

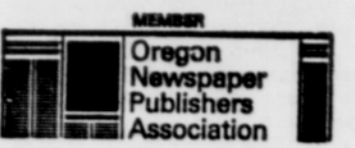
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**FOREST GROVE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

Admitting List  
December 10 - Maxine Medges.

One of the first things England's Oliver Cromwell and his Puritan followers did when they came to power in 1644 was to ban the celebration of Christmas. Why? Because they believed the whole thing smacked of "immoral sun worship."

**THE PEOPLE SPEAK - - -**

To the Editor:  
On behalf of the Vernonia High School Chorus, I would personally like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our annual Christmas Vespers. This program gives people a chance to do three things people like to do during this season: to hear traditional Christmas music, to listen to the reading of the Christmas story, and to sing favorite Christmas carols.

The program has been held for the past four years at various churches in town, thus giving the program an intimacy that cannot be achieved in the high school gym. It also gives us the availability of an organ to use for the community singing, which is zestful and enthusiastic! Elsewhere in this edition of the Eagle, you will find more details about the program.

Regardless of whether you have children in chorus, won't you join us on the 22nd for an enjoyable musical expression of the Christmas spirit?

Sincerely,  
Ward Nelson  
High School Chorus Director

it." At the present time heart conditions and disease are the biggest killers we have today. As you all know, we are approximately 30 miles from a hospital which will take probably from 30 to 45 minutes to get a patient to a hospital and with this machine it is possible to save someone's life on the way.

The machine that is recommended will cost about \$4500. We are contacting the large companies in the area for help but if this fails I would like to see a community project to raise these funds for it would certainly be a benefit to the people of the community.

We have at least 3500 people in the area and if we could get \$1.50 from each, we could purchase the machine. We also have three people who are receiving training in the operation of the machine.

Donations to this can be sent to the Chief of Police Jack Cunningham or to the city ambulance fund. There are also cans set up in businesses around town for donations to this cause.  
T. Tomlin

To the Editor:  
The month of November for me was the most memorable part of 1973. After a year of preparation and planning, on November 2nd I flew to Guayaquil, Ecuador. This was a project underwritten by the church in Vernonia to send me as a medical secretary to the mission field for the month under the Oriental Missionary Society.

I was met in Guayaquil by Rev. Paul Lund, Field Representative of OMS, and stayed the first few days with the Lunds inasmuch as the doctor with whom I was to work had not yet returned from a medical convention. This gave me an opportunity to see Guayaquil, which is a large, hot and dusty bustling metropolis. Street stalls and small shops characterize the downtown business area, in addition to some larger Western style stores and offices.

On Dr. Kime's arrival back in Ecuador I flew to Cuenca and we took the bus on the Pan-American Highway up into the Andes mountains to the clinic at Saraguro.

The Andes are a magnificent rounded and rugged mountain, not peaked like our Cascades, with deep valleys of farms and villages nestled between. Cattle, goats, pigs, sheep and vegetables are the main product of these valleys.

Saraguro is a Spanish style town of approximately 1000 population. The people there are very small and shy. They dress in solid black and generally wear a white hat. They are in mourning for their ancient Inca king - dead 300 to 400 years. By the time I was ready to leave Saraguro, the people had accepted me as their friend and would speak (although I couldn't understand a word of Spanish, nor speak it, which was most frustrating).

The clinic is a two-story adobe building - the doctor and his family living in the upper floor (where I also stayed), and the clinic on the ground level. The clinic facilities are quite complete with a surgery, lab and

**Japanese Cookery Class Slated By PCC**

Japanese cuisine is among the most exotic and appealing foods in the world, and more and more Americans are studying its art and serving it in their homes.

An excellent opportunity to learn to master the mysteries of tempura, terriyaki, sukiyaki, and other traditional Japanese delicacies will be offered this winter by Portland Community College.

"Japanese Cookery" will be taught in five sessions from 7 to 10 p.m. in room A6 at Lake Oswego High School, 2501 S.W. Country Club Road, Lake Oswego on Wednesday evenings, beginning January 9. The course fee is \$12.50.

The well known Japanese cook Kashu Hamada will instruct.

x-ray, pharmacy, delivery and treatment rooms and space for about 15 in-patients. The most desperate need is more personnel. Only one nurse and doctor are there (and the only Americans in the whole community of Saraguro). At least every two weeks Dr. Kime tries to go to some of the outlying villages to hold clinics.

My main duties at the clinic were to delete old treatment files to make room for the many new patients coming to the clinic. I also completed some narcotics records that had to be sent to Quito. While there I had the privilege of observing surgery and two deliveries. I also had the thrill of holding a lovely little boy just minutes after he was born. (The nurse is also trained in midwifery.)

The last week I was back in Guayaquil at the OMS headquarters office and helped set up a library card file for the seminary there.

The last two days was a "mini-vacation" up at Quito, the beautiful capital city. It was my privilege to tour the Palace and go to the Equator a short distance out of Quito. I also visited Radio HCJB, the most powerful Christian station.

This was an experience I'll never forget, and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to go and become part of a missionary work. When I arrived in Portland December 2nd, a large group from the church was at the airport to greet me, and they all came to my apartment for a reception.

After the events of last month the rest of this year fades into obscurity, each day filled with the usual routine of daily living. I must close this, but just wanted to share with you about my trip to Ecuador.

May God bless your Holiday and with his Peace and his Presence.

In Christ,  
Mary Ann Clark

**TOPICS OF THE TOWN**

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Weller and two sons attended a pre-Christmas family dinner and gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weller at Beaverton on Saturday. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herrin of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Cash of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Holsey and daughter of Aloha, and Mrs. Cathy Feakes of Tigard. Mr. and Mrs. Herrin left on Monday on a belated wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Seal and family of Beaverton visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidlin on Sunday. The Schmidlins spent a couple of days recently with her daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Harders at Aberdeen, Washington.

Miss Darlene Morgan of Portland spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan.

Mrs. Patricia Galloway of Clatskanie and Mr. Lawrence Schneider of Rainier were united in marriage December 11 at Reno, Nevada. The newlyweds visited her mother Mrs. Nell Thacker and aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Thacker on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Nice and children attended a family gathering and potluck dinner in honor of her father Ira McBeth at Monmouth on Saturday. There were about 60 present, including his three sisters.

Eugene Woodcock of Rainier, and his sister Mrs. Robert

Andrews attended the funeral of their brother Chester Woodcock at Silverton on Thursday. Jack Hacksma also accompanied them.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Mabel Graves were Mr. and Mrs. Hale Graves and David of Portland and Miss Ruth Graves who is home for a three-weeks vacation from Biola college in Los Angeles.

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