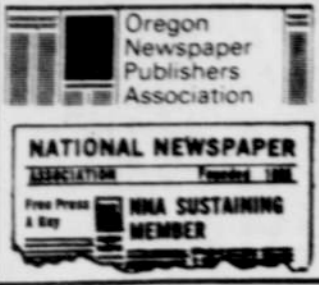


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## Christmas

As the result of the migration of many peoples of many and varied ethnic origins, these United States of ours are the possessors of "the greatest wealth of Christmas symbols ever known."

The Dutch people have given us Santa Claus, beloved of children, and growing out of Saint Nicholas, a 4th century clerical figure on a white horse. Somewhere along the line there was added the flowing beard and a team of eight reindeer. In our time we have added Rudolph, the Red-nosed one.

Nativity Scenes by way of Creches or cribs appear to have originated with Saint Francis of Assisi.

Holly was first used by the Romans to ward off evil, and the Druids used it to heal the sick. Legend tells us that its berries were originally white but then dyed red forever more by the blood of Christ when the crown of holly thorns was placed on His brow at the Crucifixion.

"Der Tannenbaum," or "The Christmas Tree" comes to us from Germany with the song of a like name, in its words picturing the like beauty, love and joy of the Nativity. From England we have received the myth of the Yule Log, and the tradition of the tolling of the Church bells in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, symbolizing the Devil's Knell, which was to be a warning to the Prince of Evil that he must die when the Prince of Peace was born.

Mexico's gift is the Las Posadas processions ending with children breaking the pinatas, filled with gifts and candies.

Very early tradition from many lands tells us of the lighting of candles in the windows of homes to guide the Christ Child into the world. Today we use electric lights to lighten our windows, but many of us have never known why this was done.

All of these are beautiful symbols and now, as in the yesteryear bring joy to the hearts of men.

But the greatest, not of our traditions or symbols, but of the fact of history itself, is our memorial and remembrance of the birth to us of the Son of God, the True Light which enlightens the world for all mankind. Through Him has come the Logos or Word, passed on to us by the Evangelists, of the true meaning of God to all of us, and not to one chosen people. So, on this day of all days, hold out your arms and take into them the Babe which is the Christ Child. Love Him, care for Him, and cherish Him. Because it is through Him that you and I have received the priceless gift of forgiveness, and everlasting life.

The Peace, Love, and Joy of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be with you on this Holiest of Days, and throughout your whole life long.  
(The Rev.) John K. Worrall D.D.

## Governor's Christmas Message

There has never been a time exactly like this one in all of the time that has passed. Nothing in the natural universe is the same now as it was a moment ago.

Stars are growing and dying, the earth is in a place in the sky it never will be again; a tree falls of old age and another rises from the ground.

Man himself changes, and accelerates change. No greater power to change the world exists on earth than in the hands of man. We live in an era when man can press buttons to destroy every living thing on the planet or his apathy condones the slower killing process, that of destroying nature.

But surely that was not God's design, for He so loved the world that He sent His Son to die for us. But is it possible that God's gift of a second chance for humanity will be wasted? Isn't it possible that in our swing toward change that we will stumble short of the Promised Land?

God in His wisdom urged constancy upon us. He asked that we not lose an awareness of this world and all those around us. He asked that we remain always of good will, that we respect always Christ's message of peace.

The Christmas story is one of constancy--enduring faith, eternal hope, and everlasting peace. Let man in his wisdom leave it unchanged.

## APPLE VALLEY ITEMS

BY FRANCES SMALLEY

APPLE VALLEY--Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritts were guests at a pre-Christmas family gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parsons on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Carl Sodowsky was hostess for the Susannah Circle on Thursday afternoon. The ladies tied two quilts during the afternoon and later a short business meeting was held.

Gene Honey entered St. Luke's Hospital Friday for minor surgery and was able to come home Saturday afternoon.

Sunday visitors in the Gene Honey home were Mr. and Mrs. Tim Clagg of Payette, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowen of Payette and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dewey and Nicoli of Fruitland.

Sue Dibble went to the Canyon Hill Nazarene Church Sunday afternoon for a planning session for a Y. Peoples New Years Watch Night Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Boston were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shippy of Weiser and attended the Christmas program given by the Children's Sunday school that evening.

Mrs. Wallace Thomas and Mrs. Bill Thomas entertained Tuesday evening at the Twilight Cafe with a bridal shower for Mrs. Debbie Thomas Simpson. Mrs. Ed Sellis, Mrs. Raymond Thomas and Mrs. Hazel Ferguson of Apple Valley were among the guests.

Robert Rookstool and girls of Caldwell were Sunday dinner and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rookstool.

Lloyd Dibble and the Rev. Hibbard made a trip to Nampa last week for more supplies for the New Nazarene Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bowen and Sandy of Camden, New York were overnight guests of Mrs. Laura Bales on Friday. and Mrs. Lillian Kimp-ton of Camden, New York who came with the Bowers was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Renolds. They all plan on visiting with other friends and relatives for a week or more.

Mrs. Laura Bale, Mrs. Lillian Wagner and Mrs. Larry Miller and David were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bale. Mrs. Lucy Rogers was released from Nyssa hospital on Thursday and was in the

## LETTER TO EDITOR

The Journal:

The following letter was sent to Mary Thiel, Director, Malheur County Child Development Center.

Dear Mrs. Thiel,  
Your letter of Oct. 25, 1973, addressed to T.V.U.A.C. Board of Directors was read at our regular board meeting held this past month of November.

The T.V.U.A.C. board has taken exception to that part in your letter and also to news releases authorized by yourself or the Migrant-Indian Coalition staff, inferring or suggesting that our Board of Directors is being represented on your Head Start Policy Board or Interim Committee, whichever it may be, serving the Malheur County Day Care Centers.

Therefore, may I respectfully submit to you and the Migrant-Indian Coalition staff, that only the chairman may appoint, or the directors may elect authorized people to represent T.V.U.A.C. This policy has been in effect since the inception of T.V.U.A.C. and was reaffirmed again by unanimous ballot at our last meeting.

However, should our board receive a written request from you or the Coalition staff, asking for authorized representation from T.V.U.A.C., the request would be put on our agenda for consideration by the entire board. Sincerely,  
J.S. Richard Mejia  
Chairman  
Treasure Valley United Action Committee Inc.

## Superintendents Corner

BY W.L. McPARTLAND

How many days has your youngster been absent from school this year? What are the reasons? Each of us as parents needs to be realistic, and certain that the day's absence is necessary. According to Oregon Law, the only legal excuse for a youngster's absence is sickness. A child who is ill should not be in school. However, some children make a quick recovery after the school bus is gone. If such a quick recovery occurs and the child is up and about and engaged in normal activities, sometimes there may have been an assignment not finished or a difficult assignment at school. Make sure the excuse is a good one and the illness legitimate.

Please send a written excuse each time your youngster is home. Let the school know if an unusual happening that needs special attention occurs. We receive some excuses at the schools that are questionable. Occasionally it is necessary for an older student to work. The school has tried to be reasonable in these instances, but this excuse should be used only in an emergency. Some students and parents take advantage of the situation.

If your High School student is going to be dismissed for other reasons than illness, please send an excuse so he can make arrangements with his teachers and get the assignments for the days he will miss. This gives the school, the student and the parents time to plan and make necessary adjustments. If the school and the parents work together and keep each other informed, the student will benefit. We need your help.

Earl Boston home a day or so and is now in her own home at Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smalley entertained with a pre-Christmas dinner on Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Weed and Mrs. Clea Lockwood and Mr. and Mrs. William Anders all of Caldwell, Mrs. Mary Nichols and Mrs. Betty Huys and three children all of Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smalley attended funeral services for Martin Osborne Jr. at Meridian on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward and Mrs. Mabel Fox were guests at the Annual Golden Hour Christmas Party held Tuesday evening in the Nazarene Fellowship Hall.

## OBITUARIES

### Robert L. Skinner

Robert Louis Skinner, 78, rural Nyssa, died Tuesday, December 11, 1973 at Malheur Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 7, 1895 in Belton, Tex. He married Jessie Faye Lusk in Beaver, Okla. June 20, 1915. He had lived in the Nyssa area for many years and had been operator of a store at Skinner's Junction, south of Nyssa.

He is survived by his wife, in rural Nyssa; a son, Claude Skinner, Nyssa; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Girard, Englewood, Calif., and Mrs. Clara Nicholson, Boise; two brothers, Lawrence Skinner, Mesa, Ariz., and Roy Skinner, LaCrescenta, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Esther Crooker, Culver, Ore., Mrs. Faye Vandeburg, Alhambra, Calif., and Mrs. Ruth Horn, Granby, Colo.; and five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa, with interment at Owyhee Cemetery.

### DEATH NOTICE

#### Jess W. Rigney

Mr. Jess W. Rigney, 69, passed away at his home December 18. Services are pending.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our most heartfelt thanks to the staff of Malheur Memorial Hospital and Dr. K. E. Kerby for the excellent care and kindness shown to all of us.

Thanks to the Christian Church ladies, OKK Club and the many friends who brought in food and all the other thoughtful gestures extended to us in the loss of husband and father.

We will always be grateful to each and everyone of you.

Mrs. Louis Skinner  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Skinner and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Neal (Clara) Nickolson and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff (Betty) Girard and family.

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We wish to express our gratitude and thanks to Dr. Kerby and Dr. Danford and their staff and all the friends and good neighbors of H. G. Parker, for their kindness and generosity in his and our time of need.

The Parkers

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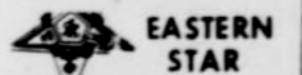
Our heartfelt thanks for the many prayers and acts of kindness of our friends and relatives during the illness and death of our loved one, Charles Skelton. Also, the flowers, cards, food and contributions to his Memorial Fund at St. Mary's Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roswell are deeply appreciated.

Dora E. Skelton  
Mildred Smyser  
Lt. Charles (Skip) Smyser  
Melodie and Bob Blower  
Bobby, Michael and Marci Blower  
Verdell and Adell Skelton  
Crystal, Michael, Randy and Sherrill Skelton

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We are deeply grateful to those who in our time of sorrow have expressed their sympathy through prayers, cards, flowers, calls and food.

The Family of Dick Aman



Golden Rule Chapter #131 met December 17 at the Masonic Hall with Amelia Pratt presiding. There were 32 members and one guest, Mrs. Sprague of Cascade Chapter, were present.

Jessie Brown and Marie Holmes were in charge of the Christmas program. The group enjoyed singing Christmas carols. Later a miniature Santa Claus, complete with bells and pack appeared. He even had a "Ho, Ho, Ho" and "A Merry Christmas to all." A gift exchange was held. Hostesses were Harry and Ida Miner and Wallace and Lucille Steiner.

The next meeting will be January 7, 1974 and will be brother's night.

### Homer G. Parker

Homer G. "Pat" Parker, 69, of Nyssa died Thursday, December 13, 1973 at a Boise hospital.

He was born March 18, 1904, in Kansas. He had lived in the Nyssa area for 30 years and was a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a son, Don Parker, Bend; a stepson, Mike Parker, Nyssa; two brothers, Frank and Marion Parker, Parkerville, Kansas; and two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Graveside services were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Nyssa Cemetery by the Rev. Robert Manley, pastor of the Nyssa Nazarene Church. Services were under the direction of Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa.

### Martin Osborn Jr.

Services for Martin W. Osborn Jr., 63 of Boise, who died Thursday, Dec. 13, 1973 at a Boise hospital were conducted Saturday at Robison Chapel of the Churches, Meridian, by the Rev. Gerald Martin of the State Street Baptist Church. Interment was at Dry Creek.

Mr. Osborn was born July 25, 1910, in Crescent City, Oklahoma. He moved to Portland in 1928, and to Garden Valley a year later. He married Lucille Prestel Sept. 5, 1933, in Boise. They lived in the Nyssa and Vale area before moving to Meridian in 1942. They moved to Middleton in 1965 and to Boise in 1970.

Mr. Osborn retired from farming in 1970. He was welterweight champion of Idaho and Oregon in the 1930s and a Golden Gloves champion in Colorado. He was an honorary member of the Meridian Riding Club and drill master for the Ada County Posse-ettes in 1972. He was a member of the State Street Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Boise; a son, Ronald of Nampa; three daughters, Mrs. Bud (Beverly) Hoelzle, Fern-dale, Washington, Mrs. Al (Marilyn) Russell, Boise, and Mrs. Robert (Betty) Baker, Medford, Oregon; his father, M. W. Osborn, Ontario and wife Margaret, five brothers, Robert and Bud, both Quincey Washington, Ross of Sequim, Wash., Bert of Rupert, Ida, and Marion of Nampa; three sisters, V. H. (May) Gafford, Mrs. Paul (Betty) Hal- verson, Caldwell, and Mrs. Ivan (Leona) Tiffany, Redding, Calif.; 13 grandchildren.

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## Reverend Bob's Column

This is another in the series of biographical sketches of the ministers and churches of Nyssa and Ad-ri-va. This week's pastor is The Reverend Raul Gomez. He pastors The Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus, which is lo-cated at 612 North 9th.



REV. RAUL GOMEZ

Raul was born in Sinton, Texas. When he was 22 years old, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. Shortly after this, he was baptized in Jesus' Name and received The Gift of the Holy Spirit. Later in that same year he received the "call" to the ministry and enrolled in the Apostolic Bible College in Los Angeles, California. In his church you are ordained to the mi-nistry immediately upon be-ginning to pastor. Then you serve as a pastor on trial for a period of time to "prove" your ministry. After this period of time you are "anointed as a pastor" and given an assignment to a church.

In 1966 Reverend Gomez came to Nyssa to start an Apostolic Assembly. Being a pastor in a small church Raul supported his family by working at The Desert Seed Co. Of this com-pany Raul says, "It is one of the best companies I have ever worked for." After serv-ing here in Nyssa for three years he moved to L. A. to learn the upholstery trade. (The Rev. Gomez will be opening an upholstery shop here in Nyssa. He will be doing furniture, car seats and "door panels. An announcement will be in this newspaper soon to announce the grand opening of his shop.)

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## Church Directory

### St. Paul's Christmas Services

The Christmas Pageant for the Sunday School of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be held at 10:30 a.m., Sunday December 23. The Pageant will be followed by the Service of Morning Prayer, then a coffee hour and reception.

The Christmas Eucharist will be celebrated on Decem-ber 24, beginning at 11 p.m. It is hoped that all who wish to attend a worship ser-vice celebrating the begin-ning of Christmas Day will ac-cept this invitation to visit with us on this most Holy of Nights.

December 30, being the First Sunday after Christ-mas will also feature a cele-bration of the Eucharist.

### St. Bridget's News

Christmas Mass will be at midnight Christmas Eve and at 11 a.m., Christmas Day, with some of the special mu-sic of Christmas.

After the 11 a.m. Mass on December 16, coffee and cookies will be served. Al-so, some of the children have prepared a short Christmas program.

### Happy Dozen Club

The Happy Dozen Card Club met Friday afternoon with Edna DeHaven. Winners were Dorothy Fox, Sue Ash-craft, Thelma Hammon and Elsie Diven.

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

This coming Sunday morn-ing Reverend Bob's ser-mon title will be "His Name Shall Be--Jesus Christ, Im-manuel." The choir will be present Advent music and an Advent Meditation will be given by the pastor.

Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m., the Sunday school will present their annual Christ-mas program under the di-rection of the United Meth-odist Youth.

On Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m., a Candle Lite Commu-nion Service will be held. A new feature of this service will be "The Burning Ser-vice." During The Burning Service...the congregation will commit to a flame in a copper urn pieces of paper upon which they will write problems they are having, things for which they desire forgiveness and hopes they have for this Christmas sea-son. The community is in- vited to attend the Candle Lite Communion Service.

### Christian Church

SUNDAY - 9:45 a.m.-Sun-day School Classes for all ages.

11 a.m.-Morning Worship 6:30 p.m.-Youth groups meet at the Church-grades 4 through High School.

7 P.m. - Evening ser- vices for the whole family. WEDNESDAY - 7 p.m. Choir Practice.

### COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20 United Methodist Women's Circle, Mrs. Kinsey Keveren home 2 p.m.

Christmas Concert, in Ca- feteria, 8 p.m. Everyone is invited.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 United Methodist Church-rum mage Sale - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 Merry Widows meet at home of Alice Neiger in Ontario 6:30 p.m.

Recovery, Inc., First Chris- tian Church, 8 p.m.

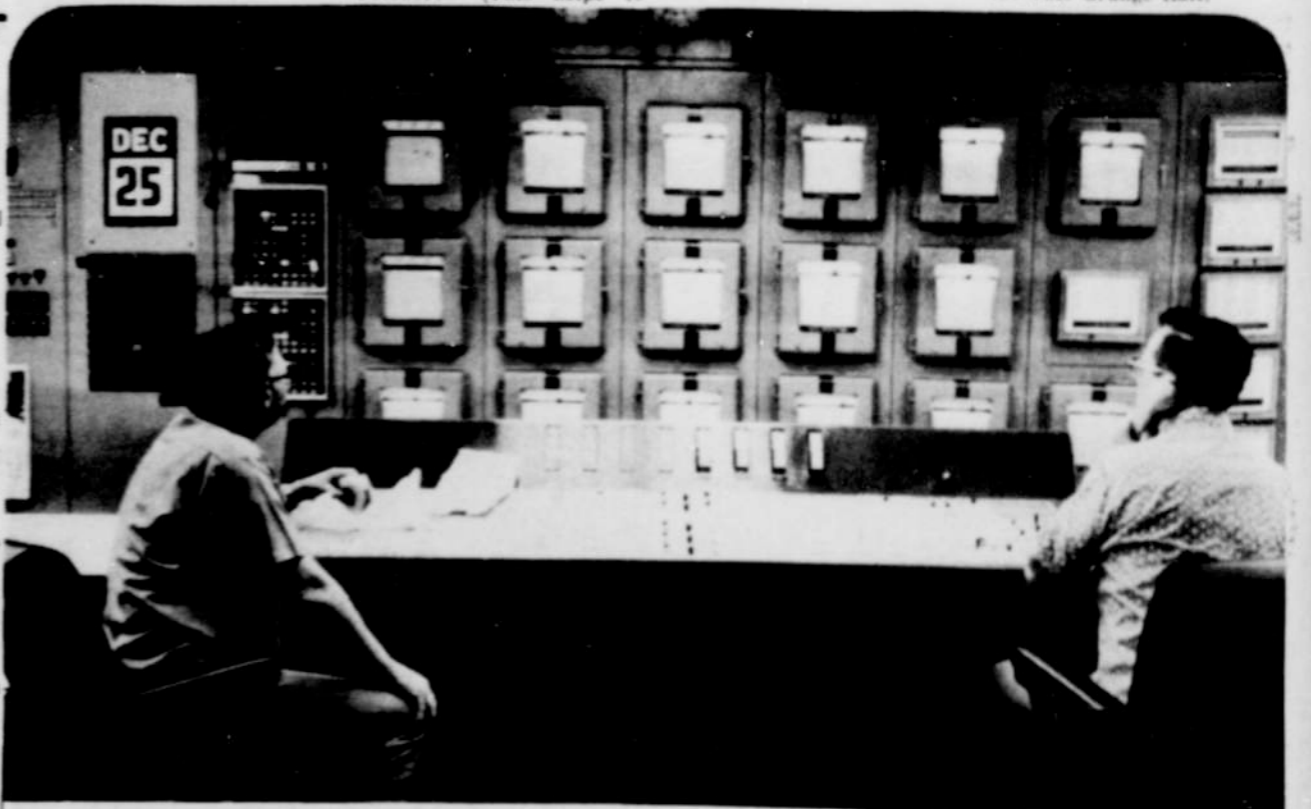
### W.W. I Barracks Auxiliary # 352

A Christmas dinner for 34 members of the World War I Barracks and Auxiliary #352 was held at the Vale Grange Sunday, December 16.

Mrs. Kilpatrick from Boise, a visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maughn of Nyssa, was a guest.

The turkey for the dinner was furnished and prepared by Mrs. Carrie Moos of On- tario. A gift exchange fol- lowed the dinner. There was no business meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held January 20, at the Vale Grange Hall.



## Have a nice Christmas!



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