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### "Top Op" Tour Great Success

An event which had much significance to agriculture in Malheur County occurred last Saturday when over 400 local residents, county and state officials, and visitors took part in the first "TOP OP" tour.

Ray Novotney, County Extension Agent, planned, promoted, and conducted the tour and he did an outstanding job. To those of us who live amongst this tremendous agricultural productivity, yet are not actually involved in it, the tour was an eye opener.

It is good for us to be reminded how much skill, knowledge, work and dedication go into the production of these crops. And it is good to be reminded that here in Malheur County and Treasure Valley we not only have some of the most productive land in the country, but we also have some of the most skillful farmers and ranchers to be found anywhere in the U.S.

It probably is good also for those involved in growing beets, potatoes, corn and onions to know of the problems of the dairymen and cattle feeder, and vice versa. Tour participants heard from experts in every phase of these operations, and it surely is more informative to hear as well as see how to do it right, than to read about it or hear about it from a classroom professor or teacher. Hearing about pounds and types of fertilizers per acre went over some of our heads, but there were many who understood, and the questioning was knowledgeable.

Timing and weather was perfect also, and to tour these farms and ranches at this time of year when the crops are just starting to grow, and likewise the young livestock, is a wonderful experience. The pride that these operators have in their land and facilities, and the tremendous investments required to operate a successful farm or ranch, is also evident.

In well-planned order tour participants visited the Malheur Experiment Station to learn about growth and weed control in alfalfa, and to learn that we have over 60,000 acres of alfalfa in Malheur County.

Then to the Harry Featherston farm on the highway to Vale to see one of the top pasture programs, and to find out that the county has 40,000 acres of irrigated pasture land.

The Joe R. "Scotty" Payne dairy farm near Vale was the next stop, and here tour participants saw how a successful, modern dairy farm is operated. Malheur County is second in Oregon in dairy production.

The dinner stop was at the Willowcreek School, where the steaks were furnished by the county banks, prepared by members of the Nyssa, Ontario and Vale Chambers of Commerce, and served by the County Canteen. The balance of the meal was furnished by many groups interested in agriculture.

The afternoon part of the tour started with a visit to the Marvin Young beef cattle feeding enterprise near Willow Creek. This modern, planned operation, and many others like it, is why Malheur County is the state's leading county in beef cattle production, a \$20.5 million local industry.

The tour concluded with a visit to the beautiful home of County Commissioner Emil Maag, where he told tour members about growing sugar beets and corn. Then on to his brother Benny Maag's farm where tour members learned how a hay and grain operation fits in with his feedlot designed for 1,800 head of cattle.

This tremendous multi-million dollar business, which is so easily taken for granted in this area, was placed in dramatic focus when our county "top operators" tell how it is done. Next year the tour will be held in the Nyssa area, and some different phases of the agricultural economy will be seen.

One person who doesn't take Malheur County agriculture for granted is President Robert MacVicar of Oregon State University. He participated in the entire tour, and this is the fourth or fifth visit to our county since he took over at OSU as president.

This was Ray Novotney's show, though, and we congratulate him on a fine job. This personable extension agent will soon know every farmer and businessman in the county, if he doesn't already. And he isn't at all bashful about beating the drums for agriculture.

We look forward to next year's "TOP OP" tour in the Nyssa area.

### NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

**SUNDAY** - Early morning prayer at the Church, 6:00 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages - 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship with message by Pastor Manley 11:00 a.m.

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY** - District Assembly will convene in Boise First Church. Annual reports and business of the Church year will be conducted. Don't forget to plan for Vacation Bible School which will be held June 6-15 in evening sessions.

**TUESDAY** - Young Women's Bible study at the home of Mrs. Kaye Rodriguez 9:45 a.m. **WEDNESDAY** - District Missionary Society Convention will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene in Boise, May 30. Two special missionaries will be speaking during the day. Rev. Clyde Golliber from Peru, Rev. Jakob Kanis from Mozambique, South Africa.

Business, local society reports, and other items of interest and inspiration will be given under the direction of District NWMS President, Mrs. Grady Cantrell.

Cats are more popular than dogs. There are 28,000,000 pet cats in the U.S., and only 23,000,000 dogs.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal: I have received the following letter from Treasure Valley Community College, and I would like to personally thank all the friends and family who helped to make this memorial possible.

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Don Graham

Dear Mrs. Graham: This is to inform you that interest accrued on the Donald Graham Memorial for 1972-73 has been used with other earned interest on similar memorials funds to provide scholarships for the following students: Ron Cornmesser, Alvin Zarosinski, Dora Clemence, Joel Allen, Nancy Wiggins, Robert Black, Janice Ingle. I know these students will sincerely appreciate the assistance received from the Donald Graham Memorial.

Allan Carr, Executive Secretary, Treasure Valley Community College Foundation, Ontario, Oregon.

### OBITUARIES

#### Mary F. Nichols

Services for Mary Florence Nichols, 88, who died Saturday evening, May 19, 1973 at a Homedale nursing home, were conducted at 10 a.m., Tuesday at Homedale's Flahiff Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Clare Willcuts of the Friends Community Church of Homedale. Interment was at Parkview Cemetery, New Plymouth.

Born August 19, 1884, in Bunker Hill, Missouri, she came with her family to Buffalo Park, Kansas, Chemung, Colorado and then to Cheyenne, Wells, Colorado in 1898. They moved to Emmett and in 1905 she graduated in the first graduating class of Emmett High School. She attended Teacher's Institute and taught school at Dryhook in Boise County and at Brownlee. She worked for two years for the Golden Rule Department Store at Emmett. She was married to Walter Wade Nichols on September 10, 1912, in Emmett. The couple moved to Kingman Colony in Malheur County, where they purchased a ranch and later settled at Emmett. Mr. Nichols died in 1931. In 1943 she and her two younger sons moved to Ontario and later to Portland. In 1951 she came to Homedale to live with a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Frank, before purchasing her own home. She was a member of the Friends Community Church.

Surviving are three sons, Wade of Homedale, Leonard of West Richland, Washington and James of Richland, Washington; two daughters, Mrs. Agnes Frank of Homedale and Mrs. Nadine Raetz of Portland; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Two brothers and four sisters preceded her in death.

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### THANK YOU!

Thanks to members of Golden Rule Lodge #147 and Golden Rule Chapter #131 for response to all of the Bethel #33 projects. —Members of Bethel #33

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all of those who took time to visit me, send flowers and cards while in the Mercy Medical Center for surgery and also while at home recuperating. —Mrs. Charley (LaVone) Culbertson

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### ATTEND CHURCH

#### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES



The Rev. James Hu of Kowloon, Hong Kong, will speak here Thursday, May 24, 7:30 p.m. in Faith Lutheran Church, 5th and Park.

Currently pastor of Truth Lutheran Church, Kowloon, Mr. Hu will illustrate his presentation with colored slides taken recently in his parish. The public is invited.

Mr. Hu's visit here is part of a month-long evangelism program, "Mission to the Northwest," sponsored by the North Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church. Purpose of the Mission is to provide an opportunity for foreign national Christian leaders to proclaim The Gospel to Americans. Speakers from eight overseas countries are participating. They will appear in over 200 churches in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

The visiting speaker, Mr. Hu, is a third-generation Christian and was born in Huang Chuan, Honan Province, China. In 1948 he came to Hong Kong when the Lutheran Seminary moved to that city. He was separated from his mother, wife and four children as a result and they have been unable to join him in Hong Kong.

Following his graduation from the Seminary, he was Chaplain of the Lord is Willing Church in Hong Kong. After a year in the parish he came to the United States (1954) and studied at Concordia College (Minn.), Lutheran Taosheg Publishing House. In 1959 he became pastor of Truth Lutheran Church, a post he holds to this day. Mr. Hu has taught part-time at the Hong Kong Lutheran Seminary, at the Lutheran Bible Institute there, and at two Middle Schools. He has been Secretary of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong and director of the Evangelical Department of that church Council. He has served on the Seminary board of directors and has been Chairman of the School Board for the Kowloon Lutheran Middle School.

All are invited to attend the meeting. A dessert hour will follow the meeting.

#### Pentecostal Church Of Jesus Christ

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m. Sunday School busing available...call 972-5078 Morning worship service, 11 a.m. Youth Service, 7 p.m. Evangelistic Service, 7:30 p.m. **WEDNESDAY:** Bible Study classes for Adults and Youth, 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome. David D. Wiens, Pastor. (corner of 7th and Emison)

### OBITUARIES

#### Martha Jane Moore

Martha Jane Moore, 78, died at her home in rural Nyssa on Saturday, May 19, 1973 of natural causes.

Born October 24, 1894, in Sweet Springs, Mo., she came to Nyssa in 1955 from California. She was married to James Perry Goodman on October 24, 1913. He died in October of 1923. Later she was married to Clyde Canaday, who preceded her in death. On March 9, 1957, she was married to Guy Moore. He died in 1965. She was a member of the ORK Club from 1963 until the time of her death.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mattie M. Horn and Mrs. Eva M. Dean, both of Nyssa; a son, James L. Goodman of Albany, Ore.; several grandchildren, a brother in California and three sisters in Oklahoma. A son and a daughter preceded her in death.

Services were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Lienkemper Chapel. Interment was at Owyhee Cemetery south of Nyssa.

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#### Methodist Church Dedicates Bell #34

The bell in the Bell Tower of First United Methodist Church was cast during the years 1890-91 by the American Bell & Foundry Company in Northville, Michigan. In 1912 it was bought by The Apple Valley Church in Apple Valley. In 1960, the Apple Valley congregation sold their church, united with Nyssa Church and stored the bell until the new bell tower in Nyssa could be built. American Bells can be found all over the world. The Chamber of Commerce of Northville, Michigan told the Rev. Bobin response to his inquiry concerning the bell and American Bell & Foundry Company that they have received hundreds of letters asking information concerning the bells. The American Bell & Foundry Company ceased manufacturing the bells in 1899 when their foundry was destroyed by fire. Even though they only made bells for about ten years, their bells have been found in remote places all over the world.

A girl who was raised in Northville became a Baptist missionary in Minna, Nigeria. While there a little mission church at the missionary station where she was working was being remodeled. The bell was left down from the tower and while looking at the bell, she discovered that it was an American Bell and had been cast in her home town of Northville, Michigan. Recently a letter was received by the Northville Chamber of Commerce telling them that an American Bell was being installed in a school house in the jungles of South Vietnam by United States servicemen.

During the 11:00 Worship Service The Methodist Church will dedicate the bell. Also in the same service the names of Malheur, Payette and Canyon Counties Vietnam War dead will be named in memoriam.

**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.

#### Reverend Bob's Column

Church. Shortly after that, American Bell #34 was removed from the church and stored until the Bell Tower of First United Methodist Church in Nyssa could be built. Work was started on the bell tower early this spring and on Sunday, May 27, during the 11 o'clock worship service, American Bell #34 will be dedicated to the memory and in thanksgiving for those pioneers of the faith who listened to and helped it to ring during those days of abode in the bell tower of The Apple Valley Church. Many has been its miles of travel and many its places of abode, may it now hang until the end of time in its tower to sound 'the call to worship' of the peoples of Nyssa and Apple Valley.

One has written in memory of the many times she has heard the bell ring the following lines: Dear bell, you bring back memories... of people staunch and true... their faith so strong... their courage too... help us our lives renew... so when we hear this bell peal forth... remember those before... whose faith... whose work... whose courage too... will bless us evermore!

The day came when a better location for the Apple Valley Church was found on land which was donated to the church by John Graves. Here, near the Apple Valley School, Bell #34 rang out for fifteen years calling the people of Apple Valley to hear the preaching of The Good News of Jesus Christ. Among the ministers of those days were college students, Ray Thompson, Dick Nye, Bob Boston and others. For a time a Nampa High School teacher, Paul Ludlow, was the lay pastor. In 1960, the congregation of Apple Valley moved to the Nyssa location.

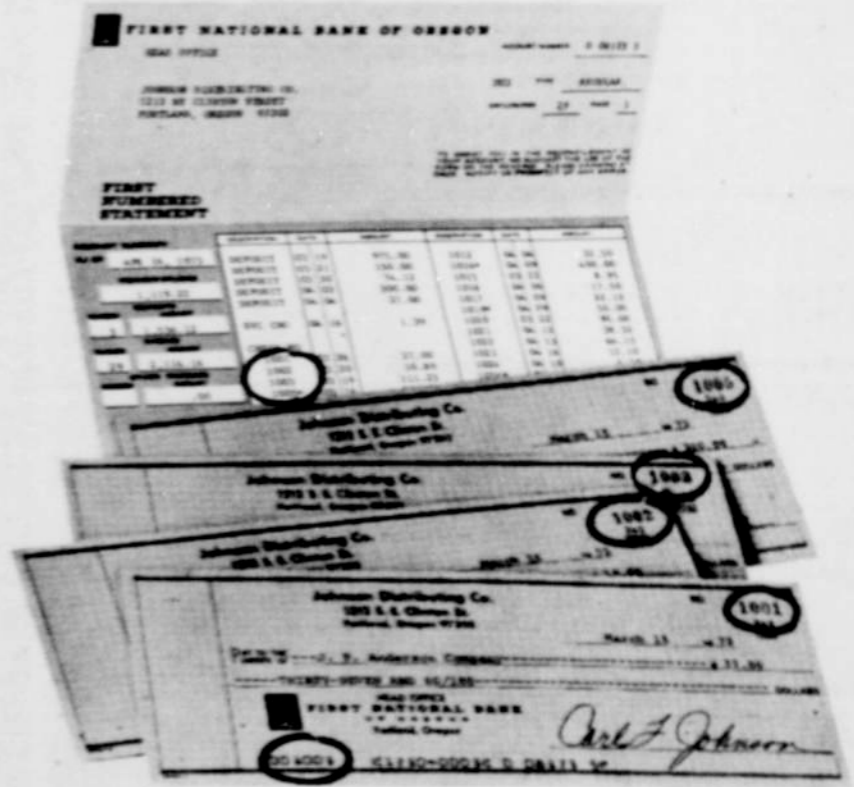
**CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting at 8:00 p.m. SUNDAY, MAY 27 - Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Worship Service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Bill Durkee will be the guest speaker in the morning and evening services. There will be a pot luck in the fellowship room after the morning service. Everyone is invited to attend. Hi-Time at 7:00 p.m. The young people will continue quizzing in the Book of James. Evening Service at 8 p.m.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH** WEDNESDAY - Choir Practice, 6:55 p.m. THURSDAY - Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. FRIDAY - Good News Club for children of all ages, 3:30 p.m. Bible Study, 8 p.m. 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 - Each Monday evening 6-8 p.m., fun and games at the old gym.

**HAPPY DOZEN CLUB** The Happy Dozen Card Club met Friday afternoon with Anna Long in Adrian. Guest players were Erma Sparks, Hazel Smith, Doris Castor, Anna Long, Mary Hatt and Gladys Thomas. Winners were Bernice Tombs, Edna DeHaven, Doris Castor and Minnie Stam.

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