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School Planning Big Challenge

May 31, 1934, Nyssa lost its high school to fire. Now forty years later, under similar circumstances, Nyssa again lost most of its high school, all of the junior high school, gym, library, band room, cafeteria, shop, and most of the equipment contained in these facilities.

The 1934 fire was in the evening, one week after the end of school. The 1974 fire was also in the evening of June 5, one week after school ended for the season. Fortunately in both cases no lives were lost, and out of the ruins came or will come newer and better facilities.

A brief history of Nyssa schools since that 1934 fire reveals that a building was constructed partly on the foundation of the old three-story structure, and this was used by both the elementary and high school students. It is now the north end of the elementary school, and additions have been made to that building in 1939 and 1946.

In 1939 the present high school building was completed, and this is the building that still remains. Additional high school classrooms, the junior high, and gymnasium were built in 1950, and the cafeteria, band room and industrial arts rooms were added in 1956. These were destroyed in a two-hour period a week-ago Wednesday evening.

Our school administrators have acted wisely over the years in providing the district with full replacement insurance, and have seen that values have been upgraded periodically. Our district will be compensated for full replacement values on

What can't be replaced are the trophies and mementos of the scholastic and athletic achievements of students over the past 40 years. New books will be purchased, but they can't replace the accumulation over the years of an excellent library by Harriet Brumbach and other dedicated individuals.

On the plus side, out of the sadness and finality of a devastating fire of this magnitude will come a whole new and better school facility. Our school board met Wednesday night before the flames had subsided, and again on Thursday night before the ashes had cooled, and have met twice more before this is written. Everything that we have heard and seen indicates that board members are determined that Nyssa will have as fine a school facility as it is possible to build within reason and good planning.

It is to the board's credit that they have asked a building committee to plan and make recommendations for the needs of this district. This committee has been functioning for two years or more, and will now use their findings to good advantage in helping the board plan for the school needs.

It is also evident that the citizens of this community are determined to see that when the smoke has cleared that we wind up with a school plant that will be equal to or better than any school district in the valley. Without exception, people we have talked to are insistent that no efforts are spared to do the job right. Board members are also talking this way, and the interest by members of the building committee assures a broad cross-section of expertise.

The bonded indebtedness of our district is less than \$100,000. The insurance settlement will be no small amount. This is the time to build for our present and future needs and every indication is that this will be done.

The first order of business is to get facilities for the schools to operate next year, if on a somewhat curtailed program. Then on with the proposed building program, which will mean endless study of plot plans, school needs, locations, buildings, and community needs.

The latter is no small objective. Our schools are the most important element in our own, and other small communities. Through our schools comes most of our cultural, recreational and entertainment outlets.

We are pleased that board members are in agreement that the junior and senior high schools must be built in separate locations. We are also pleased that they are planning for a gymnasium at each of the schools, including replacement of the old gym, which is 60 years old and a firetrap, at the elementary school. Vocational facilities are also in their thinking and we would hope that an auditorium will be included in the plans.

The school board and administration faces many decisions in the next year or two. We know that this community will support and help, if asked, to make our schools a real source of pride and satisfaction. They can also be facilities that can be used by everyone, young and old, in the district.

CARD OF THANKS

The young people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church would like to thank everyone who donated to their scholarship program. They raised \$168.26.

They appreciate all the help they received.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

FOR

LETTERS 5 Editor, The Journal:

Recently 1 completed a survey in the Richland District to the south and west of Nyssa.

I would like to take this

opportunity to thank those people who helped met to get almost a 100% complete response. These were farmers who

were busy getting in their crops and yet they were unfailingly kind and cour-I think you are very lucky

to have such nice people in vour midst. Lenore Erlebach

Ontario

Editor, The Journal:

By this time, we are all well aware of the tragedy of the school fire and are thinking of the future and what we can do for next fall. There are several things I'd like to point out though

From the newspaper articles and comments of the townspeople, there were a lot of people who pitched in and worked hard to save all they could of the contents of the school house, unmindful of their own safety at the time. Their only thought was to remove as much as they could as fast as possible. Then at a school board meeting our young people, with Judy Davis, the student body president, as their spokesman, offered to help in cleaning up the rubble and get things going. Because of some safety laws, it isn't possible to use their help but it is wonderful to know they wanted to do their part. So often we hear of anything bad that a young person does, but we don't hear of all of the good they do. This is one more proof that our young people are great.

We've suffered a great loss in our community but it won't defeat us. The education of our young people will continue, slightly inconvenienced, but still with the same high standards. A tragedy, such as this, brings

a community closer together. We are thankful for all of the concern shown and help given this past week.

Dorothy Wilson, Nyssa

Editor, The Journal: I felt the people of Nyssa would be interested in knowing that Mrs. Collen (Staples) Henderson was voted teacher of the year by her students and fellow faculty members here at Bonneville Junior High

This past year at BJH, Collen has taught P.E. and Health and done an outstanding job. She has been able to reach students that others of us couldn't get through to. The track team she took to the city meet, beat all other by a 40-point

margin. In addition to her teaching load. Colleen also advised our honor club. This included planning their many meetings and organizing their field trips. She tackled many jobs and brought in new ideas never thought possible in our district.

We have all enjoyed working with her and appreciated her enthusiasm greatly.

Sincerely. Leslie R. Wanlass Bonneville Junior High School Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401

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By W.L. McPartland

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thank the many concerned

people that worked so hard

and diligently during and

after the fire. The Nyssa Fire

Department, the fire de-

partments from Ontario,

Adrian, Fruitland, Payette,

the custodial staff, and

faculty members all need

special thanks and apprecia-

tion. Students, especially,

have been genuinely helpful.

The Nyssa Student Body

President, Judy Davis, has

attended two board meetings

and has volunteered student

interest, I'm sure we'll work

out our problems in the best

possible way. We will all feel

just a little closer because we

have all worked together for

a common cause, the welfare

Bible Missionary

The Nyssa Bible mission-

ary Church is now sponsor-

ing a radio broadcast over

KSRV Ontario, 1380 on your

radio dial. The program is

heard at 9:05 a.m. every

Sunday. We trust you will

Schedule of Services

9:05 Broadcast-KSRV 1380

Youth Ambassador's

7:45 p.m. Evening Service

8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Noon Hr. Prayer & Fasting

June 13-23 marks the date

of the annual Conference and

Camp Meeting of the North-

west District Bible Mission-

ary Church. The camp is

located between Nampa and

Caldwell, Idaho on Ustick

Road, just 3/4 miles west of

Blacker Furniture on U.S.

Highway 30. There will be

services each night at 7:45

p.m. in addition to day

services. If you would like to

attend, but have no trans-

D.N. Hayford, pastor

portation, call 372-3569.

BIRTHS!

MALHEUR MEMORIAL

Claude Pearcy, Parma, boy.

Rogelio Rivera, Nyssa, boy.

HOLY ROSARY

LeRoy Jenkins, Ontario, girl.

Knowles, Vale, girl

Salazar, Weiser, girl

derson, Pavette, a boy.

sen, Vale, girl

June 4, Mr. and Mrs.

June 5. Mr. and Mrs. Ken

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert

June 7, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Han-

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hen-

CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks to Mrs. Bert

Lienkaemper, Bill Schire-

man, the Nyssa City Police,

the Malheur Memorial Hos-

pital staff and Dr. Sarazin for

the assistance during my

son, Clayton Webb's acci-

dent. Also thanks in advance

to all the people who may be

called upon to furnish trans-

portation for him.

Ralph Culby, Weiser, a boy.

June 8, Mr. and Mrs.

June 12, Mr. and Mrs.

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship

7:00 p.m. Juniors

Wednesday

Friday

become a regular listener.

of our young people.

With this kind of help and

Just one week ago Nyssa suffered the most devastating fire in its history. The loss to the community is evident in the stark remains that must soon be torn down.

The spirit of the community cooperation and concern to get every possible piece of equipment, books, and mementos from the burning building was an exhibition that may be unique to a small community. It is certainly wonderful in Nyssa.

The night of the fire I became concerned for the safety of some of the young people who were trying so hard to save materials.

It has been heartwarming to receive so many offers of help. Students and adults have offered their help in many ways and it is all apprecieted.

The School Board went into action almost immediately. The Building Commit tee and Budget Board have been called in and are trying to think through the very best way to get the Nyssa school buildings rebuilt in a manner that will be the most efficient way to serve the

needs of the community. It is important that we take time enough to plan completely. Mistakes in location and planning now would be with us for a long time.

tmanuel Nurses Capped



BUNNY McCAIN

The 69-member Class of 1974 of the Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing will be graduated Saturday. June 15, in the Madison High School Auditorium.

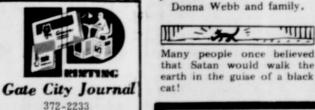
The commencement address will be delivered by Jerry Giesy, M.D., member of the Emanuel Hospital Medical Staff.

Awards recognizing outstanding achievement will be presented by Guy W. Gorrell, M.D., president of the hospital medical staff, and C. Leslie Wierson, chairman of the board of directors.

Elaine Teutsch, R. N. director of the School of Nursing will present the class. Wierson will confer diplomas on graduates who completed the 30have month program of clinical

and academic education. Two-thirds of the class members are Oregonians, with most of the others residents of Washington.

Local graduates include Bunny McCain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mc-Cain of Adrian



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OBITUARIES

Robert Thompson

Graveside services for Robert Alva Thompson, who died Wednesday. June 12. 1974 in Malheur Memorial Hospital will be held Friday. June 14 at 2 p.m. at the Nyssa cemetery.

Al was born August 11. 1882, in Allerton, Iowa. He moved to Nyssa in 1903. He married Ethel Francis Long on April 26, 1908. Al and his son. Herschel owned and operated the Al Thompson and Son Feed Store in Nyssa for several years. While in Nyssa he served as city councilman and city mayor during the late thirties. Since 1947 Al and his son have farmed in the Adrian area.

Al is survived by his wife, Ethel, his son, Herschel Thompson of Adrian, a daughter. Verna Walters of Boise, Idaho, four grandchildren, eleven greatgrandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Friends who wish to call may do so from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 13 at the Lienkaemper Chapel. Nyssa.

Mary E. Walters

Services for Mary Elizabeth Walters, 88, Nyssa, who died Sunday, June 9, 1974, at an Ontario hospital, were conducted Wednesday at Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette, by the Rev. Edward McIndoo of the First Christian Ontario Church. Interment was at

Riverside Cemetery. Born at Cedarvale, Kansas, March 23, 1886, she moved with her family to Avery, Oklahoma where she grew up. She married Garland C. Walters there on July 22. 1906. They came to Payette in 1911. Mr. Walters died in 1965. She had lived with a daughter in Nyssa for the past eight years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are a son, Curtis, of Payette; two daughters, Mrs. Juanita Wilson of Payette and Mrs. Loris Lords of Nyssa; a brother, Waldo Young of Cushing. Oklahoma; five sisters. Bessie Hall of Ontario. Ruby Baker of Springfield, Missouri, Mabel Harris and Ethel Harris, both of Cushing, and Goldie Cheatam of Sunnyvale, Calif.; 11 grandchildren, 23 greatgrandchildren and two greatgreat-grandchildren. A son, Ivan, also preceded her in

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church.

death

Ted Harry DeMoss Oregon will be preaching.

Services for Ted Harry DeMoss, 66, Nyssa, who died of natural causes Friday, June 7, 1974, at a Boise Hospital, were conducted Tuesday at Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa. The Rev. Dale Hayford of the Bible Missionary Church presided. Interment was at the Nyssa Cemetery.

He was born March 21, 1908 at Payette, the son of Harry and Adeline Rice DeMoss. He married Edith Mason of Nyssa in Boise in 1947. They lived in Nyssa for the past two years after moving from Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Survivors include his wife, of Nyssa; a son, Robert Strunk, Bly, Oregon; a daughter, Cherl Schweizer, Nyssa, and four grandchildren



Local Teen-Ager Selected For World Youth Conference



TAMMY RUSSELL

The Nyssa Church of the Nazarene has announced that Tammy Marie Russell is one of more than 2,000 Nazarene teenagers from

NAZARENE

CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, 7 a.m., Morning prayer at the Chruch. 9:45 a.m., Bible study and Christian Education Classes. 10:45 a.m. Special Numbers in remembrance of Fa-

thers Day. 11 a.m. Worship Service with message by Pastor Rus-

7:30 p.m., Evening Service

with Missionary emphasis directed by NWMS. Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study will meet at

the home of Kay Rodriguez. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Bible Study and Prayer Service.

Tammy Russell are ticipating in the IMPACT team Revival Campaign at Burley this week. It was nice to welcome

Debby Alexander and

students home this week from attending various colleges: Don Ballou, Mike Fitzsimmons, Gary Seward, Norma Rodriguez, Nancy Seward, Nancy Wilson, and Jerry Wilson.

God loves us, not merely for what we are, but for what He sees we can be--by His

Revival To Be Held June 16-23

Revival services will be held at the Missionary Baptist Church at 202 Ehrgood Avenue, June 16 thru June 23. Services will start at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Young Evangelist Huston Kelly from the St. Helen's Church in St. Helen's, There will be special music each evening by the Kelly family and other groups of the church.

Pastor Dearl Smith of the Missionary Baptist Church cordially invites everyone to attend and join in the worship and fellowship of the revival.

around the world to be chosen to attend World Youth Conference at Fiesch, * Switzerland, June 22. She is the daughter of the Rev. and

Mrs. William Russell. This Christian teen-centered conclave is a quadrennial event sponsored by the Nazarene Young People's Society. an auxiliary of the Church of the Nazarene with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

Tammy is on the District Impact team, (a group of Nazarene teens dedicated to outreach evangelism.)

She has also been called of God to prepare for full-time Christian service as a Nazarene Missionary.

She plans to attend North west Nazarene College following graduation from high school next fall.

OWYHEE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Owyhee Community Church will hold its closing program of Vacation Bible school Friday evening June 14. at 8 p.m. The children will be presenting the program and demonstrating the things they have learned and

made during Bible School. The Rev. Fred Moxom cordially invites all parents and friends and any who are interested to come and enjoy the program.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday, June 16 Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. We will have reception of new members.

The Confirmation class will meet in the Fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. Group singing, prayer,

and Bible study begin at 7:30p.m. each Sunday evening. Bible study in various homes each Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Nancy White circle

will meet at the home of Mrs. Verna Martin Thursday.~ June 20 at 2:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting until September

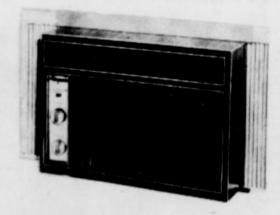
Mrs. Helen Wilson and Mrs. Dorothy Wilson attended the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church which was held in Boise last

Adrian Presbyterian Community Church

Vacation Bible School will be held June 19-28 from a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday each week. and will close with a special program on Friday, June 28 at 8 p.m., The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moxom will direct the school.

All children 4 years thru 6th grade are welcome and urged to attend.

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