

Sage of Nu Acres

Ah, the Christmas spirit! Have you gotten it yet? Guess with most of us it comes and goes. Carols, a lifetime of Christmas carols, hearing them, singing them in renewed love as the season comes on, that does it. Or seeing a child's face the first time she hears the Christmas story of God's son coming because he loves us, that can make the joy well up in your heart, and Christmas is here, in you!

The Farmerette party was even a little better than before, it seemed. In the gayly decorated hall, all that fellowship with neighbors, that good food, this was all the entertainment needed.

For the gift exchange, just about everyone received homemade goodies, cookies, fruit cake, or candy. There were just enough little children to live things up. An impromptu carol-sing concluded the festivities.

Mike McKague is back from his California visit. He spent time with his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McKague in Salinas. He visited a brother, Frank, and his wife at Nicholas. At Crescent City he was a guest in the home of his sister, Ethel Cover and husband.

Called Mike to invite him to the Farmerette Christmas dinner and he said mine was

the third call he had received in about forty minutes. He came to the party.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Payne went to Emmett Thursday night for a visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wilkerson and daughter. During the evening the men attended a Masonic Lodge meeting.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Keck for awhile is their grandson, Mike Keck, son of Kenneth Keck of Colorado Springs.

Expected visitors in the Keck home over the holidays are their two daughters and their families. Coming for the week before the holidays is Carol Prosser and her children, Kevin and Brenda, from Rock Island, Washington.

Coming for the week after Christmas are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pugh and their children, Rebecca and Scott, of Madras, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Imbler are expecting their married daughters home for a family celebration on Christmas night. Coming from Cascade will be the Rev. and Mrs. James Schneider and their children, Kevin and Tammy. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Evans and son Eddie come over from Kuna. Mrs. Evans (Bonnie) and little Eddie visited the Imbler home Wednesday.

Nancy Sheffield said her brick cheese turned out good. I mention this for the aunt in Fruitland who said she only knows what Nancy's been doing by reading this column.

Mr. and Mrs. Layman Sheffield are expecting his mother and sister-in-law to come up for Christmas if the roads stay clear. They are Mrs. Berniece McDowell from Redding and Mrs. Sandra Sheffield from Anderson.

We're getting unhappy with the TV networks lately when they call certain shows of their shows adult or mature. Try looking and you find they are usually a portrayal of people who swear a good deal, and present a pattern of immoral behavior. Children and you people do see these shows and are bound to connect growing-up with idea that adultery, murder, fornication, stealing and breaking the ten commandments in general is being an adult.

When we were kids it was the other way around. Kids were naughty and grown-ups behaved themselves. Why don't they just plain say "This show is dirty, violent, and a little rank and not fit for your children." Like, last week Ben Cartwright, in another role, had a flock of call-girls living in to entertain his friends!

Citizen's Comments On City Problems

This article is a continuation of answers to questions raised by the recent City Questionnaire.

Comment - The City needs a drainage system. There's too much water when it rains.

Comment - We need drainage badly, especially in town. The corner of 2nd and Main is terrible when it rains. Other spots are bad too.

Comment - At intersection of 6th and Park Avenue, the street drain doesn't work. Everytime it rains, it floods clear on to the yards.

Answer - (Comments are grouped to provide clarity in answering.) In order to provide Nyssa with a surface drainage system, an estimate was made using current prices for pipe from Idaho Concrete Company, trenching and labor costs were taken from Dodge's Guide for estimating Public Works construction costs.

Nyssa has 19 miles of streets and alleys which would need drainage out of approximately 40 miles of streets and alleys. Piping would cost \$240,332.40 while trenching and labor was figured at \$602,632.80.

Nyssa has an annual rainfall of only 14 inches which is very nominal. Unfortunately about five times a year, rain falls at a tremendous rate. With only 14 inches of rainfall a city the size of Nyssa cannot afford an expenditure of over a million

dollars for a surface drainage system which is only critical five or six times a year. At a cost of approximately \$200 each, the City has added six French drain areas (trenches with perforated plastic pipe laid in rocks, covered by tarpaper to help seal out dirt) in different areas of town. I believe the area of Park and 6th, as well as 2nd and Main will not flood again except in extreme rainfall.

Comment - If gravel and large rock pits are being dug to take care of drain offs, because sewer pipes cannot handle moderate loads, then perhaps the sewer system needs updating. These pits may present environment problems (odor, well contamination) later on. For seven years no sewer problems. Now when our washer drains the upright air pipe (4' above the basement floor) overflows everytime unless we call in the plumber to roto-rooter the pipe. The problem starts to show itself again after large run-offs (snow or rain). Maybe too many hook-ups (bldgs. south of King) in the last couple years has made the size of pipe obsolete.

Answer - In the past, Nyssa had 6 or 7 surface drains connected to the sewer lines (one in the King Ave. area). These have been disconnected and the catch basins have been channeled into the French drains. Surface drain catch basins

Gift-Giving IDEAS

Some people have found a way to get more merriment out of the season because they've discovered how to spare themselves endless hours of shopping. Many of them, for example, do one-stop gift buying at Kinney Shoe Stores.



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Giving—and getting—gifts like that can give you an even greater reason to enjoy the holiday season.

should not be connected to sewer lines because our Sewage Treatment system is basically an activated sludge plant and is not designed to handle surface water which contains excessive sand and grit with little or no BOD requirements.

Because surface water already enters the ground, no pollution problems are envisioned.

The City is requesting a sewer system grant to increase sewage pipe capacity in several areas, one of which includes the King Avenue main line.

BOOK REVIEW

The following books are now available at the Nyssa Public Library:

ADULT NON-FICTION

"New Zealand - Long Bright World" by Derek Townsend--The photographs in this book show the country and its people in all their variety and colour while supplementary text provides entertaining narrative.

"Strong at the Broken Places" by Barbara Kerr--This book contains interviews with women of intelligence, willfulness, creativity, taste, physical attractiveness, good health, good educational opportunities, and middle-class backgrounds.

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"New Mind, New Body" by Barbara B. Brown, Ph. D.--This book deals with the world of biofeedback--the phenomenon by which man can learn to control his own biological and mental functioning.

"Encyclopedia of World Religions" by Cresent Books--Beautifully illustrated, this book is a comprehensive reference work dealing with the religions of the world, both past and present.

"The New York Times Large Type Cookbook" by Jean Hewitt--Contains more than 300 gourmet recipes you can read from a distance...makes it easy to assemble and prepare ingredients and check instructions while you cook.

"Religions of the East" by Anne Bancroft--Anne Bancroft makes skillful use of poetry, legends and other imperishable writings of the East to convey the essence common to their teachings.

"The Way Your Body Works" by Dr. Bernard Stonehouse--The Way Your Body Works describes the essentials of human biology intelligibly and without over-simplification.

"Riddles in History" by Cyrus H. Gordon--Riddles in History opens what will doubtless become one of the most intriguing and celebrated mysteries of our time.

"Big Business" by C. Northcote Parkinson--The rise of this phenomenon and its place in the modern world form the subject of this book.

"Relief Printing" by Michael Rothenstein--In this context, relief printing allows the artist certain advantage: with the employment of this method, he is able to work in the gap between industrial technology and manually constructed art, while drawing on the remarkable potential of both.

"Man-eating Sharks" by Felix Dennis--An illustrated book about many kinds of sharks that attack man.

"A History of American Archaeology" by Gordon R. Willey and Jeremy A. Sabloff--The first detailed history of archaeology in the Americas, this survey is concerned with developments in the discipline through out the New World.

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Luke 2:10



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