

NEWS FROM BIG BEND

BY GOLDIE ROBERTS

BIG BEND — Mrs. Edythe Prosser is rejoicing over the arrival of a new great-granddaughter, Amy Lynne born Wednesday morning at Holy Rosary Hospital in Ontario to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buckles of Vale. Mrs. Ben Witty, Mrs. Charles Witty, Mrs. Dyre Roberts and Mrs. Joe Wiggins of TOPS # 496, Adrian, attended the District Rally held Tuesday evening at the Boulevard Grange Hall near Ontario. A skit by the two Adrian Tops Clubs was presented as part of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricks Gale and girls of Boise and Mrs. Pearl Abbot and Bobbi of Homedale visited Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Smith Friday evening. The ladies later attended the Adrian-Parma football game. Little Howard Gale returned home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Varner Hopkins and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hopkins of Parma accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hatch of Mountain Home to their cabin in Stanley Basin for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Verli Bishop

called on Mrs. Will Bishop each evening last week at the Caldwell Memorial Hospital where she is recovering from a recent accident. Mrs. Bishop was able to return to her home in Caldwell Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Verli Bishop and girls called on them Sunday.

Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater, Mrs. Varner Hopkins, Mrs. Lester Campbell and Mrs. R. D. Knapp attended the Baptist Mission Circle meeting at the home of Mrs. Faye Snyder in Parma Thursday afternoon.

Mike Decker, small grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tuppeny broke his thumb and had to have surgery Monday.

Mrs. Dyre Roberts called on Mrs. Wilma Higgins in Parma Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Don Roberts went to Murray, Utah Tuesday to be with her mother and father. Mr. Bailey underwent heart surgery Wednesday in a Salt Lake City hospital.

The Big Bend Home Extension Study Group met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Eugene Dockter. This was the first meeting of the year so that afternoon was spent getting organized for the year.

Mary Conklin returned Tuesday from a two-week visit in Napa, Calif. with relatives.

Mrs. Ora Newgen of Sunset Valley took Mrs. Ted Avery to Weiser Saturday where they were dinner guests of Mrs. Bud Walker.

Mrs. Charles Witty was a luncheon guest of Mrs. Bill Spears in Vale Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Kay Bacon of Portland, Oregon visited her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Varner Hopkins Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Persis Brumbaugh of Roswell and her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lowe were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tuppeny Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Mrs. Sam Pollard Jr. and Mike Decker of Meridian and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith of Cortez, Colorado were also guests Sunday evening. The Lowes are en route to their winter home near Whittier, California.

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Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater were guests in the Larry Bauman home in Nyssa Saturday.

Mrs. Verli Bishop attended a business meeting for the Presbyterian Women's Association Thursday morning at the home of Mrs. Bernice Toomb in Kingman Colony.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Avery met their son Gordon of John Day at the Adrian Airport Sunday morning. He and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Walker and Kitty were dinner guests of the Averys.

Mrs. Edythe Prosser and Mrs. Dyre Roberts attended the Happy Dozen Card Club at the home of Mrs. Bernice Toomb in Kingman Colony Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Roberts was a prizewinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Smith of Cortez, Colorado came Friday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tuppeny. Mr. Smith left Monday for Portland leaving Mrs. Smith for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van DeWater were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reed in Boise.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood have a new granddaughter, Lori Anne born Friday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wood of Nyssa.

Mrs. Margaret Wood, Brenda Janell and Mark of Marsing were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood.

Robert Callahan celebrated his birthday anniversary Saturday evening, when his family treated him to dinner at the Eastside Cafe. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Randy York and Shane, Philip Callahan, Alex Callahan and Mrs. Callahan.

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Newell Heights

BY DALE WITT
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MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
A Report To The People

Gale Christensen, Administrator

Hospital rates have advanced 350 percent since World War II. On the surface, this seems to be out of proportion even in these inflationary times. But such figures can be misleading unless you know the whole story.

First, never let it be said that hospital leaders are not aware of skyrocketing hospital costs, nor is it remotely true that they are doing nothing about it. Every administrator is constantly fighting the battle of the budget in his hospital. The efforts to keep hospital costs to a minimum are not made because these costs are out of proportion to other living costs, for they are not. On the contrary, the dollar you spend for medical care today buys you more and better service than it did proportionately in 1945. That's hard to believe, isn't it?

Look at it this way: In 1945 a factory employee had to work more than 15 hours to pay for \$10 worth of medical service. Today he has to work only six hours to buy a comparable amount of service.

The services do cost him in dollars and cents over three times as much as they did in 1945, but he does not have to work nearly as long for them. In other words the average person now works over 50% less than in 1945 to earn the identical amount of medical care. Where does the money go that you spend for medical care?

Who gets it? The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has released these figures pertaining to medical care costs: Hospitals receive 30% of each dollar; physicians 25%; dentists 10%; medicines and appliances 26% and all other medical 9%. In comparison the government (taxpayer) now pays for over 50% of hospital care, 25% of physician services while insurance companies pay 36% of hospital care; 36% of physician services. The patient pays 13% of hospital care and 39% of his physician services.

The hospitals share is on the increase. Why? Here are a few answers. Room costs have risen sharply, mainly because of shorter work weeks, making it necessary to hire more people who require more pay. The increasing costs of food, housing and services, relative to your

County Lists
1973-74 Tax
Valuation

Malheur County Assessor, Oscar Bratton released today the new assessed values for the 1973-74 tax year.

Malheur County's total assessed value will be, \$328,385,961. This shows a growth increase of \$19,825,539. From this amount \$35,688,086 has been removed due to exemptions such as inventory phase out (which is 30% this year), veteran exemptions, processors exemptions and others. The 1973 legislature passed the law that treats farm machinery as inventory (retro active as of Jan. 1, 1973). This removed an additional \$3,383,808 (this is included in the \$35,688,086). Net assessed value after exemptions is \$292,697,875. The exemption figure does not include the loss of an estimated \$10,000,000 due to Farm Use assessments, Bratton said.

Real property shows a growth (not including utilities) of \$10,776,648.

Personal property increased for a growth of \$7,697,234. Mobile homes of both personal and real showed a growth from \$2,877,351 to \$4,147,991 for an increase of \$1,270,640.

Utilities increased from \$25,308,128 to \$26,659,785 a growth of \$1,351,657.

Of the 43 taxing codes 36 showed a decrease in tax rate while 7 showed an increase. City of Vale showed the greatest decrease which is \$6.42 per thousand of assessed value.

Nyssa code no. 2 (city) is \$28.30 against last year's tax rate of \$30.33.

Nyssa code no. 29 (rural Nyssa) is \$20.53 as against \$22.46 in 1972.

Adrian is \$21.40 this year, down from \$22.40 last year.

SPEAKING TO
THE CONSUMER

If you, as a consumer, have a complaint you want heard at the top, write the Office of Consumer Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20201. This office, headed by Virginia Knauer, has just moved to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Mail to Mrs. Knauer may be sent either to the new address or to The White House, Washington, D. C. 20500, where she continues to serve as Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs.

home, have been equally felt by the hospital.

Check your food budget, your utility bills, your taxes, and compare them with what they were five or ten years ago. All phases of hospital operation have been affected by the general rise in living costs, just as have household operations. Even basic items are costly. For example, an operating table can cost as much as \$5,000. A cart to deliver meals to patients' rooms costs as much as \$1,500. Then there are expensive machines that most hospitals would like to have, but cannot afford, such as artificial heart and lung machines, which cost around \$50,000. X-ray movie cameras cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$50,000 depending what you want them to do.

There are more inspectors all the time, demanding that hospitals update constantly, these all cost money. Fire inspectors, Health Department inspectors, OSHA inspectors, all with new demands that cost money.

New machines, coupled with new drugs and improved medical techniques are saving the lives of thousands whose cases would have been hopeless 20 years ago. Even the smallest hospital today is better equipped to save lives than the largest hospital was just a few years ago.

In the final analysis most people are in general agreement on one point. They don't want the hospital to cut corners when their life is at stake, and very few question the value of recent medical advances. All want the best treatment and best care possible. The patient that is just sick enough to be hospitalized is usually the one that complains about their bill because they don't require as much nursing service as the others and therefore don't think they received their money's worth.

Like any other purchase, we get from hospitals what we are willing to pay for. Better care, new drugs, the use of expensive equipment, naturally costs more money, because it costs the hospital more to provide them. But you can be sure that hospital costs are never too high. If that is the cost of living, in the final analysis, the dollar costs loses its significance when life is at stake, particularly if that life is yours, or someone you love.

Herb's Views
By Herb Fitz

This shortage business, real or unreal, has just added insult to injury.

For the last 15 years I have worn just one style of shoe, about twice a year I enclose a check in an envelope and tell these people to send me another pair of shoes. Until last month I had no problem, but to my last order the check was returned and with a letter stating that my shoe was no longer available.

Now I wonder "Is there a shortage of leather or is it that they just don't want to bother making a particular kind of shoe?" Perhaps they find that with the shortage of most everything going on, now is a good time to cease producing an unpopular style. This brings me face to face with an often asked question, "How many of our shortages today are real and how many are for convenience?"

I still find it rather difficult to believe that gas, oil, paper, meat, grain, electricity, rice and dozens of other items should all run short at the same time. And all of this happened just as we knocked off fighting a very costly war. Something just doesn't make sense.

I noticed one thing last week that's not in short supply, coyotes. Driving from Boise to Twin Falls last week we saw 3 of them dead on the highway. At one time we saw many dead rabbits, but I guess the coyotes are trimming them down to size. In the South you notice dead raccoons and possums, all over there are hosts of dead skunks. In areas with an oversupply of any species, you will find them dead on the highways. I think the stockmen have a legitimate complaint on the molly-coddling of the coyote.

There is also no shortage of insects killing hundreds of thousands of acres of prime timber, but we don't dare spray them because it may upset the environment. We are coming to a decision, either spray our forests, kill some of the fauna and give the trees a chance, or kill the trees and not provide any place for the fauna to dwell in. Personally I'm not certain that DDT is nearly as bad as it's painted.



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"A class reunion is a time when old school mates get together to find out who is falling apart."