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### Hospital And Schools

The overwhelming positive vote in favor of the hospital in Tuesday's election was of much gratification to the hospital board and administration, and obviously for most Nyssa and Adrian residents of the hospital district.

There were some who could not support the tax levy, and in most cases with good cause. We would hope that this session of the Oregon Legislature will find some way to relieve the dependence on the property tax, and particularly in regard to school financing.

Property in Oregon bears an unfair burden of school financing, and we are starting to see the results of property owner rebellion. It is too bad that people must protest local taxes, where they receive the most good, but there is a limit.

Oregon, which is supposed to be an enlightened state when it comes to education and citizen involvement, has recently watched while several large school districts have been closed down because their citizens would not approve the school district levy. Fortunately, these districts finally did approve a levy in Tuesday's election, but only after several attempts. In the meantime, thousands of students were out of school for up to two months, and this should not happen.

#### Superintendent to retire

Speaking of schools, we read the announcement of Superintendent W.L. McPartland's retirement. Not entirely unexpected, for those of us who know him well, because we have known for some time that Mac has a lot of golfing, fishing, traveling and other activities to catch up with while he is still young.

Forty years is a long time to serve students in Malheur County, and Mac's influence and leadership has touched the lives of these thousands of students and their families for as long as many can remember.

Nyssa has been fortunate to have had Mac here, both as elementary principal and for the past 19 years as superintendent. In addition to running a good and economical school system, he has contributed to the community in many other ways through Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, and other civic service. The school board members have their job cut out to find a worthy successor.

Our schools have been free of turmoil, our students have done well in school and after they graduate, and they rank with the best in Oregon. Walter McPartland can take much credit for this record, along with good school board and faculty representation.

Mac has had one main criteria in any decision, and that is "Is it good for the kids?" That's not too bad an objective for any educator.

## VA To Pay Record Dividends In 1977

The Veterans Administration announced today it will pay a record \$403.4 million in GI insurance dividends during 1977.

VA Administrator Richard L. Roubush said the 1977 payments represent an increase of \$26.6 million over the dividends paid in 1976. Dividend payments will be made on the anniversary date of the individual policies. First checks will be mailed next week, Roubush said.

Payments go to holders of three types of government insurance policies: United States Government Life Insurance, National Service Life Insurance and Veterans Special Life Insurance.

Roubush said \$368.1 million of the total dividend will be paid to 3.5 million World War II veterans who maintained their GI insurance policies. The average payment to these veterans

will be \$104, an increase from the 1976 average payment of \$95.

Some 114,300 World War I policy-holding veterans who kept their GI policies in force will receive \$12.2 million in dividend payments, Roubush said. This is an average payment of \$22, up from \$18 this year. This is the third annual dividend paid to Korean Conflict veterans.

Roubush pointed out that dividends on GI insurance policies in force will be paid automatically. He stressed that there is no need to contact the VA, explaining that an inquiry about a dividend could delay payment.

Dividends represent a return to policyholders of funds not needed to pay the cost of the insurance. This includes both excess interest earned and any savings realized because actual deaths were

### LETTER TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:

Mrs. Robert Wilson  
818 King Avenue  
Nyssa, Oregon 97913

Dear Marie,

I am pleased to inform you that the Nyssa community has surpassed itself. The results of your drawing were 128 people participating in the December 29 blood drive.

This is very good and I wish to thank you and all the donors for their contribution to the Red Cross Blood Program.

Happy New Year,  
Kathy Beaman  
Consultant, Blood Donor Recruitment

### News About SERVICEMEN

Lt. Jon Reece, USMC at Quantico, Virginia, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Reece of Nyssa. He joined the



Lt. Jon Reece

Marines in 1974 under the PLC program while attending Treasure Valley Community College. He received his commission after completing Eastern Oregon State College.

Lt. Reece entered active duty October 4, 1976. He is in advanced officers training at Quantico and will complete his training and graduate April 21, 1977. At this time he will be given a new assignment, possibly Japan.

Jon is qualified for flight, however, due to a back log of pilots has accepted Infantry.

### Spec/4 Goodman

Grafenwohr, Germany - Army Specialist Four Gary M. Goodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Goodman, 717 Idaho Street, Nyssa, Oregon, recently participated in a training exercise in Grafenwohr, Germany.

The exercise demonstrated current doctrine and training methods employed by units in Europe. The demonstration was filmed by Army signal units and will be made into a training film for world-wide Army use.

Spec. Goodman, who is serving a six-month tour of duty in Germany, is regularly assigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Texas. The 23 year-old soldier entered the Army in October 1976.

The specialist is a 1970 graduate of Banks (Oregon) High School.

fewer than projected rates.

Dividends on most VA insurance policies have increased in recent years because the funds have been earning interest at higher rates.

Roubush said this has operated to the benefit of veterans owning permanent type insurance plans, but has had little or no effect on those with term insurance where the interest element is small.

The VA Administrator pointed out that some veterans will receive more than the average dividend payment and others less than the average. Dividends will depend on the policy they hold, the amount of insurance, veterans age at issue or renewal and the length of time the policy has been in force.



The first co-educational college was Oberlin in Ohio which awarded a degree to a woman in 1841.

## OBITUARIES

### Irvin Lee Mabe

Services for Irvin Lee Mabe, 58, Ontario, who died Thursday, January 6, 1977 at his home were conducted Wednesday at the Bartelson-Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario. The Rev. Thomas Stevenson, rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal church officiated. Ritualistic services were conducted by Acacia Lodge 118, AF&AM, Ontario. Interment was at Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise.

Mr. Mabe was born July 26, 1918, in Bonnieville, Kentucky. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U. S. Navy. He had lived in the Pocatello and Jerome areas before moving to Boise in 1954. He moved to Ontario in 1970. He had been employed by General Foods and Larry Barnes Chevrolet, Boise; Johannason-Adams and Matthews Chevrolet in Nyssa and Ontario. He was a member of the Jerome Masonic Lodge, No. 61, AF&AM; the Scottish Rite Lodge, Boise; and BPO Elks, 1690, Ontario. He was preceded in death by his wife Wilma i. Mabe in Caldwell in 1976.

Surviving are one son, Preston L. Mabe, Boise; two daughters, Mrs. Raymond (Susan) Buffington, Kuna and Mrs. Terry (Paula) DeMers, Sandpoint; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mabe, Bonnieville, Kentucky four brothers, Roy, Verlon, and Jim Mabe all of Bonneville and Nelse Mabe, Louisville, Kentucky; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister.

### THANK YOU !

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all our friends and relatives who shared with us our 60th wedding anniversary. A special Thank You for the lovely cards and gifts. Hilda and Perle Davis

### BIRTHS!

Malheur Memorial Hospital  
January 11 - Mrs. Joni Scott, Ontario, boy.

Holy Rosary Hospital  
January 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Dave Sanders, Ontario, a girl  
January 4 - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Ballou, Ontario, a girl  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pittz, Nyssa, a boy  
January 6 - Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tipton, Ontario, a boy  
Mr. and Mrs. Oren Payne, Fruitland, a boy  
January 7 - Mr. and Mrs. Dan Schledewitz, Fruitland, boy  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Murphy, Payette, boy  
January 8 - Mr. and Mrs. Brent Hasler, Vale, girl  
January 10 - Mr. and Mrs. Ken Fortin, Fruitland, boy  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coates, Payette, girl  
January 11 - Mr. and Mrs. William Hollingsworth, Ontario, boy.

### Apple Valley Items

By Frances Smalley

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Fritts were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritts. They were on their way home to Hermiston from Sun Valley where they spent part of Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuning entertained for New Years dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritts, Mrs. Eva Armacost of Payette, Gerald Enning of Melba and Mrs. Emma Tuning.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuning had open house December 28 for Mrs. Emma Tuning's 89th Birthday anniversary. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parsons of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Don Adams and son and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tuning all of Caldwell, Mrs. Eva Armacost and Gerald Denning, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritts.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trupp and Mr. and Mrs. George Walker were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker at Boise.

Laura Norman spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Mary Honey.

Tracey and Rhonda Griffin of Baker were Christmas vacation guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin and other relatives Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin took them home Sunday.

### Eva G. Dean

Services for Eva Goodman Dean, 55, Nyssa, who died Saturday, January 8, 1977 in Nyssa after a long illness, were conducted Tuesday at the Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa. Interment was in Owyhee Cemetery.

She was born October 15, 1921 in Major County, Oklahoma. She moved to California in 1942 and to Nyssa in 1953. She married Bobby L. Dean, November 10, 1971.

She was a member of the Church of God Seventh Day and had been active member in the church.

Surviving are her husband, Bobby, of Nyssa; one sister, Mattie Harm, Nyssa; and one brother, James L. Goodman, Albany, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and a sister.

### Debbie A. Haley

Services for Debbie A. Haley, 88, formerly of Nyssa, who died Friday, January 7, 1977 at a Payette nursing home were conducted Monday at the Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by the Rev. Jim Monroe, pastor of the Methodist Church. Interment was in Nyssa Cemetery.

She was born October 26, 1888, in Malheur County. Her husband, Leroy Haley, died in 1958. Mrs. Haley lived in Nyssa and Big Bend until moving to New Plymouth five years ago.

Surviving are a son, L. B. Haley, of New Plymouth; a daughter, Alta Warden of Boise; a sister, Mrs. Veda Nye, Guaymas, Mexico; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### First Southern Baptist Church

The First Southern Baptist Church of Fruitland will have "Round Up Day" January 30. The Day will start off with high attendance in Sunday School. The "Inner Lights" will sing in the worship service. The people are asked to dress western that day.

The W M U has postponed their meeting until January 17 at Mrs. Harold Christens in Oregon Slope, due to weather conditions.

The Rev. Leo Sullivan of the Valley Baptist Church of Nampa was the guest speaker on Sunday evening, January 9. He gave a wonderful message and many hearts and lives were blessed and challenged. He brought several of his congregation along with him.

### Cold Weather Hits Area

Icy temperatures had a stranglehold on Nyssa and the valley with the low in Nyssa recorded at -9 degrees and lower temperatures reported around the area. The Malheur Experiment Station reports six days in a row of below zero temperatures. Neil Hoffman, manager, attributes it to a possible temperature inversion.

The extreme cold has prevented snowmelt so roads and streets remain icy. Heavy frost decorates trees, utility lines and shrubs, caused by freezing fog. Garages are busy repairing balky cars and plumbers are working overtime thawing residents' frozen water pipes. Residents of the area are told more snow may be in the offing.

### Trucks Crash In Snow, Fog

Snow, ice and fog were involved in the Monday morning crash of two pickup trucks on Owyhee Avenue near the Jefferson Road intersection.

State police reported that Chester W. Mills, 61, Nyssa, received minor head injuries but was released from a local hospital following emergency treatment.

The Mills vehicle and a pickup driven by Louis R. Stam, 41, also Nyssa, were both westbound on Owyhee but the Mills auto did not have its lights on.

Stam's pickup struck the rear of the Mills pickup. His passenger, Patrick Stam, 12, received a minor facial cut.

Police issued a citation to Mills for failure to use his lights.

### FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, January 23 - Confirmation instruction, 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bible study, 8 p.m.  
Friday, January 14 - Meeting for Luther Heights Bible Camp, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Saturday, January 15 - Pairs and Spares at Gaylord and JoAnn Scriptures, Parma Sunday, January 16 - Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.  
Worship service, 11 a.m.  
Luther League Pizza Party 5 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19 - Men's Breakfast, Brownie's Cafe, 6:30 a.m.  
Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.  
ALCW at Trudy Kassman's, 8 p.m.

### Park Avenue Baptist Church

Sunday, January 16 - Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the sanctuary with message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m.  
Choir practice and Bible study, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18 - Youth group, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, January 19 - Bible Study

### Nazarene Church News

Sunday, January 16, Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Children's church, 11 a.m.  
Morning Worship with message by Pastor Russell, 11 a.m.

Nursing Home Service, 4 p.m.  
Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service which will include a Caravan presentation and receiving of mid-year Awards, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18, Ladies Bible Study at the home of Mrs. Dwight Seward, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 19, Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Midweek service for Caravan children, Teens and Adults, 7:30 p.m.

"There is a place of quiet rest, Near to the heart of God."

### Conservative Baptist Church News

Sunday, January 16 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7 p.m.  
Hi-Time, 8 p.m.

Monday, January 17 - Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.  
Bible Study, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19 - Prayer meeting at Lillian Zittercofs, 9:30 a.m.

AWANA, 6:30 p.m.  
Annual business meeting, 8 p.m.

### United Methodist Church News

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

Sunday, January 9 - Prayer Service, 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service with message by Rev. Monroe, 11 a.m.

## Letitia Croom To Be Ordained Sunday



The Rev. Letitia Croom

The Rev. Letitia (Tish) Croom, 51, will be among the first women in the United States to be ordained to the Episcopal priesthood this Sunday, January 16, at the Vale Union High School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. She will be the first to be ordained in Eastern Oregon.

The Right Reverend William B. Spofford, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, will Ordain Letitia Croom to the Order of Priests in Christ's Holy Catholic Church, Sunday, January 16, 1977.

Representing St. Paul's Church in presenting Miss Croom for ordination will be Mr. Grant Rinehart, Senior Warden; Mrs. Dick (Margaret) Tensen, Guild President; and Mr. Roger Voeller, College Student. Other members of the congregation will also participate in the service including all the young people serving as acolytes.

Father Warren Sapp and Father Tom Stevenson will also be Presenters. They, together with other Episcopal priests, will join Bishop Spofford in the Ordination.

Priests who will assist in administering Communion will be those who have served St. Paul's and Holy Trinity in various capacities, including the Rev. Fathers John Worrall, Fritz Cochrane, James More, Louis Perkins, and Chaplain Koji Hayashi of St. Luke's Hospital, Boise.

Miriam Kunkel will be one of the organists, and the choir from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Ontario will lead the singing.

Miss Croom has been in Episcopal Church work for nearly 30 years. She came to Nyssa and Vale as Deacon from the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho, June 1, 1974. Prior to that she had worked in Idaho, out of Boise, both in Christian Education and on the Bishop's staff for 18 years. As deacon-in-charge

of two churches, Miss Croom is part of the team ministry with the Rev. Tom Stevenson and the Rev. Warren Sapp. Other assignments of Miss Croom include editor of the semi-monthly Diocesan newspaper; she serves on the Diocesan council; was secretary of the Diocese' convention and takes an active role in the Malheur County Ministry.

Miss Croom received her education and Seminary work in New York and has specialized in Town and Country work and rural Christian Education.

The Bishop's Committees and people of Holy Trinity Church, Vale, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Nyssa invite members of the community to be present at the Ordination and to join them in the reception that follows.

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church News

Sunday, January 16 - The Ordination and Eucharist will be the main service of the day; in addition, there will be a service of Morning Prayer at St. Paul's at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 19 - The regular monthly Communion service for members of St. Paul's and their friends at the Malheur Nursing Home will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19 in the small dining room.

On Wednesday evening the young people of the congregation will join Miss Croom for supper at the church, followed by their regular weekly meeting and study session.

Annual Meeting. The following Sunday, January 23, will be observed at St. Paul's "name day" (Conversion of St. Paul), with a festival Eucharist, followed by a potluck dinner and the congregation's annual meeting.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Nyssa Co-op Supply will be held Wednesday, January 19, 1977 at 1 p.m. at the Oregon Trail hall.

Regular business of the association will be in order, as well as the election of two directors (the terms of Woodrow Seuell and Harold Alexander expire), annual audit report, and any other business that may properly come before the members.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

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Donald Bullard, secretary  
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