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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Malheur Hospital District Residents Discuss Pro, Con Sides of Proposed Nursing Home

To the Editor
 Gate City Journal:
 In regards to the coming bond election for the Malheur Memorial Hospital district I would like to say that since retiring from the practice of general medicine, I have not been in very close touch with the management or operation of the hospital. Going back into a little history, however, I recall vividly what a struggle we had to get a hospital. Even though the federal government refused to help, the people were determined and built as fine a hospital as any in the country without a cent of federal help. We were given as high a rating as any hospital in the U. S. or Canada when we were closely inspected and examined by the Joint Commission of Accreditation and have always maintained that high rating—something that larger hospitals occasionally fail in.

Through circumstances and changes beyond control, we have had difficulties financially but through the faith and generosity of the community have kept the high standard and served the community faithfully. And now, except for current expenses, are almost out of debt.

This, I think you will agree with me, is very commendable and something to be truly proud of. I am in favor of this bond issue, first, because I feel with Medicare and the greater demand in nursing home patients we will need more space. Second, if we are to keep our high standards, more modern and up-to-date facilities will be needed.

Third, I feel the only way we can operate at less expense is to increase the number of patients without too much increase in operating. Under careful management I feel that this can be done with Medicare and nursing home patients.

With the above assured income and the federal government assuming nearly one-third of the cost of building, I feel we are really in a better position now than when we started. I am in hopes our district tax can be reduced and finally diminished and no more need of a district. I feel that this is possible because I am sure that there are other sources of income that will take care of the assessment.

J. J. SARAZIN, M. D.

GUESTS IN FLINDERS HOME

New Year's holiday guests in the J. Elwood Flinders home were their daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wilson and family of Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Saunders and family of Boise.

Nyssa, Oregon
 January 3, 1967

Dear Sir:
 I am writing in regards to this proposed addition to the Malheur Memorial hospital, which is to be voted on this month.

I don't see how they can possibly ask the taxpayers to build or vote to build additional space on the hospital when the establishment can't pay its way now. Perhaps it would be better to convert the hospital as it is into a nursing home and get the structure off of the taxpayers' back and reduce his burden.

Other businesses in the state that can't make it on their own have two choices—either close their doors or file bankruptcy. I can't see why there should be any exceptions.

It would be a different proposition if the hospital were the only one in the area, but as you know, this isn't the case. Ontario has a hospital, and of course, Caldwell is reasonably close. I imagine that they are able to operate without "big brother" help.

If there is some church that would like to take over the hospital and make it pay or make up the deficit on its running expense, I for one would say, let the church take it over for its control, instead of building additional space on it and the taxpayers eventually having to pay more taxes to subsidize it.

I think it would be a proper thing if the people in this locality were to see in print just how much of their taxes in dollars and cents are spent each year to support the hospital and keep it running.

Sincerely,
 E. M. NEDROW
 Route 1, Box 438
 Nyssa, Oregon

Nyssa, Oregon
 Dec. 29, 1966

To the Editor
 Gate City Journal
 Nyssa, Oregon
 I have felt for some time that the building of a home for old folks adjacent to the present hospital facility was a step that the hospital board should take. Now that they have initiated a movement to provide a more adequate nursing home, it becomes the duty of all public-minded citizens to back them up by word and deed to get the ball rolling.

The present nursing home has served a few of the incapacitated old people of our community, but is woefully inadequate to provide rooms for a large number of our people who need this service.

At the Portal!

(This poem was submitted for publication by Mrs. Elizabeth Shaughnessy of 11 Long Drive. It was supposedly written in 1873 by Frances Havengal. It contains a beautiful message and is very appropriate at this, the beginning of another new year.)

Standing at the portal of the opening year,
 Words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear;
 Spoken through the silence by our Father's voice,
 Tender, strong and faithful, making us rejoice.

For the year before us; Oh, what rich supplies!
 For the poor and needy living streams shall rise;
 For the sad and sinful shall His grace abound;
 For the faint and feeble perfect strength be found.

He will never fail us, He will not forsake;
 His eternal covenant He will never break.
 Resting on His promise, what have we to fear?
 God is all-sufficient for the coming year.

Onward then and fear not, children of this day;
 For his word shall never, never pass away.

Navyman Ted Krause Thanks AAC Group For Holiday Package

USS Kitty Hawk
 Dec. 25, 1966

Gate City Journal:
 It is Christmas day, an appropriate time for me to publicly thank members, sponsors and advisers of the NJHS American Alliance club for the Christmas package they sent me.

I also want to thank them for packages sent to others and for concern shown for the hometown boys over here.

There are many, many servicemen fighting here for their country. I am proud that I can do my small part and know there are a "special kind" of friendly people who I can "come" home to.

Thank you all,
 TED KRAUSE

(So that friends may write to him, Ted's address is: T. E. Krause, GMT-SA, USS Kitty Hawk, CVA-63, W-Division, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif. 96601.)

Consequently, our old folks have had to seek this service in Vale or Ontario, or in homes farther away from the relatives and friends who could bring them comfort and happiness in their lonesome years.

No one knows with any certainty how much the bond issue or subsequent expense will add to our tax bill. It was estimated by the board that the cost of operation of the hospital might decrease due to the permanency of the residents in the nursing home.

In any case, the tax increase is not likely to hurt anyone. You can be sure that whatever additional tax money you may have to put out, will be used for a better purpose, comparatively speaking, than any other tax dollar you may spend.

The building of this wing to the hospital demands a resurgence of the community pride which we felt when we built the original hospital. This project, like the original, is a humanitarian project. A "yes" vote should give you a feeling that you have done something worthwhile for your community, as well as for your fellowman, and who knows, you may be building something for yourself.

FRANK C. PARR



ENRIQUE R. SERRANO JR. left Dec. 31 after spending a holiday leave from Army duty with his wife, Elena Maria Serrano and daughter, Sandra; and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Enrique F. Serrano and family at 706 North First street in Nyssa. The serviceman studied at Nyssa high school for two years and received his diploma after completing a mechanic's course at Treasure Valley Community college. Prior to enlistment in June 1966, he worked at the local J. R. Simplot plant. Serrano took his basic training at Ft. Ord, Calif., was then transferred to Ft. Eustis, Va., and is now stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va., near Washington, D. C.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TOLD BY ADRIAN PASTOR

Members of the Adrian Community church session will meet at 8 o'clock this evening, Jan. 5, at the church.

The annual congregational meeting will be held at 7:30 Sunday evening, Jan. 8, at the church.

LUTHERAN WOMEN TO MEET

Women of Faith Lutheran church will meet at 8 o'clock Monday evening, Jan. 9, at the home of Mrs. Charles Zinn, 520 North Fourth street in Nyssa.

GUESTS IN PARR HOME

Christmas holiday house guests of the Frank Parrs were Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Parr and Donny of Corvallis, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McNall of Warden, Wash. New Year's evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rigney.

WILSONS HOST DINNER

Mrs. Alice Wilson was a Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson. Linda Wilson was also home from Eastern Oregon college over the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holman and family of Albany were holiday guests in the Wilson residence.

GUESTS OF HOUSE FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Marcum and family, the Dick Herriman family of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barnes and family of Vale, Frank Schreiber of Payette were New Year's day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul House, Bonnie and Butch.

Dec. 30, 1966

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It grieves me deeply to learn that there are those in this community who are blaming one man for the death of my husband.

I believe this to be very unfair. And I feel that my husband gave his life for a community he loved, and the well-being of EACH farmer was always his foremost concern.

It is my desire, and I know it would also be his, that each person involved shall please FORGIVE and FORGET!

Sincerely,
 Mrs. Sid (Jeanne) Hardman

Dinner, Exchange Of Gifts Featured At Holiday Party

By Mabelle McKague

NU ACRES—Annual Christmas party for Farmerette club members was held recently at the home of Mrs. Alden Bryan. Dinner was served to the women and five of their husbands. Other guests were Mrs. Lois Kersey and four children.

An exchange of gifts was held and a number of Pollyanna gifts were also distributed. There were also presents for the children and a special one for Mrs. Kersey.

Mrs. Ralph Baxter and Mrs. Bryan were given special appreciation gifts for club work done during the year, and a vote of thanks went to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burton for helping to take clothing to the State school in Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wilson and daughters spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, the Schoenbornes at Mollalla. The Glen Jones family of Springfield, Ore., arrived Dec. 24 to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jones.

Area Residents Ill

Mrs. Lucy Evans, who was critically ill and recently confined to her home for 10 days, is reported to be somewhat improved.

Mrs. Jack Burton was recently admitted to Malheur Memorial hospital and remained for several days while under observation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Otto and son entertained with Christmas dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Alden Bryan, the Tony Mell family, Mrs. Frances Klahr and son of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cole of Nampa.

Christmas holiday guests in the Ralph Baxter home were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker and daughter, who have been temporarily residing in Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Effie Nielsen and Elizabeth Baxter spent a recent afternoon with Mrs. Vernon Walker at Parma.

Mrs. Effie Nielsen entertained with Christmas dinner for members of her family who reside in this area. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Elver Nielsen, Clifford Nielsen and Arvin Kersey families. The Clifford Niensens celebrated their wedding anniversary on Christmas Eve and Mrs. Nielsen was their guest at dinner.

CALIFORNIA VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Smith and sons of Walnut Creek, Calif., spent a recent week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydell. The Smith family left last Thursday for their home.

OSU STUDENT DEPARTS

Marilyn Gonyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gonyer, left Monday evening for Corvallis where she is attending Oregon State university.

Traditional Christmas Gatherings Reported in Buena Vista Community

By Helen Hoffman

BUENA VISTA—Mr. and Mrs. Gary Costley arrived Dec. 24 from Corvallis to spend the holidays with relatives. They were Christmas dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleaver and family. Jim Benedict was also a guest in the Cleaver home. The Costleys planned to return home Dec. 27.

Christmas dinner guests in the Lloyd Cleaver home were Mr. and Mrs. George Besendorfer, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Besendorfer and son of Portland and Miss Marilyn Lewis from Ricks college in Rexburg. The Leon Besendorfer family returned to Portland Dec. 27. The Cleavers' daughter, Ann, spent Christmas day in the Allen Jones home, a guest of her fiancé, Gene Jones.

Audrey Tanner; Barbara Tanner, Shayne and Kim, arrived Saturday, Dec. 24, to spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tanner. A son, Rollo of Myrtle Point, also arrived to spend the holiday with his parents and sisters. The girls returned to Salt Lake City Christmas night.

Families to Move Soon

Mr. and Mrs. John Umbarger of Weiser were Dec. 25 dinner guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Osborne. The Umbargers were guests in the Osborne home for a week and have moved into a house in Apple Valley. The Osbornes planned to move last week to a house in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Piercy and family spent Christmas Eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Piercy at Adrian. They were also Dec. 25 guests in the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Knowles spent Christmas Eve with a son, Jack Knowles and family in Nyssa. The Lonnie Knowles' were Dec. 25 dinner guests of her brothers, Henry and Dent Mitchell, and that evening called at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jones, and visited with the Jones' daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Erwin and family of Heyburn, Idaho. Later the same evening they visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Knowles, and with a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Rhoads from Bolckow, Mo.

Guests in Cleaver Home

Miss Sylvia Cleaver arrived home via plane Friday, Dec. 23, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleaver and family. Christmas Eve guests in the Cleaver home were a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Phillips and family of Parma. Dec. 25 dinner guests were Mrs. Cleaver's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Orr, Sylvia Cleaver returned Dec. 26 to Idaho Falls where she is employed. William Stephen arrived home Saturday, Dec. 24, after visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Mc-

Arthur and family in Chicago, and with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lamm at St. Paul, Neb. Russell Gressley, Mrs. Esther Stephen and Willie were Christmas dinner guests of the former's son, the Keith Gressleys near Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hoffman and Glenda were Christmas Eve guests of Mrs. Blanche Hoffman. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman and Glenda were also Christmas day guests of his mother, Blanche Hoffman.

Knowles' Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Hunsucker and family of Gayway junction, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bishop and David spent Christmas Eve with their parents, the Mancel Bishop family. The two Bishop families, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hiatt and family were Christmas day dinner guests at the Jack Knowles home in Nyssa. Mike Knowles accompanied the Bishops home to spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ekanger and family of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richesin and family were Dec. 25 dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ekanger.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Simpson were Dec. 25 dinner guests of a son, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Simpson and family. Also present were Clint's son and daughter, Sheri and Craig of Payette. The Wayne Simpsons received a phone call from their son, Dallas in Ogden. He had planned to spend Christmas with his parents but was prevented from doing so by snow cover on the roads. Another son, Clair of Seattle, also called.

Guests at a Dec. 26 holiday dinner in the Jay Gibson home included an Indian boy, a friend of Roy Gibson who is serving a mission for the LDS church in South Dakota. The youth, Marvin Dreaming Bear, also from South Dakota, attends school at BYU. Also present for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Don Gibson of Ontario.

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