



MRS. ALICE WILSON happily celebrated her 91st birthday at the Nursing Home Friday, January 7. Her "special day" was spent in the company of her family and friends and everyone enjoyed her beautiful birthday cake.

## 91 Years Makes Lots of Memories

By Pat Savage

"I've always liked living in Nyssa because everyone has always been so nice and friendly," were thoughts expressed by Mrs. Alice Wilson during her 91st birthday, Friday, January 7, 1977.

Little did anyone know that little Alice Voegelien when she arrived into the world during a raging blizzard on the outskirts of Salem, Richardson County, Nebraska in 1886 would later become part of the history of Nyssa, Oregon. But she did, and left her mark not only as a teacher, wife and mother, but as a businesswoman and an involved citizen.

Alice started her education in a small country school, but shortly moved into Falls City, Nebraska following the death of her father. She graduated from high school in 1905 with a great interest in mathematics and science. Upon her graduation from North Central College in Naperville, Illinois with a degree of Bachelor of Philosophy this eager young lady taught mathematics and science in the Lewiston Illinois High School.

In 1911, Alice, her mother, and her sister Belle, came to Nyssa to visit her brother Albert Voegelien who was superintendent of Nyssa schools. During this visit, a lady teacher, a Miss Squires, was unable to secure her teachers certificate and the school board offered her job to Alice.

The next five years were busy and kept Miss Voegelien involved with her math and science classes as well as being basketball coach for the girls basketball team.

It was during her teaching career that romance found its way into the life of Alice Voegelien. She met young Ernest Wilson when they sang in the Methodist Church choir. Following a wonderful courtship, and visits to both sets of parents, this couple was married June 14, 1916 at the home of Lila and Ray Wilson in Ontario.

After a brief honeymoon to Boise, the young couple set up housekeeping in a house

at 201 Ehrgood. This was to become the family home, where Mrs. Wilson lived until a short time ago when she became a resident of the Malheur Memorial Nursing Home.

Their first son, Ernest Calvin Jr. was born and brought many new experiences to the new young mother and father. Ernest and his brother Barney owned and operated a dry-goods store and he was a busy young businessman while the young Mrs. Wilson contentedly accepted the challenge of motherhood. Two years later another son, Robert was born, followed a year later by their third son, Lloyd.

The years to follow were busy ones for Alice as she watched her sons all grow to manhood and graduate from college. Robert and Lloyd also served in the Army.

When the boys left for college, her lifestyle changed from other to store clerk. She started working in Wilson Brothers Department Store in 1938 and worked there until 1960.

She was active in Eastern Star, holding all five stations during her first five years of membership. She is now a charter member. She is listed as the first president of the Nyssa Eagles Auxiliary and during her term of office the district convention was held in Nyssa for the first time.

Besides being active in clubs, church, etc., Alice found time to nurture her hobby of flower gardening, especially roses, and kept the Wilson home filled with beautiful flowers and houseplants. She was the proud winner of many Malheur County Fair awards for her flowers.

She also liked to do different types of fancy work, as embroidery, tatting, crocheting, drawn work and hand-drawn work. While in college she took water color painting and many of her paintings adorned the walls of the Wilson home.

In 1933, Mrs. Wilson was elected to the Nyssa School Board. She served three three-year terms and was

### Newell Heights Items

NEWELL HEIGHTS - Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill and Terri, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Field and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Price and Kelsey surprised Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price on their 27th wedding anniversary Saturday evening, which was held in the Rod Price home.

Mrs. Marie Moore was a Sunday luncheon guest of Mrs. Gladys Newbill.

Mrs. Marie Moore returned home Monday from a two weeks visit with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Jacobson and family at Chester, California and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore at Bend, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson had a seventh wedding anniversary dinner for their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Marion York of Vale, Sunday. Other guests were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Galyen and girls of Ontario, Mrs. Ida Fenn and Mrs. Ray Simpson.

W. C. Van DeWater of Caldwell called on Mrs. Dale Witt Friday afternoon.

Danny and Randy Walker were Saturday overnight guests of Mrs. Carl Fenn.

Those from Newell Heights attending the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ball's open house at Roswell Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Marie Moore, Mrs. Gladys Newbill and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sprague, Mrs. Gladys Newbill and Mrs. Anna Long and Mrs. Mable Piercy of Adrian helped with the serving. Tea, coffee and lime punch were served with the cake which was decorated with red roses. Cookies and nuts were also served. A nice crowd attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Call report a telephone call from their son Bryan who is at Otheumia, Iowa where he is in his LDS Mission. He reported he is doing fine.

Steven and Marilyn Fenn of Quincy, Washington are leaving for their home Monday after spending a week here visiting their grandmother Mrs. Carl Fenn and other relatives.

Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Wenke were their family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lawson of Ontario, Kathy Katruska and Steve of Ontario, Mike Wenke, of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown, of Adrian.

chairman four times because of the death of Glen McCoy. She signed both of her son's (Robert and Lloyd) diplomas when they graduated from high school.

Yes, the years have passed since Alice Wilson made her first appearance in Nyssa. She has seen many changes, suffered the loss of friends, of her husband Ernest in 1960, her son Calvin and yet, she is cheerful and feels she has lived a good life and put her years to good use. On Friday she was surrounded by her sons and daughter-in-laws and she has eleven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren and many friends. Lots of hard work, first-hand experience, love, laughter and some sadness has gone into her ninety-one years but she probably wouldn't change much if she could live it over again because she etched her personal design on each day - days now full of golden memories.

## Kingman Kolony News

By Dale Witt

Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Laan visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hopman in Nyssa New Years eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters of Boise were New Years evening dinner guests of her brother Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson. They were overnight guests and returned to Boise Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fox and Julie of Parma were New Years evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gehrke were New Years eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes and family.

Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gehrke were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes celebrating Paul and Elizabeth's birthdays which were Sunday and Mrs. Paul Gehrke's birthday which is on Monday. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ervin and sons were New Years dinner guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Radford and family in Adrian. It was also Roberts birthday.

New Years day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piercy were Mrs. Bill Toomb, Mrs. Sue Ashcraft and Mrs. Mable Piercy.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Beckstead and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lowtrip and children of Eugene, Ed Prfusney, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mills and family were New Years dinner guests of Mrs. Freda Astorica.

Kelly, Brenda and Mike Connell returned home Sunday from their holiday trip to visit their father at Jackpot, Nevada.

Mr. Bill Toomb was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Osborn.

Thursday, Mrs. Bill Toomb called on Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dixon in Nyssa.

Guests at a New Years eve party at the Earl Kygar home were Mr. and Mrs. Hank Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bashaw, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter McConathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Walker Mr. and Mrs. Herington of Adrian and Rusty Talbot were New Years eve callers in the Earl Kygar home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes and family were Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Rhodes in Roswell.

Elizabeth Rhodes is recovering from Scarletina.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill were coffee guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer after church Sunday.

New Years dinner guests in the Earl Kygar home were Mr. and Mrs. Walter McConathy and Brenda, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culbertson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Culbertson, Cindy Gordon and friend of Caldwell, Kathy Gibson, Kathy Hay, La Deana Talbot, Janeen Kygar, Ronda, Dessie and Tonja Duncan.

New Years eve, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lee Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dockter were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price in Ridgeview.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer attended a D&B Christmas party at the Budd Kehne home in Caldwell.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Freitag and family were dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer. In the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer, Mrs. Freitag and children went to the Perle Davis 60th wedding anniversary party at Ridgeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kygar and Janeen took Jay Kygar to Boise to catch the plane to Maryland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer and Mrs. Bill Toomb of Kingman Kolony attended the open house for the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ball at Roswell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Brewer report the birth of a son, "Patrick" born in the Holy Rosary Hospital at Ontario, December 26, 1977. He weighed seven-pounds and four-ounces. Mrs. Brewer's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Don McDonald of Port Angles, Washington came December 30 and visited in the Brewer home until January 3. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Price joined the group for New Year's dinner at the Brewer home.

The Pollyanna Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Dorothy Fox. Due to the condition of the roads there were only five members present. The next meeting will be a coffee at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Thompson for Heart and March of Dimes. The members are to bring cookies for the event.

Mr. John Thiel and Paula of Boise were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenkins were Sunday dinner guests at the Earl Kygar home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bowen of Payette and Mrs. Mary Honey were New Years dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Shaul of New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Knapp of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward were Wednesday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Smith at Ontario.

### Apple Valley Items

By Frances Smalley

APPLE VALLEY - Mrs. Merlin Carpenter of Springfield, Missouri visited Tuesday -Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Verli Bishop.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. Verli Bishop entertained with a family reunion dinner for Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Mamie Farver of Superior, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Will Bishop of Caldwell and Bill Bishop of Roswell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mantel of Nyssa were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Verli Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Larson and children were Sunday evening after church guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward.

Mrs. Dwight Seward, Mrs. Verda Kellogg and Eunice Gibson of Nampa were Tuesday afternoon guests of Miss Thelma Lee at Caldwell. They were celebrating Birthday anniversaries for all four ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sells were guests January 6 of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hawkins of Caldwell. It was the Hawkins' 59th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sells visited January 2 with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tuttle of Notus.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trupp visited with Fred Knapp at St. Lukes Hospital in Boise on Monday afternoon. Mr. Knapp had open heart surgery recently.

Mrs. Ethel Nichols returned home last week from a two weeks visit with her sister at Greer, Idaho and her brother George Jones at Pierce, Idaho. This was the first time in 50 years they had all been together for Christmas. She reports much better weather conditions up there than we had here during her visit.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bay entertained with a New Years Eve party. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Nichols and Dr. and Mrs. K. E. Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wagner entertained for Sunday dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Muir of Weiser, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Scott and sons of Vale and Mr. and Mrs. Reed Wagner and family.

## Malheur County Girl To Vie For State Title

Malheur County Dairy Princess, Susan DeLong, 19, of Vale, will compete as a finalist in the annual Oregon Dairy Princess contest January 22-24 at the Thunderbird Motor Inn, Jantzen Beach in Portland.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley DeLong, operators of a 300-acre dairy farm, milking 50 Holstein cows, Miss DeLong has been a 4-H member for the past ten years. She has had a Grand Champion cow, received a national achievement award for dairy, won the "Best Dairy Exhibit" honor, and been a Showmanship Champion.

Twelve candidates will compete in the state contest, sponsored by the Oregon Dairy Products Commission, according to Ray Kozak, Executive Secretary. The coronation will take place at a luncheon banquet on Monday January 24. Miss Congeniality, as well as first and second alternatives, will also be selected at the coronation proceedings.

Finalists for the 1977 title are: Martha Brink, Central Ore.; Colleen Meier, Clackamas County; Nanette Tharp, Linn-Benton Counties; Susan DeLong, Malheur County; Theresa Bielenberg, Marion County; Elizabeth Callander, Polk County; Patti Martin,

Rogue Valley; Patty Bohren, Tillamook County; Erin Fry, Washington County; and Catherine Warner, Yamhill County.

The new Oregon Dairy Princess will receive a \$400 educational scholarship from First National Bank of Oregon, marking their eighth year of participation in the event. A \$495 fashion and career scholarship will also be awarded from Glorea LaVonne Finishing Fashion Modeling School.

During her reign, the title holder will be involved in state-wide dairy promotional activities, receiving a salary and travel expenses from ODP.



Susan DeLong

The Oregon Dairy Wives will present a \$150 scholarship to the outgoing 1976 Oregon Dairy Princess, Tina Russell, 21, of Coquille.

Judges for this year's event are: Roseburg News-Review Women's and Food Editor Betty Straughan, KOIN-TV News Anchorman Mike Donahue and United Air Lines Food Services Manager Frank Kelly.

Finalists will begin the weekend activities with a group orientation on Saturday. They will interview with judges throughout the weekend and a speech competition is planned at the Sunday night banquet. Monday's coronation luncheon is set for 12:30 p.m.

### Community Calendar

Thursday, January 13 - OKK Club meets at Liz Vandewall home 2 p.m.

Saturday, January 15 - United Methodist Church rummage sale, Church Basement during the afternoon.

Golden Age Rummage Sale, 113 Green Avenue 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Merry Widows Club, Blanch Weeks home, potluck, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18 - Eagles Auxiliary, Eagle Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19 - Nyssa Golden Age club, 113 Green Avenue, potluck, 12 noon

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