

Nyssa Christmas Season Opens with Pancake Dinner

Nyssa merchants will officially open the Christmas Season with a free pancake supper, Saturday evening, December 3 in the new school cafeteria. This popular event will be sponsored by the Nyssa Chamber of Commerce the dinner is served free to area shoppers, and tickets can be obtained at all Nyssa

stores. Serving will be between the hours of 5:30 and 8 p.m.

Nyssa stores are competing in a window display contest.

City crews have put up the Christmas lights on Main Street, and will extend new lights on either side of the Y on Adrian Boulevard and

North Main Street. These lights and the lighted Candy Canes and Santas were purchased by the Chamber of Commerce.

Nyssa merchants extend a welcome to all area residents to shop first in the well-stocked stores, where courtesy and friendly treatment can be expected from every business establishment.

Amalgamated Declares Dividend

At its regularly scheduled meeting November 17, in Ogden, Utah, the board of directors of The Amalgamated Sugar Company declared a common stock dividend amounting to 25 cents per share of stock payable on February 1, 1978 to stockholders of record on January 13, 1978.

The payment, which is a reduction of 25 cents per share from the previous dividend payment, reflects currently depressed sugar prices and the company's low earnings. Very recently, the government announced a price support loan program and increased the import fees on sugar. These actions will raise sugar prices and should ultimately restore the company's earnings to a more normal level.

NOTICE
Anyone having a 75th birthday (Nyssa area) during 1978, please call Gate City Journal prior to December 20, 1977.

TVCC to Present Christmas Concert in Nyssa

Treasure Valley Community College will usher in the holiday season musically with its annual Christmas Concerts. The first concert is scheduled for December 4 at 3 p.m. in the Ontario High School auditorium. The second concert will be held in the Nyssa High School auditorium December 6 at 8 p.m.

According to Dick Dalzell, TVCC music instructor, special concerts will also be held at the Presbyterian Nursing Home and for the Ontario branch of AAUW.

The concerts will feature the Treasure Valley Chorus, the TVCC Concert Choir, and the Omniphonics Singers, all under the direction of Dalzell.

"A Ceremony of Carols" by the celebrated English composer, Benjamin Britten, will open the concerts. The work was originally written in 1942 for women's voices and harp accompaniment. It will be performed here in an arrangement for mixed chorus and piano accompaniment.

The carols, set to poems by Robert Southwell, William Cornish, James, John, and Robert Wedderburn, and several unknown authors, are gloriously medieval in spirit, joyous, mysterious, and deceptively simple. The text is a combination of medieval English and Latin. Soloists for the selections will include Denae DeLaune, Mary Anderson, Gini Gabbard, Sue Dalzell, and Dave Greif.

The TVCC Concert Choir will complete the first half of the program with "Cantate Domino", a Renaissance motet by Giovanni Croce; "Cantate Sing To The Lord", a contemporary song of praise by Noel Goemman; and "The Glory of The Father", a setting of verses from John 1, by the Scandinavian composer, Egil Hovland.

The second half of the concert will begin with songs in the popular and jazz idiom by the Omniphonics Singers, included will be: "If You Can't Believe in Love"; the Henry Mancini ballad, "Sometime"; a folk-rock song by Seals and Crofts, "We May Never Pass This Way Again"; and the jazzy "Save All Your Lovin'". Songs of the season will be "Simple Holiday Joys" and "Christmas 5/4 Time".

"The Christmas Story According to Saint Luke", arranged by Roger Wagner, will conclude the concert. The work is based on eight familiar and traditional songs of the season, connected by narration taken from the story of Christ's birth. Mel Dennis will narrate.

There is no admission charge for either of the concerts, but donations to the TVCC Music Scholarship Fund will be solicited.

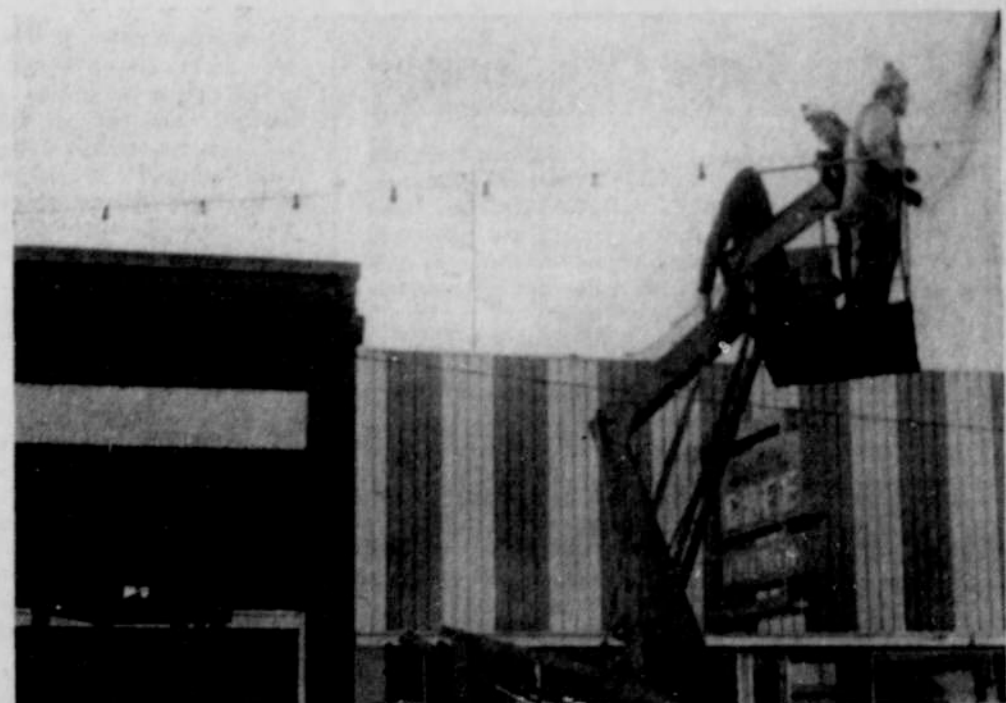
Begin Fund Raising Drive

Democratic State Chairman, John Greenfield, announced that beginning the week of November 14, thousands of Democrats throughout Idaho will be contacted during the next two months for a special Dollars for Democrats drive.

The goal of the drive is to personally contact by phone every Democratic supporter in Idaho for a modest contribution. Chairman Greenfield stated, "The Idaho Democratic Party is planning this drive as an annual activity. We hope to have thousands of Democrats join together each year in this special project to financially strengthen our party."

Greenfield added that the Dollars for Democrats drive is being conducted in nearly every state and that hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been raised across the country. However, he emphasized that the money raised in Idaho will be used for the state party. "Not a penny will be diverted for National Party use or go to any other State Party. It all stays in Idaho," Greenfield said.

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NYSSA CITY CREWS have been busy the last few days decorating the City for Christmas.

Additional Deer Hunts Scheduled

A special controlled mule deer hunt in Baker County and two emergency hunts in Wallowa County have been authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The Baker County controlled hunt will take place on the Keating deer winter range northeast of Baker. It will be open to 800 licensed Oregon hunters who still have unused deer tags or unused mule deer controlled hunt permits, with applications accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Forage production on the Keating range is extremely poor because of the drought and biologists estimate that half of the available winter food has been used. Deer are in poor physical condition now with no prospects for improvement until spring.

The object of the Keating hunt is to remove 1,000 antlerless deer, or 20 percent of the herd. That will ease the strain on the winter range and give the remaining deer improved odds for surviving the winter.

The hunt is scheduled for December 17 through 21. Only licensed hunters with an unused mule deer, blacktail deer, or controlled mule deer tag may apply. Application should be made on a controlled hunt application card available from license agents, in the space where a hunt number is called for, applicants should write KEATING. The space for deer tag numbers should be filled in with the number from any of the above unused tags.

The first 800 valid applications received in the Fish and Wildlife Department's Portland office will be authorized for the hunt. Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 3503, Portland, Oregon 97208 or delivered to 506 SW Mill Street in Portland.

A hunter who has two unused tags may take up to two antlerless deer on those tags, or if he has only one unused tag, he will be authorized to take a second deer by paying \$5 at a field check station.

Two emergency hunts in Wallowa County were also authorized by the Commission. The Lost Prairie Emergency Hunt near Flora will be open to 150 hunters and the Lower Wallowa Emergency Hunt will have 250 hunters authorized to participate. These hunters will all be selected from emergency hunt lists compiled earlier in the year. Those who are eligible to participate will be telephoned by the Department, beginning at the top of the Wallowa County list and continuing until the required number of hunters has been reached.

The emergency hunts are intended to alleviate severe problems caused by deer on private agricultural property. The Fish and Wildlife Department accepted applications from hunters who indicated they would be interested in participating in emergency hunts should they become needed beginning in September. The lists are good through the end of this year and more than 500 applications have been received for each of the northeast Oregon counties.

The smallest book printed with moveable metal type measures a mere .1131 x .1131 inches and is bound in red caulk to a thickness of .059 inches. It was published in Scotland in 1775.

Veteran Natural Gas Man to Retire

A man whose innovations and systems designs have marked progress and cost-savings in natural gas distribution will retire at year end. Retirement of Edward Niederer, Jr., senior vice-president operations, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, was announced by O. M. Jones, Cascade's President.



Niederer's career spans more than forty years in gas distribution. He joined Cascade in 1958 as Vice-President and Chief Engineer, and was instrumental in planning and systems design for conversion from manufactured to natural gas in Cascade's service area. Previously, he had been District Supervisor of Southern Counties Gas Company, Los Angeles, and Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Pacific Natural Gas Company, Longview, Washington.

Remarkable on Niederer's retirement, Jones said, "Ed Niederer is one of the most knowledgeable men in the gas distribution field today. Though retiring, he has agreed to remain a special consultant to Cascade and his expertise will not be lost to us. He will specialize in energy conservation measures and, the chances are, he will be busier in his retirement than ever before."

Jonathan (Jack) Youk has been named successor to Edward Niederer. Youk joined Cascade in 1959, coming from Pacific Natural Gas Company, Longview, Washington. Since joining Cascade he has been District Superintendent in Yakima, and General Superintendent, Seattle. Prior to his appointment as Vice-President Operations, he was Director of Safety and Training.

Bob Ure Testifies in Wash. D.C.

The Malheur Onion Growers Association sent Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ure and Mrs. Jim Mathews of the Cairo area to Washington, D.C. There was also an Idaho onion grower in the group.

They went to testify before the Executive Trade-Tariff Committee of the Diplomatic Corps, on the situation of the U.S. onion growers. This committee is part of the State Department, directly under the President's authority.

At the present time, Chili is importing onions into the U.S.A. and pays a tariff of \$1.75 per hundred weight. The State Department is talking of taking off this tariff, allowing them to send in their onions duty free. American farmers are at a disadvantage because of controls on chemicals that can be used on onions. Chili has no such controls. The onions they ship in, may be dangerous for human consumption. Without the tariff, American farmers cannot compete with them in the market place.

It will probably be some time before the onion growers will know the results of their testimony.

Adrian Names Honor Students

Adrian High School named 29 students to the school's honor roll at the end of the first nine weeks. These students attained a "B" average or better.

They are:
Seniors - Becky Carroll, Connie Fenn, Debra Fuji-kawa, Terri Okai, Debbie Orris, Diana Pickrel, Jon Turner, Michele Wiggins, Laurie Witty.

Juniors - Kelly Allsop, Monte Davis, Lanny Fujishin, David Heppner, Mary Jo Linville, Judy Lovitt, Valeria Martin, Cathy Okano, Donna Reynolds, Larae Robinson.

Sophomores - Donna Bills, Tami Cameron, Karen Fuji-kawa, Jana Gordon, Alice Hori, Viola Leos.

Freshmen - Angela Call, Nancy Fenn, Janet Geertson, Kathy Sillonis.

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Hospital Advisory Group Meets

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I'm sure that we of the Nyssa Community are well aware that we have some of the finest cooks in the State of Oregon. For those of you who are super good, it should be no effort to bake some cookies and to those who aren't so good, and need a little practice, here is your chance. The Past Presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary are packing cookies Monday, December 5 at the home of Mrs. Herman Towne. These cookies are wrapped in colorful Christmas packages and sent to the Veteran's Hospital where they are distributed to the patients. Won't you share a little bit of your Christmas with the veterans who are hospitalized and face the holiday season away from their homes and families? If you will, please have your cookies to Mrs. Towne by noon on Monday.

To add to the utter confusion at this time of year, we published the wrong date for the Chamber of Commerce Pancake Feed last week. If you are planning on taking the family out for pancakes, do so on Saturday, December 3 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Plan on attending the Baker-Nyssa basketball game afterwards in the Nyssa Gym. Sounds like an evening of good family fun doesn't it? Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for all their time and work. We need more community effort such as this.

Speaking of things for the community, reminds me that perhaps everyone isn't aware of the Good News Club. This is a Community Church effort and is for kids in grades one thru six. This Club will meet every Friday, starting December 2 at 3:30 in the Primary School Multi-purpose room. The kids will learn songs, Bible stories, choruses and enjoy puppet shows. All youngsters are welcome. Sounds like a good place to send your kids during these cold Friday afternoons doesn't it?

Looking for somewhere festive to go during the holiday season? Keep this in mind--The Annual Hospital Christmas Ball will be December 10 at the Eagles Hall. Music will be by the Soft Sails.

To get rid of those newspapers that pile up, call 372-3706 and Kayleen Fowler will have them picked up each Friday afternoon.

The merchants entering the Christmas Window competition should have their displays completed and let the Gate City Journal know they are in the contest by Friday, December 9, as judging will be done on this date.

Christmas Tree Permits Available

Individual Christmas tree permits are now available for persons wishing to cut their own Christmas tree on National Forest land near Unity, Oregon, according to Unity District Ranger, Bronson Flint. Permits are available at the Unity Ranger Station at a cost of two dollars per tree. Permits may be purchased during regular office hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (PST) on Monday through Friday. As a special convenience to the public, the Unity District office will also be open to sell permits on weekends from Saturday, December 3, through Sunday, December 18, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (PST).

Christmas tree permittees are advised to get their trees as early as possible because weather and road conditions are usually more severe later in December. When leaving the Forest, the bright orange permit tag must be attached so that it is plainly visible on each tree.

People are urged to dress appropriately for the cold weather, bring proper tools, and equip vehicles properly with tire chains, snow shovel, etc. The Forest Service reminds all permittees that trees cannot be cut within 300 feet of State Highway 26, or within 300 feet of any campground, or within 100 feet of any Forest Road or stream.

The following is a list of phone numbers that may be called for 24-hour road condition reports.

SW Idaho - 208-376-8028. Idaho statewide - 208-336-6600.
Oregon - 889-9115.
Nevada - 702-793-1313
Utah - 801-793-1313.
Washington - 509-456-6333. Wyoming - 307-635-9966. Arizona - 602-262-8261.

Two Divergent Proposals Aired

Members of the Citizens Advisory Council appointed to advise the hospital board on a future course of action for Malheur Memorial Hospital met Tuesday night with Sister Mary Teresa, administrator of Mercy Medical Center, Nampa, and Chuck Smith, administrator of Holy Rosary Hospital, Ontario.

The group first met with Sister Mary Teresa and Craig Hanson of Mercy Medical Center.

The most significant thing to come from this first meeting was that the Sisters of Mercy have expressed a definite interest in affiliating with Malheur Memorial Hospital.

How this affiliation would be worked out if found feasible by both parties was not clear at this time. Several alternatives were discussed, ranging from operating the hospital as a diagnostic center to leasing or selling the hospital to the Sisters of Mercy.

It was the belief of Sister Mary Teresa and Mr. Hanson that with the proposed affiliation, and two family practitioners, practicing in conjunction with the hospital that the hospital could continue to operate. However they also pointed out that this would be determined by the local people whether or not they use the facility or seek medical assistance elsewhere.

The determining factor would be whether or not physicians can be secured. It has been reported that the

National Health Service will be supplying one and maybe two physicians in the near future.

The group then met with Chuck Smith, administrator of Holy Rosary Hospital. Smith reported that Holy Rosary had no interest in affiliating with Malheur Memorial Hospital because the two would be duplicating facilities. It was his recommendation that the Hospital be closed and converted to a nursing home and that the people of Nyssa go to Holy Rosary Hospital, Ontario.

The council voted unanimously to recommend the hospital board that they further pursue affiliation with Mercy Medical Center.

ASCS Mails Election Ballots

ASCS committee election ballots have been mailed to all known eligible voters in Malheur County according to an announcement made by Russell Fulleton, Chairman of the Malheur County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

To be elected this year, is one regular county committeeman and two alternate committeemen. Names on this year's slate of nominees are: David Bunch, Charles Farley, Jim Nakano, Elver E. Nielsen, Robert G. Oxnam, and Wesley Richmond. Regular committeemen are elected for a three year term and alternates for one year.

Present members of the committee are Russell Fulleton, Vale, Blaine Girvin, Vale, and Elver E. Nielsen, Nyssa.

Fulleton urges all eligible voters to mark their ballots and timely return them in the postage free envelope. It is also important to pay close attention to the instructions on the ballot. Any eligible voter who has not received a ballot may obtain one at the county office. Voted ballots must be post-marked or received in the county office not later than December 5, 1977. Participation in ASC elections is open to all farmers regardless of race, religion, sex, color, or national origin.

WEATHER

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Nov. 21	29	17	
Nov. 22	49	22	.50
Nov. 23	46	23	
Nov. 24	37	34	.21
Nov. 25	40	34	.59
Nov. 26	53	34	trace
Nov. 27	45	32	.07
Nov. 28	50	34	.02
Nov. 29	55	35	
Nov. 30		28	
Owyhee Reservoir Storage	11-28-77	193,350	Acre Feet
11-28-76	451,710	Acre Feet	



IF YOU'VE DRIVEN by 718 King Avenue recently, you have seen Scott Beattie's work of art for the Christmas season. Scott came home for Thanksgiving last Thursday and from a Christmas greeting card, he started painting on his Mom and Dad's (Rev. and Mrs. Don Beattie) picture window.

Scott's a 1975 graduate of Nyssa High School and is presently working at Abbey Sales in Portland, Oregon. He attends night school and also paints murals. Scott will start taking art and drafting classes next semester and hopes to make a career of his art work.



MEL FISHER, pictured above, was just one of many who found their sidewalks covered with snow last Tuesday morning. By the time it was over, Nyssa had about seven inches on the ground. However, if we're to have a white Christmas it will have to snow again as the recent rains have all but removed the traces of the early winter storm.