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## Class Reunion Big In Nyssa

Class reunions were the big thing in Nyssa last weekend and they really are big, because they set the stage for renewal of friendships that time and distance can't dim.

There is a bond among those who grew up together, and attended school together, that is different than almost any other association. Those young people who have just completed school won't recognize this for awhile, but it will become evident later. And we venture a guess that those 33 who attended the class of 1962 reunion had almost as much fun as those from the early 30's.

There is always lots of kidding about those whose waistband is considerably bigger, and whose hair is thinner or grayer than when they were high school seniors, but underneath the good natured joshing is the close bond developed in the early years of living, working and playing together.

We experienced this last November when we attended the Tigard High School class of 1935 reunion. It was the first reunion of our class, and the first time that some of us had seen each other in those 36 years. And yet, after we got past the "guess who" and "how you've changed" part, it was just as if those 36 years had not elapsed.

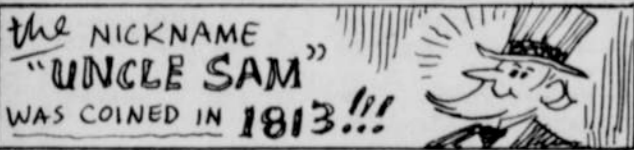
Our party started about 6 p.m., and with all the reminiscing and telling each other about our kids, our jobs, our towns, and lying a little, it was soon 2 a.m. and we finally broke up from sheer exhaustion.

We expect these reunions last weekend were much the same, and in spite of the more sophisticated cynics, an important part of home-town memorabilia. It's a part of life that many from the big cities never experience, and it's their loss.

People came from many places to re-unite with long-time friends, and it speaks well for the school and town that this affection still exists. There is a certain quality here that those who returned recognize, and that those of us still here appreciate. And that quality is not so much the distant hills or the fertile fields, but the people themselves.

The students in those classes of 1929 to 1933 were the children of the great depression. Most of them were poor and yet they plodded to school, helped their folks at home, grew up and had fun, and in most cases were too busy to realize how hard up they really were. Now they are prosperous and have raised their own families, and they returned to the land of their youth.

We think reunions are important. We are glad that these people came back for theirs. We enjoyed visiting with some of them. And we hope that most of them can return when their next class reunion rolls around.



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## OBITUARIES

### Charles W. Rigsby

Services for Charles Wyckleff Rigsby, 87, former Nyssa resident, who died July 19 at Doctor's Hospital, Seattle, were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by the Rev. Robert S. Hutchinson, Nyssa Methodist Church. Interment was at Nyssa Cemetery.

He was born October 19, 1884, and married Laura Alice Hansen at Nyssa in 1910. She preceded him in death in 1952. His early years were spent working on dam site construction, including Owyhee Dam. After retiring as a carpenter, he worked as a school custodian for the Ontario School District. He was also known for his fiddle playing at old-time dances in Nyssa and Owyhee areas. Since 1965, he lived with a daughter in Seattle, and spent winters with another daughter in Phoenix, Arizona.

Survivors include two sons, Wyckleff R. and Charles Robert Rigsby, both of Boise; seven daughters, Mrs. Alice McIntosh, Butte, Montana, Mrs. Aline Bowser, Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Ella Adrian, San Rafael, California, Mrs. Dolores Baker and Mrs. Ethel Kelson, both of Seattle, Mrs. Sylvia Jordan, Boise, and Mrs. Irene Parker, Nampa; 23 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

### Nettie Lindevig

Funeral services for Nettie Lindevig, 83, of Sidney, Montana, were held Wednesday, July 19, 1972 at the First Lutheran Church in Lambert with Rev. Stanley Larsen officiating. Interment was in Richland Memorial Park.

Anetta Nettie Lindevig was born October 31, 1888 in Westby, Wisconsin, daughter of Lars and Mathia Sagmoen. She was raised in Wisconsin and married Anton Mathison in Coon Valley, Wisconsin in 1908. Anton passed away in September 1921. She came to the Lambert community in April 1925 and married Thomas O. Lindevig at Glendive, Montana on July 6, 1925. They farmed in the Lambert area until their retirement in 1957 when they moved into Sidney. Thomas passed away on May 31, 1959 and she has continued to live in Sidney since.

She is a member of the First Lutheran Church of Lambert.

Survivors include: one son, Morgan Mathison, Great Falls, Montana; three daughters, Mrs. John (Beatrice) Burke of Sidney, Mrs. Pershing (Delores) Carter of Lambert, Mrs. James (Beverly) Rehbein of Helena, Montana; one step-daughter, Mrs. Herbert (Alice) Bergam of Nyssa; three sisters, Mrs. Bergina Nordstrom and Mrs. Mabel Hanson, both of Coon Valley, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Lawrence Onsrud of Westby, Wisconsin; twenty-five grandchildren; and thirty great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by Anton and Thomas; three sons, one daughter, three brothers, and two sisters.

Fulkerson Funeral Home of Sidney was in charge of arrangements.

### Clyde Cartwright

Services for Clyde Cartwright, 85, who died Sunday at the Nyssa hospital, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Nyssa Cemetery with the Rev. Robert S. Hutchinson, Nyssa Methodist Church officiating under the direction of the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa.

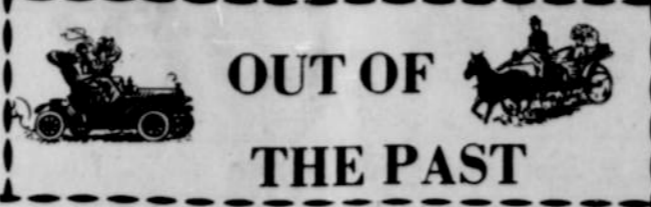
He was born August 4, 1886 in Illinois. He was a long time resident of the Owyhee district. He is survived by one son, Clyde Cartwright, Medford; three daughters, Mrs. Suzie Burde, McMinnville, Oregon, Mrs. Mary Bege, Ione, Oregon and Mrs. Wauneta Streweler, Aloha, Oregon; two brothers, Ray Cartwright, Adrian, and Paul Cartwright, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

### ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, July 30, the Adrian Presbyterian Community Church will observe their 30th anniversary of its organization at the worship service which will be at 11 a.m. The Roswell congregation will join with Adrian for this service.

A potluck picnic dinner on the church lawn will follow the service. All friends and members of the church are welcome. Please bring your own table service and a dish or two of food to share. Former ministers of the church have been invited to attend.

Please note the change of time of the church service this Sunday. The Rev. Raymond Wilson usually speaks at the Adrian Church at 9:30 and the Roswell Church at 11 a.m.



### 10 YEARS AGO

The new parish house for St. Bridget's Catholic Church will be blessed by His Excellency, Most Rev. Francis P. Leipzig, D.D., on Tuesday, August 7, at 1 p.m., according to Father John Baumgartner of the Nyssa church.

Following the blessing of the rectory, there will be a dinner for Bishop Leipzig and the more than 24 priests who have signified their intentions of being present.

Attendance nearly doubled during the past week when 66 "would-be swimmers" reported for the first adult women's class Tuesday evening at Nyssa municipal pool.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Malheur County's police cases were numbered as 15 Thursday morning, an increase of four over the number reported last Thursday morning.

Malheur County's all-out support of the March of Dimes bore fruit this week in rapid service to supply additional equipment for the Malheur Memorial Hospital to care for polio patients.

The equipment was ordered through the Oregon unit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis Tuesday and by 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the unit was at the Nyssa hospital. It was flown here from Portland by an Army plane.

### 30 YEARS AGO

The American Legion of Nyssa is accepting donations of phonograph records for men in the armed services. The records may be left at the Nyssa Pharmacy.

New records will be sent direct to the troops and U.S.O. clubs, but the old will be melted and made into new records. The "big name" bands and artists of the United States will contribute their talents to the making of the new records.

President Roosevelt told his press conference he is considering asking Congress for more effective controls to keep down the cost of living, including wage control. The national situation as regards the cost of living must be kept in line, he said. The one criterion that must be kept in mind is what it costs the average family to live.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

Tuesday, (during the summer months) CYF for Jr. High and High School youth, 6:30 p.m.  
 Jesus' Followers, 5th and 6th graders, 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Choir practice, 7 p.m.; Bible study, 8 p.m.

### CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY:  
 Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with Bible classes for all ages including electives for adults.  
 Morning service at 11 a.m. Message, "Why Jesus Was Disliked." Based on Matthew 8: 28-9:17.  
 Evening Service at 8 p.m. Message, "Why The Bible Was Written." Based on 2 Peter 1:1-21.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:  
 Vacation Bible School from 9-11 a.m. each day on the theme, "The Bible: Your Answer." Includes Bible study, missionary stories, contests, and handicraft. Designed for age 4 through grade 6.  
 WEDNESDAY:  
 Midweek service of Bible study and prayer at 8 p.m.  
 FRIDAY:  
 Picnic at the south park at 7 p.m. to mark the closing of the Bible school. Meal will be potluck with ice cream provided. Contest awards and certificates will be presented at this time.  
 SPECIAL NOTE: FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:  
 A camp for you is being held at Warm Lake Conservative Baptist Bible Camp near Cascade, Idaho, Tuesday through Thursday of this week, August 1-3. For further information call 372-3651 or Payette, 642-3082.  
 A friendly welcome awaits you at this back-to-the Bible Church.

### 40 YEARS AGO

Extending their route to include Notus, Parma, Nyssa, Ontario, Payette and Weiser, the I.O.N. Motor Stages will bring a new bus service to Nyssa effective Monday. Three schedules will run through here daily.

The cars are attractive red buses and are radio equipped. The new loop is an extension of the I.O.M. Stages, which last month inaugurated daily stage service over the I.O.N. highway from Boise to Jordan Valley and McDermitt. The service has met with outstanding success in the valley. For the first time since the days of the Wells-Fargo Express, Jordan Valley has a stage service. To show their appreciation, citizens of the McDermitt section recently contributed several hundred dollars which will be added to the \$1000 appropriation made by the county court for repair of the McDermitt end of the road.

J.M. Lyon of McDermitt has offered to bring the county caterpillar and large blade to Blue Mountain Pass where a short stretch of road will be built which will provide an all year around route.

### 50 YEARS AGO

The Commercial Club this week received a consignment of descriptive folders from Rider Bros. of Baker, containing a corrected road map which correctly indicates Nyssa as being on the main graveled highway from Caldwell, instead of locating us out among the sagebrush without any road connections to speak of, as did the official map issued by the Oregon Information Bureau. The folder also contains a page write-up of the town of Nyssa, together with a picture of the bridge spanning Snake River to the east of town. The Commercial Club took this means of minimizing the injury to this section caused by the error in the official road map.

The big tank containing the city water supply has been thoroughly cleaned out and Nyssa people can use the water with the full assurance that it is uncontaminated by any filth. The work of cleaning the tank was done by Cecil Green and Wayne Fogle, who climbed over the tank over 100 feet high as unconsciously as though they were on the ground. They reported that the tank was comparatively clean, only a little moss and scum having accumulated.

### Missionary Baptist Church

Sunday School, classes for all ages 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship, 11 a.m. (Special music each Sunday)  
 Sunday evening, BTC, 7 p.m.  
 Song Service, 7:30 p.m.  
 Bible Message by Pastor Smith, 8 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Bible study, 8 p.m.  
 Choir practice, 8:30 p.m.  
 Everyone welcome to any or all services.

### SEVENTH DAY CHRISTIANS

Services every Sabbath, 56 Main Street, Nyssa.  
 Saturday - Sabbath Lesson 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
 Mid-week service, Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
 Everyone welcome. Lloyd and Bernice Pounds.

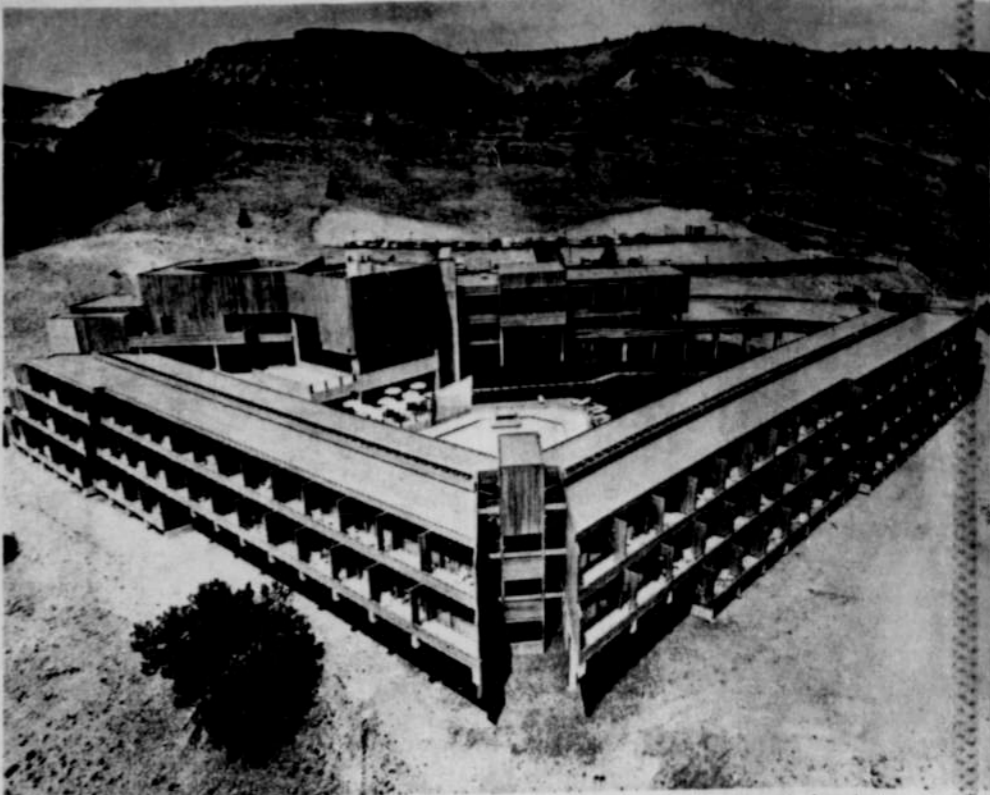
### MALHEUR BUTTE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Malheur Butte Baptist Church will present the "King's Witnesses," a gospel musical, Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m. The Baptist Church is located five miles west of Cairo Junction on the Vale Highway.

There will be no charge for the concert. Members of the group are Dan Duncan, Dwayne and Cherry Exley and Terry Exley.

Also appearing with the "King's Witnesses" will be the "Waymark Singers." They have appeared with the "Oak Ridge Boys," "Blackwood Brothers," the "Imperials" and the "Statemen Quartet" and made television appearances.

Everyone is invited to come hear the "King's Witnesses" and the "Waymark Singers."



Aerial view of \$3.1 million Kah/Nee/Ta Lodge from southeast shows arrowhead shape of convention center. Accommodations for 200 guests offer spectacular private patio view of central Oregon desert country above Warm Springs River valley. Swimming pool within enclosure provides some of year around outdoor activity where sun shines 340 days a year. Restaurants, lounges, private theater and closed circuit television make lodge self-contained entertainment and convention center. Immediately outside lodge hiking, riding, golfing and swimming at warmed waters of Kah/Nee/Ta Village help fill leisure time.

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

The United Methodist Church has been very busy with summer activities and planning their fall activities.

Their weekly schedule of meetings is as follows: Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. the church meets in the church parlour for Bible study and prayer. They are currently studying the Book of Romans. On Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. the men of the church meet for Men's Prayer Breakfast at Brownies Cafe. This meeting is inter-denominational in program and other men from other churches are invited to attend. On Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. the young people meet in the church parlour for a Bible 'rap' session. On Tuesday also at 9:30 a.m. the women meet in another inter-denominational coffee hour at Fern Adams. They extend an invitation to all women of the community to join them. Wednesday nights the church meets in different homes for Bible study in the Book of The Acts at 7:30 p.m.

The education department of the church are holding weekly organizational and planning meetings to prepare for their fall and winter Sunday School program. Activities are being planned to provide an interesting study program and a continual growth of the Sunday School.

### Christian Women Hold Meeting

Clarence Brenneman, Northwest Director of Campus Crusade for Christ, a division of Lay Evangelism will be the guest speaker at the monthly dinner meeting of Christian Business and Professional Women's Council, on August 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Boulevard Grange near Cairo Junction. We urge teens to attend. Special feature will be a fair theme, with music by the Inner Light Quartet from Fruitland. Reservations must be made by calling Shirley Matthews, 889-5907.

### Latin Assembly of God Church

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

Bible Study every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Royal Rangers, every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
 Young people's service, every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
 A friendly church with a friendly smile.  
 --Rev. David Martinez, Pastor.

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## Old Stone House Being Readied For Pioneer Picnic

The Old Stone House in Vale is the scene of much activity these days as many volunteers, both individuals and organizations, are each doing their thing, working on getting the lower floor of the building fixed so displays can be arranged for the viewing of the public, hopefully, by Pioneer Picnic Day which falls the last Friday of August.

Mrs. Dan Brisco is General Chairman in charge of the renovating and cleaning up activities and has received "great co-operation" from her volunteer helpers, especially the members of the Boy Scout Troop No. 452 of Vale who have worked like beavers tearing out fixtures and policing the grounds. An office has been set up and beginning August 7th there will be an attendant each afternoon from 1 to 4:30 p.m. to answer the telephone to record information relating to articles which owners may wish to give to the Museum or loan for a limited time only. The telephone is listed under the Goodwin Memorial Museum and the number is 473-3132.

Mrs. Richard Russell of Vale is in charge of preparing clothing to be shown and is asking that anyone interested in assisting her with the renovating or researching clothing of the pioneer period for authenticity get in touch with her at her home.

At present, large articles such as wagons or furniture, can not be accepted due to lack of storage space. However, full information will be recorded in the office about the article as to its whereabouts and the name of the owner, for future reference.

Under the auspices of the Malheur Country Historical Society, the Museum Committee is seeking federal funds to use in the ultimate and complete restoration of the Stone House, the cradle of our County's history. Built as a trading post

## News About SERVICEMEN

### William D. Knapp

SAN ANTONIO—Airmen William D. Knapp, son of Mrs. Hazel I. Vernon, of Laguna Hills, California has completed his U.S. Air Force basic training at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Texas, for training as a medical services specialist. Airmen Knapp was graduated from Santa Anna (Calif.) High School in 1970. His father, Richard W. Knapp, resides on Rt. 2, Vale.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Chief of Police Alvin Allen and all who helped at the scene of the accident in which Mrs. Alta Gibson was injured.

A special thanks to Dr. Tanaka for all his help and also to Holy Rosary Hospital for the kind care.

—Thank you,  
 The family of Mrs. Alta Gibson.

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