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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor, The Journal:  
 The Agri-Business Council of Oregon can understand the Grange; the Farmers' Union; the NFO, and other organizations' disappointment in their inability to secure the necessary number of signatures for the Initiative Petition dealing with corporate agriculture. Although opposed to the Initiative, Agri-Business Council congratulates these fellow agricultural organizations' efforts in bringing some of the State's major agricultural problems to the attention of the citizens of Oregon.

The family farm is one of the most important and prominent segments in our State's and Nation's agriculture. These is little doubt that the progress of this Nation and this State can be directly attributed to the achievements of the agricultural community. The family farm has been, and will continue to be, the major thrust of a progressive economy.

All of Oregon's agricultural organizations should look to opportunities which will bring about progress for this essential industry.

/s/ Tom Hartung, President, Agri-Business Council of Oregon

Editor, The Journal:  
 As parents of Shan, our new Miss Oregon, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of the people of Nyssa and Malheur County for their generosity and moral support.

We're sure it helped Shan while at Seaside at the Miss Oregon Pageant and will give her confidence when she goes to Atlantic City in September.

We were overwhelmed with her Homecoming and all of the nice things you did for her this past week. We are proud of Shan and equally proud to be a part of this community.

Again, thanks to all of you. Sincerely,  
 Alice and Don Moss

Editor, The Journal:  
 The program to inform Oregon motorists of the state's new vehicle code has been extremely successful, a fact we attribute in large measure to the excellent cooperation of Oregon's newspapers.

We sincerely appreciate the use newspapers made of the public service messages we provided for publication in June. Newspaper use of the releases provided by our Public Information Office on various provisions of the new code also was excellent.

We believe this program has gone a long way toward helping to ensure that drivers know the laws they are expected to obey, and also has helped to keep motorists informed of safe driving practices that will help them avoid traffic accidents.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in this program. Yours very truly,  
 Chester W. Ott  
 Motor Vehicles Division  
 Salem, Oregon

Editor, The Journal:  
 We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who has expressed concern and sympathy to us during the time of our daughter's sickness and death. Expressions of food, flowers, prayers and thoughts are certainly appreciated. With all the great people, Nyssa is indeed, a wonderful place to live.

Thank you,  
 Larry and Donna Blackburn  
 Taft and Lisa

**THANK YOU!**

We would like to take this way of thanking family members and friends for helping us celebrate the occasion of our 25th wedding anniversary. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jan Bruyn and Hans, Mr. and Mrs. Jaap Stam and Mrs. Trien de Boer-Stam who traveled from Holland to be with us, and to Mr. and Mrs. Herke Stam of Nampa and Mr. and Mrs. Dirk de Boer of Nyssa for all their help and considerations.

The Cees Hopman Family

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OBITUARIES

**Ina B. Coffman**

Services for Ina B. Coffman, 76, Nyssa, who died Friday, July 23, 1976, in an Eugene, Oregon hospital, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Lienkaemper Chapel, Nyssa, by the Rev. Jim Monroe, Nyssa First Methodist Church. Interment was in Nyssa.

She was born April 3, 1900, in Barron, Wisconsin. She moved to North Dakota in 1907. She married Wilbur R. Coffman, March 6, 1925, in Carson, North Dakota. They moved to Nyssa in 1941, where they had since resided. She was a member of the Methodist Church and American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are her husband, Nyssa; two daughters, Mrs. Melvin (Dolores) Marcum, Eugene, and Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, Nyssa; and five grandchildren.

**Lori A. Blackburn**

Graveside services for Lori Ann Blackburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Blackburn, who died Thursday, July 22, 1976, at a Salt Lake City hospital, were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Middleton Cemetery by the Rev. Rick Russell, Wilder Golden Gate Baptist Church, and the Rev. Donald Beattie, Nyssa Conservative Baptist church, under the direction of Bertelson-Lienkaemper Chapel, Ontario.

She was born May 11, 1976 in Ontario.

Surviving are her parents, a brother, Taft, and a sister, Lisa, all Nyssa; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Marion Blackburn, Middleton; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Newberry, Jerome; and paternal grandfather, Charles Gerhauser, Middleton.

**Martha E. Fry**

Martha E. Fry, a long-time resident of the Nyssa area, passed away July 24, 1976 at her home in Kennewick, Washington after a long illness.

Martha was born in London, Kentucky, April 4, 1889. She is survived by her husband, L. E. Fry of Kennewick.

She was preceded in death by a son, William in August, 1973.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 27, 1976 at 10 a.m. in Kennewick, Washington.

**Astrid Stephen**

Astrid Stephen, long time Nyssa resident, passed away Wednesday, July 28, 1976 in Malheur Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Funeral services were pending at Lienkaemper Chapel at presstime Wednesday. The family requests no flowers, but memorials may be given.

**Joseph M. Dority**

Rosary for Joseph M. Dority, 66, who died Saturday, July 24, 1976 in a Boise hospital after a short illness was recited at 8 p.m. Saturday at Gibson Funeral Home, Boise. Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church by the Rev. Dennis C. Day. Interment was in Morris Hill Cemetery Field of Honor, with military honors by the Ada County United Veterans Council.

He was born April 6, 1910, in Sargent, Nebr. He graduated from high school in Nebraska and worked in construction in the late 1930's until he went into the service during World War II. He married Ruby Curren, February 26, 1930, in Schuyler, Nebr. Mr. Dority was in business with his brother John from 1945 until 1959, operating Dority Welding in Nyssa. Mr. Dority worked in construction from 1960 until late fall of 1975. He was a member of the Catholic Church, Elks Lodge No. 1690, Ontario, and Pipe Fitters Lodge No. 196.

Surviving are his wife, Boise; three brothers, Paul D., Bremerton, Wash., John N., Nyssa, and Lawrence E., Fort Lupton, Colo.; and a sister, Mrs. Bernard (Margaret) Wlaschin, Mahtomedi, Minnesota.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Pallbearers were Carl Crane, Floyd Arnold, Al Bevelhimer, Clarence Weber, Al Clay and Bill Heinbach.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

July 29-August 1 - Annual Parish Luther League Retreat at Ponderosa State Park at McCall. Theme of the retreat is "Our Lutheran Heritage." Counselors for the retreat are: Phil and Millie Rumpel, Gaylord and JoAnn Scripture, Pastor and Carolyn Schmidt. Retreators will leave from the church parking lot Aug. 29 at 5 p.m.

Sunday, August 1 - Worship Service, 11 a.m.

August 1-7 - Pastor Schmidt will be a counselor at Junior Camp, Luther Heights, Bible Camp, Lake Alturas, Idaho.

August 9-13 - Vacation Bible School for youth age 3 through 4th grade. Classes will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Students are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Nazarene Church News

INTERMOUNTAIN CAMP-MEETING continues each day this week in Nampa. Evening Services, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 30 - Beginning day of Vacation Bible School for children 4 years of age through the sixth grade, 9:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Sunday, August 1 - Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Children's Churches, 11 a.m.

Morning Worship Service with message by Pastor Russell, 11 a.m.

Evening service here will be dismissed so that as many as possible may attend the closing service of Campmeeting in Nampa, 7 p.m.

Monday, August 2-6 - Vacation Bible School continues each morning, 9:00-11:45 a.m.

August 2-7, Junior High Camp at Victory Cove near McCall.

Wednesday, August 4 - Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Mid-week prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

"Prayer is the key of the day and the lock of the night."

THANK YOU!

A "Thank You" to everyone who contributed in any way to making the homecoming for Shan Moss so successful. To the merchants and friends for their donations; to the organizations, the Nyssa Band and Drill Team, Rene' Van Biljouw and John Messick for making the motorcade a success; to Bishop Gary Thompson and the ladies of the Relief Society under the capable direction of Mrs. Garry Fife for a scrumptious potluck dinner and the use of the LDS Church to show the video tape; to Clint Turner of Home Dairies for donating the punch and ice; to Miss Idaho, Rene Peterson for coming; to the Nyssa City Police for their help and considerations; to Steve Marex for driving the Nyssa Fire Truck. A most special thanks to Mrs. Wilton Jackson for being chairman of the gift committee and to Mrs. Hiro Kido for making the beautiful "Welcome Home Shan" banner. To each and all I deeply appreciate your help and concern and the unselfish giving of your time and efforts.

Pat Savage



FULL MILITARY HONORS were displayed last week in funeral services at the Nyssa Cemetery for long-time Nyssa resident, Bill Hayden. Joint efforts of four military agencies, the American Legion, VFW, DAV and the Ontario National Guard were performed with dignity and pride for Bill who was a veteran of World War II.



THE WHITTAKER FAMILY show came to Nyssa for one night this week. They also performed one night in Ontario. Members of the Nyssa LDS Church put up the Whittakers and supporting cast of almost 20 people in their homes during their stay. Johnny Whittaker, second from right, has been in a TV series and the movie, "Huckleberry Finn."

Community Calendar

Friday, July 30 - Golden Age Rummage Sale, Old Western Hotel, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nyssa Senior Citizens Rummage Sale, 213 Reece Ave., 9:30 a.m.

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United Methodist Church Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, August 1 - Yellow Rose, Rebekah Lodge Annual picnic, Beulah Gann home, 520 N 6th. Bring picnic lunch, own table service and lawn chair 1 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3 - Eagles Auxiliary, Eagles Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, August 4 - Golden Age Club, 113 Green Avenue, Nyssa, Potluck, 12 noon

Conservative Baptist Church News

Sunday, August 1 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Evening Service, 8 p.m.

Hi-Time, 9 p.m.

Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6 - Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 4 - Bible Study & Prayer, 8 p.m.

Missionary Preparing For Return to Pakistan

Frances Foster, who returned from Pakistan in April, due to the sudden death of her mother, Ruth Foster, is preparing to return to Pakistan within the year. She flew to St. Louis, Missouri, June 3, to meet the Mission board of the United Pentecostal Church. She was accepted and will be doing deputational work following the Annual Conference of this group in Anaheim, Calif. She has already spent eight years in Pakistan.

Miss Foster had some interesting experiences on her return trip from Missouri by bus. Among those visited was the former Virginia Voigt who taught for many years in the Nyssa schools. She is now Mrs. Ray Sauer living in Cimarron, Kansas. She spent a week with her aunt, Mrs. O. L. Dever, a sister of the deceased, who lives in Meeker Park, Colorado.

The highlight of the journey was her first visit to Yellowstone Park. This was followed by a first visit of the Big Sky Country of Montana. Besides speaking in the churches, Miss Foster visited her brother Howard Foster, and his two sons, Don and Bob Foster in Lewistown, Montana. Of special interest also was her visit with Dr. Bill McElroy, former resident of Nyssa, who is now an optometrist in Havre, Montana. Bill and his wife Jan royally entertained Miss Foster one weekend. Another former Nyssan visited was Mrs. Harry Durston and her daughter Jean, now residing in Manhattan, Montana.

She spent the Fourth of July in Spokane with the fine United Pentecostal Church folks in that interesting city. The final tour was made home July 6 by bus, after spending one day with former N.N.C. classmates. Miss Foster spoke, showing her slides of Pakistan a total of nine different times in churches. Each entertained her graciously. She can say, "It's truly a joy to be at home this Bicentennial year and to appreciate the many wonders of our great country. May God keep it free and cause its inhabitants to put their trust more firmly in Him as its true Father."

Thursday night, July 15, Miss Frances Foster was a guest speaker for the United Methodist Church Womens meeting in Fruitland, Idaho. She wore her native costume, showed her slides and displayed souvenirs and pictures collected in Pakistan.

Hospital Costs Are Increasing

By James A. Mattos  
 Administrator  
 Malheur Memorial Hospital

There is at least one thing that the general public agrees with the bureaucrats on and that is the COST of health care. It is too expensive, but what are the reasons?

Actually, there are numerous causes behind the health care cost increases experienced by consumers in recent years. Our inflating economy, government, and the patients themselves have been the biggest culprits.

Our local hospital has experienced the same type of inflationary cost increases in labor and supplies as the shopper confronts when purchasing food in the grocery store. Some of the supplies and services which hospitals depend upon have risen so rapidly, that their increased cost alone can jeopardize financial stability. Malpractice insurance, which has risen some 600 percent in the past year at our facility, is a perfect example.

As for government, it too should not be overlooked in causing costs to rise. Because of its significant influence upon hospital operation, its own inefficiencies are evidenced in hospitals. Compliance with rules and regulations are often costly and neither practical nor economically feasible for the small hospital. Also, government sponsored patient bills are discounted. The biggest share of these discounts are for Medicare and Welfare patients who represent about 55 percent of our facility's total business. Payment averages about \$ 85 on the dollar. This 15 percent discount causes the nongovernmental patient's bill to be higher, since somebody has to pay for these expenses. The net result burdens non-government patients with approximately \$23.00 per day additional charges on his bill.

Another cause of rising costs is the patient himself. Patients directly influence the type of services a facility offers. They demand the very best of care, which utilizes costly professional personnel and specialized equipment. The public interest and pursuit of better health, cause equipment to be obsolete long before its useful life is expired. The demand for increased technology and more medical innovations has not been without results. We have seen the almost complete elimination of some epidemic diseases such as polio, which once threatened many lives in our community; and we can now enjoy longer and healthier lives.

In summary, a hospital's only means of defraying these burdensome expenses is to either pass them on to the patients in the form of higher charges or seek alternative sources of revenue. Our hospital is limited in its ability to raise charges, and patients do not want to be burdened with even higher bills. Therefore, in order for our hospital to absorb operating losses and continue providing quality patient care at reasonable cost, we need additional tax support in our new fiscal year.

Voters will be given a chance for the first time since 1965 to provide additional operating funds for the hospital. If passed, it will be a one-time-only tax to subsidize operating expenses, recruit physicians, and begin a building and equipment improvement program.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Mrs. Ina Coffman wish to thank their many friends and neighbors for the prayers, beautiful cards and flowers, food and other acts of love and sympathy shown us in the loss of our loved one.

Wilbur Coffman  
 Melvin and Dolores Marcum and family  
 Dorothy Wilson and family  
 Ina Greig and family

THANK YOU!

I want to take this way to thank everyone who came to see me, sent me cards and brought me cards while I was in the hospital. And thanks to all those who have called while I am recuperating.

Earl Chard

A man is what he is, not what he has.

**The Light Touch**

By Ernie Metcalf

The guy who invented summer camps should get the Nobel Peace Prize.

Most teenagers are light eaters. As soon as it gets light, they start eating.

If the cows knew what milk is selling for these days, they wouldn't be contented.

No matter how small your vocabulary is, it's still big enough to let you say something you'll regret.

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And we could save eight and a half million gallons of gasoline a day if everybody slowed down.

The point is, the 55 mph speed limit isn't something to take or leave lightly. It's vitally important. To all of us.

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