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1967 Stork Derby In 15th Running Starts Sunday

Winner and Parents To Get Many Prizes

The 15th annual Stork Derby, sponsored by Malheur Memorial hospital, Nyssa physicians and local business firms gets under way one minute after midnight Saturday.

The rules are the same as in the previous 14 years. The winner must arrive after the starting date, be of natural birth and born in the local hospital. The attending physician must certify the exact time of birth. In the very unlikely case of a tie, gifts will be divided equally.

Wide-Open Race

The race is open to anyone wishing to use the hospital facilities for this purpose. There are no racial or religious barriers and no entry fee. Nor is there any geographical limitations. Entrants may be Nyssans, Oregonians or from any other state. There is a definite time limit for which the awards are given—the event must take place in 1967.

The hospital offers \$50 on expenses for the winner, the local (Nyssa) physicians will knock \$50 off their bill where the mother is their patient, A-N-D—there is a "Heap of Other Loot" for the baby and parents.

For a complete list of the donors and gifts offered by Nyssans see page six of this issue of the Journal.

For information of those desiring to enter next year's contest, the best medical authorities say it takes time. Normally, plans should be made in—say three months from now!

Bank Manager

Ronald E. Young To Leave Nyssa

Ronald E. Young, manager of the local bank, announced Wednesday that he would be moving to The Dalles in January to assume a similar position there.

He was recently selected as president of the local Chamber of Commerce for the 1967 year, a position from which he resigned at the Wednesday meeting.

Young said it was a nice promotion for him but that he and his family liked Nyssa and hated to leave. The family will be moving in March during spring school vacation after he has secured suitable housing in his new location and has sold his home here on Reece avenue.

The First National Bank of Oregon home office has made no announcement as to his successor here. Dale Adams is the new vice president of the Nyssa C of C and will probably take over as president. A new member will be selected at the Jan. 6 board meeting.

TB. Health Officials Urge Prompt Payment For Christmas Seals

Mrs. Madge Flegel of Ontario, representative director for the Malheur County council, Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association, reports that so far this year the Christmas seal drive total for the eastern region is \$18,415.67.

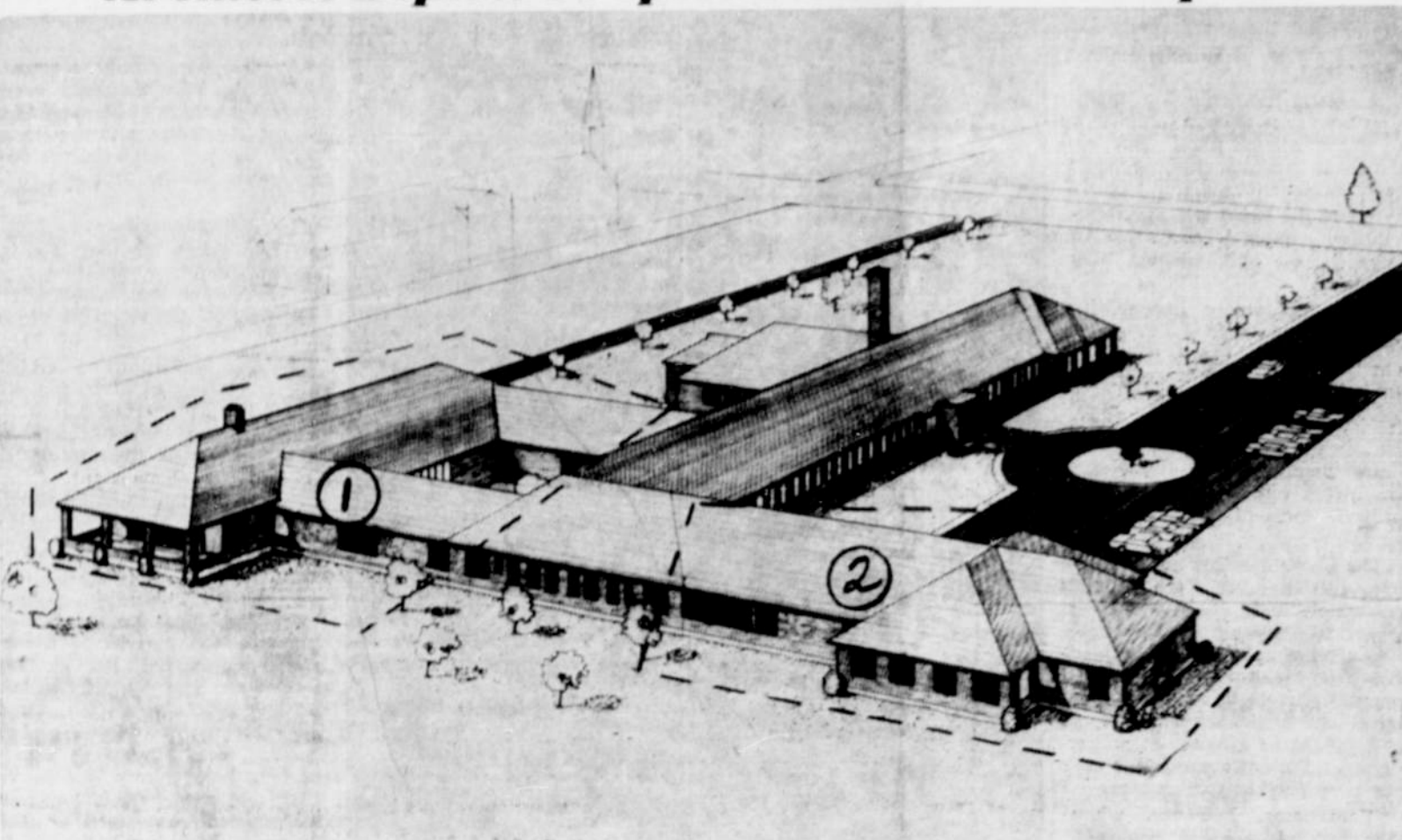
By this time last year, \$18,353.87 had been received in the area comprising Baker, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Walla-walla counties. This represents 80 percent of the total 1965 seal income.

Malheur county residents will soon be receiving colorful reminders about Christmas seals from the eastern region office of the association in La Grande. The reminders are also pleas asking those who received seals to send contributions.

Those who have already sent their payments, but received reminders a week or more later, are asked to notify the association immediately so that records can be corrected.

Contributions and other correspondence should be mailed to Anthony F. Haberlach, Program Director, Eastern Region, Oregon TB and Health Association, P.O. Box 847, La Grande, Ore. 97850.

Architect Depicts Proposed Addition to Hospital



THE ARCHITECT'S DRAWING pictured above shows what the Malheur Memorial hospital would look like when completed, if voters of the district approve a bond election for the addition of a nursing home wing Jan. 10. At the top is Alberta avenue, to the upper left a faint outline of the LDS church on the west. The addition would be enclosed inside the broken line areas shown by Numbers 1 and 2. Area 1 would house the recreation and dining facilities with additional beds in the narrow section underneath the figure 1. Area 2 would be composed of beds, therapy and reception rooms. The addition would house 30 more beds for nursing home patients, more than double the floor space and provide additional black-topped parking areas. The present hospital is the result of contributions of area residents ranging from a few to thousands of dollars. The drive was spearheaded by the Nyssa Lions club in the late 1940's to secure a hospital, and after repeated failures a Mr. Barr was retained to direct the drive which resulted in \$250,000 in cash and pledges for construction of a 32-bed structure. Later, following a polio epidemic in Nyssa a second drive was conducted by Barr and volunteer solicitors and another \$100,000 raised with the result of another 10-bed addition. According to Dr. K. E. Kerby, actual construction was begun in 1949 and the building completed for occupancy in 1951. The present board of hard-headed business men is composed of John Stam, chairman; Everett Heldt, secretary; Ted Morgan, treasurer; Tom Drydale and Vic Haburchak, members. It is their thinking the time has arrived for another addition to the hospital to care for the increase in the patient load of older folks with funds provided through Medicare.

Postmaster Reports Mailbox Theft; Quotes Law Concerning Punishment

According to Nyssa Postmaster Lee Dail, vandals have struck again. This time it was the theft of a mailbox from one of the rural routes. The boxes are protected by federal law, and pranksters or vandals who damage or destroy them or their contents are subject to a heavy fine or even imprisonment, Dail said.

The law reads, "Whoever wilfully or maliciously injures, tears down or destroys any letterbox or other receptacle intended or used for the receipt or delivery of mail on any mail route, or breaks open the same wilfully or maliciously injures, defaces or destroys any mail deposited therein, shall be imprisoned not more than three years."

This applies to all mail receptacles and mail in them, even though the boxes are purchased by citizens and are their personal property, the postmaster stated. "Pranksters—and especially children who do not know better—should be made to realize the seriousness of their actions. A \$1,000 fine or jail term is enough to take the humor out of any prank," Dail declared.

Often mail box damage is the work of youths who do it for "kicks." The courts have shown little sympathy for this youthful means of expression as some local lads will testify.

Various Fines Listed

Dail cited these several instances. In Michigan two 18-year-olds received a 10-day jail sentence, including a diet of baby food, as the judge explained they acted like infants. They were also fined \$25 each, plus \$15 court costs.

Two Iowa youths who damaged 39 mail boxes were required to personally apologize to each boxholder, in addition to making repairs or providing new boxes.

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Hospital Board Feels Bond Approval Would Solve Major Money Problems

Voters of Malheur Memorial hospital district are again reminded of the bond election Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1967. It will be held in the little theater room of the high school from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The purpose is to decide if the board shall be empowered to issue and sell bonds in the amount of \$321,116 for the construction of a 30-bed nursing wing addition to the existing hospital.

Total cost of the addition is estimated at \$450,116, but application for a grant of \$129,000 has been approved by the federal government under the Hill-Burton act and would be available for use toward the total if the bond issue is approved locally.

Background Given

At the beginning of the operation of the hospital in 1951 occupancies of 50 percent and more were common. This provided funds for costs of current operation plus debt retirement. But with the use of new miracle drugs and changes in thinking on treatment of patients the time-stay became shorter and shorter—thus cutting income.

By 1955 the hospital was operating at a loss, which condition continued to exist until 1959 when the hospital district was formed and local taxes used to help defray expenses. It also enabled the board to pay off the balance of a \$35,000 mortgage held by Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance company.

Revenue From Increased Taxes

Since 1959 the average occupancy rate has been slightly over 30 percent which is below the break-even point. Each successive hospital board has been faced with the need for more revenue with the only place to get it through increasing local taxes.

In addition to the hospital woes there has been a definite need for more nursing home beds to care for the aged. The medical staff has talked this for years, but the board saw no way to finance the construction costs.

Then came Medicare—and whether one liked it or not there was to be more and more older folks living to take advantage of it. Taxpayers were supporting the program through payments to the federal government. This being true, there was a decreasing amount of care of the aged by relatives and an increasing demand on hospital facilities and straight nursing homes.

A Two-Way Plan

After months of continuous study the local board felt they saw a way to provide the needed beds for older patients and at the same time improve the hospital financial condition.

The government pays practically all the expenses for use of nursing home facilities. The older patients stay longer than regular hospital patients and thus provide financial aid.

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Babson Sees Bigger War in '67; Taxes Up on All Levels; Further Wage Rises Causing Unemployment, Bankruptcy

Urges Businessmen and Investors to Go Slow Through Uncertainties of the Year

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The close of 1966 marks the 70th consecutive month in the life span of the longest business boom of all time for the American economy. However, "trees do not grow to the sky." Already, signs of deterioration in the expansive vigor that characterized the earlier phase of the business upswing have been increasing in 1966. Hence, the outlook for business and finance in 1967 is of greater-than-usual importance.

Lest readers of this column be tempted to "push the panic button," however, let me state that it would be unwise to expect a major depression in 1967. Our greatly expanded economy still has a considerable degree of momentum. The spotlight on 1967, therefore, should focus upon those factors which are likely to cause a breathing spell in economic activity. Politicians and labor leaders have a phobia against even a hesitancy in business, and rush headlong into measures designed to treat a case of pneumonia when cold pills would be more appropriate.

1. Although business and financial problems loom large in the prospects for 1967, I must warn readers that the greatest danger for the year ahead does not exist on the domestic front. Surely it will be developments abroad that will hold the gravest threat to our country. These could be economic as well as military or political.

2. I see no war between the United States and Russia in 1967. However, tensions between the two world leaders may seem to reach the breaking point as the Kremlin "goes all out" to create diversions to our efforts in Vietnam. Look for Moscow to throw salt on festering wounds in the Middle East, Africa and Germany.

3. I am also hopeful that a direct clash between Red China and the U.S. can be avoided in 1967. Internal dissensions are rampant throughout Mainland China, and a great scramble for power is in full swing. Sabre-rattling may help to unify the people; but pressing problems of low productivity, plus the demands of her nuclear program, should restrain Red China from direct attack upon the United States.

4. The struggle for leadership of the Communist world camp will continue unabated throughout 1967. Full political attack will be mounted by the Kremlin against Peking. It will be tough and go, however, whether Russia can persuade her wavering satellites to sign a final manifesto reading Red China out of the Party.

5. Recent elections in West Germany have fanned the embers of nationalism into a tiny flame. This has surely thrown a scare into Russian leaders. I predict that they will take a harder line against Germany in 1967 than in some time. I feel that we should particularly watch General de Gaulle, who is playing closer and closer to Moscow from month to month.

6. Heavily armed with Soviet weapons, the Arabs of the Middle East—squared off against Israel—present a grave threat to world peace. Nevertheless, I do not believe that Russia or the United States can afford a direct confrontation at this time; hence my forecast that the smoldering conflagration there will not erupt into World War III.

7. While all reasonable people are hoping for a genuine peace in Vietnam, I predict that the issue will not be resolved in 1967. Though the tide of battle is swinging in our favor, we may be forced to increase our commitment in order to retain this upper hand.

8. I predict, therefore, that military spending will be raised in 1967. This can help soften the impact of any easing in the private sector of the economy.

9. Turning now to domestic conditions, I foresee a definite deceleration in business activity in 1967. The fantastic boom in need of a rest. Instead of the strong uptrend of recent years, I look for a high level of industrial production early in the year; but unless some new stimulus is introduced, I fear that a cresting-over pattern is likely to develop as 1967 progresses.

10. I forecast a continuation of the tug of war between inflation and deflation in 1967. Tight credit, and increased productive capacity resulting from the flood of business capital expenditures in recent years, are deflationary. However, I can see no substantial relief from the inflation in labor and other operating costs. In short, we can have "cost-push" inflation co-existing with deflation.

11. A key factor in the business and financial outlook for 1967 is taxes. With defense outlays climbing, I look for a rise in corporate and personal taxes in 1967. Moreover, I forecast that various levies at the state and local levels will continue to increase.

12. The tightening tax squeeze on all fronts will worsen as the year advances. And there will also be rising complaints from both businessmen and employees that social security taxes are becoming unbearable.

13. Results of the recent elections indicate that the headlong run of the Great Society program must take a breather along with the economy. Gains scored by the Republicans have altered the balance of power sufficiently to force a more sober look in public spending.

14. One of the primary reasons for expecting a deceleration in the economy is the likelihood that business capital expenditures may ease. Tight credit, suspension of accelerated depreciation guidelines and suspension of tax credit on business capital outlays will be tough obstacles to surmount.

15. Except in defense industries, I look for an abrupt switch during 1967 from a business policy of inventory accumulation to one of inventory liquidation.

16. I forecast that scarcity of credit will continue to be a problem with which business must contend in the early part of 1967. The money managers should keep enough credit available for legitimate business needs, but I expect no early radical easing of credit.

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MALE OPERATOR JOINS STAFF AT BEAUTY NOOK

Another "first" in Nyssa, as far as can be determined, is "Ernie," a male beauty operator who joins the staff at Alice Neiger's Beauty Nook.

He comes to this area from Portland and specializes in the new Sassoon cuts (the women's hair-dos with sideburns). Ernie is also taking appointments for permanent waves, shampoos and other beauty shop services.

NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT SLATED AT STAKE CENTER

A New Year's Eve dance, sponsored by the Nyssa LDS stake, will be held between the hours of 9 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. at the stake center on Alberta avenue.

A buffet dinner, hats and noisemakers are on the Saturday evening agenda.



CLIFFORD E. CHRISTENSEN joined the Nyssa police force in late September as reserve patrolman. He is a native of Vale, was graduated from high school there and, before joining the local force, took a police science course at Treasure Valley Community college. During the recent heavy shopping season he served as plain-clothes man for the department, constantly checking the local stores for shoplifters. Chief Alvin Alvin reports that the local merchants he has talked with definitely feel that thefts were fewer this year due to this added service.

HAPPY NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO ALL