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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Idaho State Police Receive Recognition For Life-Saving Effort**

Ontario, Oregon  
 Dec. 27, 1964

Idaho State Police Department  
 Boise, Idaho  
 Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the unselfish, dedicated service rendered by your department in bringing emergency blood supplies from the Red Cross Blood Bank in Boise to the two hospitals in Malheur County from time to time.

This letter is prompted by the remarkable help rendered by your department on December 14 when your men made approximately five runs to the Malheur Memorial Hospital in Nyssa in response to a request for blood, both standard and freshly acquired fibrinogen which is a blood derivative and necessary for the coagulation of blood in a desperate effort to help us try to save a young woman's life.

This woman underwent a rather routine operation but suffered an unpredictable and, unfortunately, unavoidable complication in which her blood coagulating mechanism failed completely for unexplained reasons. Most regrettably, we were unable to save the young mother's life and I feel that the loss is a tragedy without parallel.

At this time, I can only express my sincerest gratitude to your men in rushing these supplies down from Boise—and I am sure at considerably high speeds and under some significant risk to their own safety—to try to help save the life of a good citizen in your neighboring State of Oregon.

I know that I speak for the family of Mrs. Dail in expressing my feelings at this time but, in their moment of sorrow and grief, they undoubtedly find it difficult to express their feelings of gratitude toward your men.

We don't often take the time to let you know how much your help is appreciated when you make these all too frequent runs to Malheur County in response to an urgent request for blood.

While we were unable to save the life of Mrs. Dail, I might state that the quick response on the part of your men have, in the past, contributed mightily to the saving of many lives in Eastern Oregon and I know that I speak for all of the doctors in this end of the valley when I say, "Thank you for your noble, Christian deeds."

Very sincerely yours,  
 Augustus M. Tanaka, M.D.

**Legion Commander Commends Jaycees For Yule Packages**

Dec. 28, 1964

Nyssa Gate City Journal  
 Nyssa, Oregon  
 Dear Editor:

I take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to all who assisted in preparing and delivering Christmas packages to needy families in the area.

I especially want to thank President Byron Standerfer and other Nyssa Jaycees who helped with this project. Thanks also go to members of the Nyssa Civil Air Patrol and others who assisted in delivering the packages.

This is the first year that I have been directly connected with the annual program, and I wish to state that it is quite an undertaking for any group of individuals.

Legionnaires of Post 79 are proud of the local Jaycees who did most of the leg work for this Christmas basket endeavor. We feel that as long as Nyssa has this type of youthful individuals residing and working in the community, they are deserving of public recognition.

Residents of the Nyssa community can well be proud of these young businessmen who so unselfishly devoted their time and efforts for such a worthy cause in bringing happiness to others at Christmastime, 1964.

Let us hope that the various organizations can continue to work together in all efforts to further the community's welfare in the new year to come.

MARTIN G. GREIG  
 Commander  
 American Legion  
 Post No. 79

**BIRTH OF SON REPORTED BY K. HUMMELS COUPLE**

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hummels (nee Letha Sager) of Ft. Collins, Colo., are parents of a son, Robert Dale, born Dec. 26. The infant weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and is the couple's first child. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sager and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Foster.

**VISITOR FROM BOISE**

Mrs. Grace Horton of Boise visited several days this week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Muri Lancaster and Mary Lou.

**IT'S ALL FOOT TROUBLE!**

Told to a Journal reporter by Hal Brendle, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brendle: "If athletes have athlete's foot... Spacemen must have mistletoe."

**Watch Night Service Set New Year's Eve At Christian Church**

The Rev. Wallace Prowell has announced that a watch-night service will be held this evening, Dec. 31, at the First Christian church. Activities will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 with games and entertainment planned throughout the evening.

A candlelight devotional service will begin at 11:30 and last into the new year, the Rev. Prowell said. Area residents are invited to attend any part of the evening's activities.

**IT'S YOUR LAW**

By Oregon State Bar

**Presumptions In the Law Discussed**

In every trial the law puts the "burden of proof" on one side or the other. For example, until the prosecuting attorney offers evidence that an accused person committed a crime, the accused need not prove his innocence.

The state has the "burden of proof." For the trial to move forward, the prosecuting attorney must first make out a case.

Where the burden of proof lies depends on who must prove the case and what presumptions of the law help him. For example, an accused person is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Yet a person who is found guilty may take over the burden of proving that he was insane at the time of the offense. He tries to show he didn't have the legal capacity to commit the crime. Since the law presumes all people are sane, unless proved otherwise, the accused has the burden of proof if he pleads insanity.

This burden differs: In a criminal case the state has to show the accused guilty "beyond a reasonable doubt."

But in a civil case, say for damages, the test is, "Did the plaintiff make out his case with the preponderance of evidence?" This is not as hard a test to meet as that of "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Some presumptions are "conclusive" and cannot be disputed in court. For example, it is an ancient maxim that all are conclusively presumed to know the laws. A man cannot say in his defense that he didn't know the law he is charged with violating.

Sometimes two presumptions may conflict in the same case. A second marriage was being attacked as invalid because of a claimed prior marriage. The law presumes a prior marriage continues. It also presumes that a person is innocent of a crime (bigamy). In these cases the presumption of innocence of the crime usually gets preference.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service.)

**FARM BUREAU FURROW**

By SCOTT LAMB  
 Information Director

**Agriculture in 1964**

Farmers in Oregon are not going to be overly sorry to see 1964 go by the board. Prices on the parity index were the lowest in years, and from beef through cherries, growers took it on the chin.

The one bright spot was in potatoes. Spuds brought the highest prices in years following a season which saw many demands for federal controls and price supports on potatoes.

Wheat prices under the new farm bill were a great disappointment to growers. The certificate plan operated by the federal government cut back both acres and price, leaving farmers in a much lower income bracket than the previous year.

Beef prices were down, due to a bad feed grain program in 1962-63 and a great increase in imports during 1964.

Dairymen were plagued with imports of milk from surrounding states, calculated to break the milk stabilization law passed by the last session of the state legislature. Producer-distributors were unhappy with the equalization factor written into the milk law requiring them to pay other producers if the P-D's increased their business.

Sour cherry growers had the best crop in years, but so did the rest of the nation, and cherry prices went tumbling. Sweet cherry prices were smashed by imports from Europe.

The flood at the end of the year was only a cap to the year which will be remembered as a tough one for agriculture.

In spite of all this, we doubt that many farmers would trade places with any other farmers in the world. Bad prices in crops are like a storm—there is always sunshine when the storm is over.

The year 1965 is sure to be better and the eternal optimism of the farmer has always led the nation to better things to come.

**Adrian Church Plans Watch-Night Service**

College students, spending the holidays with their families, joined the Adrian Community church choir and presented a special vocal selection during the worship service last Sunday morning.

New Year's eve there will be a congregational potluck supper at the church with serving to begin at 7 o'clock.

The watch-night service will honor college students and other holiday visitors in the community. Activities will include games, singing and the showing of films including "Christ in the Art of India."

All residents of the area are invited to attend.

**New Year Activities Announced by Pastor Of Methodist Church**

"And the Walls Came Tumbling Down" will be topic for discussion at the rally for older youth to be held Jan. 1-2 at the Vale Methodist church.

The meeting is for all college students and other post-high school young adults in Eastern Oregon and Western Idaho and will be led by the Rev. Willis Ludlow of Idaho Falls. Additional information concerning the rally may be obtained from Dan Klinkenberg.

According to the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence, "Looking Ahead and Living Now" will be topic of the sermon during the 11 a.m. New Year's worship service at the Nyssa Methodist church on Sunday, Jan. 3.

The sacrament of holy communion will be served and the chancel choir, under direction of Mrs. Tom Nishitani, will sing "Let Us Break Bread Together." Church school will be held at the regular 9:45 hour.

Date of meetings for official church board members has been changed back to the first Monday of each month. The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 4 with commission meetings to be followed by the complete board convening at 8:30.

Executive committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, in the church.

Monthly meeting of the WSCS will be held at 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, with a prayer-fellowship session followed by the regular meeting at 2 o'clock.

**VISITORS FROM NAMPA**

Mrs. R. R. Funk and children of Nampa visited Sunday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hamilton. Mrs. Anna Hamilton left Monday for her home in Nampa after spending several days with her son and daughter-in-law, the Bill Hamiltons.

**Variety of New Books Now Available To Patrons of Nyssa Public Library**

The following books are now available at Nyssa public library, according to Mrs. Max Urry, city librarian.

**ADULT BOOKS**

"None So Blind" by Bernice Clifton. What happens when a successful young business woman is suddenly confronted by the prospect of a lifetime in total darkness? Read how this woman met her challenge in the world of darkness.

"The Living Reed" by Pearl S. Buck. This book tells the story of a close-knit family who dedicate themselves to the salvation of their homeland (China). The reader lives with them from the splendid era of Queen Min to the climactic days of World War II.

Ian Fleming's "The Spy Who Loved Me" is a new departure in chronicling the adventures of the fabulous James Bond, but bears the customary Fleming hallmark—what Max Lerner in the New York Post called "His enormous resourcefulness, his sure sense of what will fascinate and terrify the reader, his contriving of hairbreath escapades."

"Adam M-1" by William C. Anderson. Little did Helios Project Officer Jeff McDermott realize what he was letting himself in for when he had his inspiration. Adam M-1 resulted from this inspiration—a perfect blend of robot and man. This author also has written "Penelope." With this bit of information, need we say more?

"Forever Old, Forever New" by Emily Kimbrough. This author, the most ardent adoptive Greek since the Emperor Hadrian, is back among the people she knows and loves so well. When things happen to Emily they really happen, and she reacts. Since this is true of the Greeks as well, mutual admiration is really easy to understand.

"Kirsti" by Helen M. Miller. Kirsti Junnola needed help. She looked through the door of her cabin and saw the first snow falling on the mountains. She was left in this primitive Idaho valley with her little sister and pregnant stepmother to care for and unable to speak the language of her adopted America.

"Dag Hammarskjöld's Markings." This manuscript was left by the author to be published after his death. It is a remarkable record of the spiritual life of a man—a record that reveals the extent of his commitment to the Way of the Cross.

"Old Mali and the Boy" by D. R. Sherman. Old Mali tends the gardens of the British messiah. The boy is enthralled by Mali's tales of the great hunts and longs to test his strength in the jungle.

"The Strange Tactics of Extremism" by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet. The Overstreets turn their attention to the other end of the spectrum—the extreme right. Although they name names, times and places, their emphasis is on methods and results rather than on personalities or motives.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S BOOKS** are "Rascal" by Sterling North, "Three Against London" by Rachel M. Varble, "The Pond" by Robert Murphy, "Across Five Aprils" by Irene Hunt, "Mary Poppins" by P. L. Travers.

**CHILDREN'S BOOKS** include "Little Toot on the Thames," "Nothing to Do," "Reptiles and Amphibians," "The Piper," "Prehistoric Animals," "Mousekin's Golden House" and "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

**VISITORS FROM RENTON**

Sunday and Monday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Urry, Patty and Dennis were his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kay Johnson and family of Renton, Wash.



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**Poor Cotton Pickin' Salesman Gives Humorous Version of Fund Shortage**

(Editor's Note—This item was submitted for publication in the Journal by Bob Wilson of Wilson Bros. Department store. He received it from C. C. "Uncle Charlie" Harris, a poor cotton-pickin' dress salesman of route 1, Banks, Oregon.)

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter requesting a check, I wish to inform you that the present condition of my bank account makes this almost impossible.

My shattered financial state is due to federal laws, county laws, city laws, corporation laws, liquor laws, mother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws and out-laws.

Through these laws I am compelled to pay a business tax, head tax, amusement tax, school tax, gas tax, phone tax, sales tax, excise tax and income tax. I am required to get a business license, auto license, truck license, hunting license, fishing license, marriage license and dog license.

I am also required to contribute to every society and organization imaginable—to women's relief, to unemployment relief, to gold-diggers' relief—to every hospital and charitable institution in the city, including the Red Cross, Black Cross, Blue Cross, White Cross, Purple Cross and the double cross.

For my own protection, I am required to carry life insurance, property insurance, burglary insurance, accident insurance, tornado and earthquake insurance, unemployment insurance, old age insurance and fire insurance.

My business is so governed that it is hard for me to find out exactly who owns it. I am inspected, expected, suspected, disrespected, rejected, dejected, examined, re-examined, informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled until I supply money for every need of the human race.

Simply because I refuse to donate to something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, held down and robbed until I am almost ruined.

I can tell you honestly that except for a miracle that happened I could not enclose this check. The wolf that comes in my door every day just had pups in my kitchen. I sold them and here is your money.

—"Uncle Charlie" Harris.

**New Planning for Retirement Guide Published by Oregon State University**

Realistic planning for retirement must take into account the "bonus" years that accumulate as a person nears retirement age.

A new guide to planning for retirement, published by the Oregon State university Cooperative Extension service, provides a table of average life expectancy for the person approaching retirement age. The publication was prepared by Alberta Johnston and Roberta Frasier, OSU extension home economics specialists.

According to the retirement guide, although average life expectancy is normally shown as 67 for men and 74 for women, these figures are based on life expectancy at birth and can mislead the person planning for retirement. Since the early years of life are the most hazardous, a person who lives beyond these critical years usually has some bonus years coming.

For example, a man at age 65 has, on the average, another 12 years to plan for. A woman of 65 has an average 16-year life expectancy.

**Older Persons Remain Active**

The common conception of the retired person as infirm and bedridden is generally not true either, according to the OSU extension specialists. Most older persons can look forward to remaining active and in good health for at least the first few years after retirement.

Studies indicate that only about one percent of persons past 65 are bedridden. At least two-thirds of the persons in one study had not spent any time in bed due to illness during the past year.

The ability to learn does not suddenly stop at retirement age, either. Nearly a million people age 65 and older are enrolled in formal education programs in the United States. Many more are engaged in informal education, it was noted.

**Financial Questions Considered**

The booklet also suggests factors to consider in making financial plans for retirement. There are several questions to ask when planning retirement finances: What are your financial resources? What will each of these provide in cash? How do you plan to use these resources after you retire?

**LEAVES FOR CORVALLIS**

Wayne Riggs left Christmas night to return to Oregon State university in Corvallis after having spent several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Riggs and Doyle. Together with other members of the OSU band, he boarded a plane the following day for Orange, Calif., to attend the Pasadena Rose parade and Rose Bowl game. Riggs attended the activities last year as a member of the Nyssa high school band.

**SATURDAY EVENING GUESTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Marcum and children were Saturday evening visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Mitchell and family.