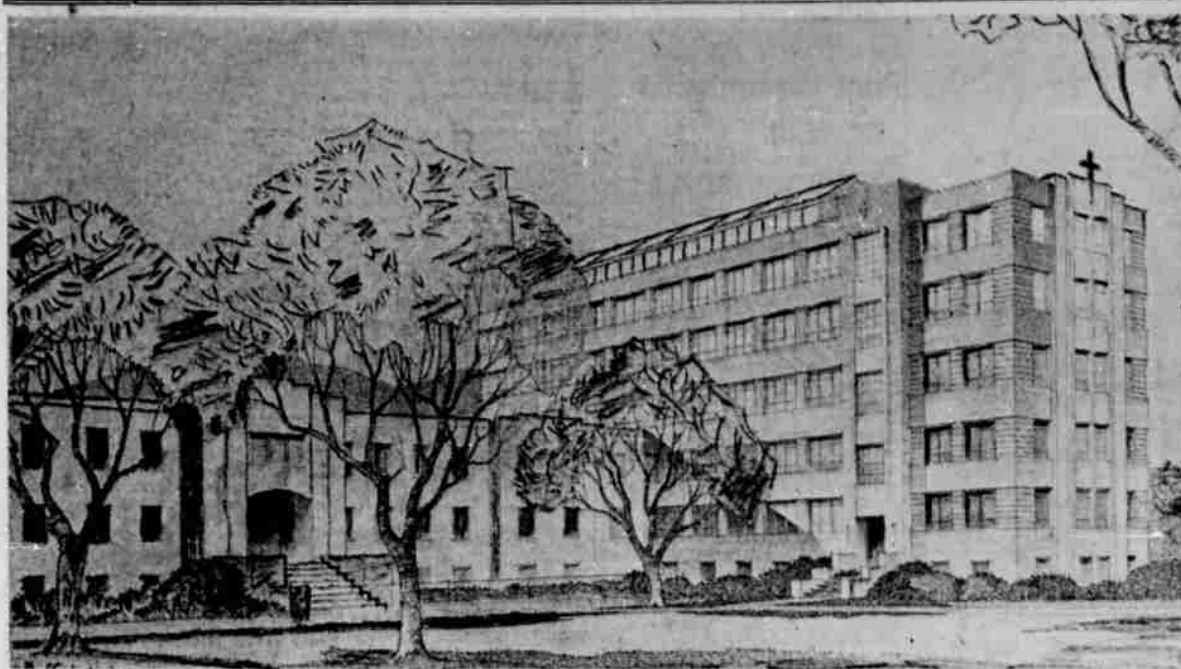




NEW UNIT TO BE ADDED TO MERCY HOSPITAL—Pictured above is the architect's conception of the new addition proposed for Mercy Hospital in Roseburg. The building planned for construction in the near future will be three stories in height, but will be expanded at a later date to five stories, it is expected. It also will have a basement and sub-basement. The project, estimated to cost \$350,000, will be financed through a one-third grant from the federal government with two-thirds from the Sisters of Mercy. A considerable amount of local aid through voluntary contributions to the building fund has been offered.

Middle-of-Road Politics Seen In European Political Changes

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This old world of ours is the melting-pot for a weird mixture of humanity.

I've just been studying headlines in the day's newspapers and most of the accounts point in the same direction. Everywhere forces of the "left" and of the "right" are at each others' throats, while unhappy "centrists" battle to keep the pendulum from swinging too far in either direction.

It needs only a quick appraisal to make it clear that virtually the whole globe is involved in a tremendous social upheaval. It takes a deal more study to enable one to hazard a guess as to where we are headed.

What set your correspondent off on this speculative line of thought was the ascension of the Netherlands throne by Queen Juliana in place of her mother, Queen Wilhelmina, who abdicated because of the weight of years after half a century's reign. It was a moving ceremony, in the presence of European royalty—and it undoubtedly was surrounded by the deep respect and love of the Dutch people as a whole for their royal house.

Well now, how does Dutch royalty (or any constitutional monarchy, for that matter) fit into the picture of our changing world? We can't forget, of course, that unrest is seething in Holland's rich East Indies, some of which want complete severance from the mother country.

If the Dutch themselves want (as they do) a constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary system, there is no clash with democracy in that. Parliamentary rules. However, the time is rapidly passing when a nation can impose its rule on people of another race. Empires are on their way out—and fast.

Colonies Disappearing
Perhaps the East Indies may become part of a Dutch Commonwealth of nations, but their days as colonies certainly are finished.

That same thing can be said of Britain. She herself has recognized the changing times and has granted both India and Burma

their independence. She retains colonies, to be sure, but they will become independent in due course. Meantime, however, Britain herself likes her royal house, which thus far hasn't presented any ideological problem for her socialist government.

Of course royalty and the extreme political left don't mix. We saw what happened to young King Mihail of Romania when the communists gained control of his country. They ousted him. Here it may be said that a totalitarian party can be quite as oppressive as an absolute monarch.

However, both the Netherlands and Britain at the moment are politically close to the middle-of-the-road, and they find no inconsistency in maintaining royal houses. The same is true of most of the other constitutional monarchies of Europe today. The autocracies have been ditched.

This trend among the constitutional monarchies naturally can't be taken as conclusive of what the future will produce. The one thing we do know—and we shall be smart not to forget it—is that the world is in the midst of a social upheaval which is going places. However, we might not be far out in concluding that the global political trend is towards a middle-of-the-road set-up in which all hands will get a fair break.

RANCH SOLD
The 1,200-acre Ted Jones ranch located six miles east of Oakland, has been sold to W. C. Rector, formerly of San Francisco, Calif.

Damage Suit is Brought As Sequel to Accident

Oregon-Nevada-California Fast Freight has filed suit in circuit court against Herbert A. and Edna T. Dupont, as the result, according to the complaint, of a collision June 22, 1948, at 1:30 a. m. between the plaintiff's truck and trailer and defendant's car, on Highway 99, 25 miles north of Roseburg.

The plaintiff asks \$1200 damages to the truck, \$400 loss of time while the truck was being repaired and \$264.20 towing charges.

The complaint states the truck was traveling south and the defendant's car, a 1936 Chevrolet was traveling north at an alleged excess speed. Recklessness and negligence, failure to yield right of way, driving on the left side of the highway and driving without control of the car are listed among the charges against the defendant.

False Allegation Is Charged in Damage Suit

Ruth I. Durden has filed suit in circuit court against Willard Livermore asking \$7000 compensatory damages and \$300 exemplary and punitive damages.

The plaintiff charges that the

defendant "intending to injure the plaintiff in the esteem and good will of the citizens of Roseburg" signed a petition that the plaintiff was a mentally diseased person with the intent of having her committed to an institution for the insane.

According to the complaint, the plaintiff was detained in the county jail from June 10 until June 12, 1948, but that at an examination she was exonerated of the "false charges" contained in the defendant's petition, and the inquiry was terminated in the plaintiff's favor.

The San Francisco fire of 1906 burned 28,000 buildings, with losses of \$350 millions.

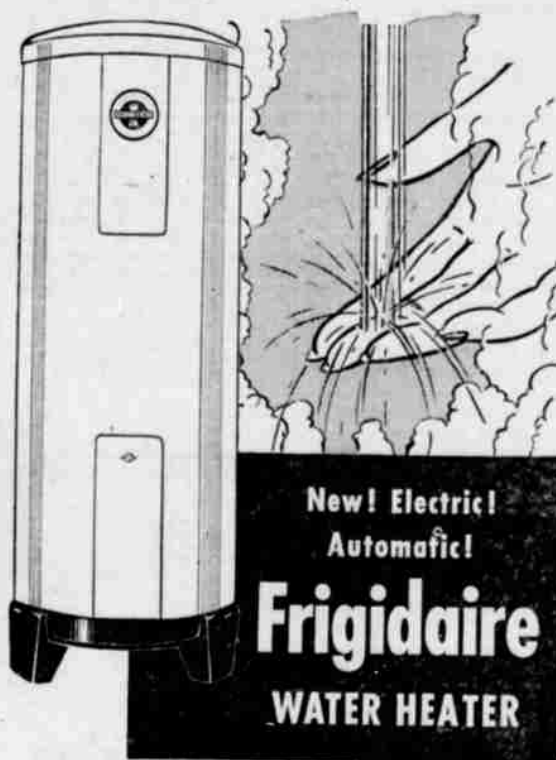
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Reedsport Cheese Plant To Have New Building

Work has started on the new building to house the Reedsport Creamery and Cheese factory, owned by Svend Knutsen. The new building will be on the east side of Fir Ave., between the Reedsport Garage and the waterfront.

Piling for the foundation has been driven and other foundation work is now underway. Andy Anderson, construction superintendent for the Umpqua River Navigation Co., will be in charge of construction, and it is hoped to have the structure ready for occupancy by January or February of next year.

The building will be built of waterproof pumice blocks, and will be one story in height and 100 feet square. Little new equipment will be required, as modern machinery is now in use in the

present cheese factory, located in the Umpqua River Navigation Co.'s building on the waterfront. The latter is an old building and has been condemned for continued use, an extension of time having been granted to allow for the erection of the new building. The new building will be high enough in some parts to allow for storage space in the attic.

NO RATIONS FOR CZECHS

PRAGUE —(AP)—Physically fit persons who do not work will no longer get food ration tickets in Bratislava. The official Czechoslovakian news agency reported that the order will not apply to married women, the aged and those unable to work because of their health.

This decision will put an end to young men, who are able to work, sitting in the coffee houses and similar places," the report said.

HELP WANTED

SYDNEY —(AP)—Sydney firms, short of labor, are offering jobs to migrants by radiogram. As a migrant ship nears Australia they send "jobs vacant" radio messages to the ship for display on notice boards.

A few months ago staff-hungry employers met ships coming to Sydney. Several found, however, that other employers had got there first.

WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

CARMI —(AP)—A pair of trousers and an empty wallet found on a river bank led authorities to investigate the case as a drowning. But when they went to the address given in the wallet, they found the man, feared drowned. The trousers, wallet and \$30 were stolen while he had been sleeping. At the time, he said, he was on duty for an oil firm as a night watchman.

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