



# THE SILENT SPOTLIGHT

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For and about the deaf in Utah

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## A Christmas Present

With this month's newsletter is a flyer from Mountain Bell. It gives the good news that deaf customers will be able to call the phone company on TTY.

Mountain Bell has installed a TTY in the Salt Lake office and a toll-free number has been assigned to it. Call from anywhere in Utah with service problems, billing, information requests; there is no long distance charge for it.

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TTYs are in Valley Bank in Salt Lake City; in the offices of our two senators, Orrin Hatch and Jake Garn; Douglas Findlay Prosthetics; in the 911 emergency services office; in the LDS welfare office. We are looking forward to 1979 when more and more agencies and businesses take an interest in serving this segment of the community, the deaf.

Truly a gift, giving the deaf the means to take care of their own business.

## January Happenings

- Wed, 10th -- "Twelve Chairs" to be shown at a SLC location -- contact John or Arlene Lowell.
- Sat, 13th -- Valley Ward Elders' Quorum will have "Snow Outing" at either Wasatch Mountain State Park or Little Mountain. Meet at the ward at noon where instructions will be given and transportation furnished for those needing it. Sledding, tubing, skiing and tobogganing will be on tap for the afternoon.
- Thu, 18th -- GSACD meeting and social will be held at an Ogden location; contact Dennis Platt for information.
- Sat, 20th -- UACD general meeting will be held in SLC; contact Norman Williams for information.
- Sat, 27th -- GSACD party is being planned; see Dennis Platt.

## Hospital Rounds

- November -- Charles Whipple was in for a week of tests at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden but is now at home and doing well.
- December 1 -- Billie Merrill had minor foot surgery done at Lakeview Hospital in Bountiful.
- December 4 -- Robert Attkisson underwent the knife for a double hernia repair at Cottonwood Hospital in SLC.
- December 8 -- Steve Baldwin had hernia surgery done at St. Benedict's Hospital in Ogden.

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Rattles 'n' Powder

- October 3 -- Anthony, a baby boy being adopted by Jean Kinnett and called Tony by his family.  
November 16 -- Joseph Andrew, son of David & Charleen Burt of SLC.  
November 18 -- Toni Lynn, daughter of Burt & Kathy Quale of Casper, Wy.  
November 26 -- Paul, son of Bonnie & John Schaff of Centerville.  
Grandparents for the 10th time are Cleo & Verl Thorup of SLC.  
November 28 -- Jenica, daughter of Nedra & James Hardy of Chicago, and the newest grandchild of Edith & Ned Wheeler of Ogden.  
December 8 -- Spencer Scott, son of Scott & Adele Sigoda of Sandy.  
Correction: The birthdate of David & Linda Pleasant's son, Chris, was October 20.

Obituaries

- November 23 -- Athanasia Christopulos, mother of Tony Christopulos, principal at USD in Ogden. Funeral service in SLC preceded burial at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in the same city.

Wedding Bells

- November 4 -- Leona Coleman to Elroy Smith, married in Teasdale, Ut. about 15 miles from Capitol Reef in Southern Utah. Elroy, a son of Earl & Elaine Smith, is a power line man in Wyoming, and Leona a nurse at a university hospital.  
December 1 -- Ethel Bird to Harold Stowell, married in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. The new Mrs. Stowell is mother of Karen Williams of W. Jordan.  
December 8 -- Lydia Olsen to David Thompson, in a ceremony performed by President Roy Cochran at Ogden LDS Branch and witnessed by family members and close friends. Reception followed at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Wanderlust

Bruce & Barbara Aldridge left on November 18 by car for Shreveport, La. to visit his paternal grandmother for two weeks...John & Cleo Peterson, Edwige Dunbar & three deaf friends from the West Coast flew to Miami, Fl. to embark a cruise ship for the Bahamas for a week...Kenneth & Billie Merrill with family visited friends in the Los Angeles area from November 17 to 26; it was the first time in more than seven years that they had seen friends at the Fernando Valley Ward...Nellie Sausedo was a houseguest of Leon & Connie Curtis of Tucson, Az. during the Thanksgiving week...Kristi Mortensen flew to Phoenix, Az. to visit a former classmate, Claudia Foy, over the Thanksgiving weekend...Miguel Cano with his parents visited relatives in Durango, Mexico for six weeks.

Visitors

A surprise awaited Sandra Briseno when she returned home with Smiley from a weekend in Wendover. The Garza family, including her mother, father, grandmother and 4 brothers, drove from Hobbs, N.M. to be with Sandra on her birthday and to stay through Thanksgiving...Mike Ercanbrack of Denver spent Thanksgiving weekend with his family in Ogden.

Transplanting Roots

Eddie Foster has enrolled at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y....Joyce Dignan and her two sons have moved to Tustin, Ca. to join Art who has been teaching in Santa Ana since September.

Wheels, Wheels

Bridget Laramie -- 1978 Ford Fairmont, royal blue  
Randy & Joyce Sobieski -- 1979 Pontiac Catalina station wagon, maroon

TTY Jottings

\* The following is a change of TTY phone number:

Boyd Collins                      973-8910                      SLC

\* Those living in South Ogden & Washington Terrace in Weber County will have new phone numbers in January. Watch for the new numbers in the February issue.

\* John Cabbage, a custodian and bus driver at the Idaho School for the Deaf in Gooding, recently spent a week at the TTY shop in SLC. He had training in TTY maintenance and will now be working with the TTYs in the school for the deaf.

\* The U.S. Senate has installed a 24 hour TTY phone service so deaf constituents can contact their senators and staff members. The phone numbers to use are: (202) 224-2793 and (202) 224-3997.

This is a one year project, ending October 1, 1979, which came about through the efforts of Senators Robert Dole (Ks) and Richard Schweiker (Pa) and the Senate Sergeant at Arms, Frank Hoffmann.

Those calling between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm EST, Monday through Friday, will be connected to a TTY staff member who will take your message and relay it immediately to the caller's senator. At other times, an automatic answering device will take over. Leave your name, address and phone number (with area code) and a call-back will be made to obtain your message and relay it to your senator.

Responses will be made on TTY by the senator or a staff member.

New USDB Project Begun

A new project has been started at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind which involves students who are both deaf and blind. The class, housed at the school for the blind campus, has three pupils but will expand to include more classes in time.

In training deaf-blind students, the program will also help families of these students with family goals and to help with the living skills needed to aid the student and the family. In Utah, 56 students have been classified as blind-deaf.

News of Note

Youth and practice helped the USD student team 'A' to beat the older and out-of-breath teams to win the volleyball tournament on December 2. The players donated the \$27.00 winnings to the Junior NAD chapter. The Catholic Cardinals won \$19.00 for second place and Ogden LDS Branch 'A', \$8.00. The St. Mary Magdelene Club held door prize drawings for baked goods and the USD senior class had drawings for merchandise donated by local businesses.

A vacancy was created by the resignation of George Wilding on the Utah Association for the Deaf board of directors. Lloyd Perkins was appointed by the board to fill the remainder of the term.

The National Association of the Deaf will have a dedication ceremony on January 12 for its new branch office, located in Indianapolis, In. An open house program has been planned for the weekend of 12th-13th. The governor of Indiana, all NAD board members, many congressmen and legislators will be on hand for the official opening. The NAD branch office is responsible for all state association work.

Vibes from the Utah School for the Deaf

Sports schedule for boys' basketball junior varsity and varsity teams:

Fri, 5th	N. Rich	Here	5:30 + 7:15
Wed, 10th	Mt. Vernon	Here	4:30 + 6:30
Fri, 12th	St. Joseph's	Away	5:30 + 7:15
Wed, 17th	S. Rich	Here	4:15 + 6:00
Fri, 19th	Wendover	Away	5:30 + 7:15
Tue, 23rd	Mt. Vernon	Away	5:15 + 7:00
Fri, 26th	N. Summit	Here	5:30 + 7:15

Don Warner is coach, with Jay Barker assisting.

Girls' varsity basketball team will play on these dates:

Wed, 3rd	Dugway	Here	5:30
Thu, 4th	N. Summit	Away	5:30
Wed, 10th	Park City	Away	5:30
Tue, 16th	Wendover	Here	5:30
Fri, 19th	Manila	Here	5:30
Wed, 24th	S. Summit	Away	5:30

Sheryle Fox is coach for the girls' team.

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Deadline for February issue: January 20. Contact your area reporter or the editor, Val Platt, 112 W. 5150 S., Ogden, Ut. 84403 -- TTY 399-3028 if you have news for the Spotlight.

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