

Malheur Memorial Hospital A Report To The People

Gale Christensen, Administrator

Did you know that 50 patients are admitted to hospitals every minute?

That hospitals serve over 300 outpatients every 60 seconds? That a baby is born every eight seconds in the United States.

That over \$150,000 is spent for hospital construction every hour.

That \$400.00 per second is spent for hospital care.

That hospitals are the third largest industry in the United States.

That in excess of 26 million people will be hospitalized in the next 12 months.

That over two million personnel are employed by hospitals.

That hospital costs have increased 343% since 1940. This is due mostly to shorter work week of hospital employees and higher wages being paid them.

That the increased use of outpatient services has moved beyond all bounds of anticipation all across the country.

That impact upon hospitals and upon patterns of medical practice has made a complete turn around in the past five years; perhaps 75-80% of this change within the past year.

That the government has now decided it proper to put economic restraints on hospitals but says nothing about quality of care.

That their financial controls are on cost or revenue per admission (whichever is less) and that hospitals will be penalized if the patient stays in the hospital too long. Nothing is said about how long the patient may need to stay in the hospital.

That future planning must be made to make adequate services available to as many as possible in the community and that such services must be effectively and economically provided.

That if you are providing a service to the community that it is costing you more than the revenue it produces, get rid of it, let someone else do it that has enough of this type business to make it pay.

True, it is not possible for all hospitals to do all things and they shouldn't. The Malheur Memorial Hospital should not do heart surgery, kidney transplants or have cobalt. But the basic services which could and would serve 80% of the people should be maintained in the community.

Did you know that over 10% of our population is now over 65 years of age?

That a large responsibility of the future will be in caring for the elderly.

Did you know that the Malheur Memorial Hospital is a member of the American Hospital Association and the Oregon Association of Hospitals.

State Park Camping Rates Approved

The Oregon Transportation Commission approved an increase in state park overnight camping rates as a means of reducing an ever-increasing operational deficit in the camping program.

A new fee schedule will be effective January 11, 1974.

gon Association of Hospitals.

That the hospital is a fully accredited hospital by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

That your Administrator, Gale Christensen is President-Elect of the Oregon Association of Hospitals.

That Medicare pays hospital cost of covered services and does not share in bad debts or charity.

That welfare is also on a cost basis of covered services. That if we show a profit, that we must make refunds to medicare and welfare.

That for good management and efficiency you are penalized.

That charity and bad debts are approximately 10% of the total volume at Malheur Memorial Hospital.

That it is very difficult for a small hospital to survive today with all the state and federal requirements that must be met.

That the people must start telling their congressmen what their needs are instead of congress telling us what is good for us???

Under the new schedule, charges for a trailer campsite will be raised from \$3.00 per night to \$4.00 per night. A trailer campsite includes individual water supply, electrical and sewage hookups, table, stove and access to utility building with free hot water, showers and laundry room facilities.

An improved campsite, a new category, will cost \$3.00 per night. The improved campsite includes individual water supply and electrical hookups but no sewer hookup, a table, stove, access to utility building with showers and laundry room facilities.

The fee for an unimproved campsite will remain at the present rate of \$2.00 per night. These sites provide a camper with water supply nearby but does not have electrical or sewage hookup. There is a table, stove, and access to utility building with free showers and laundry facilities and a modern restroom.

The price of a primitive campsite will also continue at its present rate of \$1.00. The primitive sites provide a camper with table and stove, while water and sanitary facilities may be some distance away.

It is estimated that the additional charges for campsites and related activities will raise \$300,000 per year and help to make the parks more self-sustaining. State parks superintendent, David Talbot, said that the campground operational deficit for the current fiscal year would probably reach \$500,000.

Talbot noted that the state has not increased campground fees since 1968 and that the new fee schedule is more in line with those of Oregon's neighboring states and with those imposed by the many private campground operators in the state.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, at their November 2 meeting, recommended against imposing a higher fee for non-residents than residents or for establishing a differential rate for senior citizens.



DR. ROGER BOE of the Pocatello Women and Children's Clinic is giving medical student Jan Suyehira, a native of Emmett, a few pointers on infant care. Miss Suyehira, a student at the University of Wash-

ington School of Medicine, is participating in the WAMI program, which provides clinical experience in smaller communities to third and fourth-year medical students.

Oregon Catfish Record Broken

A 33- 1/2 pound flathead catfish taken from Brownlee Reservoir on the Snake River by Ray C. Gardner of Huntington is the largest flathead and also the largest catfish of any kind taken from Oregon waters, according to Game Commission records.

Gardner took the big fish, which measured 37 inches in length and 27 inches in girth, on September 28. He was fishing with a 9-foot glass spinning rod and 10-pound test line when the record fish took a dead minnow bait and kept him busy for some 45 minutes.

TVCC Schedules Farm Classes

The Agriculture Department at Treasure Valley Community College, is offering the following classes through the Division of Continuing Education:

FEED AND RATION FORMULATION

This class is particularly timely for all persons connected with feeding livestock. Due to the high cost of feedstuff, it is imperative that livestock be fed a ration that is adequate in nutrition, but not overfed in one or more nutrients. The proper balance of nutrient factors is of utmost importance in a least-cost ration. This class is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings starting January 10, 1974, in the Agricultural Laboratory on Treasure Valley Community College campus.

SOILS

This class is concerned with the chemical and physical properties of the soil as a growing medium for the production of agricultural crops, with technical and theoretical information as it pertains to plant nutrition and growth. This class, which becomes more important in light of expected short fertilizer supplies, is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings starting January 8, 1974,

Farm Classes

in the Agricultural Laboratory on Treasure Valley Community College campus.

For additional information, contact the office of Harry Hoch or Bill Murphy at the College.

PEST CONTROL FOR COMMERCIAL OPERATORS

This course is designed for those persons wanting to prepare for taking the Idaho and Oregon State Examinations for Operator's and Applicator's licenses. In the past, this course has been of interest to those people who plan to do commercial dusting or spraying. However, due to legislation which is expected to be passed in 1975, farmers also may take this course. It is expected that after 1975 all persons who operate spray equipment, whether or not on a commercial basis, will be required to have state licenses. This class runs for one week from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for five days. It is scheduled from December 10 thru 14, 1973, in the Agricultural Laboratory on Treasure Valley Community College campus.

In the Dark Ages, kissing was declared a sure cure for a headache. They couldn't have been completely dark.

EVENTS AROUND ADRIAN

ADRIAN - Mr. and Mrs. Francis Deffer, Mrs. Pearl Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Williams were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deffer.

Mrs. Mable Piercy had Thanksgiving dinner with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Piercy at Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin were guests at a Thanksgiving dinner at noon with her mother, Mrs. Leta Doughty in Nyssa.

Thanksgiving evening dinner guests in the Charles Franklin home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bicandi, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Conant and family and Rex Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Lane and Sandra of Kingman Colony and Mrs. Gladys Thomas were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hertig in Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cartwright in Nyssa Thanksgiving evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George DeHaven went to The Dalles for Thanksgiving. They visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Mosier, their son, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce DeHaven and family of Eugene and a granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Rogers also of Eugene were also Thanksgiving dinner guests. The George DeHavens returned home Sunday evening.

Sat. evening dinner guests in the G. E. Mackey home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morse and Kathy.

Mrs. G. E. Mackey had recent surgery on her hand. She had the stitches removed Tuesday in Ontario, and she will soon be able to work.

Thanksgiving dinner guests in the Oliver Freel home were Ramona Nevins, and girl friend of Nyssa, Penny Freel of West-

fall, Dale Freel and Mr. and Mrs. Monty Freel and family. Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gosard were Monday dinner guests in the Oliver Freel home.

Mrs. Sue Ashcraft spent Thanksgiving with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton in Boise. She was an overnight guest of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hamilton in Wilder.

Mrs. Sue Ashcraft called on Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drown in Nyssa Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Looney and boys of Ontario, Rudy Zimmerman and Wayne Gatson of Jordan Valley were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Looney.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parker and Mrs. Myrtle Parker were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Hatt at the Owyhee Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervil Hutchinson and girls and Mrs. Marie Moore were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the K. I. Peterson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Kendall of Caldwell were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey were Thanksgiving dinner guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Lary Mackey and family in Nyssa. Other guests were Mrs. Fanny Sandlin, Mrs. Minnie Mackey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim King of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mackey, and Capt. and Mrs. Cecil Helton and Joy of Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey took Mrs. Fanny Sandlin to Boise Saturday morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Hannah Gage a few days before returning to her home in Richmond, California. She spent the past two months visiting her sister Mrs. Minnie Mackey in Adrian.

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