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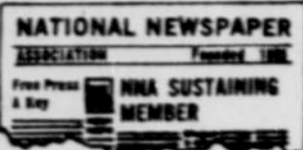
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### Busy Weekend Ahead

Individuals, and communities, sustain themselves by an occasional renewal of the spirit and pride in accomplishment. That's why these individuals and groups go out of their way on occasion to do something really worthwhile, and at considerable expenditure of time and effort.

One of Nyssa's finest hours came last Friday evening when members of the Chamber of Commerce showed their appreciation to members of the community with a free pancake supper, and fed 1,800 people. These chamber members planned, cooked, served and worked together in a most successful event, and they enjoyed it as much as the many who were fed.

People who came not only enjoyed the feed, but stayed around to visit with friends and neighbors. They enjoyed the music put on by the students, and the young ones got to visit with Santa Claus. Not an earth-shattering event as we compare it with the commercial events preceding Christmas that we see all around us, and on television. More a home town, home-spun kind of an affair that makes everyone who participates share a warm feeling. A newcomer to Nyssa was overheard telling one of the chamber members that "this is why I moved to a small town."

The coming weekend is chock full of another of Nyssa's finest hours. Friday afternoon and all day Saturday Nyssa High School and Mel Calhoun's wrestling organization is host to 25 wrestling teams and over 250 wrestlers from Idaho, Oregon and one from Washington. Literally, Nyssa is the wrestling capital of the Northwest for a weekend, and not many high school events of this kind are more successful.

For one entire two-day period the finest of the area's athletes perform on three mats in the gym, and the representation from the big schools from Boise, Caldwell, Nampa, as well as the many smaller schools, speaks well for the organization and the quality of the event put on here. It takes many people to put on an event of this size and quality, and none are better than the Nyssa Invitational.

Then on Sunday evening area singers will again put on the beautiful and sacred presentation of Handel's "Messiah". Here again, a community effort with singers representing the adult community as well as choral groups from various levels within the Nyssa schools.

The high school concert choir and the community choir will combine their efforts to present the "Messiah" in the first half of the program. Then in the second half these groups will join a high school choir and the elementary choir in Christmas songs and carols. The audience will participate in these, again this year under the direction of Gary Condon. What better way to usher in the Christmas season?

The point we would make here is that these affairs aren't attended by a small group of proud parents or staunch supporters, but by large representative parts of the overall community, 1,800 at the pancake feed, literally thousands at the two-day wrestling event, and over 1,000 each year for the oratorio.

Events like these, and our Thundersdays each August, demonstrate what organization, dedication and community enterprise can do. Participation in these activities make small town living worthwhile. We feel sorry for those who for whatever reason can't feel a part of, or participate in, these most successful events.

### Ministerial Association News Nyssa and Adrian

Last Sunday night, December 3, the churches of Nyssa conducted their first "Sing-In" of the 1972, Key 73 program. It was held at the Christian Church.

The next "Sing-In" will be at the United Methodist Church and will feature talent from all the churches of Nyssa. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the "Sing-In".

The Nyssa-Adrian Ministerial Association will present the Singing Christmas Tree on Main Street this Christmas Season. There will be two performances each evening December 21-23 and on the afternoon of Sunday, December 24. A choral group from the Junior High School will present an early performance and during the evening

a group made up of singers from the various churches will sing. Gary Condon will direct and Kathy Flanders will be accompanying.

The first practice for the church group will be December 18 at the United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. All those who have registered to sing should be at the practice. Any who would like to sing but who have not registered can do so by coming to the practice.



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### OBITUARIES

#### Virginia Steffens

Word was received at press-time that Mrs. Virginia Steffens passed away Wednesday, December 6.

#### W.C. Brown

W.C. Brown, 83, of Nyssa passed away the morning of December 6 at the Veterans' Hospital in Boise.

Mr. Brown was born March 17, 1889 in Illinois and he had been a resident of Nyssa for 33 years. He was the originator of Brownies Cafe and was owner-operator for six years. He was a member of the World War I Veterans' group in Vale and had a life membership in Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife Ester. Funeral arrangements for Mr. Brown were pending at Lienkaemper Chapel at Journal press-time Wednesday.

#### Gerald Stanger

Gerald Stanger, 47, former resident of Nyssa died suddenly November 30, 1972 of an apparent heart attack in Texas. He was a resident of Kaysville, Utah.

Besides his wife Jean Child Stanger, he is survived by five children. Services for Mr. Stanger were held December 5 at the Kaysville Mortuary.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:

As the date of our performance of the Community Vesper Service approaches, I would like to take this time to express my feelings about the performance, and appreciation for those in this community who have so whole heartedly given us their support.

To me, doing the "Messiah" annually is like gathering around the family room on Christmas Eve and reading the "Christmas Story". Handel's music never grows old. There are always new insights in the significance of the story of Christ and new approaches to the music itself. The members of the choir and I receive a spiritual experience commonly known as a "rush", or "thrill", or "high", or "aesthetic experience" (take your pick) during every rehearsal, and we are dedicated to bringing this same feeling to the audience this Sunday evening at the LDS Church.

As most people are well aware, it takes a lot of effort by several dedicated people to undertake this type of project. I would like to give special thanks to several who have done so much. Maxine Stringer, publicity; Jennifer Ure, secretarial work; Alice Nishitani and Mardi Cole, soloists; Kathy Flanders, rehearsal accompanist; Duane Buchtel, all around handy man; Judy Grunk and Ruth Buchtel, reception coordinators; and Nancy Looney, director of the Elementary School Choir. These people have worked tirelessly in their respective jobs to see this program through.

A program of this scope costs money! This year's budget is \$350, which includes expenses for out of town soloists and accompanist, music, advertising and programs. The music department has asked businesses, clubs and organizations to help with these expenses. A voluntary offering will be taken the night of the performance. Won't you help?

I hope the community will appreciate the efforts that the above-mentioned people have made to this annual affair.

Sincerely,  
Gary Condon, Vocal Director

### ATTEND CHURCH

#### NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

SUNDAY: Sunday School Bible study, meeting in class groups, 9-45 a.m.  
Morning Worship at 11 a.m. with time provided for sharing memorized passages of Scripture on this Universal Bible Sunday.

Presentation of Handels "Messiah" by the community chorus at 7:30 p.m. in the LDS Church.

TUESDAY: Young Women's Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Bob Jones in Apple Valley.  
WEDNESDAY: Midweek service time for Caravans, Teens Hamlin Missionary Chapter, and Adult Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Choir practice at 8:30 p.m.  
FRIDAY: First children's practice for the Christmas program, 3:30 p.m.

Take time to worship God and give Him a place in your life. It has been said, "No matter how intellectual a people may become, how far the reach of its power, it seems to be an irresistible law that the nation that forgets God is wiped off the face of the earth."  
—Rev. Robert Manley, pastor

#### CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY: Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with Bible classes for all ages.

Morning service at 11 a.m. Message, "Teaching Children to Respect God", based on Hebrews 12:1-13.

Evening service at 6 p.m. Message, "Private Personal Pardon", based on Matthew 18:15-27. There will be a memory program review contest during this service.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek service of Bible study and prayer at 7:30 p.m. A special business session will also be conducted.

A capacity crowd enjoyed the Sunday School Appreciation Dinner last Sunday afternoon. Roast turkey with all of the trimmings satisfied the physical appetites. Pastor Winston Wilkins and soloist Bob Brownlee of the Treasure Valley Baptist Church in Ontario provided special spiritual "food" in a program that included flag salutes, Sunday School enthusiasm songs, Sunday School promotion filmstrips, and special recognition of Sunday School Teachers.

Everyone is invited to attend this growing church with a friendly welcome in a back-to-the-Bible atmosphere.

#### OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

STOP -- What you're doing! LOOK -- Where you're going! LISTEN -- To Gene Lewin, Evangelist. December 10 to 17 at Owyhee Community Church, two miles west of Owyhee Junction.

Sunday thru Wednesday "Walking in the Spirit", Thursday thru Sunday "Prophecy", 8 p.m. each evening.

Everyone is invited, there will be special music at each service.

—Rev. Fred W. Moxom, pastor

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Holy Communion, first Sunday of the month.

Saturday, December 9 - Annual Christmas tree hunt and family outing to Unity, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 10 - Nyssa's Community Vesper Service, "The Messiah" at the LDS Church, 7:30 p.m.

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY: Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Sunday evening, youth groups meet at the church, grades 4 through high school, 6:30 p.m.  
MONDAY - CWF - Craft day at the church

WEDNESDAY - Choir practice, 7 p.m. Bible study, 8 p.m.  
THURSDAY - Womens Bible study, 9 a.m.

Friday - Good News Club, for children of all ages, 3:30 p.m.  
—Erlene Johnson, pastor

### Superintendents Corner

Mrs. Robert Ure, a University of Oregon student, recently finished her student teaching experience in the Nyssa High School where she worked closely with the English Department and was obviously very aware of the entire high school program.

Her letter to the Editor appeared in the Nyssa High School BULLDOG November 20, 1972.

Dear Editor: Since becoming, at least in part, a member of Nyssa High School, I have noticed that students here are the beneficiaries of a better than average education, a choice of many extra-curricular activities, and much freedom. Sadly, however, I have also noted that these same students are unaware of their good fortune.

Their fortune lies first of all in their education. There are very few small schools in the United States where such a wide curriculum is offered and such outstanding teaching is available. Most small schools are content to offer the regular English, for a curriculum which offered Science Fiction would take a major organizational effort. Your teachers have taken the time to make this change, and therefore to make YOUR classes interesting.

Not only does Nyssa High School offer a wide variety of subjects in its curriculum, but also offers its students much more freedom than the average high school. Students are "on their own" doing individual work in many areas of science at all levels. The system works here because students seem to accept the responsibility of their freedom and use it wisely to maintain it.

You are lucky, not only because of your good education, excellent teachers, and freedom; but also because you can be more than just an athlete at Nyssa High School. Not only is there football, wrestling, basketball, baseball, and track; but there is a chance to work on the school paper, the Tupelo, a dramatic production, or an instrumental concert. As a student, you can choose to participate in any of these activities and others. You should be an involved participant for fun and for your education. Don't let yourself be caught saying, "But, that's for those other kids." The chances are that "those other kids" are doing everything. YOU'RE LUCKY. HAD YOU NOTICED?

—Mrs. Robert Ure

The Malheur County Legal Secretaries met November 30, 1972 in Ontario, having dinner at the Palomino with a short business meeting. A request from the State Chairman of the Secretary of the Year contest for an applicant was read, and Maxine Ryan was chosen as the Malheur County Candidate.

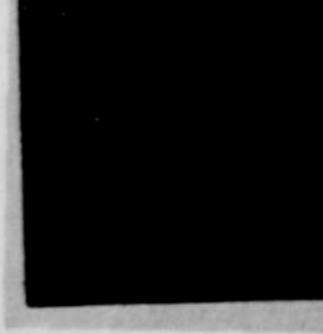
The Christmas party is to be held at the home of Mary Ann Walter, with each member to bring food and a gift. Bylaw amendments were voted upon, and a special meeting was called in January with the President, Treasurer and Scholarship Chairman, to see if something can be worked out regarding a scholarship.

Inge Koyams and Helen Fell are in charge of the January meeting.

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### OUT OF THE PAST

#### 10 YEARS AGO

Eastern Oregon corn growers swept top honors in the 21st Annual Oregon State corn show at Canby December 1, with Malheur county entries taking two of the major awards.

Terry Ott of Nyssa won sweepstakes honors for the 10-year exhibit, and Leroy Custer, Ontario, had the champion 10-year exhibit in the adult division. Ott's entry in the Future Farmers of America division was picked for sweepstakes honors in competition with champions in the adult and 4-H classes.

Residents of Malheur County and Southwestern Idaho will have an opportunity to "Knock Out" a second type of polio this coming Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9. Type II vaccine, again in tasteless, painless Sabin oral doses will be given in centers in towns of the area.

#### 20 YEARS AGO

Final decision on the type of alarm system to be used in Nyssa after dial telephones are installed next spring, must be made next Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the City Council, it was announced by E. K. Burton, city manager.

Burton said that Harry Miner and Bob Thompson, councilmen who composed a committee to investigate other towns of similar size having dial phones, had investigated five Idaho communities. Various fire alarm systems used there are similar to several suggestions made for Nyssa. None of them has met with the approval of all councilmen, as individuals, it was reported, but each system will be discussed.

An approved system must be submitted to the Malheur Home Telephone Co. by January 1, 1953, preparatory to installing the dial system here, Burton said.

Sgt. Ray Bybee, son of Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Bybee, stationed at Fairchild Air Base in Spokane, was one of the 15 members of the flight crew who were transferred to Conner's Pass, Nevada, for a 63-mile hike into the hills on a 12-day survival test.

Members of this experimental test were equipped with a 65-pound pack of sleeping equipment and a knife with which to obtain their food. Often our "meal" consisted of porcupine, reported Ray who had lost 12 pounds during the experiment.

#### 30 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Callahan of Nyssa have received a telegram from their son, Joseph Harold Callahan, stating that he has finished his schooling in the signal corps as an operator and that he had left for his post in Canada.

Calahan said the temperature was 60 degrees below zero, but that the soldiers "were very much alive and awake." He said he reached his post in time to celebrate the opening of the Alaskan highway, adding that "when the red, white and blue ribbons were cut and

#### "America" was sung my eyes filled with tears.

Corporal Callahan stated that "We dressed in furs from head to foot and will be in northern Canada where the foot of man has never trod."

The inclement weather that laid a blanket of snow over Nyssa Thanksgiving Day and caused cancellation of the Adrian-Nyssa football game continued almost without abatement over the weekend and during the first part of this week.

#### 40 YEARS AGO

Gas is 20 and 21 cents per gallon at Nyssa filling stations, the dealers having passed along to the public a four cent drop in the wholesale price. The drop came last Wednesday night to add to motorist's blessing to Thanksgiving.

Nyssa merchants have agreed to close their stores at 5:30 p.m. except Saturday night, while winter days are short and dusk arrives early. They will appreciate the cooperation of patrons who can arrange to shop a little earlier.

So numerous have been the requests for clothing and shoes for children, Mrs. Lillian Newby finds the supply of the city Red Cross in dire need of new donations. "Bring anything you do not need," she asked.

#### 50 YEARS AGO

The Eastern Star entertained their past worthy grandmatron, Mrs. Teresa Kassner, and their past worthy matron, Mrs. Minnie Letson on Monday evening. Only those belonging to secret orders know what it means to exemplify their work for them. But needless to say, the Star did credit to their order in the presence of their officer. The latter part of the evening was spent in friendly converse and partaking of a lovely banquet consisting of chicken salad, butter and bread sandwiches, pickles, coffee and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

#### THANK YOU!

We wish to thank all our friends for the lovely gifts and cards, thus making our 50th wedding anniversary so pleasant. It is something we will always remember.  
—Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Pounds

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