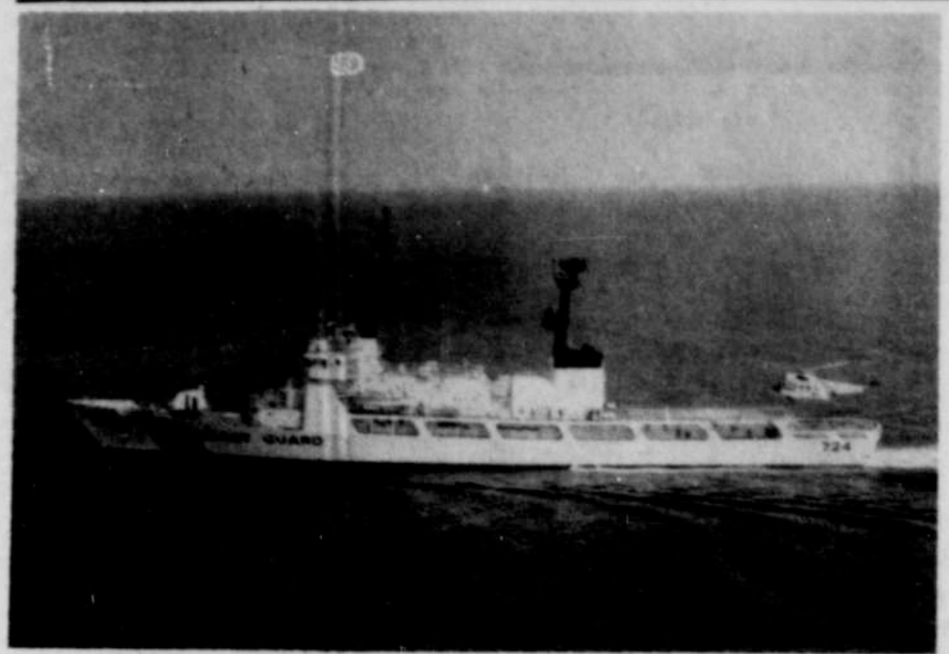


THE COAST GUARD CUTTER MUNRO teams with a Coast Guard Helicopter while on law enforcement patrol off the Northwest Coast. The cutter-helicopter combination will be a key feature of the Coast Guard's enforcement of the 200-mile fisheries conservation zone which becomes effective March 1, 1977. The Coast Guard was originally organized as a law enforcement agency in 1790 and as the service celebrates it's 186th birthday on August 4, the Coast Guard is prepared for greatly expanded duties in the area of fisheries law enforcement.

U.S. Coast Guard photo

Social Security Recipients Beware of Imposters

Aged, blind and disabled people who receive supplemental security income (SSI) payments should beware of imposters who masquerade as social security representatives, according to Robert R. Peckham, social security branch manager in Ontario.

"Social security representatives are glad to identify themselves," he said, adding that "they never ask you to give them money to have something done. It's their duty to help people to get supplemental security income payments in the right amount."

He emphasized, however, that people getting supplemental security income payments shouldn't feel that they're being singled out for investigation when they're contacted during the year by an authentic social security representative.

The supplemental security income program makes monthly payments to people with little or no income and limited resources who are 65 and over or blind or disabled. "The law requires that eligibility for supplemental security income and the amount of the monthly payments be redetermined once a year for everyone getting the payments," Mr. Peckham said.

"The Social Security Administration gets in touch with people to get information about income, resources, living arrangements and other factors that might affect their SSI payments," he said.

"This may be done by a questionnaire in the mail or by personal interview in the home or social security office. The effort to determine whether resources exceed the limits of $1500 for an individual or $2250 for a couple includes a check of bank books. In addition to verifying the amount in your account by checking your passbook, social security representatives may also contact your bank to determine your current balance."

"Before discussing or showing your bank book make certain that the person requesting bank book information is an authentic social security representative. If you have any doubts about the person's real identity call your social security office."

People can get information about supplemental security income payments by calling, visiting or writing any social security office. The Ontario social security office is at 2024 SW 4th Avenue, Ontario The telephone number is 889-3146.

Nu Acres Residents Hold Bicentennial Homecoming

By Lyn Dohner

Of course it rained on our picnic. But not much. And you couldn't dampen the spirits of that crowd. For the many youngsters, fun, games and excitement was theirs all afternoon and into the dark of the night. For the older ones, the same, plus a great deal of visiting.

Over one hundred attended the Bicentennial Homecoming at the Nu Acres Community Hall, Sunday afternoon. Feasting from tables loaded with delicious home country cooking, home frozen ice creams and an abundance of iced soft drink and coffee, the neighbors of now and yesteryear reviewd the colorful past of the area.

With Marilyn Russell as mistress of ceremonies, the early settlers, one by one, stood and told of coming to these sage brush covered hills and carving out a home, a farm on them.

Yes, it was in the 1940's, but these were real homesteaders, driven to the land by the Great Depression. They farmed with horses, shared the work, and learned to laugh and play together as well.

Some tears were shed. George tried to tell of his old friend and neighbor, Ed Moroney, what a super swell man he was, but he couldn't. Ed died just a few months ago. Mrs. Moroney was there, having come over from her Caldwell home for the day.

The news had to be told that another former neighbor, Mrs. Henry Orcutt (Emma) had passed away the day before at St. Luke's. See obituaries.

The Orcutt family lived on or near Echo Avenue some fifteen years ago and have since moved to Kooskia.

A special point of interest was a large, hand-drawn map on the wall, of the Nu Acres area. Each guest was asked to mark his place or former place of residence with his name and the dates he lived there. As of now it looks so good and informative and interesting that it will have to just stay on the wall to be added to from time to time.

Leader and instigator of all the games and fun was Glenn Jones, aided and abetted by Carol Weaver, Nancy Sheffield and their husbands, Dave and Layman. There was baseball, of course, and races of all kinds, and all with unbounded enthusiasm.

An egg throwing contest brought forth a pair of champions, Loren Oleus and Randy Nichols; runner-ups were Scott Russell and Bobby Jones.

Girls and women competed in a skillet throwing contest, using a big iron fry pan. Out of nineteen contestants, three nearest top competed against each other and the winner was Cindy Russell at fifty-seven feet, four inches! Her nearest competitors were Jan Fischer and Susan Ziegler.

A weight guessing contest on a big steer from the Layman Sheffield home ranch had people visiting his corner all day. The prize? A cherry pie. Cindy Russell won, with a guess of 1155.

Every contestant eventually won a ribbon for something. Some won several. They were beautiful, official Bicentennial ribbons, with the insignia and printed with the date and "Nu Acres Bicentennial Homecoming." Lovely souvenier.

We plan to leave the hall decorated over election day to let the board and any Nu Acres people who missed the party catch a little of the afterglow. The balloons all over the ceiling are gone though. The children loved them too much to leave them.

You wouldn't think a ten or twelve hour party would be all that good. But it was. Some of the folks would go home for an hour or so to do the chores and then come back, but the party went on.

The wiener bake, with marshmallows and watermelon topped it off beautifully. In the quiet of the evening we watched the dark slip her curtain over the world and voices still chatted on, remembering, watching the embers die out.

Police Report

Gonsalo Escobedo, 50, Nyssa, requested a preliminary hearing in Nyssa Justice Court on his charge of driving while suspended for driving while under the influence of intoxicants. He was released on his own recognizance pending the hearing on the felony charge according to Nyssa police.

A cat dreams all night long of a sheep's tail.

YARD AND LAWN EQUIPMENT CARE

Just about every homeowner in America has one or more pieces of yard and lawn equipment and knows the basic ways to work them. But not everyone is as readily familiar with the safety and maintenance procedures that should be observed for their proper operation and care.

If you own or operate any yard and lawn equipment, consult this safety and maintenance checklist to ensure that no potential equipment problems exist:

• Never use electric tools when it's raining or on wet surfaces.

• Fertilizer, which attracts moisture and invites rust, should not be allowed to build up on tools. Wash hand tools, spreader, and other metal garden equipment regularly with full-strength Janitor In A Drum®, rinse and let dry. (Be sure to disconnect electric equipment before attempting to clean them.)

• Use a power lawn mower or clippers only in dry grass or on dry shrubs.

• If you use a metal ladder, keep it away from electric power lines.

• Do not leave tools out-of-doors, exposed to the elements. When not in use, outdoor equipment should be kept in a dry place. Before storing metal tools for long periods of time, coat them with oil to protect them from moisture and rust.

MANAGING YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCES

By Dr. Carl F. Hawver

Q. We've been married three months, and like most of our friends we've made a few purchases on credit. We sure don't want to bite off more than we can chew, but how can we tell? Credit seems so easy! Are there any signal flags that will let us know if we're getting close to the danger line?

A. There sure are! The first danger signal is when you have to defer payment of a bill because there just isn't enough money to pay them all. Another signal is when you make a part payment on a credit account, to try to give all creditors a little something on account. Another danger signal is when you have to defer the purchase of current necessities to pay old credit obligations. Do you sometimes depend on overtime or other uncertain income to pay normal monthly expenditures? Well, if you do, its another danger signal. And finally, if you have an open-end debt that has no maturity date, but allows you to pay just enough to keep you under a "perpetual debt" ceiling balance (revolving credit), this is a danger signal, too.

Every credit obligation ought to have a definite termination point, established at the time the credit contract is signed.

Malheur Hospital Adds Equipment from Grants

The Malheur Memorial Hospital has about $8,000 in new equipment as a result of donations this past year, including two beds and a sophisticated two-way radio system.

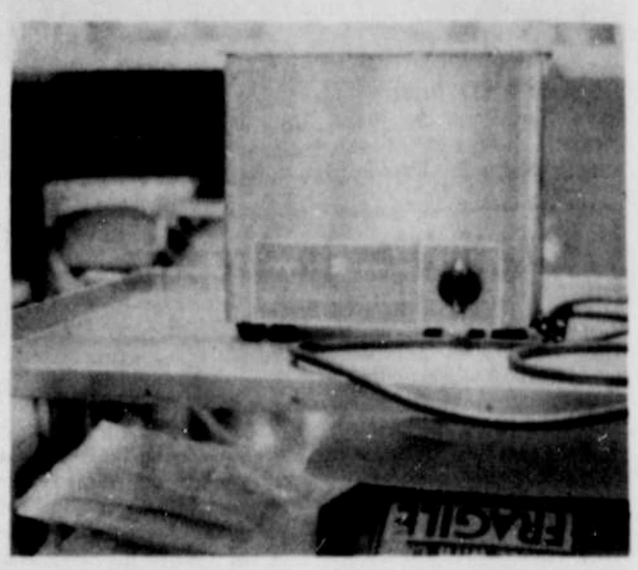
The beds are of two types—one is an extra-long model, which was donated by Erma Forbes in memory of her husband Richard. The other, which the hospital does not have yet, is an electrical bed, also donated in someone's memory. It is from Clarence Leseberg in memory of his wife Birdie. Both also have frames and stands.

The two-way radio is from federal government funds. It came from a Medical Services grant. Jim Mattes, hospital administrator, said it is an emergency frequency radio which will be used to communicate medical information from an ambulance to the hospital, from ambulance to ambulance or from hospital to hospital. Hospitals all over the country are adding similar systems with the federal money.

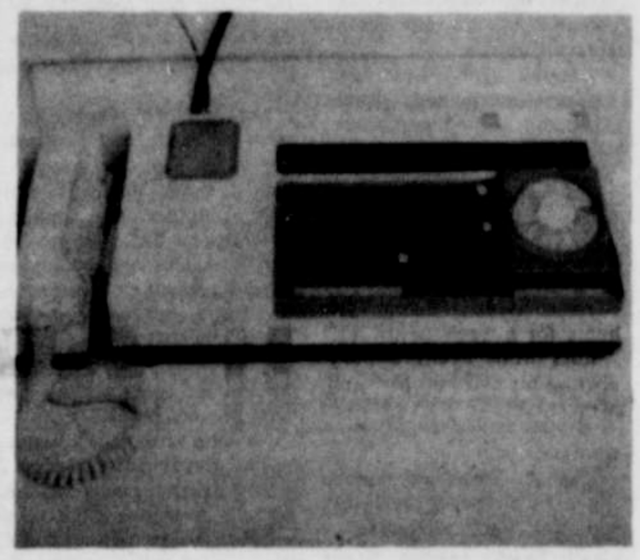
The hospital also has a new whirlpool bath, which Mattes said is good for improving circulation—especially in aged and diabetic patients.

The hospital's last new piece of equipment is an ultrasonic cleaner for surgical utensils—and dentures.

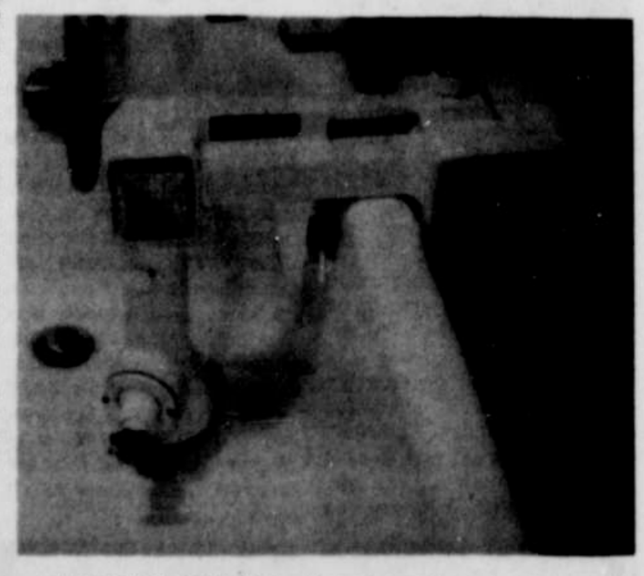
The cleaner and whirlpool, as well as one of the bed stands are from the Hospital Auxiliary. The funds came from last year's Hospital Auxiliary Ball.



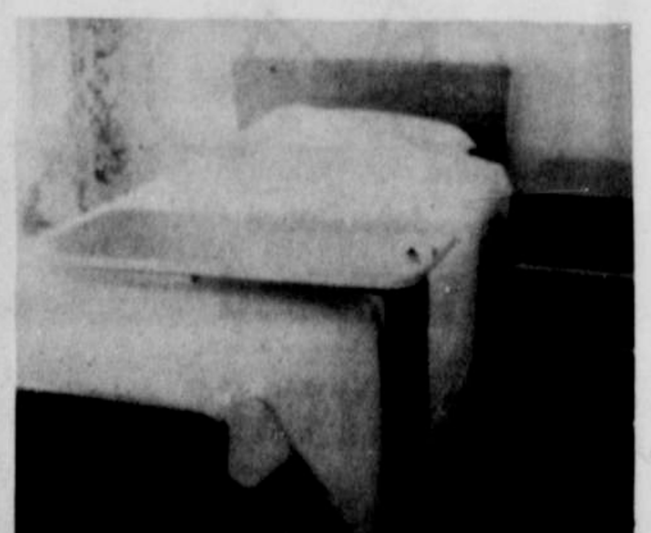
THIS ULTRASONIC CLEANER is excellent for cleaning surgical tools which are clogged with debris. It has a side use no one counted on, too—it cleans dentures beautifully.



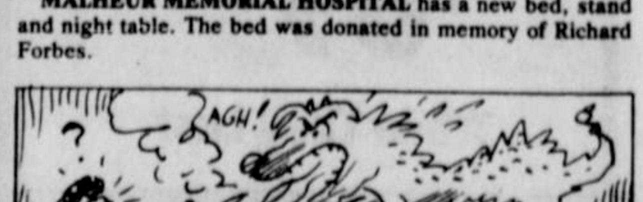
THIS NEW TWO-WAY radio will enable Malheur Memorial to talk with other hospitals and not tie up long-distance phone lines, as well as talk to ambulances.



THE WHIRLPOOL IS another piece of new equipment the Hospital has acquired. It is good for people with sores and poor circulation from diseases such as diabetes.



MALHEUR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL has a new bed, stand and night table. The bed was donated in memory of Richard Forbes.



Some people believe that eating a dragon's heart will bestow upon one considerable courage. Of course it takes considerable courage to eat a dragon's heart in the first place!