



THE SILENT SPOTLIGHT

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For and about the deaf in Utah

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Editorial

The Utah Board of Education, in a 6-3 decision, voted June 15 to reorganize the Services to the Deaf office. This decision has caused quite a stir in the deaf community. Because we have seen neither the latest policy statement nor the new organizational chart, we are uncertain how this change affects various services to the deaf, both oral and total communication. One thing is certain -- the change is to take place immediately.

Dr. Walter Talbot stated that the action of the State Board of Education on reorganization of the deaf simply guarantees all deaf clients the choice of a counselor who signs or does not sign. It gives Dr. Robert Sanderson increased responsibility; he has all program responsibility for Rehabilitation services to the deaf plus training responsibility for all counselors and supervisors who serve deaf clients. The action also increases one counselor for the deaf in the Salt Lake area.

The superintendent also said the State Board of Education appropriated \$35,000 from general funds to provide TTY services to all deaf people. Those who are rehabilitation clients will continue to get services from Rehabilitation funds.

One question does come up with regard to reorganization of the deaf unit. We wonder what will happen to the interpreting services that had been available to both clients and non-clients of Rehabilitation. It is our understanding that the Board of Education administration is working on this problem.

Informed sources indicate that the Utah Board of Education administration is developing a budget for the next legislature to be used for the purpose of a comprehensive Community Center for the Deaf. Money in this budget is to be state money so that services of various types can be provided to deaf people who are not necessarily clients of Rehabilitation.

The center is being designed so that it will serve all deaf people of the community, including hard of hearing. Speech and hearing conservation services will also be included so oral deaf people as well as hard of hearing people will be able to get services.

While the board decision on June 15 spelled defeat for those who wished to keep the Services to the Deaf office as it had been the past thirteen years, some good appears to have come out of the time and attention given to studying ways and means to serve the deaf community better.

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UAD Request Put Before Senate Committee

David Mortensen, president of UAD, appeared before the Joint House Senate committee studying social services in the state legislature and presented to them a request for their help in developing a comprehensive Community Center for the Deaf, and for a state commission for the deaf.

It was emphasized in his presentation that the Division of Rehabilitation in its stated policy as presented by Dr. Vaughn Hall in the Utah Board of Education meeting restricted services to the deaf to only rehabilitation services. This, he said, effectively eliminated many of the services that had been provided through the Services to the Deaf office for the past thirteen years. Hence there is now a need for a center for the deaf and a commission to serve all deaf people, not just rehabilitation clients.

UAD Accepted as United Way Agency

The United Way of Salt Lake area announced that the Utah Association for the Deaf has been accepted as a member agency. Initial services are scheduled for 1979, as money from this fall campaign becomes available. These services initially will involve interpreting services for the deaf community. With the admission of the UAD, United Way will need involvement and cooperation of deaf people to reach its financial goals.

Legislative Matters

At the Capitol in Washington, D.C., lawmakers are considering HR 12467, the bill to improve interpreting services for the deaf. May we suggest that you write a simple letter to your congressman:

Congressman Gunn McKay
324 25th Street
Ogden, Utah 84401

Congressman Dan Marriott
125 S. State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Don't worry about your language; just write. You only need to state that you support this bill, and that you are deaf and know how much interpreters are needed.

July Happenings

Saturday, 8th -- Joint LDS Church Picnic -- see flyer.
Saturday, 15th -- Golf Club Outing -- contact Ken Merrill for details.
Thursday, 27th -- Sportsmen's Club dinner, 3rd general meeting and movie, "Skyjacked" beginning at 6:30 pm in USD Multipurpose Room.
Friday, 28th -- Valley Ward will show "The Great Manhunt" at 760 E. 700 S. in SLC.
Saturday, 29th -- UAD Friendship Day at Lagoon -- see flyer.

No meeting in July for: Utah Board of Education
Governor's Advisory Council
Golden Spike Athletic Club for the Deaf
Utah Association for the Deaf Board

Wedding Bells

- June 8 -- Lorie Tanner to Stephen Lybbert in the Provo LDS Temple. The Lybberts were honored at a reception the next evening at the Lehi North Stake Center. Moses Lake, Wa. will be their home.
- June 9 -- Jocelyn Peery to Kevin Johnson, son of Doyle & Legia Johnson of Salt Lake City. The reception was held at the Redwood 3rd Ward in SLC.
- June 16 -- Sherry Garner to Lowell Starkey, with reception following at the Cannon First Ward in SLC.

Obituaries

- April 15 -- Nell Hanna of Ogden, formerly a housemother at the Utah School for the Deaf during the 1950's.
- June 7 -- Ceril (Sig) Gines, brother of Paul Gines of SLC. Funeral and burial took place in Kamas.
- June 8 -- Kenneth Harlan, 23, of SLC, in a car-motorcycle accident. Formerly of New Jersey, he had moved to SLC about December.
- June 17 -- Henry Stewart, 15 year old son of Leola Stewart, after inhaling fumes of a cooking spray.

Rattles 'n' Powder

- May 21 -- Angela Marie, daughter of Paula (Dorton) & Charles Tasselli of Anchorage, Ak.

Hospital Rounds

- May 16 -- Doris Legacy was hospitalized at McKay-Dee's of Ogden after suffering a heart attack at the nursing home, Hillhave, where she resides.
- June 5 -- Mike Ercanbrack spent a few days in McKay-Dee's after undergoing a hernia operation.
- June 16 -- Lee Kidman is home after having some facial skin removed in a clinical surgery.
- June 21 -- Margaret Lyman had cataract surgery done on her right eye at St. Benedict's of Ogden.

Recognition

Rodney Walker of the Salt Lake NFSD Division #56 was recently selected to have his name placed on the 1978 NFSD Hall of Fame. His many contributions, both nationally and locally, qualified him for the honor.

At the USD graduation ceremony on May 26, Audrey Jolley and Eddie Foster were each presented with a \$25.00 savings bond by Grand Western Vice President Ned Wheeler, of National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

Arvel and Berdean Christensen were honored at an open house to mark their 30th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives gathered at the Valley Ward on the afternoon of June 24.

Transplanting Roots

Abel and Ana Martinez moved on June 23 to Rochester, N.Y. from North Hollywood, Ca. Abel will attend NTID as a student.

Visitors to Our Seago Lily State

Robert & Dixie Lee O'Brien of Fullerton, Ca. visited the Robert Bonnells the last week in May. The O'Brien's eldest son, Brent, is at BYU for two months language training before assuming his mission in Finland.

On his way to San Francisco for IRS business, Mike Burnett stopped over in Ogden for the weekend of June 17 to visit his parents, Joe and LaVern Burnett, and his two brothers.

George and Dora Laramie were happy to see their friends, Richard & Mary Belle Coll of Olathe, Ks. for a few days in early June. The Colls brought their deaf granddaughter, Kim, with them on the trip.

Wanderlust

In May, Lee and Donna Hunter visited Delmo & Adamae Andreozzi in Elko, Nv. for several days, and also visited Frances Bosshardt in Las Vegas for a few days.

John and Arlene Lowell spent four days in early June in Colorado, visiting a classmate of John's in Aurora and relatives in the area. They saw the sights of the area in Colorado Springs before going home.

Smiley and Sandra Briseno made a quick trip to Hobbs, N.M. to see Sandra's sister married June 3. They brought with them another sister, Marcella, to stay the summer with them.

On Memorial Day weekend, Carol Wilson and her boys drove to several canyons -- Grand, Bruce and Zion, as well as Glen Dam. They enjoyed the sights.

After three weeks of TTY training in Chicago, Il. during June, Norman Williams was joined by Karen. They took in the sights of Chicago for a week before returning home.

In Southern California for a week of sightseeing in June, were George and Dora Laramie, Celia May Baldwin and her two children, Dora and Laury.

As a Mother's Day gift from her husband Jay and son Brent, Rosa Lee Parkin flew to Colorado to visit her daughter, Patricia, in Aurora. She also attended a Frat banquet where she met a few of her old friends. Rosa Lee stayed with her close friends, Mr. & Mrs. Eldon Beverly. It was her first plane trip, so it was a memorable experience for her.

TTY Jottings

Senator Orrin Hatch, who sends an occasional newsletter to his constituents, wrote about the TTY he has in his Utah office and about the deaf community that is served by the TTY network.

Changes of phone numbers in the Utah TTY Directory:

Von & Betty Jones	968-5966	W. Jordan
Veldon & Linda Haddon	566-2543	Midvale

A new portable TTY is on the market for a basic price of \$295.00. Called Porta-Tel, it has a 32 digit readout with green display and weighs approximately 4 lbs. Specialized Systems, Inc. is the manufacturer. Write to them at 215 S. Highway 101, Suite 203, Solana Beach, Ca. 92075 for additional information.

Wheels, Wheels

Gerald & Ottrie Schwab -- 1978 4-wheel Chevrolet truck, cardinal red with white.

Clarence Burton - 1977 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

Swap/Sell Corner

Veldon & Linda Haddon have a six year old avocado gas range for sale, \$150 or best offer. Call them at 566-2543 (TTY) in Midvale.

News of Note

The Utah Association for the Deaf board of directors voted Bruce Aldridge to be a member of the board. Peter Green was chosen to be chairman of the board until June 1979 when the UAD will have its election.

Linda Campbell, former secretary for Robert Sanderson, is now a part-time real estate salesperson for ERA-VIP Realty, 1354 E. 3300 S., Salt Lake City. Deaf persons who wish to buy or sell homes or property will be glad to know that Linda is able to use sign language very well.

Kathy & Barry Carpenter of Kearns received a hearing ear dog from June Lockhart, an actress who was starring in "Butterflies are Free" at Tiffany's Attic in SLC at the time of the presentation. Miss Lockhart is a consultant on special programs to the president of American Humane Association. Lisa is a certified hearing ear dog, having been trained for 5 months at Englewood, Co. at a cost of \$2,500 but given free to the Carpenters. "Calling" the Carpenters to a ringing phone or a knock at the door, warning them of smoke in the house, taking Kathy to a crying baby are Lisa's specific duties.

If you are interested in buying an I L Y shirt (only \$4.50 each), the St. Mary Magdelene Club for the Deaf is selling them as a fund raising project. Contact Celia May Baldwin at TTY 292-6768 (Bountiful) or Nellie Sausedo at TTY 399-2773 (Ogden). The Ogden number is the Burdett phone; messages will be taken for Nellie.

At the Pacific Coast Deaf Bowling Association tournament in Long Beach on Memorial Day weekend, 12th place was taken by a team composed of Roy Milburn, Jerry Stilwell, Eugene Plumby, Fred Bass and Robert Gillespie. Fans from Utah were George & Carola Gavros, the Plumby family, Ray & Marie Averett, Bridget Laramie, Sharon Duran and her family, and Nancy Armijo. Nancy and the Duran family stayed after the tourney to visit relatives and flew back later.

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The next PCDBA tournament will be held in San Francisco, May 26-28, with \$2,000 for men and \$1,000 for women guaranteed.

Camp Atoka for women was a success, with 49 enjoying crafts, storytelling, games and taking turns with chores. It was decided to have a biennial camp for women; the next one will be in 1980.

Vibes from the Utah School for the Deaf

In addition to the five who graduated from USD on May 26 -- Shirley Carter, Martin Dodd, Eddie Foster, Sherri Hanberg and Audrey Jolley -- there are others who graduated from public schools under the USD extension program. They are: Sherry Garner, Murray High School; Cynthia Clark, Lorayne Dent, Bradley Oswald, Lisa Richards, Albert Thompson, East High School in SLC; Tracy Anderson, Christine Brown, Rodney Dalpias, Kathy Hadfield, Leon McCree, Ben Lomond High School in Ogden.

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Deadline for August issue: July 20. The August issue will be sent out a little later than usual, about August 1, as the editor will be returning from vacation. Contact your area reporter or the editor, Val Platt, 112 W. 5150 S., Ogden, Ut. 84403 -- TTY 399-3028.

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