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### Water System Improvements

Nyssa's City Council, and City Manager Fred Koch, have done an excellent job over the past decade in upgrading our water and sewer facilities. As we read and hear about stream pollution, water shortages, contaminated water, inadequate pressure and other problems experienced by nearby communities; we can be thankful that our council and manager have kept abreast of our water and sewer facilities.

Nyssa residents, also, have been responsible in their desire to build and finance these improvements. The last election to construct secondary treatment facilities at our sewage disposal plant passed by an overwhelming margin. Consequently, Nyssa probably protects the environmental quality of the mighty Snake River better than almost any community on the entire drainage, and we are told that the effluent discharged into the river from our plant is over 90% pure.

After studies and engineering feasibility reports, the city council recommends and has submitted to the people a proposed plan to construct a three million gallon water storage reservoir on airport hill. Elsewhere in this issue is a legal notice calling for an election seeking approval of a \$425,000 bond issue to finance these improvements. The election will be held on September 10.

A story in some detail is also published in this issue, and we will have additional information in each issue prior to the election. We ask that you study this proposal, and we think approval will be of great benefit to all of us.

We are told by the city manager that over one-half of the bonded indebtedness could be retired by revenue sharing income over the next three years. The balance of the bonds will be paid off either through an increase in the water rates, by a property tax levy, or both. The exact details are to be worked out at a later date.

It appears, though, that payments on the proposed system can be met by a one-third increase in the monthly water bill, or about \$1 per month per customer. As our rates are already quite low, an additional \$12 per year or so would seem a modest price to pay for so valuable an improvement.

In addition to providing an adequate storage to meet present and anticipated growth, and to replace present storage facilities, the new facilities would improve and insure necessary water pressure. Quite likely, as a letter from the Fire Rating Bureau points out, these improvements would hopefully lower our fire insurance rating which would result in lower premiums. Most certainly we would have greater fire protection.

Admittedly, this is not the best time to get the most favorable interest rate on municipal bonds, but the increasing costs of labor and materials would make the project more costly in the future.

Now is the time to act, and we commend our manager and council for giving us the opportunity to improve our water system. There is nothing more valuable to a community, and it would seem that now is the time to insure an adequate water system in the future.

### Reverend Bob's Column

This is another column in the series of articles on the ministers and churches of Nyssa and Adrian.



REV. MIKE BASHOR

This week's minister is the Reverend Mike Bashor. He is the pastor of The English Assembly of God Church at Second and Reece Street. He was born in Spokane and raised in Seattle so he is no stranger to the northwest. Mike comes from a fourth generation Assembly of God family and has six other relatives who are ministers. Mike's father, though not a minister, was very devout and influenced Mike toward the ministry. When I asked Mike how old he was when he decided on the ministry, he answered, "Even before I learned to spell the word 'minister' I wanted to be one. He continued on to say, "To me the ministry is the greatest, challenging vocation in America today. Doctors may heal bodies and teachers may educate the mind but I am influencing lives for eternity. I know of no greater thrill than personally helping a person straighten out his life and become a useful citizen. Mike's wife, Rita, shares in his work and has had several years of experience in children's and youth's activities.

The English Assembly of God Church was built here in Nyssa around 1940. A pastor, whom some will remember was the Reverend Sterl Spiesz. He built the parsonage and was pastor from 1947 to 1950. In earlier years, the Sunday School attendance was as high as 126 and the ministry of the church

was a great help in shaping many lives.

I asked the Reverend Bashor this question, "Mike, what kind of future do you predict for the churches of this area and specifically your church?" In answer to this Mike said, "The Treasure Valley is a growing area in the northwest. It has a strong agricultural community, light industry seems to be increasing and the population is growing but not so rapidly as to cause problems. This is good for the valley churches. New faces, new challenges, greater opportunities abound. As for our church, I personally believe we are on the threshold of a new day. The Assemblies of God has long been leaders and pace setters in the charismatic movement which is and has been growing rapidly throughout the world. I believe this will continue. With a new interest in Christianity among the young—under 30-set, we have something to offer. The prospects for The English Assembly of God is good. Our church is now growing.

I and the other ministers in Nyssa are glad to have a person with the Reverend Bashor's enthusiasm in Nyssa.

Next week, I will tell you of the Reverend Bob Manley and The Nazarene Church.

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The speaker at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service at the United Methodist Church this coming Sunday, August 26, will be the Reverend Wayne Pyzer of Decision For Destiny.

Wayne Pyzer will also be speaking at The Three Nights In The Park tonight, Friday night and Saturday night at 8 p.m.

The Three Nights In The Park will be held in the South City Park.

**Christian Church**  
 SUNDAY - Sunday School Classes for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m. Sunday evening - 6:30 p.m. Youth groups meet at the church-grades 4 through High School.  
 —Erlene Johnson, Pastor

### OBITUARIES

#### Gerald B. Condra

Services for Gerald Burton (G.B.) Condra, 21, of Route 1, Homedale, who died Saturday night, August 18, 1973 in Homedale were conducted at the Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m., Wednesday by the Rev. David Turnmire. Interment was at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Mr. Condra was born February 20, 1952, in Boise, and attended schools in Adrian. He was graduated from Adrian High School in 1970. He had been active in athletics while in high school. He joined the Air Force August 21, 1972 in Boise and had been stationed at Minot, North Dakota and at Denver. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Order of DeMolay in Homedale. Surviving are two daughters, Melissa and Penelope Condra at Homedale; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Condra of Homedale, a brother, Mike Dale Condra of Homedale; a sister, Carolyn Condra of Homedale, and a grandmother, Mrs. Stella Bollebaugh of Homedale.

#### Genaro Plaza

Genaro Plaza, 79, Ontario, died Monday, August 20, 1973 in an Ontario hospital.

He was born March 2, 1894, in Eabedrona Vizcayo, Spain. He was a retired rancher and stockman. He came from Spain to Paradise Valley, Nevada in 1909. He came to Malheur County in 1929 after living in Grand View and Boise.

He was married to Victoria Mendazona in Boise, March 4, 1922. She preceded him in death November 23, 1947. He was married to Teodora (Dora) Gastanaga in Spain January 29, 1949.

He was a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Dora, in Ontario; two sons, Dan and Ray Plaza, both of Ontario; a daughter, Mrs. George (Alice) Vandewall, Nyssa; a brother, Facundo Plaza, Bedonko, Spain; three sisters, Mrs. Christina Echeverria, Winemucca, Mrs. Emily Abasets, Rupert and Mrs. Arrors Arzuaga, Paradise Valley; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Recital of the Rosary will be at 8 p.m., Thursday at Blessed Sacrament Church with Fr. Gerald Condon. Interment will be in Sunset Cemetery, Ontario, under the direction of the Bertelson-Lienkaemper Memorial Chapel.

### LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal.

I very much enjoyed your articles in the Nyssa Gate City Journal dated 7/19/73 dealing with the story about Nancy Jean Jackson, Miss Oregon 1973 and also your editorial of that day. I thought I would also take this opportunity to tell you that Miss Jackson will be staying at the Dennis Hotel, Boardwalk and Michigan Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401 from September 1, 1973 to September 9, 1973 in case you might like to let your readers know and if any of them want to write notes, send cards, telegrams, flowers, etc. they would have the address.

Again, on behalf of Nancy and the Miss Oregon Scholarship Pageant, we would like to thank you for your very fine coverage of the story.

Sincerely,  
 —Michael A. Maki  
 Executive Director  
 Miss Oregon Pageant  
 Seaside, Oregon

### CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank Dr. K. A. Danford and Dr. David Sarazin and all the neighbors who helped us at the time of the death of Gabe Astoreca.

The neighbors for the grain harvest, for baling and stacking the hay and straw for all who sent so many beautiful flowers, cards, the memorials, the food and calls. Words cannot express their meaning to us.

—Freda, Audrie and Carmen Astoreca

The Duane Smiths, Don Hatches, Ed Lowtrips, Jess Asumendis, Harold Lenons.

## OUT OF THE PAST

### 10 YEARS AGO

Dennis Lynn Forbess is among 16 graduate students contributing to PACE (Plan of Action for a Challenging Era) program at Stanford University in California. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Forbess of Nyssa.

Dennis was graduated from Nyssa High School in 1957 and from the University of Oregon in 1961. He is now working toward his doctorate degree at Stanford.

The Explorer Scouts of Adrian Post 436 held a work session earlier this year at Big Bend Park. The group cut down shoots, burned obsolete materials and gave the grounds a general cleaning.

Workers were Charles Witty Pug Swigert, Mrs. Arthur Gale, Denver Edwards, Jerry Edens, Bob Callahan, Joel Price, Orville Carroll, Bob Sant, Billy Boatright, Tony Mitchell, Dave Sant, Isaac Martinez, Scout Leader Lloyd Parrill and son Danny.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Nyssa area residents broke all their own previous records in giving blood and those of all other communities in the Boise regional blood center, which extends from Pocatello to La Grande, when they contributed 382 pints of blood last Wednesday. Since July 27, 1949 residents of this community have given 1,582 pints of blood.

Mimeographed letters are being distributed this week to all families living in labor camps in the Nyssa school district, urging them to make use of Nyssa school facilities and calling attention to methods of enrollment.

### 30 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kygar of Nyssa Route 1 have received word from their son Meri Kygar stating he is a prisoner in the Philippine Islands.

Kygar stated on a card to his parents that "I am interested in the Philippine military prison camp No. 1, my health is fair, I am uninjured. I am improving, please give my best regards to all."

Mr. and Mrs. Kygar also have twin sons in the service, Sergeant William Kenneth Kygar of Jacksonville, Florida and Pfc. John Keith Kygar of Gilroy, California.

The name "Owyhee," strictly a word and popular name of eastern Oregon origin, will be carried to many parts in the world before the present war ends. The name was selected, among a number of others in the state, to be given to one of a series of tankers to be built in the Kaiser shipyards in Portland.

### NAZARENE CHURCH NOTES

SUNDAY - Bible study classes for all ages 9:45 a.m. Closing with Promotion Day exercises by Departments.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Evening Gospel Hour, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY - Mid-week service of prayer and Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY - Annual barbecue sponsored by Golden Hour Missionary Chapter at the Don Wilson home, 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31-SEPT. 3 - Layman's Retreat at Victory Cove, McCall.

A group of ten children from the Primary Department with their sponsors, Mrs. Janice Wilson and Mrs. Arlene Seaward enjoyed a lovely time, Tuesday, in Boise at the Julia Davis and Ann Morrison Parks. The trip was planned as an award for being the Winner in a July Sunday School contest.

A friendly welcome awaits each one who attends our service, Try Christ's Way.

—Rev. Robert Manley, pastor.

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## NOTICE

### My Office Will Be Closed

August 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3 and 4

to attend an Educational Seminar.

Dr. Jon E. Heitzman  
Optometrist

### 40 YEARS AGO

Two years ago in July, Walter Van Marionholtz tilled the soil, working from dawn until dusk like other farmers of this region, but today he is landlord on an estate in Rittergut, Post Mudden, Grifhorn, Germany, which is farmed by 150 tenants. He and his family live in a mansion 20 miles from Berlin where Marionholtz inherited a small fortune from his grandparents. One is living.

Mrs. Marionholtz recently wrote a Nyssa friend Mrs. Mary Robertson that her husband's chief sport is deer hunting. Deer are plentiful on his estate—but he must pay the government \$60 a year for license. In spite of good hunting and mansion, Mrs. Marionholtz said the family is lonesome for the Snake River Valley.

The wind having moved the greens and fairways on the Nyssa-Parma Golf Course to slope and swale, the club is considering a permanent move to a more desirable location.

### 50 YEARS AGO

A second ledge which promises richness has been discovered by Jim Worsham at the Apple Tree Mine several hundred yards from the Red White and Blue mine. It has not been uncovered sufficiently to test accurately. This mine was originally worked by Fred Johnson and Associates of Vale and named the Drexel mine, after the hotel in Vale which Mr. Johnson owned at that time.

### 60 YEARS AGO

Miss A.H. Strauber, who recently lost the house on her homestead when it was struck by lightning and burned, has moved into a brand new house which was provided for her by the big hearted people of Nyssa, Parma and vicinity, who admire the plucky fight Miss Strauber is making for a home and independence. She feels deeply grateful to the kind friends who so promptly came to her aid in her time of need.

This is the season when everybody but the country editor takes a vacation, and he stays at home hunting news in a town that is temporarily newsless.



"THREE NIGHTS IN THE PARK" will be held in Nyssa Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, August 23, 24, and 25, beginning at 8:00 p.m. each night. Singers will be The Galileans, The Children of the Son, The Victors, The Kings Witnesses, The Son Shiners and The Family. The speaker will be Wayne Pyzer of

Decision For Destiny. Wayne is a nationally famous high school assembly speaker. His humorous yet straight-forward advice to teens has made him loved by high schoolers and college students throughout the country. "The Three Nights In The Park" will be at South City Park on South Sixth Street. Admission is free.

### GOSPEL JAMBOREE Pentecostal Church Of Jesus Christ

The Jesus Experience Bible Group is sponsoring a "Gospel Jamboree" featuring "The King's Witnesses," "The Waymark Singers" and "The Pathfinders." The event will be on August 26 at 3 p.m. in the Parma City Park. The public is invited.

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. —Carl Lassiter, Pastor Corner of 7th and Emison Phone 372-3332

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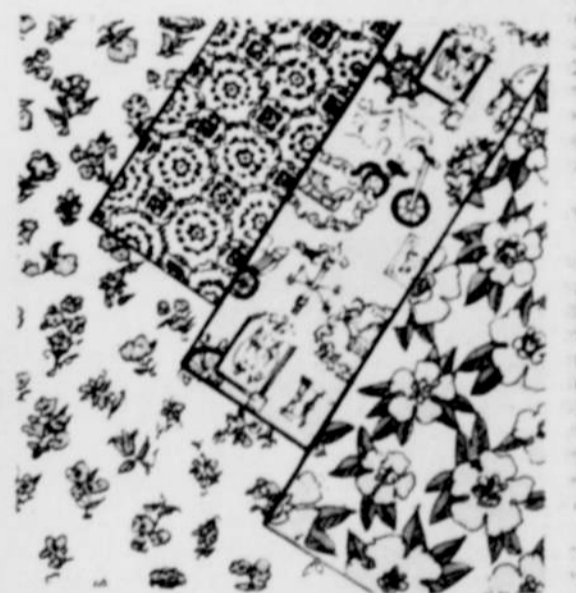
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