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Heavy, heavy hangs over your head—what am I talking about? Why the fog of course, and heavy it is. There have been some serious accidents around the valley, but none too drastic in Nyssa. Understand the police car will need some extensive repair, but luckily neither Chief Alvin Allen or Officer Steve Anderson were in the vehicle when it was hit. Drive with caution, and if it isn't necessary for you to be driving in this fog and on the slick roads, stay home. The conditions are there, the be careful part is in your hands.

Another milestone in the rebuilding of our schools will be laid in place Friday evening when our new high school gymnasium will be used for the first time. Nyssa will wrestle Crook County, thus marking the first competitive sport in the new building. Come on out and cheer the Bulldog Grapplers on to victory, and get a first-hand view of this brand new facility.

As we think of gyms and sports, perhaps we should all realize that due to the utilization of the gym at TVCC in Ontario and our local churches, the school's sports program was able to carry on during our lack of such facilities. I only hope that we in Nyssa if called upon, would be as charitable and as dependable as those who served us in our time of need. To all who helped us keep our young people in improvised classrooms, sports areas, etc., we do appreciate your help.

Congratulations and best wishes are also in order for Rev. Tish Croom. She is Oregon's first woman Episcopal priest and was ordained Sunday night. Tish is a very warm and sincere person, full of caring, concern and compassion for everyone. If you haven't met her, I hope you have the opportunity someday, because she is indeed an experience. We are proud to have you in our community Tish, glad you are a part of us.

If you have snow piled up in the middle of your street don't be alarmed, because the city crews are operating only one dump truck and are picking up the mounds of white stuff as fast as they can. Just have patience and remember good things come to those who wait—Spring perhaps?

Housing Needs In Nyssa Met

City Manager Henry Schneider said that during the survey in which a questionnaire was distributed to each household in Nyssa, comments were made concerning cost and quality of housing.

The majority of the 310 responses came from people who owned single family dwellings and who were between the ages of 36-59 years old. Eighty-one percent owned 88% of the single family dwellings. "This category response naturally has a great bearing on the results," Schneider said, "It is unfortunate that more people who were not home owners did not respond."

On the surface it appears that Nyssa's housing needs are being met, however some of the remarks submitted with the Survey were contrary. The chief complaint was that Nyssa needs better, newer housing, with lower rents.

Opinions ranged from, "Most laborer's income are not able to afford big payments. Even rents are outrageous." to "In Nyssa, you just can't find a clean place to rent, plus you pay too much to rent these old places!"



REV. LETICIA CROOM of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Nyssa, and Holy Trinity Church, Vale, became Oregon's first woman accepted into full priesthood of the Episcopal Church in impressive ceremonies Sunday evening in Vale.

Pictured, front row from left, are Rev. John Worrall (retired) of Nyssa; Rev. Warren Sapp, Fruitland, Dean of the Malheur County Deanery; Bishop William Spofford, Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon; Rev. Croom; Rev. Tom Stevenson, St. Matthew's, Ontario; and Rev. Fritz Cochrane,

Canon, St. Michael's Cathedral, Boise.

Back row, Rev. Louis Perkins (retired) of Cove; Rev. Jim More, Emmett, Idaho Team Ministry; Rev. Rolf Leed, Emmanuel Church, Kellogg, Idaho; Rev. Nathaniel Pierce, Grace Church, Nampa; Rev. Jeff Sells, St. Stephen's, Baker; Chaplain Koji Hayashi, St. Luke's Hospital, Boise; Dean Robert Browne, (partially hidden) St. Michael's Cathedral, Boise; and Rev. John Tulk, Trinity Church, Pocatello. Argus photo.

County Potato Growers May Expect Lower Prices

Malheur County potato growers will probably have to accept lowered prices for their crops this year and next as the result of the Hermiston potato production area's acreage explosion.

Members of the Malheur Potato Bargaining Association learned at their meeting here last week that a contract for two years with Ore-Ida Foods, Inc., is expected to be ready for signing later this month.

The new contract proposes an average price drop of 65 cents per hundredweight for the Malheur growers and those in Idaho who will be producing some 3,100 acres for Ore-Ida.

The situation for potato farmers has switched drastically in the past two years. Malheur dropped from the position of leading Oregon potato production area to producing only 19 per cent of the state's crop and the Hermiston area continued to grow to a record 43,000 acres of potato production last year.

Jim Burr, Malheur County agent, told the local farmers that production costs in the Hermiston area exceed those here and the Hermiston

growers won't be able to produce cheap potatoes much longer.

The effect this year, however, of the cheap crop, is placement of local producers in a poor bargaining position. The Hermiston farmers are willing to ship their potatoes here, therefore local producers will have to accept a lower price in order to be able to market their product.

Directors elected at the annual session were Abe Saito, Oregon Slope; Jack Pressley, Vale; Ken Wettstein, Ontario; Clyde Ward, Baker; Laurel Amick, Harper Val Garner, Nyssa and Keith Tallman, Adrian.

When the board reorganized, the Adrian district was divided with the Owyhee District, from Klamath Avenue south to the City of Adrian, formed.

New directors for the Owyhee district are Donald Brewer and Ted Morinaka, each elected to a single-year term, and Masa Nishihara was appointed to a one-year term for the Adrian district.

Tallman was named president of the association with Saito and Pressley serving as vice presidents and Wettstein elected secretary.

Vehicle Hits Police Car At Crash Scene

A Nyssa patrol car was extensively damaged Tuesday morning when it was struck by another car while parked on the west edge of Nyssa.

Police Chief Alvin Allen said his 1976 patrol car was struck by a vehicle driven by John P. Getz, 25, rural Nyssa, after Allen had parked the patrol car to direct traffic around a car-truck accident further up the highway at the Cloverdale Avenue intersection.

The road was extremely icy and fog was very heavy at the time, he said. The accident occurred about 10:45 a.m.

A car and truck had collided about a mile south on Highway 201, blocking traffic for more than an hour, Allen said.

Neither the driver of the semi-truck and trailer, Richard C. Moss, 40, Meridian, or driver of the car, Gaynell I. Rehart, 60, Nyssa, were injured.

Mrs. Rehart was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way.

Mary Looney On Dean's List

Among those named to the Dean's List at The College of Idaho is the following from Adrian: Mary Looney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Looney of Adrian.

In releasing the list, Registrar William E. Wallace said that those named for the Dean's list had received a minimum grade average of 3.25, on a scale with 4.0 equalling a straight "A" average.

Miss Looney had a straight "A" average.

County Assessor Is Working Towards Equity

Malheur County Assessor Floyd Holton has stated that his goal of providing equity between taxpayers in this county is of prime concern to both the taxpayer and his office.

The most reasonable and effective manner of approaching a solution is through maintaining a proper relationship between assessed and market values in compliance with Oregon statutes, Holton said.

The assessor and staff is involved in a continuing program of research, interpretation and comparison of real estate transactions which enable them to become

1977 Livestock Tax Values Established

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association Livestock Tax Committee met this week (Tuesday, January 12) with Eastern Oregon county tax assessors, at their annual mid-winter meeting in Fossil, reaching an agreement and approval of the 1977 livestock tax appraisal figures. Bill Duff, chairman, OCA Tax Committee, with the committee members, met with the tax assessors and presented livestock value information which would be of help in establishing this year's values.

	Net 1977	Net 1976	Net 1975-1977
Calves, under 6 mo	\$ 32.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Steer calves 6 mo. to 1 yr	76.00	112.00	92.00
Heifer calves, 6 mo. to 1 yr	128.00	76.00	83.00
Steers, 1 yr and over	172.00	168.00	134.00
Heifers, 1 yr and 2 yrs.	136.00	132.00	115.00
Cows, 2 yrs. and over	144.00	152.00	141.00
Bulls, 1 yr. and over	400.00	320.00	283.00

Members of the Cattlemen's Association Tax committee besides Chairman Duff included: R. J. Philippi, Arlington; George Purdy,

First Woman In Oregon Ordained As Episcopal Priest Sunday

Nearly 400 persons representing the Episcopal parishes of St. Paul's, Nyssa, and Holy Trinity, Vale, participated in the ordination of Rev. Leticia "Tish" Croom as the first woman to become an Episcopal priest in Oregon, and one of the first in the United States.

These parishioners, plus a good gathering from Ontario and a busload from Boise, participated in the ordination ceremonies Sunday evening, held in the school cafeteria at Vale. Bishop William Spofford of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, was the installing bishop and preached the sermon at the impressive ceremonies.

Rev. Croom has been serving the two parishes of Nyssa and Vale for the past three years as a deacon, and has been a member of the team ministry of Malheur County along with Rev. Tom Stevenson of St. Matthew's, Ontario; Rev. Warren Sapp, Dean of the Malheur County Deanery; and Rev. John Worrall, Nyssa, retired minister of the two churches.

About 50 members of the local parishes took part in the

ordination, including layreaders, acolytes, ushers, and those taking up the offerings. Others helped with the reception that followed the ceremony.

Also participating in the colorful service were about 30 clergymen, including clergy from the United Methodist Church, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and others, making the services ecumenical in nature.

Rev. Croom was ordained as a deacon seven years ago, and served in the Diocese of Idaho before coming to Malheur County. Among her duties is the editorship of the Oregon Trail Churchman, the diocesan newspaper. She sees her new role as not much changed from before, and that is "serving the people."

Wrestling

The first scheduled event in the new Nyssa High School gym will take place Friday night when the Nyssa wrestlers host the Crook County wrestlers from Prineville.

Wrestling fans will have the opportunity to see the perennially strong AA state champions from Crook County, and also inspect the new gym. The installation of the bleachers was completed this week.

JV wrestlers will start at 6:30 p.m., varsity wrestlers will follow at 8 p.m.

School Board Adopts Building Regulations

The Nyssa School Board adopted building regulations, fees and schedules for the use of buildings in the school system.

The Elementary gym will be open Saturdays during the winter, with elementary age students using the gym from 9 to 12, girls from 12 to 2 p.m., and older students from 2 to 5 p.m.

The gym will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. with a supervisor, and other days to be scheduled by groups with

signed requests. Closing time is 10 p.m., and an evening custodian will open the building.

Charges will be made only if extra help must be hired. The Cafeteria will be available for meetings which do not conflict with school activities. If a meal is to be served there will be a charge of \$25 for the cafeteria, and \$15 for kitchen plus kitchen supervisor at \$3.25 per hour. This building is not available for public dances.

The board's main policy statement is that "it must be kept in mind that the primary use of school buildings is for the educational program." Use of facilities by other than school groups will be restricted to such times as will not conflict with school use of facilities.

School authorities reserve the right to refuse use of school facilities. No school facilities may be used without having present a person designated by school authorities.

Sponsoring organizations should name an individual who is to be in charge. They must also observe the following rules:

1. Only use necessary lights, and turn off the water when not needed.
 2. Keep street shoes off of gym floors.
 3. Return all disarranged furniture.
 4. Close all windows and doors when leaving.
 5. No smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages in buildings.
 6. Furnish adequate ushers parkers, and police.
 7. Report accidents and damage to property.
- Community activities involving no admission charge may use the buildings without cost. However, janitors and extra service provided must be paid for at the regular rate.
- Fee schedules for other buildings will be set as needed. All requests should be made at the office of the Superintendent.

C of C Banquet January 25

The Nyssa Chamber of Commerce installation banquet will be held Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Twilight Cafe.

Harold Pook, Nyssa Postmaster, will be installed as the new president. Ray Larson, district manager for the Nyssa-Nampa District of Amalgamated Sugar Company will be the main speaker. He will talk on the sugar economy and how it affects this area.

Beet Growers To Meet With Fieldmen

The Amalgamated Sugar Company will hold their annual Fieldmen-Growers meeting Thursday, February 10 at the Nyssa School cafeteria. The session will begin at 2 p.m.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.
Jan. 12	26	9
Jan. 13	31	14
Jan. 14	32	17
Jan. 15	25	11
Jan. 16	24	16
Jan. 17	33	17
Jan. 18	26	15
Jan. 19		13
Owyhee Reservoir Storage	1-17-77 478,470 Acre Feet	
	1-17-76 608,670 Acre Feet	



WINTER WONDERLAND IN NYSSA--Frozen fog still decorates trees and shrubs and icy streets and walks remain. This scene was taken of the high school grounds.