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Washington FFA Patron Saint

Everyone knows that George Washington gave seven years of his life without pay to command the Revolutionary Army and eight more to serve as the new country's first president. What isn't so well known is that he would have been much happier "under his own vine and fig tree." By his own admission, George Washington's first interest was farming. It was because of his interest in farming and his accomplishments as a successful farmer that FFA WEEK is celebrated during the week of George Washington's birthday. In addition, George Washington has been labeled the patron saint of the organization and has come to symbolize the FFA Treasurer.

Actually it was a small inheritance that launched Washington's career as a farmer, he was 11 when his father died. According to custom, Lawrence—as the oldest son—got most of the estate including Mt. Vernon. Washington's small inheritance was only a 280-acre Cherry Tree Farm plus a share of land at Deep Run.

Washington started accumulating land with money he earned as a surveyor. At 16, George had bought 550 acres.

Washington resigned his military commission when he was 26 and soon married Martha Custis, a wealthy Virginia widow. At that time he owned about 5,000 acres of land which included Mt. Vernon's 2,500 acres inherited from his brother Lawrence.

Washington began to take farming seriously! He had a keen business mind, an eye for detail, and a searching curiosity about anything new.

Washington divided his huge estate into five farms. Each farm's overseer made weekly reports which Washington used for his notes, diaries, and account books. He made exacting notes on planting, harvest, and sale—a trait that is recognized in the FFA.

As early as 1766, Washington realized the error in continued tobacco cultivation. He practically abandoned tobacco, the major colonial crop.

Some have called Mt. Vernon one of the earliest "experiment stations" in America. It's true that Washington tried various manure and water applications under controlled conditions. He experimented with countless new seeds, fertilizers and management practices.

Washington called the life of a farmer "most delectable." "It is honorable, it is amusing, and, with judicious management, it is profitable," he said.

Perhaps his far-reaching vision and love of farm life are best expressed in his eighth address to Congress: "It will not be doubted that with reference either to individual, or National Welfare, Agriculture is of primary importance. In proportion as nations advance in population, and other circumstances of maturity, this truth becomes more apparent; and renders the cultivation of the soil more and more, an object of public patronage."

Nyssa FFA Observes FFA Week

This week over 485,000 members of the FFA throughout the United States join the Nyssa FFA Chapter in National FFA Week which always contains February 22, George Washington's birthday. This is the FFA's way of showing its appreciation towards Washington, George Washington was first a farmer and then a president and Father of our country.

The Nyssa Chapter members are showing their spirit this week by wearing their FFA jackets. Preparing a radio show are Mike Parker, president and Leslie Linear, vice-president. This show can be heard over KSRV and KYET.

The Nyssa restaurants will also show their spirit by having placemats in observance of FFA Week.

A student who takes Vocational Agriculture knows it is unlike any other course in high school. Vocational Agriculture is an elective course designed specifically for those who plan to work in some Agriculture occupation.

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The Light Touch

By Ernie Metcalf

Sign in supermarket: "Chicken—20¢ a pound. Our coop runneth over."

No, we don't live within our income. It's all we can do to live within our credit.

These days, anyone who's managed to earn enough money to go to college doesn't need the education.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Journal:
 I have much correspondence relative to the dedication of a historical exhibit and ramada near Vale, Oregon, honoring my grandfather, Captain Jonathan Keeney.

I am his name-sake, my father referring to us as big Cap and little Cap. I am the nearest living relative to Jonathan. Many of his descendants live near me and when I was first informed of the honor given him, I notified them and at present there are about 25 of us planning on attending the dedication.

The problem is that great and great-grandchildren, as well as nearer kin are employed and must know the exact dates of the dedication in order to give their employers the dates they wish off from their jobs. A grandniece, an employee of Boeing at Seattle must know by April 15th.

I will be greatly appreciative of any information you may have relative to the above.

Sincerely,
 C. R. Keeney,
 4683 Emily Courth
 Castro Valley, Calif. 94546

Editor, The Journal:
 An increase of 19.36% in Malheur County's share in TVCC's budget is too much. Last year the demand was for a 10% increase, this year it is nearly twice as much and yet the Consumer Price Index increase was 6.8% for 1975.

Did you know that in 1969 the budget amount voted by Malheur County for TVCC after two defeats was \$323,304? In 1976 they're asking for \$946,751. That's nearly a 200% increase in seven years.

We have an inflationary problem of our own right here in Malheur County. You can help solve it by going to the polls March 9 and voting "No."

Sincerely yours,
 Adriana Kunkel

How's Your Hearing?

Free electronic hearing tests will be given at the Nyssa Service Center, 116 Ehrgood Avenue, on Friday, March 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Factory-trained hearing aid specialists will be at the Nyssa Service Center to perform the tests.

Anyone who has trouble hearing or understanding is welcome to have a test using the latest electronic equipment to determine his or her particular loss. Diagrams showing how the ear works and some of the causes of hearing loss will be available.

Everyone should have a hearing test at least once a year if there is any trouble at all hearing clearly. Even people now wearing a hearing aid or those who have been told nothing could be done for them should have a hearing test and find out about the latest methods of hearing correction.

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OBITUARIES

Charles Schweizer

Services for Charles Schweizer, 84, Nyssa, who died Friday, February 20, 1976, at Malheur Memorial Hospital were conducted Monday at the Lienkaemper chapel, Nyssa. Interment was at Owyhee Cemetery.

Charles Edward Schweizer was born to pioneer parents that homesteaded in the Owyhee Valley in the early 1880's. He was born March 10, 1891 on the homestead. Charley spent his entire life in the livestock business. Being in the horse business, he furnished many horses to the French and English armies in the early stages of World War I.

In 1913 he married Alta Hansen, a local girl who was also of pioneer parents of Nyssa. To this union a daughter Della Lois was born. Alta Schweizer died in 1917. In 1918, he joined the army and took his training at Fort Lewis, Washington where he was at the close of the war. Returning to the Owyhee he resumed ranching, and in 1920 he married Victoria Thompson. In 1936 he homesteaded and developed a farm under the new Owyhee Project. He was active in helping develop new roads and telephone lines as well as the consolidation of schools and other activities pertinent to the development of the new community. He and his wife continued farming and ranching until the time of his retirement in 1960. In 1964, the Schweizers built a new home in Vale, Ore., turning the ranch over to their grandson, Charles Glenn. Charley was an active fisherman and enjoyed the outdoors with friends and relatives until his illness in 1968 which confined him to a nursing home where he remained until the time of his death.

He was an active member of the American Legion and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, taking part in all activities to improve the quality of both cattle and rangeland.

Surviving are a daughter, Della Lois Glenn of Farewell Bend; one brother George of Ontario; two grandchildren, Charles L. Glenn of Sunset Valley, Guyanne Jensen of Warden, Washington; seven great-grandchildren. Also several nieces and nephews survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife Victoria; five sisters and three brothers.

Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Journal:
 As subscribers to the Nyssa Gate City Journal, we look forward to the small, home town news you feature. Last week, after making the Pizza Beef Squares, we felt we must thank you for the Great Recipe! Please keep up the good work (and the good recipes).

Sincerely,
 Catherine Skelton
 7432 N.E. Fremont
 Portland, Oregon

Journal Classifieds Bring Results!

Dolores Zuniga

Services for Dolores Zuniga, 63, Eagle Pass, Texas, who passed away Monday, February 9, 1976 at Eagle Pass of natural causes were conducted Wednesday, February 11 at Teguer Chapel by the Rev. Jose Madoz. Interment was at the Catholic Cemetery, Eagle Pass.

She was born September 10, 1913 in Mexico. She married Lucio Zuniga, January 24, 1930. The family moved to Eagle Pass in 1955 and have resided in Nyssa during the summer and fall months since that time. She and three children lived in Nyssa from 1974 to 1975.

Survivors are six daughters Mrs. Prudencio (Susana) Escobedo, and Mrs. Manuel (Chelo) Vargas, Nyssa; Mrs. Rodolfo (Ana Maria) Aniles, Los Angeles; Mrs. Elias (Amalia) Gomez, Eagle Pass; and Rosa and Anita at the home; one son, Oscar at the home. Three sisters, Mrs. Felipe (Maria) Brito, Nyssa and Cleotilde and Anita, Mexico; one brother, Juan, Mexico; 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lucio Zuniga.

Oscar E. Nichols

Services for Oscar E. Nichols, 82, of rural Parma, who died Sunday, February 22, 1976 at a Payette nursing home, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa. Interment will be in Parma Cemetery.

He was born September 24, 1893, in North Dakota. He married Ethel Jones, November 19, 1925 in Lewistown, Montana.

Surviving are his wife, Parma; three sons, Homer E. Nichols, Portland, James A. Nichols, Caldwell, and Albert C. Nichols, Fruitland; two daughters, Mrs. Ren (Margie) Nash, Eagle River, Alaska, and Mrs. L. D. (Ella) Walburn, Fairview, Missouri three brothers, Kenneth A. Nichols, Yakima, Wash., Almon Nichols, Euphrata, Wash., and Clarence A. Nichols, Vale; three sisters, Mrs. Fred (Gladys) Beverlin, Mrs. Julia Williams and Mrs. Gwinn (Maude) Jones, all Nampa; 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

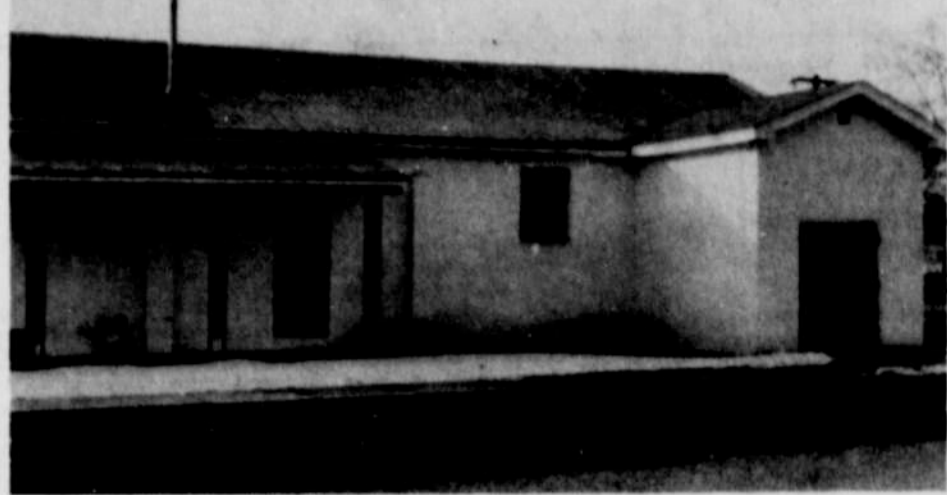
Luther T. Murray

Services for Luther T. Murray, 87, Parma, who died Friday, February 20, 1976, at Malheur Memorial Hospital were conducted Tuesday at the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa. Interment was at Parma Cemetery.

He was born April 22, 1888, at Seligman, Missouri. Surviving are two sons, Henry, Nyssa and Leon, Parma; four daughters, Mrs. Henry (Zora) Edens, Parma, Mrs. Emit (Mildred) Hyde, Washburn, Missouri, Mrs. Albert (Lillian) Wohlcke, Warden, Washington, and Mrs. Louis Murray, Parma; 21 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Leona Reeves

Mrs. Leona Reeves, 67, long-time resident of Nyssa passed away Saturday, February 21, 1976 at a Boise hospital. Funeral services are pending at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa.



Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ

United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Monroe welcomes you to all church activities.

Friday, February 27 - Bible Study at Fern Adams home, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 29 - Prayer Service at the church, 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service, "The Holy Spirit, What's In A Name?", by the Rev. Monroe This will also be Communion Sunday. Love offerings for Guatemala Relief Fund will be taken.

March 2 - Bible Study Fellowship, 12 noon.

March 7 - Marij Tuell will speak on the "Bicentennial Music Program."

Nazarene Church News

Sunday, February 29, Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Gospel Concert by Mary Jayne and Gene Gaither with a religious Bicentennial emphasis will begin in the Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.

Evening Gospel Hour will be dismissed so all may attend the final presentation of the Gaithers in the Ontario High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, Ladies Bible Study will meet with Mrs. June Sloan, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 3, Bible Study in the Nursing Home, 4:00 p.m.

Midweek service for Caravans, Teens, and the adult special study, "In His Likeness," 7:30 p.m.

"Reputation is what men think we are. Character is what God sees we are."

CARD OF THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to our kind neighbors and thoughtful friends who extended comforting sympathy and help in our recent sorrow. For the beautiful flowers and cards, the wonderful care of Dr. David Sarazin and the Malheur Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home and other kindnesses we are deeply grateful.

The family of Charley Schweizer



Faith Lutheran Slates

Lenten Schedule

The Faith Lutheran Church, Nyssa, and Grace Lutheran Church, Vale, have announced a complete Lenten schedule of services and invite the public to join with them as they prepare to observe the greatest event of all, the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The services will alternate between Nyssa and Vale with the Ash Wednesday service, which signals the beginning of Lent, starting at Faith Lutheran Church, Nyssa.

The services at Vale will not be held at the church but at the Pioneer Nursing Home, so the residents might join in the Lenten services (except Good Friday). The theme of the services will be "I Believe" and the services will begin at 7:30 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, February 26 - Blue Mountain Conference Pastors Meetings at First Lutheran Church, Baker, 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Instruction, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 29 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Worship Service at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3 - Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Lenten Service with Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

Classes Set

For Bible Study

Neighborhood Bible Study classes are being held each Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Charlene Ward. Mrs. Harold Dail is the leader and anyone that is interested may call 372-2851 for further information. Everyone is invited to attend.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the flowers, calls, cards, visits and prayers during and since Woody's recent surgery at St. Luke's in Boise. He is now recuperating at home. We deeply appreciate everyone's concern and may God bless everyone of you.

Woodrow and Thelma Wilson

Ash Wednesday, March 3

Services at Faith Lutheran Church, Nyssa. Sermon theme "I Believe in God the Father." 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10 - Services at Pioneer Nursing Home, Vale. Sermon theme "I Believe in God the Son." 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17 - Services at Faith Lutheran, Nyssa. Sermon "I Believe in God the Holy Spirit." 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 24 - Services at Pioneer Nursing Home, Vale. Sermon "I Believe in the Holy Sacraments." 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7 - Services at Faith Lutheran, Nyssa. Sermon "I Believe in the Holy Christian Church." 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 15 - Faith Lutheran, Nyssa, with Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 16 - Services Faith Lutheran, Nyssa, 12 noon; Grace Lutheran, Vale, 7:30 p.m.

LDS Festival Success

With music and speech, 15 talented young people captivated a capacity audience at the Nyssa LDS Stake Center last week.

The occasion was the Nyssa Stake, Young Artists Speech and Musical Festival and was a program of the Aaronic priesthood and young women of the LDS church.

Prior to the stake festival, each ward held an event, and sent the best numbers in speech and music to the stake affair.

A special thanks to all participants, ward leaders and specialists for making a most beautiful and successful evening.

CARD OF THANKS

Thanks to Dr. T. J. Fuson and Dr. David Sarazin, all the nurses and staff at Malheur Memorial Hospital for the excellent care, given to me during my recent surgery. Also deeply appreciated were the prayers, flowers, cards, and visits from my many friends, neighbors and ministers. May God bless each one of you.

Charles N. Marvin

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