

Douglas Doctors Join Cooperative Service System

A new development in the field of prepaid medical and hospital care for employee groups in civilian as well as defense activities was announced this week by Doctor B. R. Shoemaker, secretary of the Douglas County Medical Society.

Oregon's medical professional is fulfilling its pledge to render the highest type of medical care to employee groups through Oregon Physicians' service, the approved state wide medical service plan sponsored by the Oregon State Medical Society.

A large percentage of doctors in Oregon are cooperating in the service plan, thus enabling the patient to have a free choice of cooperating physicians and surgeons in practically all sections of the state, and further, the plan provides for medical service anywhere in the United States. A choice of hospital is also offered. Hospitals of this area are rendering care for patients under the plan, as do other hospitals throughout the state.

Oregon Physicians' service and its affiliates already are serving more than 75,000 employees in numerous sections of the state, according to Dr. Shoemaker, who said that the doctors pride themselves in preserving the personal patient-physician relationship under the plan.

Through the cooperation of the Douglas County medical society, employee groups in stores, factories, mills, logging operations, offices and other organizations may now obtain the benefits of Oregon Physicians' service.

Willamette Flood Perils Major Cities

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levels. By midnight it had flooded sawmills and farmlands along its length. Part of west Salem was under water and the flood was within five feet of spilling over into the business district of Salem itself.

Farmers reported damage to soil was extensive.

Army engineers said no estimate of damage could be made for several days, although field officers now are attempting to determine extent of damage. At Wendling a mud slide killed two loggers. At Springfield an elderly woman died of shock after being evacuated from her flooded home.

Disease Threat Faced Red Cross officials, directing the relief work, feared an outbreak of disease. Flooded communities were without drinking water, heat and light. In some cases, food was becoming scarce.

On the coast a high tide combined with flooding rivers to back the water into several communities. Numerous roads were blocked and towns isolated.

Tidewater lumber mills were inundated and log booms broken up.

Even higher tides are predicted for Monday.

Major Highways Blocked Not a major road was open to normal traffic in western Oregon. All north-south routes were blocked, and the only east-west road still open was the Columbia River highway, where traffic was on a one-way basis.

A bridge over the Willamette at Salem was saved after a huge dance hall was swept against it. Gov. Sprague ordered the building dynamited to save the span.

Old timers said the flood is at most unprecedented, high water not usually occurring until spring, when the mountain snows melt.

Corvallis authorities reported this morning that several families on Kiger island in the Willamette, menaced yesterday by the rising waters, had been safely evacuated.

The Southern Pacific in Port land reported all its trains going through the flooded valley again. All southbound trains will

The Shape of Things to Come



Dealers Advised How to Dispose Of Used Tires

The following information was received today from the state office of price administration regarding the disposition of used tires by dealers.

Dealers seem to be somewhat confused as to procedure in disposing of unclaimed tires, and tires dumped on dealers' premises, also another question relative to dealers' recappable or junk tires. The following should clarify the matter:

1. Dealer must denote all unclaimed recappable, repairable, or usable tires to the defense supplies corporation. (1) Obtain shipping instructions and proper forms from DSC. (2) Notify Railway Express Agency to call for shipment, going collect. (3) Be sure to mention tires are donated!

Junk tires are rubber scrap will not be accepted by the defense supplies corporation. Dealer should sell junk rubber to rubber salvage collector.

2. Definition—Term Dealer. The defense supplies corporation applies term dealer to any: tire shop, service station, garage, automobile dealer, auto supply firm, or anyone buying and selling tires.

3. Consumer may sell tires. The defense supplies corporation will purchase consumer-owned recappable, repairable or serviceable tires. Ship via Railway Express Agency, transportation collect.

Consumer will receive check direct from defense supplies corporation after each tire has been appraised. Remittance will be in accordance to the idle tire purchase plan.

4. Turn-in tires held by dealer. Section 806 (g) provides: That a dealer not equipped to recapp tires, must sell recappable tires to a recapper. A dealer is required to hold any and all tires for 30 days from date taken in as replacement on certificate. A dealer may transfer a tire for recapping to a recapper if

British, Nazi Warships Battling in Arctic Sea

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quantities of arms and supplies, while the red armies captured "several dozen" towns in a single phase of the titanic struggle.

Rommel Again Runs Good news for the united nations came also from the north African front, where British headquarters reported that vanguards of Gen. Montgomery's eighth army attacked axis motorized forces west of Wadi Bel El Chebir and drove them into retreat.

The wadi, or gully, lies about 180 miles east of Tripoli.

Front-line dispatches said the British rolled through the wadi without a shot being fired at them as Nazi Marshal Rommel apparently chose to run rather than fight.

West of the wadi, a series of natural defense gulches, Rommel offered brief resistance yesterday and then fell back anew.

A Morocco radio broadcast said the Nazi chieftain had received fresh reinforcements to bolster his resistance in the Tripoli area, where he may attempt a stand to prevent the British 8th army from joining allied expeditionary forces driving eastward through Tunisia.

Guns Roar in Tunisia On the Tunisian front, allied warplanes struck heavy new blows against axis supply lines and bases as both sides massed for an approaching showdown.

Artillery duels thundered in the hills of northern Tunisia, in the Tunis-Bizerte sector, and French troops drove off an attack by axis forces in the region east of Pichon in southern Tunisia, inflicting losses on the enemy.

Another French column, advancing into southern Libya across 900 miles of desert from the Lake Chad region of equator-

ial Africa, was reported to have broken up an axis motorized force in the Fezzan region.

In aerial assaults, allied planes pounded the axis Tunisian strongholds of Sousse, Sfax and Gabes, destroyed enemy cars and trucks near the Tunisian Libyan border, and crippled at least three enemy ships.

Allied submarines sank two more axis supply vessels and probably sank a destroyer.

Australia's Leader Appeals for More Aid

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drome at Gasmata, in southern New Britain, and blasted the airfield at Bain, at the southern tip of Bougainville island, in the Solomons.

Other far Pacific developments: Burma—U. S. air force planes operating from India sharply attacked Japanese rail communications in north Burma, bombing and strafing trains and rail installations along the Myittha-Mandalay railroad.

RAF bombers also pounded the enemy, setting fires at Kalembo in the Myittha valley, attacked shipping along the Burmese coast and strafed river boats.

China—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's hard-fighting Chinese troops were reported to have recaptured Tsienshin and Taihu, in southwest Anhwei province, and Chinese dispatches said the Japanese were retreating southward.

LOCAL NEWS

Meeting Postponed—Rose P. T. A. has announced postponement of its meeting set for January 4 to January 11.

Reported Ill—Mrs. C. W. Dishman has been reported ill since Tuesday at her home on Pitzer street.

Guild To Meet—St. George's Episcopal guild will meet Monday at two-thirty o'clock at the parish hall.

Reported Better—Earl Parker, local postal carrier, is now reported to be improving from an infected hand and arm.

Returns to Portland—Miss Maxine McLaughlin left last evening for Portland, where she is employed, following a few days here visiting relatives and friends.

Returns to Annapolis—Ensign Lee A. Wells, Jr., has left for Annapolis, where he is teaching electricity at the naval academy, following a visit here with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Wells. Dr. and Mrs. Wells' other son, Frank, who was married at Albany, Oregon, Sunday to Joanne Anderson, is in war research work in the wood cellulose division of the Eastman Kodak company at Rochester, N. Y.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



NEXT: What city was California's first capital?

south of Salem was impassable at Jefferson this morning, and east-west routes out of Salem also were shut off.

LANE SITUATION EASED; SANITATION IS WORRY

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—Damage inflicted by the raging Willamette river began to come to view this morning as the river level receded to 13 feet at 10 a. m. with a forecast that it would continue dropping for the next 36 hours.

However, few evacuees were able to return immediately to their homes, the West Springfield area still being under considerable water and civilian defense and county officials expressing fears about the sanitary conditions in the area. It has no water supply other than wells and no sewage system.

All highways out of Eugene, excepting the Siuslaw to the west, were still closed by the flood this morning. State highway officials said there would have to be a very thorough check over all roads that had been inundated before they would be open to traffic.

The Eugene-Colburg road was blocked by a deep washout at the north side of the Ferry street bridge.

Only light traffic was allowed on the detour south through Lorane, since flood waters were over some of the county roads in that area.

Grain of U. S. Assures Europe of Ample Food

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but this excluded Russia, which now is dependent on the outside world for some food. However, grain men estimated that the U. S. surplus would be sufficient to tide post war Europe over for at least a year until its agricultural industry is functioning normally once again.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSES
RAMSON, WILLIAMSON - Raymond Gosage Ramson, Oregon City, and Marian Louise Williamson, Days Creek.

HARPOLE, MAYER - Lot Leo Harpole, Jr., and Cora Nellie Mayer, both of Camas Valley.

TUTTLE, PETTY - Edward Harold Tuttle and Minnie President Petty, both of Sonoma, Calif.

leave on schedule from here today. Trains from the south, delayed by slides, detours and high water around Eugene began to arrive last night. The line expects trains due in today to be nearer school days.

The line said conditions in the Cascade Mountains along its rail routes were much improved.

BUILDING MAY BE BLOWN UP TO SAVE BRIDGE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2 (AP)—The state highway department, undertaking emergency measures to save the west approach of the Salem-West Salem bridge over the Willamette river from destruction today as the surging stream's rise began easing off.

Wrecking cables and dynamite may be used to dislodge a huge lance ball from its resting place against the timber bridge approach. R. H. Ballock, chief highway engineer said. An auxiliary trestle will be built to restore highway communication with West Salem as soon as the water begins falling, he said.

Salem residents this morning found many streets in low lying areas inundated by waters backing up small streams from the river, water front industrial plants' lower levels flooded, a hospital basement eight blocks from the river penetrated by slack water and a small street bridge washed out.

City Engineer J. H. Davis said the main river, which early in the night had been rising at the rate of six inches an hour, appeared nearing its crest, with the climb now only one-tenth foot an hour.

With the river standing at 70.4 feet at 9 a. m., highest since

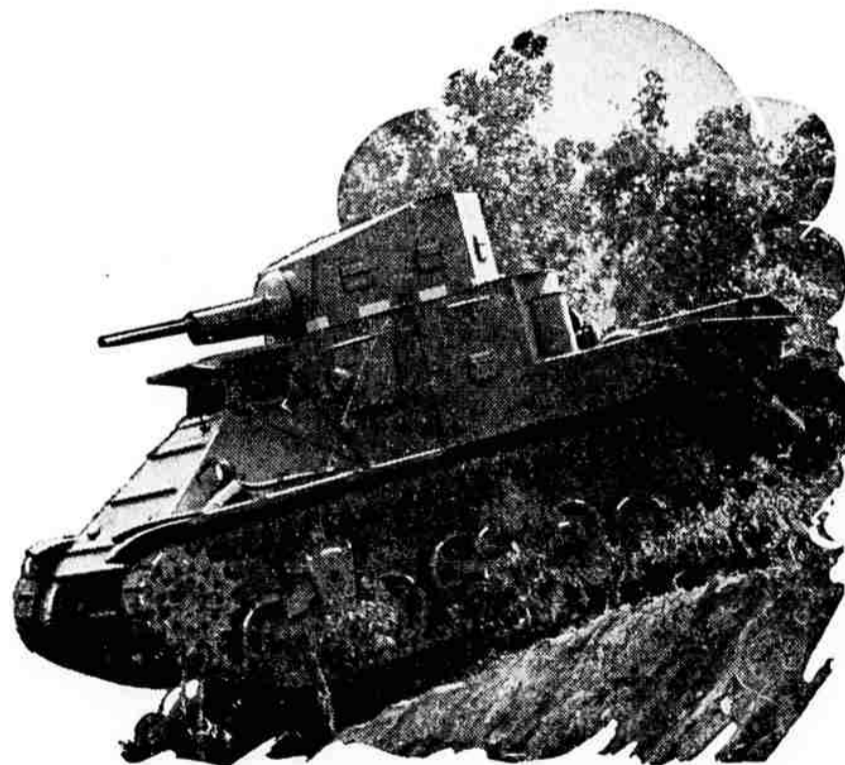
1923, another six inches will back up sewerage into basements in the main business district, the engineer declared.

West Salem Flooded. The main street of West Salem was flooded to depths ranging to six feet or more, water was in the city hall and many business houses and dwellings.

Two units of coast guardsmen from Portland came upriver early today to help remove marooned farm families from their homes, state police reported. Additional boats and an amphibian plane were expected later in the day.

While scores of farmers are isolated by water, no great fear is held for their safety, Ed S. McSherry, chairman of the disaster committee of the Marion county Red Cross chapter, said. Highway closures remained general. The Pacific highway

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