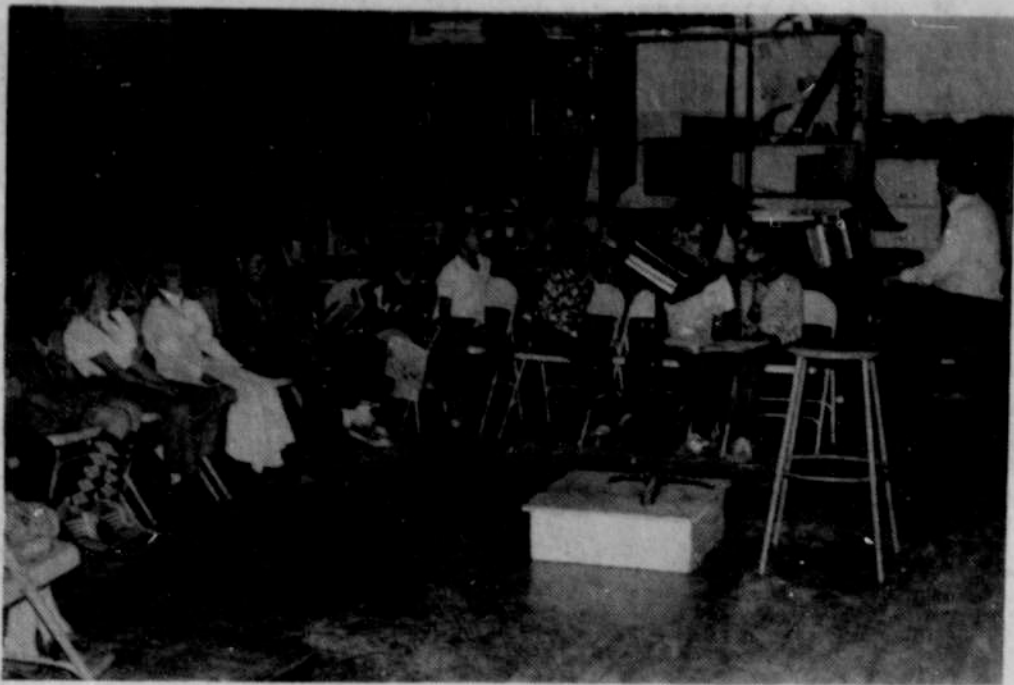




THIRD GRADE CHORAL MEMBERS are practicing for the Christmas Concert to be given December 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Adrian School. Grades kindergarten through the 6th

grade will participate in the program. Art Gould, music director (shown at piano), is in charge of the program

Apple Valley Items

By Frances Smalley

APPLE VALLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Calvin and children and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders were after Church guests December 5 of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward.

Mrs. Nancy Larson was hostess for the Tuesday morning ladies Bible Study Class.

Mrs. Barbara Coons, Clint and Brenda were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rodriguez and sons were after church guests of the Swards.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rookstool attended the Senior citizen Christmas dinner in Nyssa on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sells attended the Sells family Christmas dinner held Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sells at Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clement were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Mary Honey.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Whitton of Boise were all day Saturday guests of Mrs. Nell Correll.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Adams of Baker were Wednesday noon dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fritts, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tuning attended the 50th wedding anniversary open house at the Parma Community Hall on Saturday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breshears.

Mrs. Ruth Fritts and Mrs. Ed Sells visited Wednesday with Mrs. Luella Breneman at Ontario to help her celebrate a birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cane and Susan who recently purchased the Grassmick Dairy Ranch were December 5 dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Seward.

Mrs. Jennie Seward was also a dinner guest. Mrs. David Bay entertained the M.N.O. bridge club on Thursday evening.

Extra guests were Mrs. Carma Nielsen and Mrs. Rex Nichols. The ladies enjoyed a Christmas gift exchange during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Anders of Lakeview were Sunday afternoon visitors in the Waldo Smalley home.

Mrs. Laura Bale and Mrs. Mary Honey attended the Senior Citizen Christmas dinner on Wednesday at the United Methodist Church

Events Around Adrian

By Dale Witt

ADRAIN - Mr. and Mrs. George DeHaven were Sunday dinner guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Skerjanec and family in Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barnes were Sunday afternoon visitors and evening dinner guests of Mrs. Anna Long.

Mrs. Frankie Worden was a Saturday afternoon caller of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Schafer.

Mrs. Robert Ball of Roswell called on Mrs. Carl Begeman Friday afternoon.

The Ladies Auxiliary packed cookies for the Veteran's Hospital in Boise, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater and son Kent were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Begeman.

social room. Mr. and Mrs. Del Bale and family of North Bend, Oregon were overnight Saturday guests of Mrs. Laura Bale.

Mrs. Ruth Martin of Caldwell was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Mrs. Laura Bale.

Mrs. Lucille Reed visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. Nell Correll.

Why are Hospital Costs Increasing?

By James A. Mattes
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 non-governmental 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 in additional charges on his bill.

Another cause for 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, causes 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. In order for our hospital to maintain its solvency while absorbing operating losses, and to continue providing quality patient care at reasonable cost, we will need additional tax support.

Voters will be given a chance to provide the first tax revenues outside the 6% limitation since 1965. If passed, it will be a "One Time Only" tax to subsidize operating expenses, recruit physicians, and begin a building and equipment improvement program.

Delta Kappa Gamma Meets

The Delta Kappa Gamma met at the Charolais Restaurant in Ontario, Saturday, December 11 for a 1 p.m. luncheon, with 28 members present.

Joy McPartland conducted the business meeting in the absence of Elaine Nelson, president.

The music committee, led by Audrey Lawrence and Betty Hopper was in charge of the program, which consisted of Christmas songs and poems.

Audrey Lawrence sang a solo "The Star of the East," and Ora Lawrence read a poem, "The Gift of Christ." Betty Hopper played a violin solo, "Silent Night" with the members joining in song.

The next meeting will be January 22, 1977 at the Starlite Cafe, in Vale at 1 p.m.

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Adrian School Board Meets

At the December 9 Adrian school board meeting, Mrs. Virginia Baker gave a demonstration of a word introduction skill learned at a recent workshop. She was assisted by pupils Dezi del Valle, Angela Radford, Kayla Robinson and Robert Baldwin.

A short slide presentation was given on a visit to the Lee Creek Elementary Home of Mastery Teaching, Cardston, Alberta, Canada. Comments on the visit to Audrey Brune's workshop were made.

At the close of the presentation, the children showed their reading folders to members of the Adrian school board, Elver Nielsen, Darlene Thomas, Dick Bennett, Stanley Mills and Joan Stam.

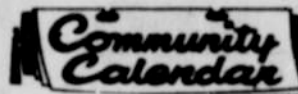
Adrian Women Hold Meet

The Women's Association of the Adrian Presbyterian Church met Thursday afternoon in the church basement with 13 ladies present. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by the group. The tables were set up for the dinner and bazaar to be held on Saturday, December 18.

Mrs. Bill Toomb, president, presided at the business meeting which was opened by all repeating "The Lord's Prayer." The minutes were read by Mrs. Goldie Roberts followed by roll call, which was answered by the number of friendship calls made during the past month. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Edna DeHaven. Old and new business was discussed. Bills presented and voted to be paid. Plans were made for the Saturday church dinner and bazaar. The least coin dish was passed.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be Sunday evening, December 19 at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone Welcome.



Friday, December 17 - TV Rock and Gem Club, Christian Church Basement, South 5th Street. Visitors welcome 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 18 - Golden Age rummage and Baked Food Sale, 113 Green Avenue, Nyssa, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

United Methodist Church Rummage Sale, Church Basement, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Merry Wicows, Verna Tobler home, Gift Exchange, potluck, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 19 - Malheur World War I Barracks & Auxiliary, Potluck & Business meeting, Vale Grange Hall, 1:30 p.m. All Star Bowling, Sugar owl, 2 p.m.

Monday, December 20 - Golden Rule Chapter OES Christmas Party, Gift Exchange, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 21 - Eagles Auxiliary, Eagles Hall, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22 - Job's Daughters Bethel No. 33, Christmas Party, Gift Exchange, Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 23 - Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 33, Carol at Nursing Home, Supper and Practice for Installation Masonic Hall.



ADRIAN HIGH SCHOOL Home Economics students under the direction of Mrs. Bethel Feasenher have been working on several projects in preparation for Christmas.

RANAE ROBINSON AND BUNNY BUCK (left) made grape ice cream, **Jerri Osborn** (center) made Beef Stroganoff, and **Brenda Carlock and Laurie White** made apple crunch.



BOYS IN THE CLASS display their cookies (it looks like they ate most of them). They are, from left, Kenny Wilson, Fernando Orosco, Jed Pickrel and David Ishida.



CINDY MCCLURE AND DEBBIE ORRIS are making a yarn pillow.



ALICE HORI, VIOLA LEO and KAREN FUJIKAWA are pictured with specimens of their shrink art.

Adrian Legion Sends Cookies

The American Legion in Adrian packed cookies for the patients in the Veteran's Hospital in Boise at the home of Mrs. Sue Ashcraft last Thursday.

Mrs. Ashcraft wishes to extend a thank you to all the members and all who donated cookies, making it possible to send 58 Christmas packages to Boise.

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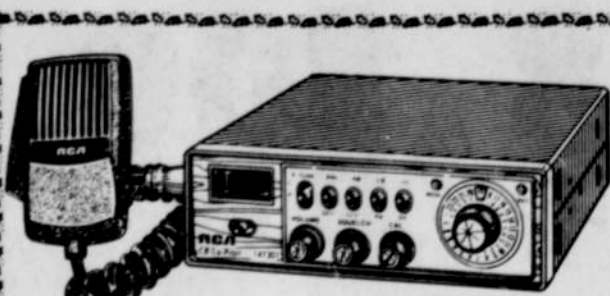
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