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A Big Week-end Ahead

Again this weekend Nyssa residents have two outstanding events scheduled, as we had just a year ago. I refer to the Nyssa Invitational Wrestling Tournament Friday evening and Saturday, and the presentation of the "Messiah" Sunday evening.

The Nyssa Invitational has become one of the largest, if not the largest, tournament in the Northwest for high schools. This will be the sixth annual tournament, with 19 schools competing in the colorful event.

Borah, Boise, Capital and Bishop Kelly from Boise; Nampa and Nampa Christian, Middleton, Caldwell, Vallivue, Homedale, Parma, Payette, Fruitland, Weiser and New Plymouth from Idaho. Burns, LaGrande, Vale and Nyssa from Oregon. All schools who have built strong wrestling traditions, and it has not always been the large schools who win this tourney.

Coach Mel Calhoun and his staff run this tournament off with a minimum of delay, and with action on three mats right up to the finals Saturday evening. With rooters and parents present from 19 different schools, it makes for a colorful affair. And for one big weekend each year Nyssa is the high school wrestling capital of the Northwest.

Sunday evening in the same high school gym the sweat and strain of 180 competing athletes gives way to the beauty of the "Messiah" as performed by over 250 singers. Certainly there can be no better way to usher in the Christmas season than to see and hear these young musicians and community singers in this famous oratorio.

Last year the "Messiah" was presented at the Nyssa LDS Church before 1,100 persons under the direction of Gary Condon, high school choral director. This year, with many more singers scheduled to perform the program has been moved to the gymnasium.

The high school concert choir and the community choir will combine their efforts to present Handel's "Messiah" in the first half of the program, a shortened version of last year's performance.

Then in the second half of the program a children's choir comprised of 125 fourth, fifth and sixth graders will join two high school choirs, and the community choir in Christmas songs and carols. The audience will participate in some of this singing, accompanied by a wind ensemble directed by Craig Northrup.

Certainly a very busy weekend ahead for all who care to be involved in the life of their community. It's the kind of a weekend that makes living in a community such as Nyssa so enjoyable.

Pearl Harbor Day, 1971

Tuesday, December 7, was the 30th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Each of us much over 30 has his own recollections of that Sunday, a day that President Roosevelt called "a day of infamy".

I can remember as if it was yesterday sitting in my car at Pier 91 in Seattle visiting with fellow Navy men that Sunday morning, when over the radio came the startling announcement, "All men of the 13th Naval District return to your ship or station, Pearl Harbor has been attacked by the Japanese."

This started a chain of events that affected my life, and the lives of all of us, probably more than any other single event in most of our lifetimes. And yet the day 30 years later received only the most casual comment as people went about their daily lives as usual.

It didn't take long for us in the service to get moving, in my case a hurried trip back to Portland, and on to Astoria where I was stationed. Almost immediately, it seemed, farmers and other citizens were guarding bridges with shotguns, challenging motorists; and undoubtedly the whole nation had sprung into action spontaneously.

We hear so much today about citizen protest, and almost any effort to insure that future Pearl Harbors don't happen again are met with a hue and cry almost incomprehensible in the light of what we know of history, and much of it pretty recent.

Japan attacked us because she knew we were weak. We had failed to heed the most well advertised fact in military history; "If you want peace, prepare for war."

No one can say we were attacked on December 7, 1941 because we were over-armed, and it was our disarmament after World War II that led to the Korean War. Yet there are people today who say we should not even try to keep up with the military strength of the USSR. They say that if we make defensive missiles to defend our major cities, it will provoke war.

If a third World War starts, it could well be the end of us. This time we will not have 18 months or so to prepare after we are attacked. We will not have 18 weeks, or even 18 days.

Our only hope is to prevent a nuclear war from starting. The basic principle is still the same, we must be prepared to inflict such damage on the enemy in the event of attack that he will simply not launch a first attack. Preparedness is still the price of peace.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Saturday morning, December 11, at 9 a.m. the members of Faith will be leaving the church to go on a Christmas Tree Hunt and Family Snow Outing to Unity. The group will stop in Vale and meet the members of Grace Lutheran Church who will also be going on the trip. The trees will be cut on U.S. forest land, and the permits are available from the ranger station at Unity for \$1.

Sunday's schedule finds Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m. and the usual Sunday evening Revelation Bible Study will be held this Sunday at 4 p.m. at the parsonage to allow people to attend the Community Vesper Service, "The Messiah", at the high school.

Wednesday, December 15, 6 p.m., there will be Christmas Family Night Potluck, followed by games, singing, and caroling.

ADRIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Adrian Presbyterian Church will hold their annual God's Acre Sale and bazaar, Saturday December 11.

The bazaar will start at 11 a.m. with a fried chicken dinner served from 11:30 to 1 p.m. The sale will be held following the dinner and the public is invited to attend.

SECOND WARD RELIEF SOCIETY

The Nyssa Second Ward Relief Society will hold their Home Making Lesson December 14, at 10 a.m. The lesson "What Is Time For?" will be given by Julia Jensen. The objective is to show how time can be used to serve a woman's basic needs and those of her family.

Quilting and Christmas decoration ideas will be featured with other crafts and arts displayed.

Lunch will be served at noon and a nursery will be provided for children.

A second session will be held at 7 p.m. All women are invited to attend.

Pentecostal Church

The Pentecostal Church is located at the Corner of 7th and Emison, with Carl Lassiter, Pastor.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and church services at 11 a.m. Sunday evening services at 8 p.m.

Wednesday evening services and Bible study at 8 p.m.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:

As a former resident and graduate of Nyssa High, I find I'm in the position of trying to explain the annual Thunder Egg Days to my children. Then they go to school and tell about it and no one believes them. So I'm wondering if you wouldn't have some folders, etc. explaining when it is, what a thunder egg is and so on that they could use in their school discussions.

We are looking forward to being in Nyssa again, as we have a lot of friends and relations there. In fact, my mother still lives there. Thanking you ahead of time.

Sincerely Yours,
 Mrs. Abram Henry Arlington, South Dakota (formerly Donna Hieter).

Note: This letter will be passed on to Wayne Moncur, Chairman of Thunderegg Days, who answers many such letters each year.

OBITUARIES

Mary E. Stokes

PARMA - Services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stokes, 80, Parma, who died Friday at a Caldwell hospital, were conducted Tuesday at the Parma Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Bishop Melvin R. Nielson. Interment was at Parma.

Mrs. Stokes was born June 13, 1891, at Lincoln, Iowa, a daughter of James H. and Lucy A. Heusteis Newton. She grew up in Lincoln and came to Salt Lake City in 1910 where she was employed as a secretary at Salt Lake Hardware. She was married to Thomas O. Stokes on April 20, 1911, at Salt Lake City. They had lived in Cedar City, Utah, Preston, Idaho, and Scappoose, Oregon. They moved to Parma in 1951 after Mr. Stokes retired. Mr. Stokes died Sept. 16, 1971, at Boise. She was a member of the Parma Ward, LDS Church. She was involved in church work for many years and had been secretary to the Relief Society at Parma.

Survivors include a son, W.D. Stokes, Moscow, a daughter, Mrs. Elna Morrison, Parma; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, a son, Ferris Stokes, on February 28, 1971, two brothers, a sister and a grandchild.

Rudolph Koch

Word was received of the death of Rudolph Koch, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Koch passed away December 7. He is survived by a son Fred Koch, Nyssa. Funeral services were held Thursday, December 9 at Wisconsin.

David W. Powers

Services for David W. Powers Sr., 85, Ontario, who died of natural causes Sunday at the Presbyterian Nursing Home, Ontario, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 8, at the Bertlesen-Lienkaemper Memorial Chapel, Ontario. Mrs. Betty Hopper, Fruitland, first reader of the Christian Scientist Society, officiated.

He was born June 13, 1886 in Chadron, Nebraska and married Anna S. Aikens, Oct. 6, 1909, at Boise. He worked for Davidson Grocery Co. in Boise until 1919 when he was transferred to Ontario to manage the Davidson Store. He managed the store under different owners until 1939, when he left the company to form the Powers Groceries in Parma, New Plymouth, Harper and Ontario. In 1945 he sold the grocerias and formed the Valley Wholesale and Warehouse Co. in partnership with Ed Oakes. The partnership was dissolved in 1963 when Mr. Powers retired.

He was a member and past master of Acacia Lodge No. 118, AF&AM, Ontario, BPOE Lodge No. 1690, Ontario, the York and Scottish Rite Bodies and the Shriners. He also was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Library Board, director of Ontario Building and Loan, was a past city councilman and a member of the Christian Scientist Society.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Powers; one son, D. W. (Tip) Powers Jr. Ontario; two daughters, Mrs. John (Catherine) MacGillivray, Spokane and Mrs. William (Pauline) Beasley, Los Angeles; a sister Mrs. Edith Crane, Holdrege, Nebraska and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests remembrances be made to Shriners' Children's Hospital, in care of John Fowler, Ontario.

Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery, with Masonic rites by Acacia Lodge No. 118, Ontario.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express a grateful thank you to all the good neighbors, friends, and to the Rebekah's for the food, flowers, memorials and cards and all the kindness and sympathy shown us, in the death of our loved one.--The Joe Bellon family.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this opportunity to thank our friends for the many kindnesses expressed in thought and deed, following the death of our loved one, Mrs. Minnie Mae Wilder.-- Robert Wilder and family.

Thanks to Friends!

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for cards, gifts, and the many kindnesses during my recent illness.
 --Oscar Schaefer

Masonic Lodge 147

Golden Rule Lodge No. 147, AF & AM, will have a Past Master's night at the next stated meeting, Monday, Dec. 13. It will be preceded by an oyster stew supper beginning at 6:30 p.m.

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

The Golden Hour group is having its annual Christmas party Thursday evening at the Jim Langley home. The men as well as the women are participating in this special meeting and the traditional "white elephant" gifts will be exchanged. An evening of games and Christmas desserts will make the time enjoyable for those who attend.

The children's classes of the Sunday School will be making preparations next Sunday morning for the Christmas program to be presented December 19. The adult and youth classes are beginning a study of the gospel of Luke, looking at the record of Christ's birth in these early sessions during December.

Next Sunday is Universal Bible Sunday and special attention is being given to the fact that the Bible is God's Word, and to the place of the Bible in our lives. The pastor has been encouraging the memorization of scripture passages to be shared during next Sunday morning's service.

Our congregation is sharing in the community Christmas Vespers being held at the high school gymnasium Sunday evening at 7:30.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School Appreciation Day has been set for this Sunday in the Nyssa Conservative Baptist Church. A banquet will be held at the church at 1:30 p.m. in recognition of the work accomplished for God in the Sunday School. Special attention will also be given to the Sunday School in the morning service.

A committee headed by Mrs. Loraine Bauman is planning the food. Mrs. Judy Robinson is phone chairman for arrangements. Pastor Arthur Coats is in charge of the program which will include a vocal ensemble from the choir of the First Baptist Church in Caldwell and a devotional message by Pastor George Fike's of that church.

Special invitations are going to parents whose children attend the Sunday School without them and to other homes where only a part of the family attends. However, Pastor Coats emphasized that anyone interested in showing their appreciation for Bible study in the Sunday School is welcome to attend.

Sunday School teachers are as follows: Mrs. Dee Stam, beginners; Mrs. Viola Brown, primary I; Mrs. Edna Meyer, primary II and junior superintendent; Mrs. Lois Page, juniors; Chet Brown, teenagers; Pastor Coats, adult Bible survey; and Larry Bauman, adult study of the Pentateuch and Sunday School superintendent. Mrs. Patty Imada is Sunday School secretary.

CHRISTMAS PARTY, POTLUCK PLANNED

The Ruth Robinson Circle of the United Methodist Church are planning a Christmas party and potluck to be held Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. in the church basement.

Each member is asked to bring a covered dish and their own table service. Husband's are invited to attend the event.

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!



Displaying a few of the handmade items that were sold at the United Methodist Church bazaar last Saturday are four committee members, from left, Mmes. Ina Coffman, Alma Topliff, Erma Sparks and Bessie McConnell. The bazaar was sponsored by the Ruth Robinson Circle of the Methodist Church.

Malheur Memorial Tattler

By DONNA BARTRON

We had two women admitted to the nursing home this week. They are Mrs. Lela Rose of Vale and Mrs. Mildred Poindexter. They are sharing room 202.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Christian Youth Fellowship for all Jr. & Sr. High Youth. A new group has been formed for all 5th and 6th graders and will meet each Sunday evening at the church at this same hour, 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Choir Practice.

Assembly Of God

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

Sunday members of the Pentecostal Church, Mrs. Schaffer and son, led services and sang assisted by Mrs. Shirley Lassiter.

We wish to thank Mrs. Ruth Pruney for the two plants she donated to the nursing home, and the Nakamoto family of Wapato, who presented the girl's a decorative religious candle for the nurses station.

If any group wishes to sing Christmas carols at the nursing home during the holidays, please contact Donna Bartron at 372-2211 or 372-3045. A schedule is necessary so groups can arrange to sing on different days.

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God's Acre Sale-Bazaar

Adrian Presbyterian Church
 Saturday, December 11
 Bazaar Open at 11 A.M.
 Dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Adults \$1.50 Children 12 & Under \$1.00
 AUCTION TO FOLLOW DINNER

MEXICAN MASS & CEREMONY

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