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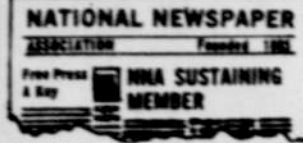
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Bond Election Monday Sept. 10

Nyssa residents will have the opportunity Monday, September 10 to make a major improvement in the city's water system if they approve the proposed bond issue.

The city council has proposed a \$425,000 bond issue to finance the construction of a 3,000,000 gallon water storage reservoir on airport hill, one additional well, and a booster pumping station to pump the water to the reservoir.

After studying the proposition we feel that the plan has merit and think it would be advantageous for the citizens of Nyssa to approve the measure.

The added storage would be of benefit in every way, providing a safeguard against any breakdowns in the pumps, and providing a safety factor in fire protection. The water pressure in the lines would be increased, and the system is planned to accommodate an increase in population.

The bonds would be retired about half by federal revenue sharing funds which the council has committed to this project, and the balance of the payments would come through a small increase in water rates and a general tax levy. It is quite likely that future reduction in the fire insurance rating of the city would offset most of the rate increase.

With water probably our most precious commodity, it would seem that improvements to the system now are timely and well-planned. They would certainly be more costly at a later date.

The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the City Library. All citizens are urged to vote on this most important bond issue.



Editor, The Journal:

Several weeks ago I commented that "for a freshman legislator, Denny Jones rides tall in the saddle." I'd like to take a few words to expand upon that and compliment my colleague from Ontario.

When Denny strode into the Capitol last January, I suppose most people suspected he was from the "East" by looking at his riding boots and his hat. Few probably gave him a chance to make much of an impression on the legislative process because on the outside Denny is a quiet, friendly fellow who doesn't look like he's out to change your mind about this or that.

The fact is, Denny did persuade his fellow legislators there needed to be some changes for the people in his district. In his own eastern Oregon way Denny coaxed through four agriculture bills and four livestock bills. He gained passage of House Bill 3054, the livestock brand inspection measure which had failed to pass in four previous sessions, and House Bill 2017 dedicating brand funds.

Representative Jones also exercised his own brand of persuasion to turn back attempts at passing legislation which would have brought unbelievable problems for school districts and taxpayers in his district.

In my book, Denny's a first class representative. He knows what his people want, and he wins friends and votes. You cannot ask for more than that, and I am sincerely happy Denny served in the 57th Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely,
Gordon L. Macpherson
House Republican Leader.

Editor, The Journal:

In a recent telephone conversation with the Mayor of Nyssa I requested that he ask the Chief of Police to write a letter to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission explaining why the Council recommended against the license application for the Nyssa Tavern, and to send me a copy of such letter. I have not received a copy to this date. I am disappointed in the attitude of your city administration in that they have not been completely candid with the public or myself in advising us of a reason for the negative recommendation to the OLCC.

It is my position that little is accomplished by referring license applications to a City Council. It is a financial asset to the city, but it is an impractical act from the tavern owners' point of view. A tavern owner is regulated by the statutes of the State of Oregon and the regulations of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. We are oriented to compliances with these statutes and regulations. We should be disciplined by the liquor commission for a violation thereof. It becomes impossible to orient ourselves to a city council of several persons that change frequently and do not know the tavern business, nor the many problems in connection therewith. The personalities, background, education and experience may conflict with the tavern philosophy and a tavern owner could very well be prejudiced without statutory reason. This appears to be the case with the Nyssa Tavern. It is obvious that a tavern operator should be responsible to those persons trained in and who un-

derstands the business, the statutes and regulations under which it is operated.

Taking these facts into consideration I should hope the Nyssa City Council will reconsider their negative action in regards to our application for the purchase and licensing of the Nyssa Tavern. In that event I express my appreciation for dispatch and administrative discretion which the council would exhibit.
Sincerely,
Bud Nixon



Reverend Bob's Column

This is another in the series of biographical sketches of the ministers and churches of Nyssa and Adrian.



REV. WILLIAM LEWIS

This week's pastor is the Reverend William R. (Bill) Lewis. He is the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Nyssa and Grace Lutheran Church in Vale. Reverend Bill's hometown is Anacortes, Washington on Fidalgo Island in the San Juan Islands in northwestern Washington. Bill graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington with the B.A. in History and did his graduate work in Theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota finishing there in 1967. His first parish was Bethany Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington where he served four years. He came to Nyssa in 1971.

In these sketches, I have always been interested in the pastor's reasons for entering the ministry. Bill's reason is particularly interesting. Here, in his own words, are his reasons, "Probably the motivating factors that sent me into the ministry was my mother's long bout with cancer and her faith through it all. Six months after she died, my father died, too, with a heart attack. Through my mother's faith, through dedicated faculty at Pacific Lutheran University showing Christian concern for me, through my brother's exam-

ple of being a pastor, and through the Lord's help in a very difficult time after my parents' deaths, I felt the call to give my life to Him - and went to seminary." Bill adds concerning his experience as a minister, "My greatest helps in the ministry have been my Lord and my wife."
Bill and his wife, Harriet, have two sons. Jess was born February 13, 1968 and Jonathan was born August 7, 1969. Bill's hobbies are collecting newspaper banners from all over the world, trailering, camping and art. For the past year he has been using sermon posters to illustrate his sermons.

Faith Lutheran began its ministry in Nyssa in 1947. They celebrated their 25th anniversary last year. Grace Lutheran in Vale was organized in the early 50's. Pastoring both churches Bill visits parishoners living fifty miles apart. Faith has 187 baptized members, 144 confirmed members, and about 100 active communicants. Grace has 123 baptized members, 86 confirmed members and about 50 active communicants.
I and the other Nyssa-Adrian pastors appreciate the sincerity of the Reverend Bill Lewis and his dedication to the ministry. He is a pastor among pastors.
Next week I will tell you of the ministry of the Reverend Earleane Johnson and The Christian Church.

Church Directory

Nazarene Church

SUNDAY - Bible study with classes for all ages, 9-45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Choir practice 6 p.m. Evening Service, 7 p.m.

The Gary Condon family, who have recently moved to Caldwell, will be presenting several musical numbers during this hour.

TUESDAY - Young Women's Bible Study at the home of Mrs. Tom Apple - 9-45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY - Mid-week service under the direction of the NWMS for prayer and study of work on our Mission fields - 7:30 p.m.

Teens will be meeting in their department, also.

"Finding God's Peace Under Pressure" was the theme of Dr. Jarrell Garsee during the Layman's Retreat at Victory Cove. Some 350 attended the Sunday morning service. Those from Nyssa who shared this annual gathering over the Labor Day weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward.

Friends in the community and acquaintances of the Gary Condons are invited to attend the concert during this Sunday evening's service and share in a time of visiting and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the service.
—Rev. Robert Manley, pastor.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food, memorials and all other kindnesses shown us during the loss of our loved one.

Mrs. Lillian Wagner Elder and Mrs. K. J. Mittleider
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hixenbaugh
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagner
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bale
Mr. and Mrs. James Striker
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Miller

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FAITH LUTHERAN

Sunday worship at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion (Preaching text-Philippians 2:12-18). Sunday School classes begin this Sunday with classes from nursery (age 3) to adults. Our Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m.

Our Luther League (high school youth group) will meet at the church at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, officers will be elected, and plans will be made for the coming year. All high school youth are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 12 - Bible Study at the parsonage at 9 a.m., confirmation class at the church at 6:30 p.m. and there will be an adult instruction class beginning at 8 p.m. at the church for those interested in studying the teachings of the Lutheran Church either for preparation for church membership or just for interest.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 5th and Park. All are welcome. The pastor is William Lewis.

OBITUARIES

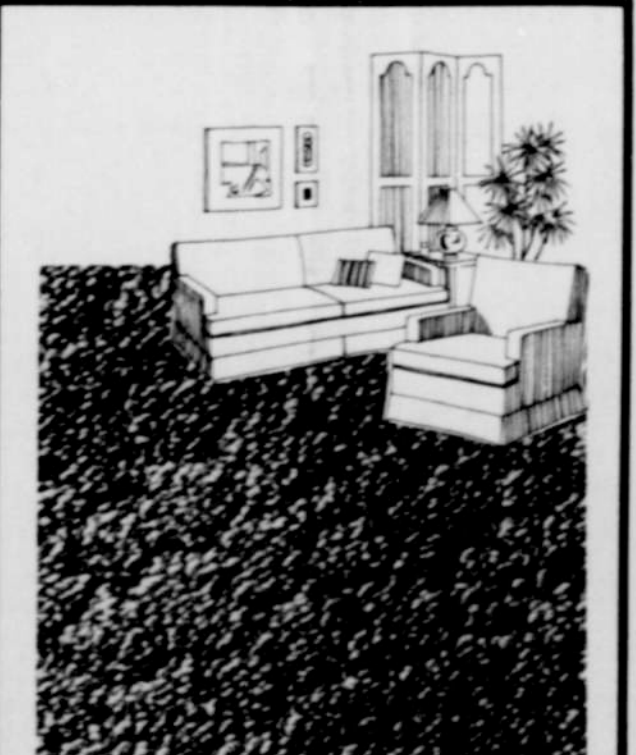
Loretta Cables

Services for Loretta Cables, 75, Ontario, who died Saturday, September 1, 1973 at an Ontario hospital, were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Chapel of the Roses, Ontario, by Bishop Glen Peterson. Interment was at Evergreen, Ontario.
She was born in Montana, January 8, 1898. She had been an Ontario resident for 43 years. She and her husband, Lee, operated the Chevrolet agency in Ontario for several years. He died in 1970.

Survivors include a daughter, Ruth Larsson, Nyssa; a brother, Carl Winter, Seattle; a sister, Mrs. Helen McNiece, Tucson, Ariz.; and nine grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to any children's home.

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OUT OF THE PAST

10 YEARS AGO

Miss Barbara McPartland left Monday morning to return to Salem after spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. McPartland and family. She flew from Portland to New York City on Tuesday and planned to sail for England on Wednesday.

She will be employed as a social therapist in a hospital near London during the next year.

An 18 x 10 foot painting of Owyhee dam and reservoir, done by Carlos Parra, Nyssa's 17-year-old artist, is being used as a backdrop in the Malheur County booth at the State Fair. The young artist did the picture in semi-gloss oils on canvas. He started work on the picture July 20 and it was completed on September 24.

20 YEARS AGO

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held Tuesday afternoon two miles west of Owyhee corners for the construction of a new church for the Owyhee Ward, Church of Latter-Day Saints, thus fulfilling a five-year dream of the 415 member congregation.

E.K. "Ted" Burton was honored Friday night by 40 friends who gathered at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. club house for a farewell party in recognition of his eight years of service as Nyssa city manager. Burton announced his resignation July 16 and took over the duties of city engineer at Ontario Tuesday of this week.

Sergeant Harold W. Elliott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Elliott of Kingman Colony, was killed in action in July in the southwest Pacific area, according to information received from the war department.

30 YEARS AGO

It may be different today, but if you wanted to buy stamps yesterday the post office was a poor place to go for them. Uncle Sam was not out of stamps - his Nyssa safe containing most of the local stock of stamps was locked and could not be opened, at least temporarily. Mr. Braum, Weiser jeweler and famous safe opener failed to open the safe Wednesday. P.S. - The safe, which has caused trouble before, was opened with a blow torch.

40 YEARS AGO

Old flower friends, gathered from gardens in Nyssa, Arcadia, Big Bend, the Colony, Owyhee and even from Depoe Bay, looked their best for the hundreds of people who attended the annual Flower Show of the Nyssa Civic Club on Friday at

50 YEARS AGO

the Eagles Lodge Hall. Flowers, seemingly more numerous and more colorful than in better growing years, covered the basement banquet room as well as the upper reception hall. It was a dazzling display and delighted a record-breaking crowd.

As usual, Mrs. C. W. Barrett, queen among local gardeners, had her special corner. Mrs. Garrett Stam, Mrs. Dick Groot and Mrs. Pieter Tenen entered some unusual flowers, developed from choice seed brought from Holland.

Mrs. C. C. Coffon of the Colony had the largest display from an individual garden.

60 YEARS AGO

The European earwig, that little bug which has caused such a furor in Portland this year, has found its way into Malheur County. A specimen was recently found in Ontario. It came in a bundle of Portland newspapers. Before it was killed it had ample time to start a good sized colony.

The European earwig in Oregon today represents a potential menace to Oregon's horticultural and crop production par with the dreaded Japanese beetle of New Jersey and the Mediterranean fruit fly of Hawaii.

They are filthy and unsanitary and a menace to health. Like their near relatives, the cockroach, the European earwig is far from choice in food habits. The pest invades residences. Property values are materially reduced, renters move out, houses won't sell. They are serious pests of ornamentals. They attack horticultural crops and are a potential menace to our truck and fruit industry.

One million feet of timbers and 4000 barrels of cement, a trainload of steel girders and a forest of piling is required for the replacement of the present Pegram truss bridge south of the city with the latest style girder spans, needed for the increasing traffic of the Oregon Southern Line. Width sufficient for double tracking will be built.

C. Shane is superintendent of construction and is preparing for the employment of 150 men during the next 16 months. The big bunk houses and quarters for the boarding layout are nearly completed. The material is arriving and being unloaded daily, a matter of two weeks being required to get in readiness for beginning actual construction of the big bridges with a full force. All the local help that can be obtained will be employed after that date, both carpenters and cement workers.

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