

Oregon U. Surgeons Fighting To Save Last Good Eye In Family Of 3 Persons

PORTLAND, Sept. 23.—(AP)—Surgeons at the University of Oregon medical school eye clinic believe they are winning a fight to save the last good eye in a family of three.

Mary Hope Hodgson, 11, is blind in her left eye. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hodgson, are blind in both eyes.

Clinic surgeons decided last spring that Mary Hope would lose the sight in the right eye unless something were done. That something was to pierce the eye with a fine electric needle, creating an irritation which in healing would bind the retina to the back of the eye, for the retina threatened to break loose.

Detachment of the retina caused Mrs. Hodgson's blindness as a child and it cost Mary Hope the sight of her left eye. The father lost his sight in an explosion more than 20 years ago.

A member of the clinic staff said the operation employed familiar techniques but its use was

new—so far as known here—in a preventive sense. The usual type of trouble with detachment of the retina—a membrane that gets the image from the lens as a photographic film does in a camera—can often be corrected by surgery. But Mary Hope's case was a type not often encountered. Once the detachment occurs, surgery cannot correct it. And once it starts, it develops so fast surgery may be too late. The decision here was to operate before the trouble started.

The operation is "a dangerous procedure," a member of the clinic staff said, and in Mary Hope's case it meant piercing an eye that was not only functioning well, but was the sole light for three persons. "We thought it was the only hope because in her type of trouble, once one eye becomes involved the other usually does too."

The decision to operate on a preventive gamble—in which the parents agreed—appears to have paid off. The first of the two-part surgery was performed last spring; the second is due next month. Surgeons think it will be successful.

Canyonville Adds New Courses To School Program

School district No. 8, Canyonville, has 226 students enrolled this year, according to Supt. O. J. Monger, showing little increase over last year's enrollment.

Enrollment by grades is as follows: first, 23; second, 23; third, 16; fourth, 15; fifth, 25; sixth, 21; seventh, 30; eighth, 21; freshman, 12; sophomore, 16; junior, 13; and senior, 11. All grades are on full day schedule.

New library books have been added for both the grade school and high school. Each grade has its own library this year. Mrs. Lela Wimberly is the librarian.

New courses added this year are shorthand and business law in the commercial department and physics in the science department.

Twenty-four first graders were examined just before opening week by Dr. R. L. Falk and Dr. V. R. Kelsey. They were assisted by Mrs. Baird, Douglas county health nurse, from Roseburg. No serious trouble was reported.

The high school has erected a candy counter just inside the front door of the school to help defray football expenses. It is open from 8:30 to 9 in the morning and during the noon hour. Miss Molly Baird is in charge. The football schedule will be announced later this week.

Band will be four days a week. On Mondays and Wednesdays the hours are 9 to 12, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 to 4. Curtis L. Winders is the instructor.

A teacher is on duty at all times of the day including a half-hour before school begins and a half-hour after it dismisses.

Monger has issued a financial statement for 1949-50 as follows: School paper, \$57.75; annual, \$6.39; student body, \$30.76; sophomore class, \$34.51; junior class, \$13.00; senior class, \$5.4; total on hand, \$177.85.

Improvement plans for the Canyonville school were recently accepted by the superintendent of public instruction, which automatically releases allotments of basic school support funds. Improvements will be checked throughout the year by representatives of the State Board of Education.



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By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK

Tom Amorde, student at the University of Oregon, was listed among those who pledged during rush week to Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He spent the weekend in Sutherland with his parents, returning to Eugene Sunday for registration.

The Sutherland Folk Dancing club held its regular dance Saturday evening at the Sutherland Grange hall. A good time was had by all. It was decided to hold a practice dance on Saturday evening, Sept. 24. All members are urged to attend and to bring sandwiches for themselves and their guests. Dancing will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Martin of Seaside, Ore., were visitors at the Archie Amorde home Wednesday.

Mrs. C. J. Bielman, who has been visiting with her daughter and family in Portland, Ore., returned to her home in Sutherland last week.

Mrs. Lois Mae Wilson, Mrs. Lucille Chase, Mrs. Madeline Hansen and daughter, Marian, shopped and transacted business in Roseburg Tuesday.

Miss Connie Groshong, Miss June Young, Jimmy Lang, Richard Coenenberg, and Mr. and Mrs. Don West all left Sunday for the University of Oregon at Eugene and Oregon State College at Corvallis, where they registered for this term of college.

Mrs. Kay Simmons and Mrs. Jennie Amorde were business visitors in Roseburg Tuesday morning.

The Associated Service station, which was operated by Harvey Brown and Lewis Allen, has been razed and a new, all-modern building will be built in its place. The equipment has all been moved to their new show room, where they will have on display soon the new Chevrolet, as they have the new agency in Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. William Liesinger and Mrs. Herbert Woerman are enjoying a visit in Nebraska with relatives.

Mrs. Frank Compton of Portland, Ore., mother of Ray Compton of Roseburg, was in Sutherland last Sunday to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gleason. While in town they visited at the home of Mrs. Ida Slack.

The Sutherland Cleaners and Burn's Shoe shop have installed new neon clocks on the front of their buildings, which make a very nice appearance.

The Sutherland Fire department was called to a fire at the log dump of the Rock Island mill Saturday afternoon. The fire was soon brought under control without doing any damage. The men, while there, decided to finish burning the grass around so that there would be no more danger. This took most of the afternoon.

The word "truck" gardens or "truck" crops comes from the French word "troque" which means to barter.

with never a protest from police.

Civic-minded Horace Gordon, who worked nearby saw his duty, and chopped the grass.

Then in an unguarded moment Gordon parked his own car by the hydrant. He was the traffic court's first customer from the newly exposed plug. He paid a \$6 fine.

BARN BURNER SOUGHT

ASTORIA, Sept. 23.—(AP)—A firebug who likes to see barns burn was being hunted in the Lewis and Clark area.

Two barns have been set afire within three days there. One was destroyed. The other was saved.

Several small boys told Sheriff Paul Kearney that they had seen a man set brush fires in the region several weeks ago.

In the U. S. Navy coffee is called "Joe."

Vets Hospital Patients To Get Free Cigaretts

Patients of the Roseburg Veterans hospital are to be the recipients of free cigarettes to be distributed by the J. T. Reynolds Tobacco company during its radio programs for the week beginning Oct. 3, according to word received by Dr. John L. Haskins, manager of the local veterans hospital.

The major tobacco companies contribute cigarettes to patients of veterans hospitals all over the United States, recognizing individual hospitals on each program.

The Roseburg hospital will be recognized on four radio shows to be presented by Bob Hawk, Vaughn Monroe, Screen Guild

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