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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Journal,

It is two o'clock in the morning, but I find I cannot sleep until I write this letter. Have you ever stood inside an open door with only the hospital preventing its closing on a loved one. I am standing there now. My husband lies helpless in the hospital - our Hospital. Maybe you are undecided on the tax election of the hospital. If so, you are the one that I desire to reach.

I, too, was to vote no on this important issue. My taxes like yours have become a burden. I would just go to the polls. Vote No and go back to sleep. But you see life charts it's own pattern. Suddenly your complacency is shattered. No one is immune against sickness and accidents. A member of your family may need care tomorrow. It happened in my home a few days ago.

I took my husband, able to read the morning newspaper, to an out-of-town hospital. In ten days I brought him home in an ambulance not able to recognize me. Our hospital was standing by, true to its dedication—true to our needs. An efficient and confidence inspiring nurse rode in the ambulance with us. They took no chances. She sat by my husband, alert and watchful. An immaculate room was awaiting us, and capable hands took over.

I have no words to tell you the true meaning of that statement. This is only learned thru experience. And you may find this sooner than you think. Not in our hospital but elsewhere and ALONE.

Here at MMH they suddenly become your family. They care about you and your family. You feel their warmth about you. Skilled nurses work quietly. You scarcely know they are there. They do not congregate in the office and await the bell. They come in regularly on their own volition. Nor do they leave you with the feeling you are a nuisance to them.

If you, like myself, were allowing the added taxes to blind you let's go into that. Do you pay a fire insurance premium? A liability on your car, and pray you will never use it? But your money is gone! These taxes are a paid-up policy on what I'm receiving today at our hospital.

Never lose sight of the fact you may need the services of this hospital tomorrow. Health is a fragile thread. Give careful thought to these matters. A good hospital increases the value of your property. One of the first questions of a prospective buyer is "What are your health care facilities?" We have it let's keep it.

We can be rightfully proud of it. Are you aware of its rating in Oregon? My niece in Salem, a nurse married to a doctor phoned me, "Do you know your Nyssa hospital has a top rating in our state?" Perhaps, you are not familiar with the attitude Western Oregon has toward Eastern Oregon. The general opinion is we are a desert waste, where camels roam at will. Yet folks there are aware of the quality of our hospital. A significant fact to us.

I, who am now benefitting by this same hospital, beg of you Vote YES on this momentous issue. If you

find yourself questioning the use of the money be at ease. The Board of Directors is made of men who are our shrewdest townsmen. Our hospital Administrator is dedicated to the success and promotion of our hospital. Do not be deceived by the innocent face. Inside he is a hard core businessman. Every penny will go for our welfare. Vote YES on this issue.

Can you produce a better logic against this issue? It will keep a hospital at our doorstep ready to serve us. This is the choice we must make. Do it wisely. Vote YES knowing that you have made your family secure.

Signed,
 Mrs. John (Bessie) Long

Editor, The Journal,

We are concerned about the future of our hospital.

Some years back many of us gave of our time and money that we could have a hospital in the Nyssa area.

We took part in three different campaigns in which to raise money for a hospital because not only for the sick that need care for a few days or week or so, but for those quick emergencies that come when least expected, when a trip of 12 or 25 to 50 miles to a hospital is too late.

Those emergencies were our concern then, they are now, and they will be in the future.

So let us all do what we can to save our Hospital and Nursing Home. Be sure and vote Yes on January 11, 1977.

Signed,
 Herman and Myrl Towne,
 Nyssa, Oregon.

United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Monroe welcome you to all church activities.

Sunday, January 2 - Prayer Service 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship service, "Creative Ministry," by Rev. Monroe. Study based on Second Corinthians.

Monday, January 3 - First of 13 weeks of Bible study. Topic is "Death and Christian Perspective," 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 5 - Weekly devotions. Start making resolutions. 10 a.m. Pastor-Parrish relations Committee meets, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 6 - General meeting of the United Women's Society, 2 p.m.

THANK YOU!

The Christmas party at the Nursing Home, December 22, sponsored by the Hospital Auxiliary was a huge success thanks to Santa Claus and the generosity of our Community. The Auxiliary would like to say Thank You to the following organizations and persons that took part contributing much happiness to the Residents:

Bill Schilling, Golden Rule Lodge, Eagles Auxiliary, Catholic Church, Pentecostal Church, Owyhee Garden Club, Tops Club of Adrian, Marantha Circle of Cons. Bap. Church, Koffee Klutch Klub, A.N.K. Garden Club, Arcadia Sunshine Club, Lutheran Church Ladies, Oregon Trail Grange, Methodist Church, LDS, Ward 1, Nazarene Church, St. Paul's Guild, Adrian Pinochle Club, Patriots Class of Christian Church, Christian Women's Fellowship, Comm. of Women's Activities, Nisei United Methodist Church, Louise Ward, Fred and Lola Guthrie Hazel E. Herman, Gladys Cooper, Margaret Bracken, Dirick and Margaret Nedry, Houston and Audrey Wilson, Mary Schneider, Axella Stephen, Wilma Strickland, Cleta Blair, Mrs. Klaas Stam, Katura Dickson, Madge Thompson, Candy Stripers.

The Lutheran Church furnished the beautiful tree, the Patriots Class of the Christian Church decorated it helped by Ladies of the Home that made pop corn strings. The delightful and much enjoyed program was done by Dorothea Mitchell's Kindergarten; Auxiliary Ladies furnished the cookies and The Gate City Journal gave us publicity.

Again, thanks from all the Residents and the Hospital Auxiliary.

Nazarene Church News

Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve activities will begin with fellowship, fun and food in Manley Hall, 9 p.m. followed by a Candlelight Communion Service in the Sanctuary at the close of the year.

Sunday, January 2, Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Children's Church, 11 a.m. Morning Worship with a special message and time of sharing with Newell Morgan concerning his recent Missionary tour, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6:45 p.m. Evening Gospel Hour, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4, Ladies Bible Study will meet with Linda Taylor, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 5, Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Midweek service for Caravans, Teens, Adults, 7:30 p.m.

"Being a Christian and living like Christ is the greatest achievement possible."

Park Avenue Baptist Church

Sunday, January 2 - Sunday School for all ages, 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the sanctuary with message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m. Choir practice and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 4 - Youth Group, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5 - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve Vesper service, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 2 - Sunday School 9:45

Worship Service with Holy Communion 11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 5 - Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council meeting, 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 6 - Confirmation Instruction 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study, 8 p.m.

The pastor and members of Faith Lutheran Church wish a blessed New Year to all.



SEVENTEEN HAPPY KINDERGARTEN children under the supervision of their teacher, Mrs. Dorothea Mitchell presented a program for the Malheur Memorial Nursing Home Christmas Party. The group sang three Christmas songs. They acted out "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer." Maurnee Thomas and Angela

Wettstein sang a duet, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." Pictured left to right are: Brad Cleaver, Wade Waddell, Brandi Olsen, Loren Mitchell, Kurt Wynn, Justin Woodie, George Folkman, K. C. Williams. In the background is Mrs. George Knapp, Lori Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell.

Conservative Baptist Church News

Friday, December 31 - Watch Night Service, 9 p.m.

Sunday, January 2 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Monday, January 3 - Two Bible Study Classes, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 5 - AWANA, 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study and prayer, 8 p.m.

Choir Practice, 8:30 p.m.

TVCC Registration

Registration for winter quarter at Treasure Valley Community College begins Monday, January 3. Classes begin Tuesday, January 4. Community Education classes will register during the first meeting. The registration schedule is as follows:

8:45.....R	1:20.....S-V
9:00.....M	1:40.....P-Q
9:20.....D-F	2:00.....C
9:50.....J-L	2:30.....W-Z
10:00.....A	3:00.....G
10:40.....H-I	3:30.....N-O
1:00.....B	6:30-8:00 p.m. open

NEW YEAR PRAYER

We give thanks and pray for peace and happiness for our friends and all mankind.

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Meaning of Citizenship

By Bill Kiser

No, I am not a recent immigrant to the United States. But I am beginning to experience the joys and responsibilities that a new citizen often feels. A native-born American might well ask the reason for my elation. As I have had a severe cerebral palsy involvement since birth, I have often doubted that I had full citizenship in these United States. While I was taught as a child to respect the law, my parents did not impart to me the fact that I was a political being with rights and responsibilities. To them, as to most people, the government was a reality with which one lived.

In early childhood, the nearest contact I had with politics was through one of my neighbors who was a clerk of the court. Every four years he would solicit the support of the neighborhood in his reelection, and listening to his children, I was led to believe that the world would surely come to an end if his sorry opponent ever won.

Shortly after high school, I shocked the neighborhood and the voting official by pushing five or six blocks in my wheelchair to register to vote, and thereafter raised a few eyebrows on each election day by working my wheelchair into the line at the polls. My local voting official soon began to look for me and was always willing to help me mark my ballot. I was fortunate that my voting place was located at a fire station that presented no architectural barriers. I have since learned that architectural barriers prevent many handicapped people from exercising their rights to full citizenship.

How can elected officials hope to improve the lives of handicapped people? Our efforts to gain better rehabilitation services, more employment opportunities, the elimination of architectural barriers and the establishment of other human rights has given the elected official a new role.

While we still hope that doctors and scientists will discover new ways to alleviate our physical difficulties, we know that this is often dependent on government-sponsored research and treatment programs. My future, and the future of other handicapped people, depends upon understanding political leaders.

It is very significant that both major parties included special planks in their 1976 platforms with respect to handicapped people. The first White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, to be held May 25 to 29 at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. promises to be another important milestone in the political advancement of America's handicapped citizens.

I, for one, feel that I have gained a new citizenship in the past decade. It is so easy to forget, though, that citizenship is not a one-way street. Now that I am working, it's easy to think I do not have time to go to the polls on election day. It is only natural that the finest thrill of voting wears off, but we handicapped people should remember that voting is not only a privilege; it is an obligation as well.

I realize that laws are the result of bargaining and compromise. I do not consider myself a radical activist, but I know that handicapped people must work together to achieve the things we want and need. My limited contact with public officials in recent years has, on the whole, been most encouraging. With few exceptions, these elected men and women have made me feel like a citizen whose opinions and vote they consider important.

Recently, I witnessed an immigrant's excitement in obtaining her citizenship. I regret that native Americans miss this thrill. It will not go unmarked, however, by handicapped people who are finding cause for celebration in the full citizenship we are now slowly but surely attaining.

Bill Kiser, of Winston-Salem, NC, and Handicapped American of the Year, authors a weekly syndicated newspaper column, a weekly radio program, and edits a newspaper for the North Carolina Rehabilitation Association.

Watch Night Service Slated

There will be a New Year's Eve Watch Night Service at the Conservative Baptist Church, starting at 9 p.m.

There will be a time of refreshments, a film and a time of devotions to end the old year and see in the New Year. Everyone is invited to attend.



There are three cities listed in the record books as being the smallest in America, only .4 square miles in area: Belvedere, California, Bonne Terre, Missouri, and Montgomery, West Virginia.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Joy and Peace be yours throughout the New Year. We're grateful for our wonderful relationship and the new chance for it to continue.

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A Prayer for the New Year

Love is light. Let that light bring us all together in peace and understanding, and its brightness bring many cherished moments for you to enjoy, with those you hold dear.

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