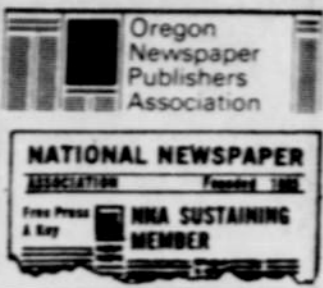


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"Baby, It's Cold Outside"

"Baby, It's Cold Outside" was a popular song a few years ago, and it has been the one most important theme in our area the past week. It is a poor subject on which to editorialize, except that almost everything that has been done or planned hinges on it, and many plans have been changed because of it. Weather has taken up more headline and news space in area newspapers than anything else, and it is constantly a matter of concern on the radio and television stations. In other words, we've had it, and in quantity. Not only our area either, as most of Oregon and the Northwest has been in a peculiar grip of this Arctic storm. The Willamette Valley and even the Oregon Coast has suffered.

For each of the last six or seven days the Boise Weather Station has reported new lows, not only for the day but for all time. Last Friday it was -21 degrees, for a new record, then on Saturday and Sunday it hit 23 degrees below zero to set more records. It's what the natives call unusual weather.

The official temperature in Nyssa was -18, but it was colder on our thermometer at home. Everyday for a week some of the old-timers have either called in or stopped in to tell us about when it was 35 below when they were a kid. Makes you wonder what kind of records have been broken, doesn't it?

Whatever the case weather wise, we do know it was and is cold. Everyone has his own story about his pipes freezing, the car not starting, and other tales of woe. And tragedy always plays a part, with one Nyssa family losing their home and belongings in a fire.

What it boils down to is that everything is relative. Portland city traffic was stalled for five hours after a one-inch snowfall and we get along pretty good after a 15-inch snowfall. One of the blessings of non-population.

Weather is the one subject that people talk about, but can do nothing about. Except, of course, to prepare for after it's too late. All we want to do here is record that Nyssa in December, 1972 had a lot of it. And when in the future somebody writes the 20 or 30-year ago column we hope they take note.

RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS:

- Two heaping cups of patience
- One heartful of love
- Two handfuls of generosity
- One dash of laughter
- One headful of understanding
- Sprinkle generously with kindness
- Add plenty of faith
- Mix well
- Spread over a lifetime
- Serve everyone you meet.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

By W.L. McPartland

Parents, do you know about all of the interesting things going on at Nyssa Schools? Sometime during the winter months, come in and visit.

The Resource Centers at the Primary, Elementary, and Junior High Schools all offer some special help for all the students in the district. Equipment materials and personnel are available at these Centers so that each youngster can work on his individual project. Any student, regardless of his ability or progress in school, can find something that is challenging. No machine can take the place of a teacher, but in some instances the use of equipment together with the help of an aide, can free a teacher to give more personal attention to groups or individuals that need more specific help.

Students must be interested in learning, and have the desire to improve themselves. A skillful teacher can help, but only with a person that has some desire to make some change in himself, will real learning take place.

This is an invitation to each and every parent to spend some time in his student's classroom. Get acquainted with the teacher. Come to school and eat lunch with your child in the Cafeteria. You will be pleasantly surprised. Parents and teachers working together will bring about a more rewarding experience for your children. Won't you take time to visit?



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Virginia Steffens

Services for Mrs. Virginia Steffens, 60, a long-time Nyssa resident, who died Wednesday, December 6, 1972 after a long illness, were conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in the Nyssa United Methodist Church by the Rev. Robert Hutchinson. Services were under direction of Lienkaemper Chapel. Private concluding services and interment was at Canyon Hill, Caldwell. She was born April 29, 1912, at St. Paul, Minn., and moved to Idaho with her parents in 1917, where they homesteaded in the Central Cove Community.

She graduated from Wilder High School, received her B.S. degree in Home Economics from the College of Idaho, and was awarded a master's degree in home economics from the University of Idaho. She was married to Charles Steffens in 1946, at Caldwell. She was completing her 29th year of teaching home economics at Nyssa High School when she became ill.

She was a member of Delta Gamma, National Association of University Women, and the National Education Association. She was named 1970-71 Nyssa Teacher of the Year. She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Nyssa.

Her father, C. M. VanSlyke, was for many years, a community leader in the Caldwell area, before his passing in October of 1972. Her husband, Charles, is a teacher at Ontario High School.

Surviving are her husband, Charles, Nyssa; two brothers, D. Arthur VanSlyke, and Everett John VanSlyke, both Wilder; three nieces and two nephews. Pallbearers were Melvin Spitze, Merrilean Robbins, Duane Buchtel, Gene Chester, Clyde Swisher and Bernard Eastman.

The family suggests memorials to the Anne VanSlyke Scholarship Fund of the First United Methodist Church, Caldwell, the American Cancer Society, or the Nyssa United Methodist Church Memorial fund.

Hiram K. Ballou

Services for Hiram K. Ballou, 68, of Route 1, Wilder, who died Tuesday, December 5, 1972 at his home, were conducted at Hometown's Flahiff Funeral Chapel at noon Saturday by the Rev. Robert Manley of the Nyssa Church of the Nazarene. Interment was at Wilder.

Mr. Ballou was born Nov. 28, 1904, in Rogers, Ark., and was reared at Euch, Okla. He married Ruby O. Jeffries July 19, 1925, in Euch, and the couple lived there until moving to Wilder in 1940. He had worked as a farmer until he retired in 1966.

Surviving are five sons, Elvin L., Everett B., and Ernest F. Ballou, all of Nyssa, Earl H. of Lubbock, Tex., and Ervin E. Ballou of Coeur d'Alene; three daughters Mrs. Sylvia Jordon of Lubbock, Mrs. Vivian Show of Nyssa, and Mrs. Mary Lou White in South Carolina; a brother, Jim Ballou of Fontana, Calif.; five sisters, Mrs. Alvirte Steinhoff of Kansas City Mo., Mrs. Zona Bartomas and Mrs. Ethel Smith, both of Fontana, and Mrs. Rottie Lancaster and Mrs. Geneva Jeffries, both of Jay, Okla.; 31 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters.

Latin Assembly

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.

ATTEND CHURCH

ADRIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Women's Association met Thursday morning at the church social room. They made preparations for the dinner and bazaar to be held on Saturday. A potluck dinner was enjoyed at noon with 18 women attending.

The dinner was followed by a business meeting, with Mrs. George De Haven, president in charge. Mrs. Edythe Prosser read the minutes and gave the treasurers report. Roll call was answered by the friendship calls made during the past month. The dish for the least coin was passed. The different members were assigned to their jobs for the dinner Saturday.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Verl Bishop in Big Bend in January. Installation of officers will take place at this meeting.

The church dinner and bazaar Saturday were judged to be a success in spite of the extreme cold weather. Over 100 people were served dinner and the bazaar items sold well.

CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

SATURDAY: Sunday School Christmas program practice at 10-30 a.m.

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

Morning service at 11 a.m. The ordinance of baptism will be observed. Message "Christmas Giving" based on Luke 1:26-38.

Evening service at 6 p.m. "The Christmas Story," a Sunday School program based on Luke's account of the birth of Christ, will be presented. A coffee hour will follow the program.

WEDNESDAY: Midweek service of Bible study and prayer at 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Story

"The Christmas Story," an original presentation based on Luke's account of the birth of Christ, will be presented by the Sunday School youth of the Conservative Baptist Church at the regular evening service, Sunday, December 17, at 6 p.m. Designed to answer the question, "What is Christmas really for?" the program will include dialogues and recitations with traditional carols all presented by the younger classes of the Sunday School.

Following the program, coffee, tea and cookies will be served at a fellowship time in the Fellowship Room of the church. All parents, relatives and friends of the Sunday School are urged to attend, according to Superintendent Larry Bauman, but everyone is welcome.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Jobs, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 - OKK Christmas party, Oregon Trail Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Rummage Sale, Methodist Church 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Historical Society, Weese Building, TVCC - 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 - Golden Rule Lodge #147, install officers, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.

Recovery, Inc., First Christian Church, 8 p.m.

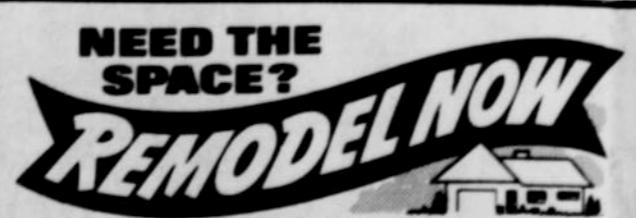
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 - Golden Rule Chapter #131, OES, Masonic Hall 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 - #494, TOPS, Adrian Grade School, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Junior Golden Age, Library Meeting Room 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 - Ruth Robinson Circle - Parsonage with Mrs. Bob Hutchinson 2 p.m. Rummage Sale, Methodist Church 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, December 17, will be Key 73 Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church, as the sermon and emphasis of the day will focus on this continent-wide evangelistic thrust involving some 140 denominations under the theme "Calling Our Continent To Christ." This Sunday will be the kick-off day for Faith's participation in Key 73. Also at worship will be the installation of the Church Council, ALCW officers, and the Sunday School Staff. Congratulations are extended to the newly elected council members--Mrs. Harold Kassman, Hiro Kido, Max Long, Bob Meisinger, E. D. Michaelson, Cecil Morrison, and Herb Wenke, who join the continuing council members--Ken Danford, Deward Benedict, LeRoy Mechem, Vern McCain, and Don Young. ALCW officers are: Mrs. Lauren Wright, Vice-President; Mrs. Garold Ropp, Education Secretary; Mrs. Paul Baker, Stewardship Secretary; and Mrs. LeRoy Mechem, Secretary-Treasurer. The Sunday School staff is: Nursery--Mrs. Arthur Galloway; Kindergarten First-Second--Mrs. Paul Baker; Third-Fourth--Lynda Cordova;

Fifth-Sixth--Mrs. Walter Looney; Seventh-Eighth--Mrs. Herb Wenke; High School--Adults--Mrs. William Lewis. Substitutes are Beth Ann Kassman, Mrs. Ray Fox, Mrs. E. D. Michaelson, Virginia Nichols, and Mrs. Glenn Jones. Mrs. E. D. Michaelson is Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Harold Kassman is congregational Financial Secretary, and Mrs. Walter Looney is congregational Treasurer.

Some of the Christmas schedule has had to be altered so members and friends should note the following scheduling: Monday, December 18 - 7 p.m. Caroling Party with pot-luck dessert hour following. All youth and adults are invited, Sunday, December 24 - 11 a.m. Morning worship 11 p.m. Christmas Eve worship.

There will be no worship service on Christmas day as previously announced, and the worship schedule on Christmas Eve day is different than previously announced in the parish newsletter. Spread the news around, so that all are aware of the time of services.

Faith Lutheran Church's Sunday School program will take

In Memory of VIRGINIA STEFFENS

It is most difficult to convey
 In a tribute of this kind
 The feelings in our hearts
 And the thoughts that come to mind...

As we pay our last respects
 To a person dedicated and sincere
 To the teaching profession
 Her life and her career.

She had no daughters of her own
 To mourn when she was down
 Yet she touched more daughters' lives
 Than any person in our town.

She taught no easy courses
 Her expectations were always high
 As they learned to cook and sew
 And mix and rip and cry.

"Do the best you can with what you have,"
 She'd often repeat to them
 The kind of material mattered not as much
 As the neatness of the hem.

She was an example for her girls
 In her life of honor and cleanliness,
 Probably the most important attribute
 A teacher could possess.

You say you are a teacher
 Your students are listening every day
 But your actions speak so loudly, they
 Sometimes cannot hear what you say.

Virginia Steffens was a teacher
 In both what she did and said
 And, although she's left this life
 Her teachings will not soon be dead.

Even though our hearts are heavy
 Through our tears, a thought rings
 She's probably up there right now
 Mending all the little angels' broken wings.

Her life was full and happy
 As devoted teacher and as wife
 And hundreds of girls are better homemakers
 Because she entered their life.

She has deserved her rest
 And freedom, at last, from pain
 And God comforts us in the thought
 That the sun is shining for her again!

—by Wilona Robbins

a different approach this year and colorful Christmas slides will be shown. The slides were produced locally using our Sunday School children--Terry Ziegenben, Dustin Kassman, Nancy and Tim Mechem, Matt Ure, Clark Kido, Terry Baker, Jim Looney, Shawn Young, and live animals from the LeRoy Mechem farm. The slides will portray the Christmas story from Luke 2. Sunday School children will also provide Christmas singing, and there will be several special musical numbers plus congregational singing. Betty Jo Wenke will read the Christmas story, The program will be presented at 7 p.m., Sunday December 17, at Faith Lutheran. We invite all to come to this Christmas program.

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