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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor, the Journal:

At the present time teams of Nyssa High School are enjoying the greatest success of any team in the history of the school. Nyssa fans have waited and watched through many years of frustration hoping that the future would bring winning teams. The future arrived two years ago and all of a sudden winning became a way of life and new waves of excitement swept over the city.

The highlight of this new era was the basketball team going to the State playoff in Eugene. This happened two years in a row. Again this year the basketball team is great, but all of a sudden there is absolutely no chance of going, even if they win all their games. Nyssa High School was competing in two leagues - The Snake River Valley Conference and the Greater Oregon League. The SRV consisted of teams from Nyssa, Vale, Welser, Payette, Vallive, Emmett, and Bishop Kelly. The Greater Oregon League consisted of Nyssa, Vale, Burns, John Day, Madras, Prineville, Wahtonka, and Milton-Freewater. Competing in the Greater Oregon League and placing second is what gave Nyssa the right to go to the state playoffs.

OBITUARIES

Helen Pattee
Mrs. Helen Pattee, 77, of New Acres, near Parma died Tuesday night, January 2, 1973 at a Payette convalescent center.

She was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, August 18, 1895. Her father homesteaded a farm in Colorado when she was a small child. She grew up in Utah and Colorado and married Rollie Frank Pattee, at Rock Springs, Wyoming, in March, 1912. He was a blacksmith by trade and they lived in various places in Colorado, Utah and Idaho. He died in 1952, at Grand Junction, Colorado. She moved to California soon after that and to Parma in October, 1970.

She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene of Hayward, California.

Survivors include a son, Bert Pattee of Parma; and five daughters, Helen Evans, Livermore, California, Irene Eaton, Anna Etta Forney and Edith May Robbins, all of Grand Junction and Leola Langston, Salinas, California; 35 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Two sons also preceded her in death.

Services were conducted Friday, January 5 at the Schaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel in New Plymouth by the Rev. Robert W. Manley of the Nyssa Church of the Nazarene. Interment was at Park View near New Plymouth.

Ministerial Association News

The Nyssa-Adrian Ministerial Association held their monthly meeting today and voted to pay the outstanding debts incurred by the presenting of The Messiah. They appreciated the work of those who presented The Messiah. The next All-Church Sing will be at the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ on February 4, at 8:30 p.m.

OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO
Kelly Sue Marsh has been announced as the Stork Derby winner for 1963 at Malheur Memorial Hospital.

The baby, born at 2:07 a.m. January 2 with Dr. L.A. Maulding as attending physician, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marsh, 406 King Avenue, Nyssa.

Miss Pamela Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Alexander, was installed honored queen of Job's Daughters, Bethel 33, on December 27, 1962, in the Masonic Hall. Roy Holmes, associate guardian presided during the ceremony.

20 YEARS AGO
The need for funds to fight infantile paralysis has never been greater than it is at the present time because of the worst polio epidemic in history. Harold Henigson stated this week. During the epidemic last summer and fall, 52 Malheur county residents, 42 of them children, were treated with expenditures amounting to \$11,869.27 as of Dec. 31 leaving a deficit of \$8,500.

Henigson pointed out that one-half of the money from March of Dimes raised in the county remains here for care of local patients and the other half goes to the National Foundation for research.

Appointment of Wilton Jackson as chairman of a special March-of-Dimes dance to be held later in the month, was announced this week.

Members of Nyssa chapters, Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America, are taking an active part in the county wide March-of-Dimes fund drive for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

FFA members will man sidewalk booths in a Block-of-Dimes project in an effort to triple the amount of donations they collected a year ago.

30 YEARS AGO
Mrs. Walter Thompson of Nyssa has been appointed chief of the block leaders service for Nyssa. She will be assisted by Miss Virginia Grimes and Henry Hartley in selection of sector leaders.

The leaders hope that the block plan of organization for civilian war services may be organized in Nyssa this month.

The first activity of the local group will be the "share the meat" campaign and the second will be the teaching of the point system of rationing.

Members of the Malheur County war board met last Thursday to consider farm production goals, which had been set up for 1943 in order to meet national and international food for freedom requirements for the year.

40 YEARS AGO
San Diego Fruit and Produce Company, which produces peas has stored 20,000 tons of river ice for shipping the 1933 pea crop, according to Donald Tomie, manager. The ice harvest is about completed. Many farmers in the Nyssa area have also stored ice for next summers use.

M. Claire Baldrige was here from Parma yesterday to ask that A.H. Boydell and W.F. McLing serve on the nominating committee of the Parma-Nyssa Golf Club. Seven directors will be elected Friday night in Parma. Golfers from here will attend.

Buck Jones, Columbia's popular western star, is doing more perhaps than any other picture personality to fill today's crying need for more action and less talk in our screen entertainment. The latest proof of this is to be found in "White Eagle," the first big talking picture epic of the Indians in the old west, current at the Liberty Theatre in Nyssa.

50 YEARS AGO
What is promised to be the big event of the season is the old time ball which the Vale Lodge and Odd Fellows will give at the Vale dance hall on the evening of January 12. A basket social will be held in connection with the dance at the lodge hall.

The ball will begin with the grand march at 8 o'clock which will be led by members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges in full regalia. Oldtime dance music will be played. There will be entertainment in the lodge hall for all who do not care to dance. Each couple is requested by the committee to bring a basket for the supper social.

Greater Oregon League

The Nyssa School Board is again faced with a tough decision in regards to the high school competing in Oregon State Athletic competition, and its athletes being eligible for state championships.

A delegation of interested sports fans and parents visited with the school board Monday evening at their regular meeting. The fans mainly wanted to find out what the current status is, what if anything they could do, and what the school board plans to do.

To review the situation, most of you know that in October, 1971, the board made what we then referred to as an agonizing decision and voted to remain in the Snake River Valley league. This meant dropping out of the Greater Oregon League after the latter voted to require a full round robin schedule in both football and basketball instead of being in a sub-district of the league as in past years.

The result is that the football and basketball teams this year are not eligible, as they were in the past, to compete for state honors should they produce a championship team. Members of the wrestling team and track team are still eligible this year, because the participants in the state tournaments are determined by district wrestling and track tournaments.

What has created the new crisis, as we understand it, is that on February 8, the Greater Oregon League will vote on a proposition that a school must compete in Greater Oregon in all sports or compete in none. In other words, if this passes, no Nyssa athlete will be eligible for Oregon state competition in any sport after this year unless we join the league.

The Greater Oregon League is made up of Wahtonka, Prineville, Vale, Burns, John Day, Madras, and Milton Freewater. Previously the board felt that playing a complete round robin with schools that in some cases are 300 miles from Nyssa was too high a price to pay when we were also members of a tight, competitive SRV league with all schools less than an hour away.

Another consideration was that we are charter members of the SRV, with long standing and historic rivalries among friends and neighbors. Our association with the SRV includes all sports at varsity, junior varsity and junior high school levels, as well as girls' athletics, music, speech, and many other inter-scholastic activities.

Now faced with a possible showdown, what should the board do? What is the community willing to do? What is best for our kids, both athletically and educationally?

The board wants to know how the community thinks, and if they will be backed based on the decision they must make. What the board would like to do, and has always favored, is to go back to sub-district where we play Vale, John Day and Burns. The two top teams in this district play the two top teams in the western part of the league for the right to go to state.

It now looks like the board will have to decide either to go all the way Greater Oregon and drop SRV, or drop Greater Oregon and go all the way SRV. Either way has its drawbacks and either way the board will make a decision that not everyone will like.

If it makes a decision to go Greater Oregon, the board must also presume that the voters of the school district will approve an additional expenditure of upwards of \$5,000 or better for transportation, meals, and overnight lodging.

If the board decides to stay in SRV it must forfeit the chances of any Nyssa athlete participating in an Oregon State championship game or match. In years such as this when we have outstanding competitors there is a raw feeling among most sports fans that this isn't right. There is also a feeling among many that the Oregon School Activities Association and the Greater Oregon League officials have no right to demand this kind of a penalty on an institution that exists at taxpayer expense primarily to educate kids.

We are printing a ballot on this page at the request of the school board, and ask that you fill it out and return it to the school superintendent's office. Please sign it and mail or turn it in so that the board will have some indication of what the trustees of this district desire in the future of Nyssa High School competitive athletics.

We will print any letters pro or con written in good faith on this important subject, and further request that those of you who are interested attend any public meeting which might be arranged, talk to school officials, and become informed on this subject. We are printing a letter to the editor written by Glenn Walker, high school track coach, who does an excellent job of explaining the coach's side of the subject. All such letters are welcome.

You can help our school board make a very important decision. Please take the time to express your wishes.

ADVISORY BALLOT

1. Do you favor joining the Greater Oregon League? Yes ----- No -----

If Yes, will you approve the additional school district funds necessary for travel, meals and lodging? Yes ----- No -----

2. If your vote is No, would you favor rejoining the Greater Oregon League on a sub-district basis, if possible? Yes ----- No -----

3. Do you favor staying in the Snake River Valley League? Yes ----- No -----

Name _____
Address _____

This is strictly an advisory ballot to help the Nyssa School Board. Please sign and return to the Journal office.

The reason that they cannot go this year is that the Greater Oregon league made some demands that included playing a round robin schedule, or simply each team must play all the other teams in the Greater Oregon. Nyssa had a choice to make, either go Greater Oregon or SRV. We could no longer maintain a commitment to both leagues. The Nyssa school board decided it would be better to go SRV because of a variety of reasons. This meant no State competition in football and basketball because Nyssa did not participate in the Greater Oregon round robin schedule.

For the current school year local teams will be able to compete in wrestling, track and baseball. On February 8th the Greater Oregon schools will meet and decide on a proposal that a school must compete in the Greater Oregon League in all sports or it will compete in none. If it passes, as it surely will, Nyssa will be isolated in that not one athlete in any sport will have the opportunity to compete in state competition.

Nyssa is now faced with another decision. Should they remain as they are now or should they drop the SRV and go into the Greater Oregon where they will be able to compete in state competition? That is a question that you as a taxpayer and Nyssa fan should have a voice in answering. Nyssa High School is presently full of fine young athletes capable of carrying on a winning tradition. Do they deserve a chance to go to state?

Nyssa High School needs your help and support to get back into the Greater Oregon League. There will be a meeting of the budget board on Monday, January 22 to try and settle this issue. It would be appreciated if all those interested in Nyssa High School Athletics would be there to let your voice be heard.

Glenn Walker

Anna Viola Whitman

Mrs. Anna Viola Whitman, 72, a former resident of Nyssa passed away January 1, 1973 in Madras where she has resided for the past six months. She was born February 7, 1900. Her husband, Homer Hansen Whitman preceded her in death one year ago.

After leaving Nyssa, Mrs. Whitman resided in Culver, Oregon since 1945.

Her survivors are six sons, Donald D. Whitman, Culver, Ronald R. Whitman, Ketchikan, Alaska, Willard W. Whitman, Yakima, Wash., Homer H. Whitman, Nampa; Cecil C. Whitman, Seattle, Wash., and Lawrence L. Whitman, Salem; two brothers, John Sproat, Eagle Mt., Calif., and Leland Sproat, Blue Springs, Mo.; four sisters, Alice Carpenter and Inez Long, Warrensburg, Mo., Marie Evans, Knobnoster, Mo., Geraldine Stambaugh, Rockford, Ill., 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Jan. 4, 1973 at the Assembly of God Church in Madras.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends who sent flowers and cards while I was in the hospital. Also the doctors and nurses who cared for me.
—Mrs. Nellie Newbill

NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

NAZARENE CHURCH
SUNDAY: Sunday School classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Family Hour - 6 p.m. with the teens and juniors meeting in the departments; adults will begin a study of "New Testament Evangelism Today."
Evening Gospel Hour - 7 p.m.
TUESDAY: Young Women's Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. at the home of Dianna Hull in Apple Valley.
WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service time 7:30 p.m. including Caravans, Teens, and Adult Bible study.
Choir practice at 8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall worknights - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
The Ministerial Association met for their January meeting at the Nazarene Church Tuesday morning.
Rev. and Mrs. Manley left for Eugene, Oregon Tuesday afternoon due to the serious illness of his niece.

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Reverend Bob's Column

An almost unknown and overlooked study by the church, is the study of the ministry of The Holy Spirit in the events leading to and surrounding the birth of Christ.

In the first two chapters of St. Luke, there are at least five references to people being, as the Amplified New Testament puts it, "filled with and controlled by The Holy Spirit."

These persons are John, the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, Zacharias and Simeon. John, the Baptist was to be "filled with and controlled by The Holy Spirit" from the time of his conception. Mary was "overshadowed by The Holy Spirit." Elizabeth, when she heard the greeting of Mary, was "filled with and controlled by The Holy Spirit." In this state she received knowledge from the Holy Spirit that Mary was with child by the Holy Spirit.

She knew who this child was for she called Mary, "The mother of my Lord." She also knew what the ministry of this child was to be. When John, the Baptist was presented at the Temple, Zacharias, who was his father, was "filled with and controlled by The Holy Spirit" and foretold what the ministry of John, the Baptist would be.

Before the birth of Christ, Simeon had "The Holy Spirit upon him" and knew that he would not die before he saw the Messiah for "it had been divinely revealed to him by The Holy Spirit." When Christ was brought to the temple, Simeon was "divinely prompted" to come to the temple and the Holy Spirit revealed to him which one of the many children there, was The Messiah.

Of course, one should hasten to add that all the events around the birth of Christ were guided and directed by The Holy Spirit. The Holy Family were guided to the stable by the Holy Spirit. The shepherds found their way to the stable also because The Holy Spirit was guiding their steps. The Wise Men were led by a star placed there by The Holy Spirit for that purpose. Joseph found his way into Egypt by night because he was led by The Holy Spirit and thus saved The Holy Child from death.

Yes, indeed! The Holy Spirit was active in the birth of Our Lord, in His ministry and in His resurrection. And He, The Holy Spirit, is also active in the life of The Church today.

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

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CRADLE ROLL

Mr. and Mrs. John Henrie, nee Susan Hartley of Delta, Utah are the proud parents of a baby girl, born December 22, 1972. She was named Dee Anna and weighed five-pounds and nine-ounces. She is the couple's first child.

Maternal grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hartley of Nyssa. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cutler Henrie of Delta, Utah. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Damon Savage and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hartley. Dee Anna is the 20th great-grandchild of Damon Savages. She is the first grandchild of the Mark Hartleys and the first great grandchild of the Sam Hartleys.

MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

January 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Michael Crill, Nyssa, boy.
January 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlson, Nyssa, boy.
January 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kersey, New Plymouth, girl.
January 9 - Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roney, Nyssa, boy.
January 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allred, Vale, boy.

HOLY ROSARY HOSPITAL

January 7 - Mr. and Mrs. George Carroll, Ontario, girl.
January 8 - Rev. and Mrs. Shinryo Sawada, Ontario, boy.

Treasure Valley Toastmistress Club

"Smoke Signals" is the theme of the January 11 meeting of Treasure Valley Toastmistress Club, which will begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Nyssa Library. Mrs. Art Yensen will give her presentation of "Indians of Idaho Today." Mrs. Leroy Shearer will be Toastmistress and Mrs. Art Mortensen will give her ice-breaker speech.

Tabletopics Mistress, Mrs. Jerry Stone, is asking each member to give a prepared one-minute speech on Indians, which is the evening's theme. Each member will be assigned to give a written evaluation of another member's task performance during the meeting. Guests are welcome at the meeting. Contact Jan Shell or Adriana Kunkel.

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.

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RUMMAGE SALE

The United Methodist Church will hold their regular rummage sale Friday, January 12 in the church basement. Many articles will be for sale at 10¢ each at the January 12 and 19 sale with many real bargains in store.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., Reverend Bob's sermon topic will be, "The Ministry of The Holy Spirit in the birth of Jesus Christ." The church potluck planned for Sunday, January 14, will be held on January 21 instead of January 14.

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