody help?

CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS PROGRESS

You are old enough to remember the good old days if you can remember:

- When you left your front door open.
- When you went to church and the preacher preached from the Bible.
- When a girl was a girl, when a boy was a boy, and you could tell them apart.
- When even the word "socialism" was a dirty word.
- When the poor were too proud to take charity.
- When a nickel was worth five cents.
- When you bragged about your hometown, your state, and your nation.
- When the flag was a sacred symbol.
- When this Government stood up for Americans.
- When everyone knew right from wrong.
- When things were not perfect and you didn't expect them to be.
- When people still had the capacity for indignation.
- When sick meant that you were not feeling well.
- When people expected less and valued what they had more.
- When everyone was not entitled to an annual wage whether he worked or not.
- When a man's word was his bond.
- When America was the land of the free and the home of the brave. — Anon.



10 YEARS AGO

Formal opening of Nyssa's swimming pool may not be until 1962, but for the local kids yesterday was a highlight of their young lives when an estimated 312 registered between noon and 3 o'clock. Miss Jan Rinehart was in charge of registering swimmers, there was no admission charge the first day.

Pool officials include Dale Overstake and Bob Q. Smith, co-managers; Mrs. Jerry (Judy) Gylenskog and Miss Terry Riechert, lifeguards, assisted by Miss Marsha Savage.

A group of high school students left Sunday morning for music camp at Lake Tahoe. Students included two from Vale, two from Homedale and 15 from Nyssa.

Attending from the local school are John Douglas, Jim McGinnis, John Wohlcke, Greg Summer, Patrick Dority, Craig Burbank, Nancy Lytle, Charles Anderson, Glenda Hoffman, Ona Lou Winchester, Doug Patterson and Darlene Johnson, band members; Linda Myrick and Judy Wilson, choral.

20 YEARS AGO

An all Nyssa slate of officers was elected by the Malheur County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis at a meeting held in the Ontario Clinic, Friday.

The new officers are Clyde Snider, chairman; Bernard Eastman, vice chairman; Leonard Hewett, treasurer, and Mrs. W.W. Foster, secretary. The medical advisors will be appointed later.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:
 Enclosed is my check for a 2 year renewal of the paper. I have enjoyed the news immensely during the past year.
 Sincerely,
 Geneva Graham Franck
 6219 Wayland, Houston, Texas 77021

30 YEARS AGO

The Malheur Chapter has spent \$5600 on polio cases, one this year and several from the previous year, leaving only \$400 in the treasury for the remainder of the year.

Dallas Chaney had a narrow escape while mowing hay for his father recently. The team ran away and Chaney fell and the mower wheel ran over his arm, breaking it just above the wrist.

40 YEARS AGO

Eighty summers isn't so old, according to three sprightly gentlemen, David MacLafferty, 82, and G.H. Wade 92, of Nyssa and Clark Wisby, 85, of Roswell, who frequently get together.

They have lived through three wars, they have seen the advent of electricity, automobile and airplane--but nothing interests them quite as much as the days of the Civil War. Then they were young and life was new and bright with promise and adventure.

A daring offender cranked Nat Young's car in front of the Nyssa Pharmacy Monday night and drove it away. Near Adrian the car stalled and a truck towed it to Adrian. The car, a Chevrolet Coupe, has been returned to its owner and officers are on the lookout for the alleged thief.

50 YEARS AGO

The new Binkley bungalow, on Third Street, was damaged beyond repair by a fire which broke out about 4:30 Tuesday morning. The fire had been burning some time before the alarm was turned in. The fire boys made good time after receiving the alarm, and quenched flames in remarkable short time after water was turned on, but saved only the shell of the building. The theory is advanced that some oily rags left by painters ignited from spontaneous combustion during the heat of Monday afternoon. The loss is about \$2500, fully covered by insurance.

The council will cut and burn weeds in the streets and alleys within the next ten days and private property owners are requested to do likewise on their own private property on or before August 25, after which date the work will be done by the city at the owner's expense. Let's clean up.

60 YEARS AGO

Next Thursday, will occur the biggest event of the year. On that day the sixth annual picnic of the Roswell-Parma Picnic Association will be held at Anderson's Grove, about two miles northwest of Parma, one of the finest places in the state for a gathering of this kind. Everybody in the country will be there, and it is safe to say that this occasion will outshine all previous ones. A band has been procured and other amusements will be provided. A fine program of sports has been arranged.

Yesterday my niece said, "Uncle Michael, I know there is a God. But who made Him?" "Nobody," I answered. "When did He begin to live?" she asked. "He always was," I replied. "Will He ever stop living?" she wondered. "No," I answered. "He always will be." "But," she admitted, "I don't understand." "Neither do I," came my confession. The finite cannot comprehend the infinite.

Every one, if he is endowed with a normal mind, finds questions about God arising in his mind very early in life. This is convincing proof that there is a compassionate Creator, a living Lord, whom men endeavor to

OBITUARIES

Fern M. Cramer

Mrs. Fern Mildred Cramer, 46, Ontario, died August 5 in a car accident near Vale. She was born Oct. 22, 1924 in Fargo, N.D. She was married to John Cramer May 30, 1948 in Nampa.

They had lived in Nampa and moved to Middleton in 1951 and to Parma in 1959. They came to Ontario in 1961. She took nursing training in Nampa and in Portland. For the past four years she has worked in the Malheur County Migrant Health Program.

She is survived by her husband of Ontario; her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Weintz, Seattle; two sons, John M. (Mike) Cramer, with the U.S. Navy in Long Beach, Calif. and Martin (Marty) Cramer, Ontario; two daughters, Cathy and Candy Cramer, both of Ontario; three brothers, Wesley Weintz, Seattle, and Wendell and Harland Weintz, both of Portland, and two sisters, Mrs. George (Eva) Mays, Denver, and Mrs. Harry (Zelda) Otterson, Seattle.

Services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. August 9 at the First Church of the Nazarene in Ontario. Interment was at Evergreen under the direction of Bertelson-Lienkaemper Memorial Chapel.

Contributions may be made to the Mary Kay School in Ontario.

James L. Hoden

James Leonard Hoden, 26, Big Bend area, died Sunday at a Nyssa hospital.

He was born April 30, 1945, in Torrington, Conn. He was a student at Treasure Valley Community College.

He is survived by his father, Stanley Hoden, Ontario; his mother, Mary Hoden, Los Angeles; a step-sister, Candis Sloan, La Grande.

Graveside services were held August 11 at Owyhee Cemetery with the Rev. Fr. Charles Young officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Lienkaemper Chapel. The recitation of the rosary was given Tuesday night.

Lawrence Fowers

Lawrence Dean Fowers, 43, Vale died August 5 in an automobile accident near Vale. He was born Feb. 20, 1928 in Hooper, Utah. He attended schools in Weaver County, Utah, and Weber High School. He worked in the Seattle Shipyard during World War II.

He married Nola Forbes in Ogdan, April 1, 1949. The marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple on July 12, 1968.

They resided in Moses Lake, Wash., for three years, coming to the Vale area in 1953. They farmed in the Willowcreek area for several years. He was employed by Vale Consumers Co-op for 12 years, managing for the past four years. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is survived by his wife, Nola, of Vale; seven daughters, Mrs. Clark (Vicki) Draper, Ogdan, Deanna Fowers, Salt Lake City, and Sheryl, Linda, Cally, Becky and Shawna Fowers at home in Vale; a sister, Mrs. Warren (Delma) Fox, Hooper; one granddaughter, one niece and one nephew.

Services were conducted August 9 at the Vale LDS Church by Bishop Neil Hyatt. Interment was at Valley View under the direction of the High Funeral Chapel.

George Stockfleth



Services were held Wednesday morning, August 11 at Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa for George Stockfleth, 81, who died Monday morning, August 9, 1971, after a short illness. Interment followed in Newell, South Dakota.

Born in San Francisco on December 19, 1889, Mr. Stockfleth lived in California until he entered the service during World War I. Upon his discharge, he resided in Boise where he married Cora Viken on January 10, 1942. The couple lived in Nampa until the fall of 1947 when they moved to Cottage Grove. They later lived in Newport, Oregon, moving to Fruitland, Idaho, in 1951. They moved to Payette in 1952 and lived there until 1961 when they moved to Nyssa.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Nyssa. Mrs. Stockfleth preceded him in death on August 5, 1966, and he was also preceded in death by two step-sons.

Surviving are two step-daughters, Mrs. Inga Robbins of Nyssa and Mrs. Marie Gardner of Sheridan, Wyoming; six step-sons, Howard, Fred and Delbert Viken of Seattle; Floyd Viken of Eugene, and Kenneth and Julius Viken of Newell. Also surviving are a large number of grandchildren which includes three grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-grandsons of the local area.

To his great-grandchildren, he was affectionately known as "Great George".

John E. Telisak

John E. Telisak, 17, former resident of Nyssa, drowned Saturday near Salt Lake City.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday (today) at the Nyssa cemetery with the Rev. John Worrall of the Nyssa Episcopal Church officiating under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel.

Helen Fisk

Mrs. Helen Fisk, 74, of Ontario, a longtime resident of Parma, died early Saturday morning, August 7 in a Boise hospital.

Mrs. Fisk was born February 7, 1897, in Bloomington, Ill. She came to Parma in 1915. She was married April 11, 1917, in Parma to Harold Fisk and they lived in Parma. Mr. Fisk died January 18, 1952. She moved to Ontario 10 years ago. She was a member of Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church of Parma and the Parma Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are a son, Robert R. Fisk of Twin Falls, and one grandchild. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Bill Fisk, in January, 1943.

Services were conducted at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. August 10 by the Rev. Stanley Banks of Parma. Interment was at Parma.

Memorials may be given to the Arthritis Foundation.

Pauline Judd

Pauline June (Susie) Judd, 36, Burley, died August 6 in a car accident near Ironside.

She was born June 13, 1935, in Lyman, Nebraska.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence Judd, Burley, a son, Rodney Lee Schlupe and a daughter, Darla Dee Schlupe, both of Apache Junction, Ariz.; her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Don Jeffers, Nyssa; a sister, Darlene Herder, Casper, Wyoming; two brothers, Dave Rieb, Nyssa and Charles Reib, Bend; a step-brother, Edward Jeffers, Nyssa and a step-sister, Nancy Jeffers, Nyssa; and a maternal grandfather, Henry Flack. Her father preceded her in death.

Services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. August 9 at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa by the Rev. Dean Wigstrom, of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Ontario. Interment was at Nyssa.

Youths Clean Up Highways

The Oregon State Highway Division is cooperating in the nationwide effort to provide summertime employment for the country's youth by employing them in the 16-20 age bracket under two separate programs.

The Division launched the Youth Litter Program on July 1 by employing 72 boys to pick up litter along the highways of the state. The young men are assigned to 18 four-man crews scattered about the state. This program is financed with funds received from the sale of customized license plates. The members of this group are pretty much on their own, with a crew chief being selected from the crew members of each group, although their work is monitored by a Highway Division foreman.

The program is successful. The youths are enthusiastic and are willing workers. Following a sweep by one of these groups, the highways are left clean, thus providing the setting for a most enjoyable ride. Expressions from Highway Division personnel have ranged from "Excellent day's work" to "Extremely clean job."

Following the third week of the program, reports indicate that this group has combed 1,850 miles of highway. In this stretch, the youths have picked up 9,600 bags of litter. They are averaging seven miles per day per team and picking up five bags of litter per mile, or 35 bags of litter per crew per day.

The litter is placed in plastic bags alongside the highway, where it is picked up by regular Highway Division trucks. Following a sweep by these crews, the right-of-way is exceptionally neat and clean. Highway Division officials express the hope that cleanliness will breed cleanliness and that motorists observing the absence of litter along the highway would be inclined to leave it in that condition. At this time it is not known when the litter teams will be back to make another complete sweep. The program will be limited to Saturdays only once school starts.

The second project, the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program, was started on July 15 and is designed to provide jobs for disadvantaged youths, both boys and girls. Youths par-

ATTEND CHURCH

St. Bridget's News

Tuesday and Wednesday August 17 and 18 will find St. Bridget's Religious Education teachers and helpers invited to two one and a half hour sessions of preparation for the coming year. There will be a session in the morning at 10:00 a.m. and one in the evening at 8:00 p.m. The morning and evening sessions will be identical allowing those participating to choose a time most convenient. Tuesday will be dedicated to the setting up of the coming year's program and Wednesday to the material to be taught and the manner of teaching it.

Again this year grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 will be on Monday and 1, 2, 3 on Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The high school program will again consist of three semesters of three courses each semester with the student allowed a choice of courses, and requested to attend two out of the three semesters. Two men or a couple will be asked to teach the eight classes of each course.

The Youth Center in the Religious Education Building of St. Bridget's is open on Tuesday evenings for high school students and on Thursday evenings for junior high students.

Participating in this program are hired by the U.S. Department of Labor and are paid by that agency although they work under the supervision of Highway Division personnel. This is also a statewide program.

Under the program, 94 youths have been employed by the Highway Division. They are utilized in equipment shops and storerooms, on landscape crews, in rest areas, on brush cutting crews, sign crews, janitorial crews, and yard crews. Girls are utilized in Region and District offices, where they do clerical and secretarial work. These youths work alongside regular Highway Division employees.

TRAIN THE VETERAN ON-THE-JOB WITH GI BILL OR MDTA

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.

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.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

First Christian Church, Sunday School, 9:45 and morning worship, 11:00.

CYF - Thursday, 7:30 p.m. For all Jr and Sr. High Youths.

Park Avenue Baptist Church

Park Avenue Southern Baptist Church Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening 8 p.m.

Tuesday, youth meets, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 8 p.m. Pastor, Roy Kilby, call 372-2929.

The Old Timer



"One good place to study ancient history is in the doctor's waiting room."

MALHEUR COUNTY FAIR
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PLAN TO ATTEND DAILY:

- 4-H and FFA Exhibits
- Livestock Shows
- Lilac City Amusement Show (from Spokane)

There'll Also Be Home Economic, Land Produce, Commercial, Art and Photography Exhibits and Food Concessions

(2 P.M.) Sat. Only. 4-H & FFA Market Stock Sale

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Saturday 7:30 only

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