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### Appreciation For Ray Larson

A service which began before the first sugar beets were raised in Treasure Valley, and before the Amalgamated Sugar Company factory was built in Nyssa in 1938, will end this month when Ray Larson leaves as Nyssa District Manager to assume his new duties as Assistant Agriculturist in the company's home office at Ogden, Utah.

This service will not end, of course, as new people come in locally to assume these duties and Ray goes on to more important duties with the company. We are referring to the services of the Larsons, father and son, which started in the early infancy of the beet industry in this valley.

Raymond G. Larson, Sr. was first manager of the Nyssa district when the factory commenced operation in the fall of 1938, and served in that capacity until his death in 1949. Prior to that time Raymond, Sr. was Malheur County Agent, and was one of the early people who experimented with and recognized the feasibility of raising sugar beets in this area.

Ray Larson joined Amalgamated Sugar after his graduation from Oregon State University in 1950, serving first as field man in Parma and Adrian before assuming his duties as district manager in the fall of 1964. His transfer to Ogden will complete almost 23 years of service in Nyssa, to add to the eleven company years and many more years before that of his father in the sugar beet industry.

Amalgamated Sugar Company has their own plans for Larson's future, but we in Nyssa will miss him very much for his many years of service to the Nyssa schools, to his church, to the chamber of commerce, and to many other civic and community activities in which he was involved. One of the prices we pay for the advantage of small town living is that community leaders inevitably move on to more challenging opportunities.

Friends of Ray and Mardi Larson will honor them with a dinner Monday evening at the Eagles Hall. The dinner will be prepared and served by Vern Hancock and his capable crew of Eagle associates, and will be a last good opportunity for most of us to say goodbye and to wish them and their family the best of happiness and success in their new ventures.

We would like to pass on to you a letter received this week from A. E. Benning, president of Amalgamated Sugar Company. It speaks well for the esteem the company holds for Ray Larson, and for his father, but also for the people of Nyssa and Treasure Valley.

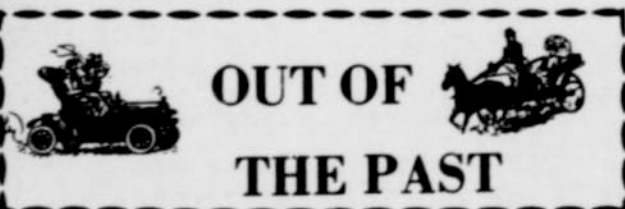
The letter reads as follows:  
 Dear Mr. Nedry:

I appreciate very much your kind invitation to attend the appreciation dinner you are according Ray Larson. And I want to express also the kindness and consideration which you and your associates are demonstrating in hosting this affair.

It is indeed satisfying to me to know that Ray has earned the friendship and esteem which this affair represents. I am sure that Ray's father, whom many of your people knew and respected, would be extremely proud of his son on this occasion. Ray senior was a truly dedicated citizen of Malheur County and the respect which this appreciation dinner represents and which I am sure speaks for the citizenry of the community would have been highly treasured by that fine man.

I regret that, unfortunately, I will be unable to be with you, but I do want to thank you again. I know the occasion will be a success, knowing Ray and knowing the fine people of the Nyssa community.

Sincerely yours,  
 A. E. BENNING



**10 YEARS AGO**      **30 YEARS AGO**

The Nyssa High School Band has been invited to participate in the 75th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, 1964, according to Bob Q. Smith, former band director. This is quite an honor to the school, Director Smith and the entire community as the Nyssa school will be representing the states of the northwest and will be one of only 21 bands selected throughout the United States.

For the third consecutive year, Mike Ott has received a scholarship to participate in the music program July 1 to Aug. 12 at Camp Pacific, Carlsbad, California. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eggert Ott.

**20 YEARS AGO**  
 Purchase of the Elizabeth Atkinson building at the corner of Maine and South Third Streets by the Peterson Furniture Co. was announced this week along with plans for extensive remodeling of the building and expansion of the Peterson Furniture in Nyssa when it moves to its new location. The building is now occupied by Jackson Jewelry, Service Parts Co. and the former location of Bracken's Department Store and Bill Lemon's Western Store.

Announcement last week by Edward Hurt, owner and general manager of radio station KFXD that his company would start television testing this Thursday has created a stir of anticipation in the Nyssa area, according to local TV dealers.

The total shipments of spring lettuce from the Nyssa area this year will be the greatest in history. E.O. Muir and Company and J.C. Watson Company started shipping lettuce June 7 and are now shipping an average of 12 freight cars a day.

**40 YEARS AGO**  
 The Ore-Ida council of the Boy Scouts of America held a court of honor in Ontario Monday evening. Rev. Lloyd Pounds, scoutmaster of troop 19 of Nyssa; David Sarazin, Glen Schireman, Royce Chadwick and Thanael Botner attended the court of honor. The four boys received second class advancement awards.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
 At the Rebekah Lodge meeting last Friday night Mrs. William Beam gave her report from grand lodge. It was one of the best reports that has ever been turned in and the lodge felt doubly repaid for electing Mrs. Beam as its delegate. The ladies being somewhat expectant of a good report served refreshments of ice cream and cake as a little surprise for Mrs. Beam to show their appreciation of her work.

**60 YEARS AGO**  
 Henry Pratt left Saturday morning with Mr. Gilbert, engineer for the Kuhns, for the upper reaches of the Owyhee, where Mr. Gilbert expects to spend fifteen or twenty days in search of some feasible way whereby the waters of the Owyhee may be diverted and brought to the Snake River and the Owyhee valleys by a gravity system. The Kuhns are studying the advisability of bringing into this project a much larger acreage that has ever been before included.



## OBITUARIES

### Dr. Charles Ferguson

Funeral services were held June 15, 1973, Friday at Milwaukie, Oregon for Dr. Charles Ferguson, 78, who worked for 33 years for the U.S. Public Health Service before his retirement in 1959.

Dr. Ferguson of 3406 King Road, Milwaukie, Oregon, died Tuesday, June 12, 1973 at his home.

A native of Parma, Idaho, Dr. Ferguson grew up in Apple Valley and was the first graduate from the Apple Valley High School under Professor Robinson. He was a graduate of the College of Idaho in 1918 and of the University of Oregon Medical School in 1922. He served in the Navy during World War I and was Chief of Surgery for the Health Service during World War II.

After his retirement, The Charles Ferguson Medical Library was dedicated in his honor at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital on Staten Island, New York.

Dr. Ferguson had taught at the Urology Department at University of Oregon Medical School since his retirement and was an active volunteer at the Red Cross Blood Bank.

He served on the Staff of Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Portland, Oregon and was a diplomat at the American College of Surgeons and The American College of Urologists.

Dr. Ferguson was a member of the American Legion Portland Rifle and Pistol Clubs, Masonic Lodge 49 of A.F. & A.M. at Parma, Idaho, Al Kader Temple, Eastern Star and the Oregon Consistory of the Scottish Rite.

Surviving are his wife, Beatrice of Milwaukie, Oregon; two brothers, Earl of Burns, Oregon and Tom of Parma, Idaho; and three sisters Mrs. Beatrice Roper of Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Sylvia Jones of Nampa, Idaho and Mrs. Dorothy Kinney of Corbett, Oregon.

Burial was in Willamette National Cemetery. The family suggests Memorials go to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.

### Phillip Mitchell

Phillip Mitchell, 58, died Monday, June 18, 1973 at the Veterans' Hospital in Portland. He was born August 18, 1914 in Colorado. He had been in the Veterans' Boise Hospital since late last fall and had been transferred to Portland last week.

He previously lived in the Nyssa area for many years and prior to his illness, worked in Payette.

Services will be held Friday, June 22 in Wallowa, Ore.

### Adelle M. Lundy

Mrs. Adelle Marie Lundy, 76, Nyssa, died Tuesday evening June 19, 1973 at the Malheur Memorial Hospital. She was born August 25, 1896 in Elk River, Minnesota. She was married January 24, 1917 in Vancouver, Washington to Ward E. Lundy.

Mrs. Lundy is survived by her husband Ward E. Lundy of Nyssa; one son Ward C. Lundy, Nyssa; four daughters, Mrs. James E. (Dorothy) Mitchell, Vale, Mrs. Eleanor Sherman, Long Beach, California, Mrs. Leonard (Margorie) Phillips, Nyssa and Mrs. Ralph (Carol) Simmons, Springfield, Oregon; two brothers, Morris and Ewald Susee of Mt. Angel, Oregon; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Dickerson, Sheridan, Oregon, and Mrs. Ethlyo Gagner, Corona, California; 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Recitation of the Rosary will be at 8 p.m. Friday evening at St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Celebration of the Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 23 at St. Bridget's Church with the Rev. Robert Simard officiating.

Interment will be at the Nyssa Cemetery.

### Harvey Easton

Harvey Clifford Easton, 80, New Plymouth, died Monday, June 18, 1973 at a Nyssa hospital. Services pending, Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, New Plymouth.

### Women's Association June 14 Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Edythe Prosser, and Mrs. Dyre Roberts gave the treasurers report. The Devotionals were given by Mrs. Dyre Roberts. The Bible school started Monday and the women are to furnish cookies and punch for the group. A garage sale is planned to be held after July 4. The least coin dish was passed among the group and Mrs. Dale Witt read an article on "Who is my neighbor? Am I involved in his life?" The summer medical offering was received. This will be the last meeting until September.

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### Mental Slowdown By Older People Might Not Be True

The general belief that intellectual performance declines with age may be a myth, according to a Pennsylvania State University researcher.

Dr. Paul B. Baltes said that there is very strong evidence to suggest that when the aged perform poorly on standardized intelligence tests it is because they "belong to another generation," and not necessarily because of their age.

A research team demonstrated that, up through their seventies, people can be trained to improve their response speed to intelligence test questions and that this training carries over to performance on such tests, particularly of the speed type.

### St. Bridget's News

Mass Schedule: Saturday night 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday morning 8:00 and 11:00  
 Adrian 9:30 a.m.

The parish picnic will be Sunday, June 24 at Owyhee Dam Park. An outdoor Mass at 1:00. Picnic lunch and games.

### Thanks to Friends!

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful people who helped to make our silver wedding anniversary such a lovely day. It is having friends and relatives like you that makes living in this community for 25 years such a joy. Thank you for all the lovely cards, flowers and gifts, each one is very dear to us. May God bless you all.  
 Jim and Betty Phifer.

## ATTEND CHURCH

### CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 - Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service at 11 a.m.  
 Hi/Time at 7 p.m.  
 Evening Services at 8 p.m.  
 The Rev. Roy Webb will be speaking in both services.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 - Bible Study & Prayer Meeting at 8 p.m.

JUNE 28-30 - Family Camp at Warm Lake, Idaho

JULY 1-7 - Boys Camp

JULY 8-14 - Girls Camp

JULY 15-21 - Junior High Camp

JULY 22-28 - Senior High Camp

JULY 1, at 8:00 p.m., the Bob Jones University Ensemble will be presenting an outstanding sacred music program.

Daily Vacation Bible School will be held at the church the week of August 13 through 17. Keep these dates open.

### NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

SUNDAY - Early morning prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Bible Study for all ages, 9-9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Evening Gospel Hour, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY - Young Women's Bible Study at the home of Mrs. Jack Price, 9-9:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY - Prayer Meeting and Bible study conducted by Pastor Manley.

An excellent Vacation Bible School program was presented last Friday evening to a large appreciative audience.

The first of the Summer Camps to be held at Victory Cove near McCall, this year will be the Senior High Camp during July 9-14, followed by a new age group division, the Mid-High Camp, July 16-21. Mark these important dates on your calendar.

David Starr Jordan writes, "Be life long or short, its completeness depends on what it was lived for." Let Christ be the center of your life--plan to worship Him this Sunday. You are welcome to any of our services.

—Rev. Robert Manley.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY - Sunday School Classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Ed Harrod will be preaching during June and July while the Johnson family is doing missionary work in the south-eastern states. He is from the Boise State College.

Sunday evening youth groups meet at the Church at 6:30 p.m., grades 4 through High School.

WEDNESDAY - Choir practice 7:30 p.m.

### Pentecostal Church Of Jesus Christ

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.

### Latin Assembly of God Church

SUNDAY SERVICES: Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m.

Sunday School busing available, call 372-5078.

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



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